

# Beta Delta News

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**Happy, Happy  
 Summer  
 Vacation!!  
 See you at the  
 October  
 Meeting - Date, Lo-  
 cation and Time -  
 TBA**

## President's Message from Diane Howdeshell



Hello Beta Delta Sisters,

Wow! What a convention!

The 2015 Eta State Convention in Chapel Hill was outstanding. We saw the changing of the guard with new officers installed for the 2015-2017 biennium, and our own Sheila Groves installed as Eta State President. Please join me in wishing Sheila the best of thoughts and support as she travels this new journey with Delta Kappa Gamma while leading key women educators to new heights of achievement. Congratulations, too, to all our members in helping Beta Delta achieve the President's Chapter Achievement Award for the second year. Marcia Payne Wooten received Excellence in Newsletter and Jennifer Kunka received Excellence in Website Design. Well done, Marcia and Jennifer. We are very lucky and proud to have women of your caliber in Beta Delta.

The May 5, chapter meeting had twenty-one members in attendance. One of our members, Helen Allen, returned after a long absence, and it was a pleasure to see her again. During the program, Beta Delta initiated Melissa D'Angelo, with her sponsor, Lindsey Gump, by her side; then, Ann Pember directed us in a game of Truth and Lies. The high point of the meeting, however, was the speaker, Craig Thomas, Director of Mary's House. She explained the purpose of Mary's House and its beginnings, and the wonderful work she and her staff perform to help women with addiction problems. In addition, she brought one of the women who had recovered from her addiction to tell her story of how she became free from her addiction with the help from Mary's House. She has been clean for nine years.

After the speaker, Beta Delta members presented Sheila Groves with an umbrella bouquet and cake. Mary Sharpe read an ode to Sheila using the names of different candy bars to sustain Sheila's journey as Eta State President. Many thanks to Sharon Page and Elaine McRae for orchestrating the event.

Please be on the lookout in the next few weeks for a survey from the Executive Board. We want to know your ideas, suggestions, and areas of improvement in with chapter meetings to meet the needs of all our members.

In sisterhood,  
*Diane Howdeshell*  
 President

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## Member News

### Bits from the May 5 Meeting

**Dori Caligiure** reports that she was able to take 19 third graders to help her school's EC students at the Special Olympics, which were held at the Hebrew Academy in Greensboro on April 24. She shares a quote from a parent, "It was an experience of a lifetime; these kids will never forget."

**Lindsey Gump** got a project fully funded through Donors Choose. This included a class set of headphones, classroom supplies and teacher supplies. Congratulations!

**Melissa Harrelson** was busy from September of 2014 through 2015. Doing what? Teaching cooking classes for adults at the Greensboro Children's Museum. She helped her students create delicious dishes with Middle Eastern flavors.

Meanwhile **Diane Howdeshell** has lost 28 pounds on a low fat, low carb diet of 1200 calories per day. She also added exercise in the form of walking an hour a day. Congratulations and keep stepping up to the challenge.

Happy Days to **Barb Levin** who is starting phased retirement. After 21 years at UNCG she will be teaching only during the fall semester, starting in the fall of 2016, for up to the next three years.

After unexpected gallbladder surgery, **Marcia Payne Wooten** is back on track, training (actually strolling) for her trip to Spain in July, to hike the last 70 miles of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. Pictures to come in the next edition.

### Happy Birthday to You !!

all who have (or had) birthdays in  
May, June , July and August.

#### May

Ginger Parnell (6th)

Rebecca Willoughby (30th)

#### June

Helen Allen (6th)

Mary Tom Hoffler (30th)

#### July

Hazel Perritt (9th)

Lindsey Thomas Gump (17th)

Shirley Harris (20th)

Donna Ray (22nd)

#### August

Kim Pemberton (19th)

Mary Lynn Sharpe (23rd)



### Drs. Cynthia B. Wooten and Kim D.

**Pemberton** both have authored chapters in the book, "Diva Dairies: The Road to the Ph.D. and Stories of Black Women Who Have Endured". Cynthia's chapter is titled "Putting on the Garment of Theory: Now You See Me, Now You Don't". Kim's chapter is titled "Through the Fire: Marked, but Not Burned - A Doctoral Journey Transformed by Life's Obstructions". The book can be purchased by going to Peter Lang's website or Amazon.com. We hope you enjoy!





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**www.dkg.org**

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

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

**Congratulations to Jennifer Kunka and family!**



Clyde Victor Kunka arrived on May 16, 2015 at 5:51 p.m. Big sister Sofia is so proud of her "little" brother, who weighed 9 lbs. and 11 oz. and is 22.5 inches long. According to Jen, "We are in love!"

