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Happy End of the School Year!!



Looking forward to Summer Vacation!!

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President's Message



Dear Beta Delta Sisters:

Being installed as your Beta Delta President for the 2016-2018 biennium on May 2 was a thrill and an honor. As I think of the past few months and its highlights under Diane Howdeshell's leadership, I am truly excited about our future. I don't want this to sound like a travelogue, but our members have been blooming spectacularly like the flowers, trees, azaleas, and rhododendron in my yard. I have to give recognition. The sisters' achievements and contributions excite me. On April 7 after a great dinner at Lucky 32, organized by Melissa Harrelson, we went to First Baptist Church for the Greensboro Coordinating Council's sponsored Delta Kappa Gamma Society International initiation. Beta Delta's newest sisters are **Vandy Chhum**, Communities in Schools of greater Greensboro social worker; **Tina Doran**, third-grade teacher at Jesse Wharton Elementary; **Rinda Estes**, assistant director of operations/case management for Communities in Schools of Greater Greensboro; **Tanya Feagins**, retired principal for Guilford County Schools and youth exchange officer for Rotary District 7690; **Avery McGuire**, science teacher at Doris Henderson Newcomers School; and **Jill Moore**, English as a second language teacher at Lindley. We celebrate their becoming sisters. The speaker for the initiation was our Beta Delta sister Dr. Janis Antonek who electrified us with her comments on helping students get a global perspective and learning to value other people's points of view.

After all of that excitement, we went to the Eta State Convention in Winston-Salem (April 22-24) led by our own Sheila Groves, Eta State President. Here again, Beta Delta sisters participated and held leadership positions including Elaine McRae, Diane Howdeshell, Dr. Cynthia Wooten, Dr. Kim Pemberton, and Marcia Payne Wooten. Beta Delta also received Excellent for both our newsletter (Thanks, Marcia.) and web site (Thanks, Jenn.) and Excellent Achievement for our chapter (Thanks, everyone!). Hooray!

In addition to learning how to be an effective president, I want us to celebrate our members' accomplishments and contributions. I want to bring us together for times of fun, inspiration, personal and professional growth, and knowledge. We can "Create the Future: Imagine the Passion" together.

In sisterhood,

Ann Pember

President, Beta Delta (2016-2018)

Member News!

Beta Delta meeting on May 2

If you were not able to come to the quarterly meeting, you missed a wonderful opportunity to meet three of our newest members. **Vandy Chhum, Rinda Estes and Tanya Feagins** were in attendance for their first meeting as Beta Delta sisters.

Vandy is originally from Cambodia and graduated from UNCG with a Bachelor's of Social Work degree, which she uses in her job working for Communities In Schools of Greater Greensboro. She has worked as a social worker for 12 years. She is also married with two children, ages 6 and 3. In an act of bravery she and members of her extended family, 14 in all, are going to take a road trip to California in late June. The odds for a successful trip are very good though, since the ratio of children to adults is one-to-one. We wish them great times and safe travels.



Rinda (photo not available yet) is a native of Guilford County, a graduate of UNCG, also with a BSW and she has worked with Communities In Schools since 1997. She started as the CIS site coordinator at Smith High School and in 2003 became the Assistant Director for Operations/Case Management for CIS of Greater Greensboro. She is married with 2 grown sons and some "fur babies", including 2 dogs, several cats and two horses. In addition she serves as a field supervisor for the UNCG/NCA&T Joint School of Social Work for seniors in the undergraduate program.

Tanya (photo not available yet) is retired from "Principaling" in the Guilford County Schools. She counts traveling among her post-retirement activities. In March, she visited South Africa and learned of lost family members with whom she met and got acquainted. She also attended a Rotary Club meeting at which the guest speaker explained the huge success of LEEP schools of Math and Science. These secondary schools serve under-privileged African students who have excelled on the final graduation exams and college bound students.

We welcome them and our other new members, **Avery McGuire, Tina Doran** and **Jill Moore** to DKG and our Beta Delta chapter and hope to see them all again at our next meeting.

Condolences to Deb Paul

Deb Paul's father, Bob Hewitt, passed away suddenly on March 21st of a heart attack. As we keep her in our thoughts and prayers, many of you may want to send a card or email:

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Get Well Soon!

Cathy Wallen was scheduled for knee surgery on Friday, April 8th. We hope that her recovery has been speedy.

