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**Greensboro Chapters - Combined
 Initiation
 Thursday,
 April 16, 2015
 First Baptist Church,
 Greensboro
 7:00 p.m.**

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Send us your Beta Delta News!!

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President's Message from Diane Howdeshell



Hello Beta Delta Sisters,

On Valentine's Day, I went to Cross Fit gym in Greensboro to watch my oldest daughter, Ashley, and her teammates, compete in several Cross Fit exercises. I do not know where my daughter gets the love of exercise she possesses because I run the other way when someone mentions it. Cross Fit competitions - not for the faint of heart - require strenuous drills of the body, and they are definitely not easy. For instance, each team is given so many minutes to jump rope, jump on and over boxes, and hit the floor doing push-ups. Next, contestants place their hands on the floor as if they are preparing to do a handstand, but use their hips and feet to climb the wall pushing up with their arms. After repeating this exercise five or six times, they run to bar bells and lift 85 lbs. for five or six more times. Mind you, several of these activities are completed during a specified time.

Cross Fit competitions are definitely for the young even though there was a team named Fifty Shades over Fifty. The team is over fifty, and its members had gray hair, and in moderately good shape. Alas, though, they came in last. At least they gave it their best. I admired them for their courage to compete against people who were twenty to thirty years younger than they.

During one of the breaks in the competition, I found a list of profound statements on a blackboard. Someone in the gym, had written quotes on the blackboard from Dean Smith, the iconic coach of Carolina, and the dearly beloved coach and humanitarian of sports fans around the world. (See page 3 for the lessons of Dean Smith.)

Reading the lessons brought to mind the women of Delta Kappa Gamma. DKG women practice and demonstrate these life lessons every day. Winners surround us. Our leaders lead by example and humility; the women of Delta Kappa Gamma act with honor and integrity and love for their fellow sisters. Best of all, we never underestimate the value teamwork. Because of teamwork, we create those special bonds among our sisters that last a lifetime.

In sisterhood,

Diane Howdeshell

President

Member News

New Member Orientation

Monday, February 23, 2015

Even though it was chilly, somewhat damp, and cloudy, the new member orientation at **Jennifer Kunka's** home was warm and entertaining. We are thrilled and proud to welcome our new members to Beta Delta. Our new sisters bring a wealth of knowledge and experience that will make Beta Delta a better chapter.

Ann Pember, Jennifer Kunka and **Leisa Huddleston** welcomed guests as they arrived. **Diane Howdeshell** welcomed members and the new initiates to begin the program. Next, Leisa Huddleston shared tidbits of information from our new sisters, which were enlightening and entertaining. **Sheila Groves** continued the program with a presentation of an overview of Delta Kappa Gamma, the benefits of being a member; Ann Pember presented the educational projects Beta Delta has conducted, and Diane Howdeshell discussed the committees and the work they are responsible for within Beta Delta. After the program, members and initiates gathered around good food, refreshments, and delightful comrade of fellowship and getting to know one another.

We want to extend a **WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW BETA DELTA SISTERS:**

Esther Gray, Melissa D'Angelo, Dr. Janie Johnson, Liliana Beatriz Jordanov, Dr. Stephanie Kurtts, Pamela Myrick and Jennifer Weatherly.

Happy Birthday to You !!

all who have (or had) birthdays in February, March and April.

February

Melissa Harrelson (one of the BIG ONES!) and she went to Hawaii.

March

Leisa Huddleston

Jennifer Kunka

Helen Medlin

Dr. Jane T. Mitchell

Dr. Mary Lynn Redmond

Marcia Payne Wooten

April

Sarah J. Beale

Dori Caligiure

Dr. Lois Edinger (turning **90** on April 17th -

Abbottswood D-123

3501 Flint Street

Greensboro, NC 27405)

Sue Faulk Field

Sheila Groves

Amanda Hagen

Donna Harper

Alice Hill

Dr. Barbara Levin

Barbara K. Moore

Deborah Paul

Dr. Isabelle Reedy Powell

Ashley Velazquez

Yvonne Woodward



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www.dkg.org

Eta State Web Site:
www.deltakappagamma.org/
NC

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Ten Life Lessons from Dean Smith

1. Stay humble, stay hungry.
2. What is done is done.
3. Give credit where credit is due.
4. You have to care to lead.
5. Act with honor and integrity.
6. At the end of the day it is just a game.
7. Surround yourself with winners.
8. Lead by example.
9. Value what is most important.
10. Never underestimate teamwork.

