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 “Lead—Serve—Impact”

Spring 2013

Beta Delta Meeting
 Monday, May 6, 2013

5:00—7:00 p.m.

**Program: Dr. Terry Worrell,
 Central Region Superintendent GSO “Middle and Early
 College Education”**

Anton’s Restaurant

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President’s Message from Mary Sharpe



Hello Beta Delta Sisters....

I’ve just returned from the 79th Eta State Convention in Charlotte and my head is still spinning! Over 300 Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters from chapters throughout North Carolina gathered at the Charlotte University Hilton for an inspiring, educational and fun-filled weekend as we celebrated “**Transforming Our Traditions - Lead Serve Impact**”. I believe Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, our Founder, would be proud! I attended the Pre-Convention Session held on the UNC-Charlotte campus on Friday. Dr. Hanna Fowler, International Southeast Regional Director, facilitated a session for chapter presidents: sharing ideas to strengthen chapters throughout our Eta State. From the First General meeting on Fri. night to the Celebration Brunch on Sunday morning, Key Women Educators led, inspired, entertained, educated and celebrated! I hope each of you will have the opportunity to participate in a convention experience in the future. It reinforces our seven purposes and reminds us of the value of Delta Kappa Gamma membership.

Look for highlights of the convention in this newsletter. We are **so proud** of our own Beta Delta Key Women Educators who were active participants in the convention: Sheila Groves, Elaine McCrae, Kim Pemberton and Amanda Wall.

As your chapter president, I’d like to say ‘Thank you’ to all of you and especially the Beta Delta Executive Board for your dedication to the work of our chapter and commitment to promote our seven purposes. The board will meet this summer to plan for the second year of this biennium, please share any program ideas you have. Remember, a chapter is only as strong as its members! YOU are VITAL to our success – Hand in hand our loyal band – Forward moving ever!

Happy Spring to all!

Best regards,

Mary Sharpe

Mark Your Calendar: Greensboro Community Blood Drive Co-sponsored by Greensboro Area Chapters of Delta Kappa Gamma –
JUNE 14 2013 1:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church 2715 Horse Pen Creek Rd. – More information will be shared at the May 6 chapter meeting.



Member News



Congratulations to Dr. Mary Pendergraft, Professor of Classics at Wake Forest University and a new member of our chapter, was recently honored at the annual meeting of the Classical

Association of the Middle West and South. Mary received two awards, the CAMWS Award for Excellence in College Teaching, and an *ovatio* which is an honorary citation written in Latin to recognize members for their service to CAMWS and the Classics profession. Congratulations, Mary!

Awards go to Amanda Wall and Jeanie Reynolds

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that two members, Amanda Wall and Jeanie Reynolds, were granted the Anna Joyce Reardon Award for professional development. Amanda applied to take an online course to learn how to develop and teach an online course. Jeanie planned to use her grant to attend her national convention. We wish them both well as they endeavor to stay current and grow in their professions.

We were able to fund two Anna Joyce Reardon Awards this year since there were no applicants for the Shaw-Lewis Grant. However, you will be hearing more about this next year as we want every member to become involved in helping us find qualified applicants for the Shaw-Lewis Grant

Henry Crocker Driscoll Has Arrived!

Claire and TJ Driscoll had baby number 2 this month. Henry Crocker Driscoll—8 lbs 1 oz and 20 inches long was born on April 3. Congratulations to the whole family.



Hunter-Moore Scholarship Award from Eta State

Amanda Wall received the Hunter-Moore Scholarship from Eta State for this school year. She is extremely grateful to Ginger Parnell and Alice Hill for their support of her application and to Eta State for awarding this amazing scholarship. Amanda will graduate from UNCG in August with a Ph.D. in Teacher Education. Her dissertation investigated middle school teacher thinking about student motivation; Dr. Barbara Levin was a member of her committee. Starting this fall, she will be an assistant professor in the Dept. of Teaching and Learning at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, GA. Although she is excited for this new position, she is sad to leave Beta Delta.