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Important Dates

Beta Delta Meetings, Seminars and Conventions

July 5-9, 2016 (Tuesday-Saturday)
2016 International Convention
 Gaylord Opryland Resort
 Nashville, TN

August 9, 2016 (Tuesday)
Beta Delta Executive Board Meeting
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 203 South Church Street (Action Greensboro)
 Greensboro, NC 27401

September/October (exact date TBA)
Quarterly Beta Delta meeting
 Location TBA
 Greensboro, NC

December 3, 2016 (Saturday)
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Beta Delta Holiday Brunch and Auction
 Sedgefield Country Club
 3201 Forsyth Drive
 Greensboro, NC 27407

April 28 - 30, 2017 (Friday - Sunday)
Eta State Convention
 Wilmington, NC (Region IV)

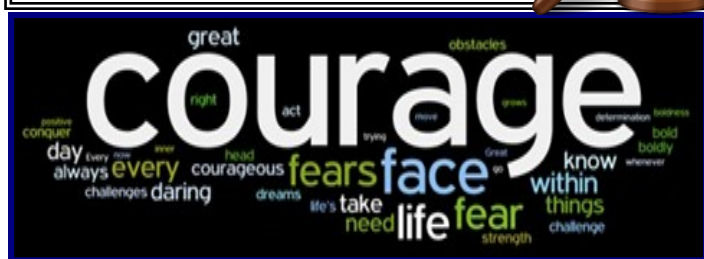
June 23-25, 2017 (Friday - Sunday)
Eta State Leadership Development Seminar
 Caraway Conference Center
 Asheboro, NC



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More Meeting Highlights!

Our guest speaker was **Mary Vigue**, the Executive Director for Say Yes to Education, Guilford. "Say Yes" is a program that provides tuition scholarships for NC public colleges and universities for eligible Guilford County students. The students who wish to participate must graduate in June of 2016 or after, must have maintained continuous enrollment in a GCS public high school through the 12th grade, complete and submit a Say Yes Guilford Certification Form and all other required documentation of residency and public school attendance, complete the FAFSA, and enroll full-time at a Say Yes partner college within one year of high school graduation. Mary's presentation was very informative and if you would like more information, please visit the Say Yes website at <http://sayyesguilford.org/>.



More Member News!!

**Message from the Immediate Past President
Of Beta Delta**

Dear Sisters,

It has been an honor and privilege serving as your President for the 2014-2016 biennium. Thank you for the kind advertisement in the Beta Delta Program Brochure at the Eta State Convention. Indeed, I was surprised and humbled when I saw your good wishes and comments. Many years ago, my dear friend, Elaine McRae, invited me to join Beta Delta. I am glad she did. The friendships and camaraderie between and among my Beta Delta sisters in the chapter and in the state have been an experience of a lifetime. Our chapter has grown and flourished and will continue to do so under **Dr. Ann Pember's** leadership. We welcome and support you, Ann.

Also, I want to thank the Beta Delta's Executive Board for their support, guidance, and leadership in the efforts to develop programs of interest to members and offering advice and suggestions during the writing of the Strategic Action Plan.

A special thank you to Marcia Wooten and her tireless efforts in producing four newsletters each year, and Jennifer Kunka in her tireless efforts in developing and maintaining the Beta Delta website. Her technological expertise is an asset to our members. The hours of work these two ladies have invested in making Beta Delta an excellent chapter is phenomenal.

A heart felt thank you to the Beta Delta Committee Chairs. Your diligent endeavors accomplishing the tasks assigned to your committees are appreciated by all of us. Without you, our designation as an Excellent Chapter would not have happened. Thank you.

As we look forward to a new biennium, Beta Delta sisters have many opportunities to inspire, ignite, and imagine. Choose your passion and make it happen.

In Sisterhood,

Diane Howdeshell

Immediate Past President (2014-2016)

Barb Levin shares that she and Lynne Shrum have published a textbook, "Every Teacher a LEADER: Developing the Needed Dispositions, Knowledge, and Skills for Teacher Leadership". The text includes:

- Well-tested content and activities
- Reflective writing prompts
- Scenarios for discussion
- Self-evaluations and
- Two companion guides: one for teachers, and one for administrators

Congratulations to **Barb** and Lynne. The book is available from Corwin Publishers at 800-233-9936 or online at www.corwin.com.

Happy Birthday to You !!**April**

Ashley Velazquez (10th)

Barbara K. Moore (11th)

Sarah J. Beale (12th)

Lois Edinger (17th)

Jill Moore (18th)

Yvonne Woodward (19th)

Isabelle Reedy Powell (20th)

Christine Chambers Merriman (27th)

May

Ginger Parnell (6th)

Rebecca Willoughby (30th)

June

Helen Allen (6th)

Mary Tom Hoffler (30th)

July

Lindsay Thomas Gump (17th)

Shirley G. Harris (20th)

Hazel Perritt (9th)

Donna Ray (22nd)



And More Member News!!!