**And Double Congratulations to Christina and Dave Purgason and family!**



Ana Claire (left)

and



Arden Grace (below)

arrived on May 12, 2015. Double the precious fun!

**Important Dates**

**Beta Delta Meetings, Seminars and Conventions**

**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](mailto:mem@dkg.org) for more details.

**October, 2015 - exact date and location - TBD**  
 Greensboro, NC

**April 22-24, 2016 (Friday - Sunday)**  
**Eta State Convention**  
 Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX)

**July 5, 2016 (Tuesday)**  
**2016 International Convention**  
 Gaylord Opryland Resort  
 Nashville, TN

Beta Delta sisters, please keep our sister, Sue Falk Field in your thoughts and prayers as she begins the treatments and therapy to combat a stage 4 lung and lymph node cancer. We wish her the best with her prognosis and treatments.

### Beta Delta May 5, 2015 Quarterly Meeting



Diane Howdeshell, Beta Delta President, presides over the initiation of Melissa D'Angelo, along with Melissa Harrelson and Lindsey Gump, her sponsor.

Anita Lawson, Jane Mitchell and Barb Levin look over the menus (and smile at the camera) at the Lone Star Steak House, where the meeting was held.



Special guests Craig Thomas and Audrey, from Mary's House enjoyed the meal with us before presenting their program. Their accounts of life at Mary's House were heart-wrenching, yet at the same time inspiring and uplifting. They were a blessing to us.

After the program, we surprised Sheila with the beautiful cake and then she cut it to serve to everyone.



See page 8 for another picture and the text of the Ode that Mary Sharpe wrote.

This article was contributed by Diane Howdeshell , but there is no publication source provided.

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### HONORING LOIS EDINGER

Joan Bass

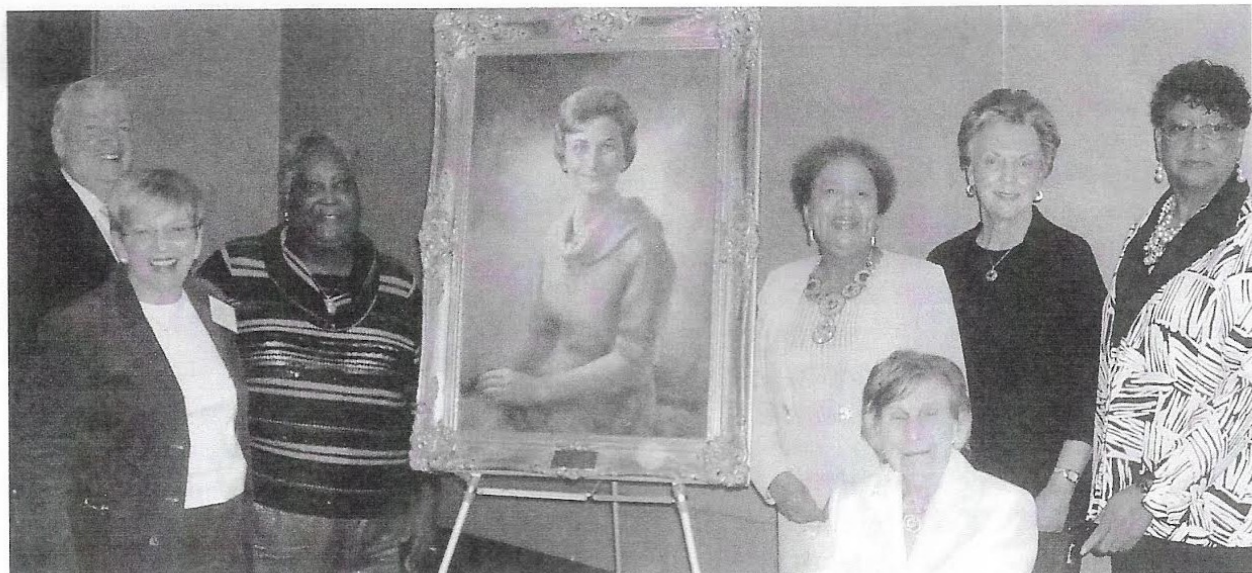
Our own Dr. Lois Edinger was honored (or maybe she honored us) at the banquet at the NCRSP Convention on March 17, 2015, at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park. The occasion highlighted Lois's presentation to NCAE/NCRSP of her portrait given to her by the teachers of North Carolina as she completed her year as the President of the National Education Association in 1965.