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Important Dates

2013 Beta Delta Chapter Meeting:

May 6, 2013

Middle and Early College - Unique Educational Opportunities—Dr. Terry Worrell—Guilford County Schools

5:00 PM Anton's Restaurant

2013 State and Regional Information

State Leadership Conference

June 20-23, 2013

William Peace University
Raleigh, NC

Southeast Regional Conference

July 10-13, 2013

Kissimmee, Florida

2014—2015 State Information:

Eta State Convention

April 25-27, 2014

Greenville, NC

Eta State Convention

April 24-26, 2015

Chapel Hill, NC

2014 International Information:

International convention

July 28—August 1, 2014

Indianapolis, IN

**From our Region VII— Guilford—Alpha chapter—
members making a difference!**

Lynn Wright-Kernodle is the Associate Executive Director of the North Carolina Humanities Council where she directs a state-wide professional development program for public school educators. She is in her 21st year with the Council. In addition, she is on the adjunct graduate faculty at UNCG's School of Education. On February 16, the Council announced that a new **Lynn Wright-Kernodle Endowed Teachers Institute Scholarship** will be established. It means that the interest from this endowed scholarship

will support a teacher's participation in both the annual summer Teachers Institute seminar and a week-end seminar during the academic year.

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Dori Caligiuri and Amber Hagen, Guilford County School teachers, were chosen to write math units for Area I. Upon successful completion of the first unit written by Dori, Dori and Amber co-wrote two more units: Word Problems and Measuring Volume and Mass. We are so proud of these two young dedicated educators!

Keeping Our Members Informed

Beta Delta sisters, please share your news about travel, family, personal accomplishments and photos too. Submit newsletter contributions to:

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Member News continued

Dr. Kendra Albright and **Dr. Karen Gavigan**, researchers in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina are featured in the *New York Times Global Health* section for their work with adolescents in the design of a graphic novel for AIDS awareness. USC reporter Megan Sexton describes the project: “The book, which includes facts about HIV and AIDS woven into the graphic novel format, is more than the work of a summer school project. It’s a tool the USC researchers hope will go a long way toward improving understanding and stopping the spread of HIV among South Carolina’s youth. South Carolina ranks eighth in the nation for new HIV cases, while Columbia ranks sixth nationally among metropolitan areas. Young black men make up the highest at-risk group in the state.”

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/12/health/graphic-novel-on-hiv-aids-is-aimed-at-southern-teenagers.html>

<http://www.wistv.com/story/21255914/teen-writers-pen-cautionary-tale-of-teen-faced-with-aids>

We are proud to have such creative approaches to complex problems as part of our research agenda.

Article courtesy of:


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Cathy Wallen has good and bad news to share. The bad news is that her mother, Frances Shankle, age 81, passed away on April 6th after a year of battling several health issues. Frances was able to attend several DKG meetings with Cathy and always enjoyed meeting everyone. She will be sorely missed.

The good news is that Cathy's son, Johnny Wallen, will receive the rank of Eagle Scout on May 6th. He built an outdoor classroom for his Eagle project at Southern Elementary School, where he attended from kindergarten to 5th grade,. This is also the school where Cathy taught and from which she retired. Johnny is a senior at Southern Guilford High School and will graduate on June 8th. He has already been accepted at Western Carolina University, where he will major in mechanical engineering. Johnny is Cathy's only child, so she is excited and sad about his graduation and moving away from home!

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Grandbaby of Mary Sharpe Has Arrived!



Mary is so pleased and proud to welcome her grandson. He arrived on April 30 at 9:15 a.m., weighs 7 lbs and 6 oz. and is 20 inches long. Proud parents are Cory and Laura Sharpe.

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This publication is intended for your information about issues important to education, women and children. How you choose to use the information included here is up to you.

This free newsletter is sponsored by the United States Forum of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is an organization of leading women educators with over 90,000 members. Delta Kappa Gamma members wishing to subscribe to this FREE newsletter should send a request to Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com. We urge you to share this newsletter with other interested individuals who are not members of Delta Kappa Gamma or members who do not subscribe to this publication.