Amy Williamson (center) was recognized with the "Corazón latino" award from the Latino Community Coalition of Guilford. It was a gala event at The Empire Room...after a delectable dinner we danced the night away to West End Mambo! (photo includes Pat Levitin and Katty Castellon, my colleagues on UNCG Alianza)

Kim D. Pemberton has received an NC QUEST Grant of \$236,382.00 to work with the Thomasville City Schools She will focus on completing professional Development of 3rd-8th grade teachers in areas of English Language Arts, Math and Science. NC QUEST is North Carolina QUALity in Educating and Supporting Teachers.

Melissa Harellson is now working again as a "teacher recruiter" for Guilford County Schools in the Human Resources Department. She started on March 1st and hopes to "finish" by June 1st. She is also mentoring the new person who will come into the teacher recruiter position. The rest of the summer however, she plans to spend as much time as possible at their summer residence in Cashiers, NC in the mountains.

Janis Antonek is planning a trip to Cuba this summer. She spent a lot of time in the Soviet Union during their Communist period, and so is anxious to see how Cuban Communism compares. Meanwhile she is finishing out the school year at the Middle College at UNCG, teaching Spanish I and II to high school students.

2016 Convention Huge Success!!

The 2016 Eta State NC Convention was a huge success. Registrar Carolyn Coram shared these numbers from the registrations.

Total Registered - 317

First timers - 65

40+ years - 19

Past Presidents - 13

NBCTs - 54!

Regions with the most members attending: Region IX - 90 members

Region VII - 36 Region X - 32



And Even More Member News!!!

Evie Derrickson shares with us her thoughts about retired teachers who still dream about living the leisure life. Thanks to her grandchildren in nursery school and middle school, she still gets to go into the schools at 7:30 a.m., happily drive her grandson Will (age 10) to baseball, soccer, and lacrosse games and attend horse shows in the rain for her 13 year old granddaughter Grace. She also is privy to conversations of her 3 year old granddaughter Sofia, who is making new friends. Sofia's new friend stated that she was in the first grade, and Sofia comes right back with "I am in middle school". Evie notes that they do grow up at lightning speed these days.

Claire Driscoll is looking forward to the summer, especially because she has started playing tennis again after a 20+ year lull. She is already playing at the division 4 level at Sherwood Swim and Racquet Club. Congratulations to having fun and staying fit at the same time!

Alice Hill has officially begun her retirement!! Congratulations, Alice! She was honored at the end of the year LLC (Languages, Literatures and Cultures) Spring Social on April 27 in the Virginia Dare Room in the Alumni House on the campus of UNCG. It was a grand affair, with all of Alice's children and grandchildren (with one exception) in attendance. On April 28, she was recognized at the College of Arts and Sciences End-of-the-year Celebration with a plaque for her 31 years of service to UNCG, and also received the "Order of the Long-Leaf Pine" Award, one of the most prestigious state level awards that can be bestowed by the Governor of the state. Again congratulations to Alice as she begins this new chapter in her life. She plans to finish a novel (or two), learn how to knit and attend more Beta Delta meetings.

Leisa Huddleson's first grandchild came into the world on March 24. His name is Evan Michael Huddleston. Congratulations and we're sure that her "grandma" skills are top-notch.

Liliana Jordanov has been invited to represent Guilford County Schools as a member of the Board of Directors of the Global Opportunities Center (GO Center) The GO Center is a non-profit organization formed to converge existing strengths, create jobs and connect local and global academic, corporate, and community partners. Housed in downtown Greensboro, the GO Center will stimulate new business, careers and global entrepreneurship across the nation. In addition to being a member of NCDPI Advisory Council on Global Education, this will be a new channel through which Liliana will try to find additional opportunities for study abroad and global professional development for students and educators in the area.

Jennifer Kunka states that there is nothing exciting going on, except the celebration of baby (not any more) Clyde's first birthday on May 16th. In true little boy fashion, they celebrated with a "Dinosaur Party". We know it was fun, and again, they do grow up so fast.

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The End in Member News!!!!

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Elaine McRae is excited about her summer as her youngest son will be getting married at the beach on May 20th. Then later, from July 5 - 9, she will be attending the DKG International Convention in Nashville as "Sheila's minion". We know that they will represent Beta Delta and Eta State well, in addition to having fun. Send photos, ladies!!

