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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:

I really don't like change, do you? I just turned on my computer and my mouse would not work. Then I had to try to remember what I do to get my mouse operating. Well, you can tell already I don't like change because I use my mouse rather than the pad on my computer. My Word document seemed different so I called the computer guru who helped me out of the last upgrade my computer did when my computer and my printer and my iPhone wouldn't communicate and dear Vandy, who helps me with all of my technology, couldn't pull me out. I haven't tried to print yet; I may have a similar problem. The guru said that my system had just finished its third major update on Windows 10. At least I was right; it was not just my ineptitude. When I call this guru, I always tell him I am the woman who hired the convicted felon to install her computer. That happened; the person who recommended the installer stayed on the phone with me half the night checking out the installation to reassure me that the computer was not bugged. Then I called all banks and had to change all of my passwords and report him. Fortunately, nothing major came of it, and I never lost any money, but I was a wreck every time I turned on the computer.

One change I do like is when we initiate new members as we did on April 6 with our Greensboro Coordinating Council. The new members' happiness at being initiated matches my joy at their being a part of Beta Delta. It reinvigorates all of us to have these new sisters. I want us to mentor them and let them know how happy we are to have them attending our meetings and contributing to our chapter. Our next meeting is May 11 at Janis Antonek's home, 5110 Hedrick Drive, Greensboro 27410, where she will graciously host us for a pot luck dinner and speak to us about her recent travels to Cuba. Let Evie Derrickson know you are attending and what you will bring (ederrickson@triad.rr.com).

In sisterhood,

Ann Pember

President, Beta Delta (2016-2018)

Member News!

Four Generations!!!!

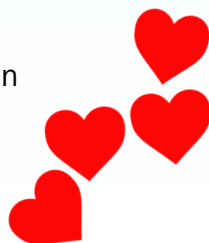
Jane Tucker Mitchell welcomed two great grandbabies, Lance Tucker Mitchell and Bryant Clay Mitchell on February 28th. The boys arrived two months early, small but feisty. Lance weighed 4 lbs and 14 oz and Bryant weighed 4 lbs, 4 oz. They stayed at Brenner's Children's Hospital in Winston Salem to grow a bit before coming home. Here is Jane, pictured with her son Tucker Mitchell, great grandbaby Lance, and grandson Daniel Mitchell on April 9th.



Lance was able to come home on April 3rd, but Bryant did not get to come home until April 21st. The twins now weigh more than 9 lbs each, have had their "2 month" checkup and vaccinations, are eating well, growing, and doing all the things that babies do.

Lance and Bryant are the sons of Kerry Wooten Mitchell (Marcia Payne Wooten's daughter) and Daniel Tucker Mitchell.

We wish the Mitchell/Wooten families the best of luck, fun and joys with their new family.



Happy Birthday to You !!

April

Ashley Velazquez (10th)
Mary V. Compton (11th)
Barbara K. Moore (11th)
Sarah J. Beale (12th)
Lois Edinger (17th)
Jill Moore (18th)
Yvonne Woodward (19th)
Isabelle Reedy Powell (20th)

May

Ginger Parnell (6th)
Rebecca Willoughby (30th)

June



Helen Allen (6th)
Liliana Jordanov (13th)

July

Shirley G. Harris (20th)
Hazel Perritt (9th)
Donna Ray (22nd)

"Abuela" knows the secret!

Marcia Payne Wooten, grandmother of Lance and Bryant tries her hand at babysitting two!!



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www.dkg.org

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www.deltakappagamma.org/
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**Condolences to the family of
Mary Tom Hoffler**

Mary Tom Hoffler, a reserve member of Beta Delta, who was initiated in 1953, passed away on April 23, 2017. Her memorial service was held on Tuesday, May 2, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church on Lawndale.

Even though many of us current members only knew Mary Tom by name, she led an extraordinary life. She loved the English language and was a life-long student of literature. Her educational philosophy was guided by high expectations of achievement and dedication to her students. She taught English at Florida State College for Women (FSU), the University of Southern Mississippi, and the University of Tennessee. Mary also taught English, French, and Latin in Smithfield and Enfield, NC. In 1963 she and her family moved to Greensboro where Mary began a 20 year career at Grimsley High School and served as head of the English Department. She was recently recognized by Delta Kappa Gamma for her 60+ years as an "extraordinary woman educator."

RIP, Mary Tom.