Important Dates

Beta Delta Meetings

April 16, 2015 (Thursday) Greensboro Combined Chapters - Initiation

7:00 p.m. First Baptist Church
 Greensboro, NC

April 24-26, 2015 (Friday - Sunday)

Eta State Convention

Chapel Hill Sheraton
 Chapel Hill, NC

May 5, 2015 (Tuesday)

Beta Delta Chapter Meeting

5:00 p.m.
 Lone Star Steakhouse Restaurant
 2025 High Point Road
 Greensboro, NC

June 17–20, 2015 (Wednesday - Saturday)

Eta State Leadership Development Seminar

Peace University
 Raleigh, NC

July 15–18, 2015 (Wednesday - Saturday)

2014 Southeast Regional Convention

The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa
 One Resort Drive

Savannah, Georgia 31421

Make Your Room Reservations! Reservation number is 1-800-228-3000 and mention DKG for Conference rates.

More important Registration Information for the Savannah conference:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1409153619&key=83095BE>

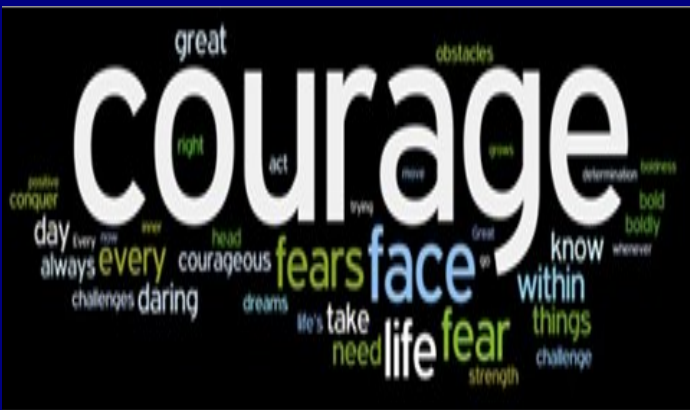
A member ID is required in order to register online. Your user name at login is your **member ID number**. The default password is **dkg2014society**. You can change the password after login. Any questions contact mem@dkg.org for more details.

April 22-24, 2016 (Friday - Sunday)

Eta State Convention

Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX)

July 5, 2016 (Tuesday)



LAST BETA DELTA MEETING OF THE YEAR LOTS OF DOOR PRIZES AND ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, May 5 @ 5:00 p.m.
Lone Star Steak House
2025 High Point Road
Greensboro, NC
(336)-855-1228

Across the street from Olive Garden on High Point Road

Special Guest Speaker: Craig Thomas of Mary's House

Mary's House is a facility in Greensboro whose singular purpose is to empower women who are in recovery from addiction. It is a faith-based ministry that provides transitional housing to homeless women who suffer from substance abuse/addiction issues. Mary's House is one of the few programs in the United States that allows children to live with their mother while she is in treatment and rebuilding her family's lives.

As part of Beta Delta's Strategic Action, the Executive Board discussed extending Beta Delta's outreach to the community and adopting Mary's House upon approval of the members. Ms. Thomas will discuss the history, the purpose, and the needs of the homeless women and their children. You can visit the Website at: <http://www.maryshousegso.org/>

Please do not miss this important meeting. Mr. Thomas will explain everything about the program and how Beta Delta could offer their support for this worthy organization.

Since many women in the program are young and have children, they have a huge need for feminine products such as Kotex, Tampax, light pads, etc. We are asking members to bring as many feminine products as they can to the May 5 meeting for the homeless women. S

Week - long Yoga Retreat in Costa Rica!

Sounds just exactly like what we all need this time of year, and **Mary V. Compton** was able to partake of such an event back in late January. Hope it was wonderful. Can we all come the next time?



Like to Travel? Attend a Regional Conference . . . In Borås, Sweden, August 5-8, 2015

With the conference motto, Education – a Life-long Dedication, the European Regional Conference will focus on Educational Challenges, Excellence in Education, Education for the Future and Sustainable Development. Check out the DKG News European edition at <https://www.dkg.org/content/dkg-news-marapr-2015-eu> for details.