Barbara Moore is contemplating the impossibility of 50 years having passed since her high school reunion, but the invitation has appeared and we will assume that Barbara will go and enjoy!

Sharon Page is also going to attend her 50th High School reunion in Mississippi at the end of July. But before she does that, she will be having houseguests (her daughter and 4 grandchildren ages 8, 6, 4, and 1 years old) for the months of June and July.

Ann Pember is gearing up for the duties as Beta Delta's new President for the 2016-2018 Biennium. In addition, she plans a trip to the beach and will play hostess to family members visiting from Pennsylvania and Raleigh.

Mary Sharpe is anticipating a couple of busy months during June and July as they plan the harvest of their blueberries. She will send us a photo when the time is ripe, (oops!) right.

Amy Williamsen (see photo and caption on page 5) was busy this semester, not only garnering awards, but making presentations, also. She gave an invited presentation at the University of South Carolina on Cervantes and a keynote lecture on Thornton Wilder and the comedia at Eastern Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. In March, she presented Matthew Stroud with the homage volume "Prismatic Reflections" had been edited in his honor.

Marcia Payne Wooten has also retired after 40 years of teaching. However, her to-do lists, (yes, multiple lists) are already so long that she may never complete the tasks.

Timely Reminder

Alice Hill shared a timely reminder for us all. It is never too early to think about nominating new members. As the end of the school year is upon us, please take a little time to reflect about those whom you have worked with, and might want to propose as members of Beta Delta. Leisa Huddleston is our membership chair and you may contact her to propose new members!

Going to International Convention?

Executive Secretary Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon asks any member planning to attend the International Convention in Nashville this summer to kindly send her name, email address and cell phone number to Barbara if you did not sign up at the Eta State convention.

Chapter News!

At the May 2, 2016 Beta Delta quarterly meeting, outgoing President Diane Howdeshell took a Legislative Survey to find out what are the top legislative concerns of Beta Delta members.

The results of the survey are as follows.

The four top legislative issues of concern for Beta Delta Members are.

1. Teacher pay
2. Educator benefit package
3. Reduction of testing
4. Increase per pupil expenditures

The Beta Delta Legislative Committee met Tuesday, May 10, to discuss the survey results and plan how to keep members informed about these issues. Results from that meeting will be made public in the next edition of our newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey.

Beta Delta Legislative Committee

New DKG Website Launched!

www.dkg.org has a new look! A small DKG logo and menu bar across the top give way to a large, scrolling swipe of pictures with links to items of interest, such as the 2016 Convention in Nashville, pictured above. More graphics on the next row are quick links to the DKG store, Educational Foundation, Fine Arts Gallery, Communities, and more. This website features password protected areas so that members can securely be a part of the DKG social network and have more control of their Society information. Members can update their own password after initially signing in, can update their profile information to keep their records current with International (on the MyDKG tab), and can join "communities" to connect with other members and enjoy online discussions on topics of interest with others. Registration for Society events will now be done through the Member Profile. For example, registration for the International Convention in Nashville this summer is now available when a member is signed in. Check out the new site. There is much to see and do!

Communities Are Big Part of Social Network

One of the exciting features of the new DKG website is the ability to network with members around the world through **Communities**, which focus on a variety of topics. Members may join as many as they would like. Currently the following Communities are available: DKG Book Club, DKG Collaborative Communities (for sharing about subject areas and job issues), DKG Communications & Publicity, DKG for Social Media, DKG in Canada, DKG Members in the Home, DKG Membership Forum, DKG Mentoring, DKG Travels, and DKG with a focus on the Arts. Pick your passion and join the discussions today!

Signing in to Password-Protected Areas

To sign in, each member needs her membership number, found on her membership card or readily available from the chapter treasurer. The membership number is the user name. The default password is not published for security reasons, but chapter presidents received it in their most recent Presidents' Page newsletter and state officers have it to share. Members may also contact Society Headquarters at 512-478- 5748 for help.

U.S. FORUM CONNECTION #148, April, 2016

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 80,000 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

EDUCATION BILL (ESSA) SUMMARY

To see a summary of the new education bill go to <http://www.edweek.org/ew/issues/every-student-succeeds-act/index.html?cmp=eml-enl-eu-news1-RM>. I am concerned by two facts. (1) There will be a new U.S. President in 2017, and (2) there will probably be a new Secretary of Education in 2017. With the new law taking effect in the 2017-18 school year, will there be adequate time to see that all states have their plans in and approved? (That is probably only a six month window of time to carry out all that goes with such a large change in all states.)