Important Dates

Beta Delta Meetings, Seminars and Conventions

**May 11, 2017 (Thursday) at 5:00 p.m.
Beta Delta Quarterly Meeting**

At the home of Janis Antonek
5110 Hedrick Drive
Greensboro, NC

**June 23-25, 2017 (Friday - Sunday)
Eta State Leadership Development Seminar**

Caraway Conference Center
Asheboro, NC

**July 19-22, 2017 (Wednesday - Saturday)
Southeast Regional Conference**

Sheraton Myrtle Beach Conference Center Hotel
Myrtle Beach, SC

Other 2017 Regional Conferences

Northwest – June 28-July 1 – Spearfish, South Dakota
Southwest – July 4-7 – Honolulu, Hawaii
Northeast – July 12-14 – Windsor, Ontario, Canada

**April 27-29, 2018 (Friday–Sunday)
Eta State Convention**

Charlotte University Hilton
Charlotte, NC (Region VI)

**July 16-20, 2018 (Monday–Friday)
DKG International Convention**

JW Marriott Austin
Austin, TX

July 2019 (exact dates TBA)

Southeast Regional Conference
North Carolina—exact location TBA



More Member News!!

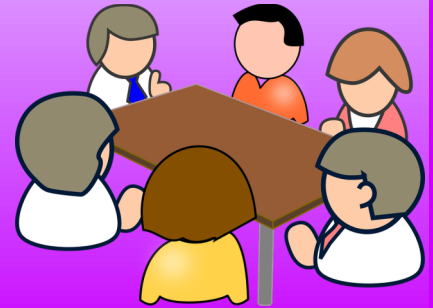
Joint Initiation of the Four Greensboro Delta Kappa Gamma Chapters

On April 6, 2017 the Greensboro Coordinating Council of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for Key Women Educators held the Initiation Ceremony for the four chapters in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church of Greensboro. The initiates for Alpha chapter were Shawnee Ellsworth, Jennifer Enter, SuAnn Klawitter, Thyais Maxwell, Marlene Mode and Stephanie Brook Powell. The initiates for Beta Beta chapter were Kathleen Noelle Cruze and Erin Summer Hunter, who will be initiated at a later date. The initiates for Beta Delta chapter were Zoe Wages Dillard, Lisa R. Frissen, Rose Griffin Mosquera, Judy W. Mancin-Palmer, Katherine Ann Tuttle and Elizabeth Dawn Potts, who will be initiated on May 11th. The initiate for Beta Gamma chapter was Mariah Danielle Allen.

Lobbying Day Scheduled

By Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

The 2017 DKG Lobbying Day in Raleigh is scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, from 11:00 to 2:00, at the Legislative Building at 16 West Jones Street, Raleigh. Please try to send a contingent from your chapter and send names to Susan Phipps at phippss@charter.net. Any chapter that does not have a Legislative Chapter Contact is urged to send the chapter name and the contact's name and personal email address to Susan Phipps so your chapter can receive news as it happens.



As is the custom for Beta Delta, several members, initiates, and guests enjoyed dinner at Lucky 32 before the April 6 initiation. Pictured below, left to right, are **Sheila Groves**, DKG Eta State President, **Sharon Page**, World Fellowship Chair of Beta Delta, **Connie Savell**, Eta State First Vice President, **Mary Beth Dailey**, Eta State Region VII Director, **Myra Aderholdt**, Beta Delta member, and **Elaine McRae**, Beta Delta Treasurer.



And More Member News!!!

The Beta Delta initiates for 2017 are: Zoe Wages Dillard, Katherine Ann Tuttle, Beta Delta President Ann Pember, Judy W. Mancin-Palmer, Lisa R. Frissen, Rose Griffin Mosquera.

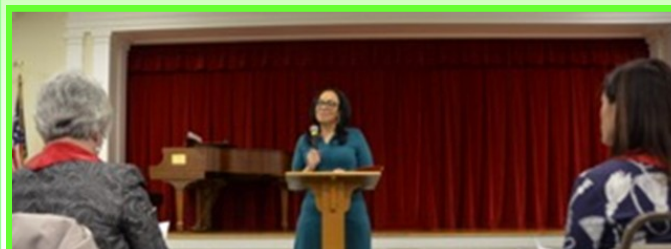


More fun at Lucky 32 during the pre-initiation dinner with sponsors, initiates and guests. In the foreground – Evie Derrickson, Rose Griffin Mosquera, Zoe Wages Dillard. There were 28 attendees in total.



Special Guest Speaker!

Dr. Sharon Contreras, Superintendent of the Guilford County Schools was the keynote speaker for the Greensboro Coordinating Council's Delta Kappa Gamma Initiation.



Other special guests at the initiation included **Connie Savell**, Eta State First Vice President, **Mary Beth Dailey**, Eta State Region VII Director and our own **Sheila Groves**.