Welcome to our **Annual Spring Initiation Dinner** to honor and meet our new initiates. It's one of our favorite times of the year!—We get to host and welcome our new initiates at dinner before the ceremony. It is important to be on time so we have time to eat and then drive to the First Baptist Church for the initiation ceremony. We should be at the church as close to 6:30 as possible! Here are the details:

Date: Thursday, April 16

Where: Lucky 32

Time: 5:00 - 6:15 pm

I know many of you have said "yes" I'm coming to dinner or I'm bringing a friend or 'no' I'll meet you at the church. But this is the time I need your RSVP in writing to confirm your plans. I know schedules can change and last minute emergencies can happen. **Please confirm your plans to me via email (mtharrelson@gmail.com) or phone ([336.455.2468](tel:336.455.2468)) no later than Tuesday, April 14th!!**

Here is the list of our new initiates and their escorts:

Melissa D'Angelo (Cannot attend initiation—we will initiate Melissa at our May 5th meeting)

Esther Gray	- escorted by Leisa Huddleston
Dr. Janie Johnson	- escorted by Mary V. Compton
Liliana Beatriz Jordanov	- escorted by Ashely Velasquez
Dr. Stephanie Kurtts	- escorted by Barb Levin
Pam Myrick	- escorted by Mary Sharpe
Jennifer Weatherly	- escorted by Evie Derrickson

If you plan to attend the ceremony at 7:00 pm at the First Baptist Church by sure you have RSVP'd to Kathy Gillespie and sent her \$7.00(initiates excluded). Kathy's contact information is below—The # of attendees was due to the Caterer was a few days ago—so if you haven't done this—please do it **NOW**.

kgillespie@pcmhc.com

[336.545.9700](tel:336.545.9700) (H)

[336.337.0699](tel:336.337.0699) (cell)

Kathy Gillespie

5105 Nantucket Road

Greensboro, NC 27455

Thanks for your timely attention to this matter. Planning to see you at the Initiation.

Melissa Harrelson

Eta State Convention Project

Dear Sisters:

Our Eta State Project for the 2015 Convention is the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford, North Carolina. There is a Wish List on the website www.mhc-oxford.org for your convenience. According to the site, "Gift Cards help our Home and lives and care of the children. Increments of any amount are welcome and encouraged."

If your chapter has NOT already made decisions about donations, the Convention Arrangements Committee respectfully suggests that gift cards from the establishments below be donated by chapters

in the following Regions:



- Region I McDonalds
- Region II Wendys
- Region III Burger King
- Region IV Taco Bell
- Region V Bojangles
- Region VI KFC
- Region VII Subway (Beta
 Delta's Region)
- Region VIII Pizza Hut
- Region IX Walmart
- Region X Cracker Barrel
- Region XI Food Lion



Other options are **Belks, JCPenney, Target, or Lowes**. Over half of the children are age 13 and over, so providing for the teenage population is the home's greatest need.

If you plan to purchase a gift certificate and are unable to go to the convention, please mail the gift to me, and I will deliver it at convention.

My address is: Diane Howdeshell, 507 Valleybrook Drive, Jamestown, NC 27282.

Phone: (336) 687-1496.



U.S. FORUM CONNECTION #135, March, 2015

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.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROBLEM

The Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 (S.178) has run into a snag when it was noticed that it contained language which violated the Hyde Amendment. The Hyde Amendment was adopted in 1997 and bars the use of federal funds from being used to pay for abortions. Exceptions are for rape, incest or when the life of the mother is endangered. A portion of this law would negate these exceptions.

STUDENT LOAN LEGISLATION

Several bills have been introduced which affect student loans. Because these bills have been introduced so recently, the bill text and bill summary are not currently available. This information should be posted at Congress.gov by early April. S.793 would allow refinancing of students loans to get a lower interest rate. H.R.1511 and S. 809 would "allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition."

BACKUP CAMERA REQUIREMENT

A 2008 law passed by Congress directed the U.S. Department of Transportation to issue a rule requiring new vehicles to be equipped with backup cameras within three years. This law was enacted to prevent drivers from backing over people especially small children; because rear-view and side mirrors often are not adequate to allow the driver to see them. Several organizations entered into a lawsuit against the Department of Transportation because it had not carried out the provisions of the law. As a result of this lawsuit, starting in May 2018 all vehicles will be required to have these cameras. It is estimated that about 100 children are killed every year from this type of accident .

STATE INITIATED MOVEMENT FOR CIVICS TEST

Several states are considering having a civics test as a requirement for high school graduation. Arizona and North Dakota have legislated that students must pass a portion of the test administered to immigrants in order to get U.S. citizenship. At least 17 other states are considering something similar as a prerequisite for high school graduation.

COMPUTER WEBCAM SUGGESTION

If you have a webcam linked to your computer, you should be aware that it is possible for someone to remotely turn the camera on. One suggestion is turning the webcam so the lens faces a wall when you are not actively using it .

FORUM FACEBOOK PAGE LINK

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

FORUM WEB SITE <http://www.usforumdkg.org/>

White House [1-202-456-1111](tel:1-202-456-1111)

FIVE CONSTITUENT CONTACTS WILL CAUSE A LEGISLATOR TO PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO A GIVEN ISSUE.