ESSA PROBLEMS

There are potential problems brewing between Congress specifically between the Senate Health Education, Labor and Pensions Committee and the newly confirmed Secretary of Education John King. The essence of the disagreement is how Title I funds would be spent. There is concern that instead of federal money being used to supplement local funding to adequately staff Title I programs, the money will be used for routine expenses thus limiting the money needed to carry out the intent of Title I funding. Senator Alexander indicated that he is willing to use Congressional appropriations to insure that congressional intent is heeded. With a new president and, presumably, a new Secretary of Education taking office after the first of the year, this disagreement has the potential to cause problems with the implementation of the new education law. (For more detailed information on this issue go to <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2016/04/13/didnt-take-long-new-education-secretary-starts-butting-heads-in-nations-capital/>)

RETROACTIVE DIPLOMAS

With the change in required exit exams to get a high school diploma, some states are granting high school diplomas retroactively to students who failed the state exit exams but who passed the coursework which the state now requires. In the past nine months, Georgia has retroactively awarded high school diplomas to over 17,000 students. Texas has awarded 4,000 diplomas and anticipates that an additional 12,000 will be eligible to get retroactive diplomas. \Some other states that have passed legislation to allow students who did not pass formerly required exit exams but passed end of course exams to get high school diplomas are California, South Carolina, Arizona and Alaska. If your state has dropped high school graduation tests and you know of students who might be eligible for a retroactive diploma; contact your state Department of Education.

REVISED GED STANDARDS

The GED Testing Service has recently lowered the passing score for the test. This will allow states to lower the score needed to pass the GED. Every section will go from 150 of 200 to pass to 145 of 200. This is retroactive and is estimated to result in approximately 25,000 additional individuals passing the GED based on exams they have already taken. States would have to agree to make the change. To find out whether this change affects you or someone you know check with an institution near you which is part of the GED program. This may be a community college or your state department of education. A person having this high school equivalency certificate will have better job opportunities.

FORUM WEB SITE: <http://www.usforumdkg.org/White House 1-202-456-1111>

For more articles from the April issue go to: <http://www.usforumdkg.org/us-forum-connection.html>

Et cetera!**Beta Delta Beginning Teacher Project**

Our Beginning Teacher Project will again be based at Hampton Elementary where our Deb Paul is the Curriculum Coordinator. Members, please fill out the volunteer form on the Guilford County Schools web site and wait for approval by the school system before going to Hampton. Then you should check in with Deb to sign up as a tutor, reading buddy, or an assistant to make copies or teaching materials. In addition, members may bring teaching supplies to meetings. Materials needed include copy paper, card stock, Expo dry erase markers, glue sticks, tissues, and hand sanitizer. Thanks to the school for allowing us again to help them. Thanks to you for supporting them.

SEE- Support for Early Career Educators

In order to share the vision, Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide, and strengthen our Society, the Educational Excellence Committee established Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) as its second international project during the 2012 International Convention in New York City.

Why is our support needed?

Education is a challenging career, and retaining quality teachers is an issue worldwide. According to Richard Ingersoll, the rate in U.S. of beginning teachers leaving the profession in the first year is a little more than 10%; with 33% leaving by Year 3 and 46% by Year 5. In addition, around 15% of U.S. teachers overall leave the profession each year. ([Is There Really a Teacher Shortage](#), Ingersoll, 2003, p. 14) Schools that have depended on a core of veteran teachers are seeing those teachers retire. As much is expected of a new teacher on the first day of school as is expected of a 30-year veteran. Teachers supporting teachers is crucial. Of the first year teachers assigned a mentor in 2007 – 2008, around 8% left the profession in 2008 – 2009. Of the first year teachers not assigned a mentor in the same years, about 16% were not teaching in 2008-2009 and about 23% were no longer teaching in 2009 – 2010. ([Beginning Teacher Attrition and Mobility](#), Institute of Education Science, 2011, p. 3) John F. Kennedy said, "In each one of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefits for everyone and a greater strength for our nations."

We truly can make a difference with our support.

SEE encourages members/chapters to be creative in support of early-career educators with a variety of strategies, such as

- giving support for phone calls and visits,
- helping with lesson plans and bulletin board ideas,
- offering advice on classroom management and parent-teacher relations; and
- providing support in appropriate and practical ways.

Start supporting early-career educators in your community today! Get a list of new teachers/educators from your local school district and list of student teachers in your area to support.

(Reprinted from the DKG International Website)