EQUAL PAY

In 1963 legislation was passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Kennedy which was supposed to guarantee equal pay for equal work without gender or racial discrimination. At that time women made \$0.59 for every \$1 paid to men for the same work. A recent study published by the National Partnership for Women and Families found that nationwide women currently are paid \$0.77 for every one dollar paid to men doing the same job. The pay gap varies from state to state by both gender and race. To see information about your state go to <http://www.aauw.org/files/2013/02/State-by-State-Pay-Gap-Table-2011.pdf>

Although the Lillie Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 allowed women to collect the difference in all pay checks when pay was different between salaries for men and women doing the same job, that act did not provide a means for women to determine whether or not they were being paid equally. (Ledbetter learned that she was the object of pay discrimination via an anonymous letter sent to her when she was retiring.) The Ledbetter law was passed after a Supreme Court ruling which acknowledged that although Lillie Ledbetter was not paid fairly for several years, she was only entitled to the difference in pay for two months. (This ruling by the Supreme Court overturned years of policy by the Equal Opportunities Employment Commission which made employers pay for each instance of discriminatory pay. Think of what a change this made both in terms of recovery of lost wages as well as in terms of lost social security compensation on retirement.)

The Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R.377, S.84) would allow a person to determine whether she was the object of discriminatory pay practices. This act was introduced in Congress in 2008 as a companion bill to the Lillie Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. Although it was introduced as a separate bill in the House of Representatives, the House combined the two bills which they sent to the Senate. The Senate uncoupled the bills and passed the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act which was signed into law by President Obama in January 2009. The Senate was unable to bring the Paycheck Fairness Act to the floor for a vote. The Paycheck Fairness Act was again introduced in the 2010 session of Congress and died in committee. It has been introduced again in this Congressional Session in both houses of Congress. H.R. 377 sponsored by Representative Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut has recently been the subject of a discharge petition to bring it to the floor for a vote. As of April 25, 2013, 195 representatives had signed the petition, but a discharge petition needs 218 signatures to require action. Congress was unable to get the needed number of signatures in the time allocated, so the discharge petition failed. To see whether your Representative signed the discharge petition, go to <http://clerk.house.gov/113/lrc/pd/petitions/DisPet0001.xml>.

S.84 sponsored by Senator Barbara Mikulski of Maryland has been referred to the Senate Committee and has 46 cosponsors. To see whether your senator has signed on as a cosponsor go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/D?d113:1:./temp/~bdZ50N:@@/PI/home/LegislativeData.php>

TITLE IX OF THE CIVIL RIGHT ACT OF 1964 (TITLE IX)

Although Title IX was passed in 1964 and amended in 1972, significant differences in opportunities for girls to participate in sports in high school still exist. Reports from nine states (Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and the District of Columbia) indicate that 50% or more of the high schools in the state do not provide equal opportunity for girls to participate in school-sponsored sports. Georgia is on the bottom of this heap with 71.6% of high schools reporting that they do not provide equal opportunity to participate in sports for students of both sexes. To see how your state compares, a table with this information can be found at http://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/nwlcathletics_titleixfactsheet.pdf

For several years legislation has been introduced in Congress (but never voted on) which would require schools to monitor and report opportunities for girls to participate in sports. Because high school athletics programs are the gateway to college athletic scholarships for girls, this disparity has an impact on the opportunity for girls to go to college. The National Federation of State High School Associations estimates that 1.3 million fewer girls than boys have the opportunity to participate in high school athletics. In addition to the college opportunities afforded by participation in sports, sports participation is credited with influencing higher high school graduation rates for student athletes of both sexes.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Most people would think of the term - human trafficking - as referring to the sex trade, but there are many other forms of human trafficking in the United States. Several bills are currently pending in Congress which address the issue of human trafficking. Two of these are H.R.898 Latest Title: Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2013 and [H.R.906](#) and S.413 Human Trafficking Reporting Act. It is interesting to note that portions of the Violence Against Women Act also address human trafficking.