And more news!

After a glorious DKG Eta State Convention, we ran by the Shoe Center to see fellow "sister" Ginger Parnell. We did, by the way, purchase a number of stylin' shoes. . . 11 pairs among us!



Pictured left to right:

Front row - **Connie Savell**, Eta State President, 2017-19; **Elaine McRae**, Beta Delta; **Ginger Parnell**, Beta Delta

Back row - **Sheila Groves**, Eta State President, 2015-17; **Sue Roberts**, Eta State Editor

Please remember **Diane Howdeshell** as she is confronting some health issues. She was hospitalized for two days at the end of March with a bout of atrial flutter, which is a precursor to atrial fibrillation. She is doing well now, but still requires further monitoring and she welcomes your thoughts and prayers.

Diane is Beta Delta's Legislative Chapter Contact and she has done a wonderful job of keeping us informed about what is going on in our state legislature. Check your email for her most recent update (May 4th) regarding Senate Bill #467, which deals with retirement (401K vs. pensions).

Eta State "Pave the Way" Project

The Brick Sale continues, and the deadline is May 31. The Headquarters Committee is selling bricks for the "Pave the Way for DKG Memories" project. Bricks are \$125 each and may be engraved with up to three lines of 18 characters each. Forms are available online at <http://www.ncdkg.org/forms.html>. Scroll to and choose "Headquarters Pave the Way Brick Project" to access the form. The bricks will line the front walk to the Eta State Headquarters building, located at 805 NC Highway 42 South in Asheboro, NC.

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TAX CHANGES UNDER CONSIDERATION

Major changes in the tax law are under consideration. Some of these would affect each person others are of general interest. Those listed below are not all of the changes under consideration, and none of those currently being discussed are certain to be enacted.

Possible Personal Tax Changes

401k – It has been suggested that there be a lesser income tax deduction which an individual could take for contributions to a 401k retirement plan.

Some deductions are being considered for elimination. The deduction for state and federal sales tax may be eliminated. This would impact some states more than others.

Other deductions will probably be kept. These include deduction for mortgage interest and deduction of charitable contributions.

On a positive note increasing the amount of personal deduction for an individual from \$6,000 to as much as \$12,000.

A change which was suggested during the election would be to take away the cap on FICA (payroll) tax. This would affect those with incomes over \$127,200 a year. This has not been mentioned recently, but it would be a way to put Social Security on a sounder financial footing.

Possible Non-personal Tax Changes

Corporate tax – Currently under consideration is a decrease in the tax rate on corporations from 35 percent to 15 percent. (It should be noted that most large corporations do not pay 35% tax. Instead as a result of tax loop holes, large corporations pay much less than 35% tax or nothing at all.) This might help small businesses where small business owners file business income and expenses as part of their personal/individual income tax which has a lower tax rate.

Border Adjustment Tax (BAT) -- BAT would levy a tax on imports (mainly from Mexico), but it is considered unlikely to be included in the current bill as it would increase prices on imported goods. (This is the problem with any tax on imports as such a tax would simply increase the price consumers pay for imported goods. This tax would disproportionately affect low and middle income families who tend to buy these goods in larger numbers.)

Elimination of the Estate Tax -- Currently a sliding scale tax is paid on estates over \$5.5 million. This recommendation is to simply eliminate this source of revenue. It would affect only the extremely wealthy, (Many of the proposed changes in the tax law are taken from a Heritage Foundation blueprint which was published last year.) This blueprint would: repeal Obamacare; change Medicare, change Medicaid to give states greater flexibility in designing benefits and administering the program; and make changes in Social Security.

Corporation for Public Broadcasting -- It is proposed that the Corporation for Public Broadcasting be privatized and would no longer be subsidized by the federal government. It should be noted that for several years the money for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting has been reduced every year. At this time it is unclear what effect privatization would have on instructional programming such as Sesame Street, News and other programs which are used for instructional purposes in our schools. It is estimated that public television provides over 120,000 free learning tools for teachers and students.

Endowment for the Arts could be eliminated. Major cuts in cabinet departments are being contemplated. Particularly troubling are cuts in medical research. This could impact studies on the effect of various factors on women's health. Because previous studies were conducted wholly or primarily on men most is not all of these studies are not valid in predicting effects on women. An example of this is the emerging fact that heart attacks in women often have entirely different symptoms from those in men and medications can affect women differently than they do men.

It is considered doubtful that infrastructure spending will be included in the expenditures currently being considered. There is talk of block grants to states for a number of programs.

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