Collegial Exchange is here!!!

As stated in the DKG Newsletter, the *Collegial Exchange* is a place for giving and receiving—for providing and appreciating practical tips related to teaching and DKG, reviews of educational materials, technology and personal reflections and creative work.

ITEMS that MEMBERS COULD SUBMIT

- Classroom Practice/Program: Describe a practice or initiative to advance educational excellence
- **DKG Chapters/State** :Organization Practice/Program: Describe a practice or initiative to advance the purposes of DKG
- Viewpoint on Current Issue: Define and address an issue related to education, women, children, or DKG
- Personal Reflection or Anecdote:
- Inspiration Piece
- Bio and/or Interview: Shares the story of thoughts of a key woman educator or leader in education, women's issues, or children's issues.
- Book review
- Technology Review
- Letter to the Editor
- Poetry/Short Story

Delta Kappa Gamma Eta State Education Law and Policy Committee Protocol for Political Contacts

Participation in the political process is both a right and a responsibility. As Eta State seeks to influence legislative decisions at local, state, and national levels, it is important that we acknowledge the purposes of our society and the dignity of our profession. With this purpose in mind, members are asked respectfully to remember the following guidelines:

- All Eta State communications with legislators and staff will be cordial and professional.
- When representing DKG, members will confine remarks to the issues identified by the membership. Other issues may be addressed at a different time as individuals or members of another group.
- DKG members will educate themselves on the specific legislation/policy to be addressed as well as appropriate background to support our position.
- All letters to the editor addressed to local newspapers/news sources will be submitted after the approval of the local chapter.
 - It is suggested that all letters be reviewed by an additional reader.
 - In order to reassure members, chapters may prefer that all Letters to the Editor be signed by retired members.
 - Copies of all letters to the editor will be sent to the Eta State President.
- When attending meetings with office holders either locally or in their legislative offices, DKG members will wear their membership pins.

All emails regarding political activity will be sent to members' **personal email addresses and not to email addresses associated with a school system or state agency.**

Tech Tip

Download the "OverDrive" app to your device and use the North Carolina Digital Library through the Greensboro Public Library (with your library card) for access to ebooks, audiobooks and more.

The app is available at <http://app.overdrive.com/>



Member News

Delta Kappa Gamma
Quarterly Meeting
February 7, 2015
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church of Greensboro

1. Minutes from the December 6, 2014 meeting (Annual Brunch and Auction) were read and approved.
2. The Strategic Action Plan was mentioned as not yet ready for approval
3. Elaine McRae presented a brochure about "Mary's House" and "Mary's Home" (serving the Lindley Elementary School area) and suggested that these "Homes" might be one of our community outreach projects. These are group homes for mothers with children who are trying to overcome addictions. The most pressing needs are:
tutoring, child care on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings so that the mothers can attend classes, children's clothing sized 0 - 4X, baby blankets and caps, personal feminine care products, clothing suitable for interviewing for jobs, and yardwork.
Alice Hill suggested a donation of personal care products to be brought to the next meeting. Pat Taylor said that it was a great project and that it was similar in nature to the Eta State Convention project that will support the Masonic Home for Children in Gastonia.
Jane Mitchell moved that we adopt "Mary's House" as a community project. The motion was seconded and voted "ay" and approved.
4. Elaine also provided the Finance Committee Report.
5. The Membership Orientation was set for Monday, February 23, 2015 at Ann Pember's house at 4:30 p.m.
6. It was recommended by the Executive Board that the information on the scholarships that Beta Delta offers be disseminated. The money is there and needs to be used. The Board also noted that the money can be used for the Eta State Convention (April 24-26) and for the Leadership Workshop held at Peace University in June.
7. The Legislative Committee Report - Mary Lynn Redmond suggested that emails to your legislator include in the subject line "I AM A VOTER IN YOUR DISTRICT". Dr. Leonard suggested also that one maintain contact with all legislators, not only those in your party. Stephanie Kurtts reminded that one should not use one's work email for contacting legislators. Diane said that she would plan a meeting for the Membership Committee at her house.
8. Marcia Wooten presented the Communications Committee report noting that there are strict guidelines regarding the content of the newsletters if the chapter wants to be considered for a newsletter Excellence Award. She also requested that members share their professional and personal news to help meet the guidelines.
9. The members in attendance were reminded of the Pledge 100 Challenge.
10. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 5th at 5:00 p.m. with the location TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Payne Wooten