April 9 has been designated Shine A Light on Slavery Day. Those participating are urged to place a red X on the back of their hand to show their support. When asked about the significance of the X, you can explain. From 6-9 p.m. on April 9 the Cornerstone Church in Akron is holding a gathering in support of an end to human trafficking.

Who are these trafficked people? Obviously many are found in the sex trade, but some may be lawn care workers, house cleaners or children who braid hair. In other countries they may be children forced to beg in the streets with the money collected going to their controller. They may be laborers (often children) forced to harvest crops. Nestle has ascertained that some of its chocolate is being harvested by forced labor. I wondered how those who control these people keep them under control. First many are brought in from other countries making them illegal immigrants subject to deportation. They may be beaten or endure other forms of abuse. Some are forced to take drugs which make them easier to manipulate. The drugs serve a dual purpose. In addition to making the person easier to control while they are being used for profit, the drugs can be used to overdose the person when his/her usefulness is deemed to be at an end.

CNN's Freedom Project has taken on this problem as an issue it wants to continually address. Their web site states:

Obviously there is no precise figure, but the International Labor Organization and respected abolitionists ... put the global number of slaves at ... 10-30 million worldwide. At a minimum, 10 million... The United Nations estimates the total market value of human trafficking at 32 billion U.S. dollars. In Europe, criminals are pocketing around \$2.5 billion per year through sexual exploitation and forced labor...In previous centuries, when slaves were captured and traded each had a significant market value. Although their ill-treatment was often horrific, the reality was that it made economic sense to keep a slave alive and functioning, to protect what was usually a significant investment, made with a view to (the) long term. That is not so today. Many girls and women, who are trafficked, particularly for the sex trade, are used with a view to high rate of return over a relatively short period of time. Then they are switched (with another) from the steady supply of replacements." For more extensive information on human trafficking go to <http://thecnnfreedomproject.blogs.cnn.com/category/the-facts/>

It is interesting to note that in terms of 2009 dollars, in 1809 it cost \$40,000 to get a slave today the average cost of obtaining a human is estimated to be only about \$90.

To see how your state ranks in legislation which seeks to control human trafficking, go to <http://thecnnfreedomproject.blogs.cnn.com/category/the-facts/> CNN reports "The state of Massachusetts was named among the most improved in the U.S. in 2012 after it passed wide-ranging anti-human trafficking laws. A report published by Polaris Project, one of the leading organizations in the global fight against human trafficking and modern-day slavery, rated and placed all 50 states plus the District of Columbia in one of four tiers based on the human trafficking laws in the state. South Carolina, West Virginia and Ohio were also rated 'most improved' for taking concrete steps to address human trafficking. Of those states, Massachusetts was singled out for particular praise as it is now also ranked in the top four states having the strongest legal framework. Washington tops the list, with Minnesota third and Texas fourth."

An example of human trafficking is given in the film AMEXICA which is the story of a young boy from Mexico who is sold by a [human](#) trafficking ring to two con artists from Los Angeles with a get rich scheme. They portray him as their son, extorting money from innocent people by risking the boy's life in staged [automobile](#) accidents. Trapped, alone with his captors, and unable to speak for himself, the boy decides to take his fate into his own hands, forever changing the lives of the people around him. America takes a different approach in the exploration of human trafficking, showing the unexpected results from both the captors and the victim's point of view.

Editor's note: This has been an extremely difficult topic to cover; however, it is one in which Forum members have been very interested. Because I do not want to make it too sensational, I have purposely not used the term slavery; although that term has been used in legislation and in the print media in dealing with the subject. This is a topic about which we all need to be informed, and one which may cause you to view some activities in your community in a different light.

And more Member News!

We celebrate Beta Delta’s **Key Women Educators in Action** at the Eta State Convention held in Charlotte from April 26-28, 2013.



Pictured above with dates of initiation in parentheses: Mary Sharpe (1975), Amanda Wall (2009), Elaine McCrae (1978), Cynthia Wooten (2003), Kim Pemberton (2001) and Ginger Parnell (2006).

Amanda Wall - Facilitator for the workshop entitled “Motivation and Teacher Thinking: Ideas from Middle School”

Elaine McCrae – 2013 Golden Key Recipient – Region VII

Kim Pemberton – Keynote Speaker – President’s Banquet

Ginger Parnell, 2010 – 2012 Beta Delta President, worked tirelessly to prepare our Fund Raiser Project – Resale of Accessories, which raised \$187.00 for grants and scholarships.



Sheila Groves (1997) pictured to the left - was elected 1st Vice President of Eta State . Congratulations, Sheila!

Mission Statement of the Society

The Delta Kappa Gamma society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

More Eta State Convention Highlights!

Kim Pemberton represented Beta Delta as the Keynote Speaker at the President’s Banquet on Saturday.



Elaine McCrae – 2013 Golden Key Recipient – Region VII—The Eta State Golden Key Award honors Delta Kappa Gamma members who have made significant contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma at various levels of the Society. Congratula-

tions to Elaine.

Eta State Convention Project—Bright Blessings

is dedicated to providing birthday parties for homeless children. Thanks to all who contributed! I delivered 6 toys and 12 - \$5.00 Dollar Tree gift cards.

Beta Delta Chapter receives State Awards

Our chapter received two awards—the Website Excellence Award, made possible by the hard work and dedication of Jenn Kunka. Thank you, Jenn! The other award was the Chapter Achievement Award. Beta Delta rated in the Excellent category with 410 points.

Welcome to our new Beta Delta members Mary Pendergraft (photo on p. 2), Amy Williamsen (left) and Lindsey Thomas (right).



Welcome also to Anne Houseman, who has transferred in from a DKG chapter in Florida. (picture not yet available)

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CUTS IN HEAD START FUNDING

All over the nation Head Start programs are being cut by about 5%, and each program is deciding how to accommodate these cuts. This is being done either by closing some Head Start centers, reducing the number of children in the existing centers or a combination of the two. No matter how the funding cuts are handled, the end result is that hundreds of preschool children will not be served by Head Start. You can help combat this problem by contacting your members in Congress and letting them know that Head Start needs to have full funding restored. I urge you to share this information with parents in your community who might be affected by these cuts.

For the easiest way to have your opinion make a difference follow the steps below.

1. Find out the name of your Representative by going to <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/> and type in the zip code of your home address in the space provided
2. Call 1-866-327-8670 (this is a toll free number) and ask for the office of your Representative.
3. Ask to speak to the person in that office who deals with Head Start funding
4. Tell that person that you are concerned about funding cuts to Head Start and urge your elected representative to restore full funding to the Head Start program.

\$ AND SENSE

Recently Brian Williams mentioned on NBC Nightly News that there are a lot of unclaimed monies from life insurance policies. In order to check this out, I had to go to a series of web sites. The web site listed below will allow you to go to one place to see if you are the beneficiary of an unclaimed life insurance policy, I discovered that my deceased mother had a life insurance policy for \$1,000 which had not been claimed. I am not surprised as she was a great believer in life insurance, but she never told me that she had a policy. To see if you are owed any money as the beneficiary of an unknown or forgotten life insurance policy, go to www.missingmoney.com

FORUM FACEBOOK PAGE LINK

For those of you desiring discussion of legislative topics there is a U. S. Forum Facebook page. It is online at <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum>

CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through Congressional Switchboard 1-866-327-8670 [this is a toll free number]. You can contact your Congressman and Senator through this number without paying long distance charges.

<http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate

White House 1-202-456-1111

STATE GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through <http://www.emailyourgovernor.com/> Information available at this site allows contact with governors, members of the state legislature, state supreme court, congressional delegation and state agencies such as the Education Department, Attorney General, Motor Vehicles Department and Voter Registration. PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF THIS INFORMATION MAY BE OUT OF DATE FIVE CONSTITUENT CONTACTS WILL CAUSE A LEGISLATOR TO PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO A GIVEN ISSUE.

Many thanks to Diane Howdeshell for forwarding the DKG International US Forum Connections so that they may be included in our newsletter.