Lois became the first person from North Carolina to serve as President of NEA since 1910. The words of Dr. Frank G. Fuller, NCEA President in 1963 as he nominated Lois for NEA President Elect describe the Lois we know today—"competent but modest, strong in conviction but kind and considerate of the feelings of others, articulate but not verbose, dignified but not austere, diplomatic but uncompromising in matters of principle, she will

make the kind of president of whom we may all be proud." And we all were and are proud of Dr. Lois Edinger, friend and mentor to many educators across North Carolina.

At the banquet Lois, always the history teacher, shared with the guests some of the early history of the organization. She then told us how the portrait came about. It has hung in her home for many years, but as she moved into a retirement facility, she said she wanted to give it back to the teachers of North Carolina who had been so supportive of her through the years. Attending the banquet in her honor were several past presidents of NCAE who are pictured in this edition with Lois and her portrait. The portrait will be placed in the display case in the NCAE Center in Raleigh.

Lois has been an inspiration to all of us. She has served our organization for decades. Our Guilford delegation to the Convention was much honored to be a part of the celebration.



**NCRPS 2015 CONVENTION HONORS DR. LOIS EDINGER FOR LIFE-LONG SERVICE  
 PAST NCAE AND NCRSP PRESIDENTS HONOR LOIS (Seated)**  
 Standing left to right – John I. Wilson, Julia Kronn, Geraldine McNeil, Frances Cummings, Carolyn McKinney, and Gladys Graves

## Eta State Convention In Chapel Hill, April 24-26, 2015 - A Huge Success!

A number of Beta Delta members attended the 2015 Eta State Convention to support **Sheila Groves** as she became the State President. In the photo below, left to right, front row: **Sharon Page, Elaine McRae, Cynthia Wooten, Leisa Huddleston**, left to right, back row: **Ann Pember, Diane Howdeshell, Evie Derrickson, and Mary Sharpe**



were among some 300 Eta State members in attendance.

Evie, Leisa, Cynthia and Ann are looking great and enjoying themselves.



Elaine, Sheila and Sharon are also looking great and enjoying the festivities.

President Pat Taylor is installing Sheila and handing over the gavel (and the responsibilities) of the Eta State office.



Convention Highlights included:

- Installation of the new state officers
- Presentation of the Founder's Award to Dr. June Atkinson, State Superintendent of NC Public Schools and Alpha Omicron member
- Recognition of chapter achievements, Golden Key recipients and chapter presidents
- The lively discussion and voting on changes in the Bylaws and Standing Rules
- Announcement of the approval of the Educational Foundation's tax exempt status
- Presentation of gifts to the convention project, Masonic Home for Children at Oxford
- The Passing of the Houses for Headquarters
- Celebration of life in the special Ceremony of Remembrance
- The enjoyment of the Convention Chorus and other musical groups
- A full report of the convention and more information on each of these highlights can be found in the summer edition of Eta State News, [http:// www.deltakappagamma.org/ NC/ESNSummer2015.pdf](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNSummer2015.pdf).

## U.S. FORUM CONNECTION #136, April, 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.

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#### **ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT UPDATE**

##### Senate Bill

(Different versions of this legislation are being crafted in the House and the Senate. The Senate version entitled "Every Child Achieves Act of 2015" has not yet been given a bill number. Among other things this bill maintains the testing of No Child Left Behind, allows states to create their own accountability system, does not allow Title I funds for low income students to follow the student to other public or private schools of their choice, reinstates the 21st century community learning centers (after school program), requires states to identify low performing schools, and increases the number of school counselors and social workers.

##### House Bill

The Student Success Act (H.R.5) retains current testing in grades 3-8 and high school, eliminates adequate yearly progress (AYP) as well as the basic, proficient and advanced categories. The bill requires reporting by high schools on the high school graduation rate. It limits charter school grants and subgrants to no more than five years. This bill makes a number of changes in distribution of federal funds and mandates limits on how much money can be used for a number of school activities and programs. If passed it would make states and districts ineligible for federal funding if personnel hired refuse to submit to a background check. The background check involves homicide; child abuse or neglect; crimes against children; domestic violence; crimes involving rape or sexual assault; kidnapping; arson; and physical assault, battery, or drug-related offenses committed five years before the individual's criminal background check. This seems to indicate that when hiring personnel, schools should conduct a criminal background check on each individual. The summary of the House bill is fourteen pages long. Those wanting additional information can go to <http://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/5?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22hr5%22%5D%7D>

Assuming both bills are passed by their respective houses, the bills almost certainly will eventually be resolved through a joint committee. Senator Lamar Alexander of Tennessee chaired the committee which crafted the Senate bill. He worked closely with Senator Patty Murray of Washington. Although initial versions of the bill provided for reducing the number of tests given, this was not present in the final bill. Senator Alexander has been pushing to have the bill brought to a vote in the Senate as soon as possible to avoid it being considered and voted on much later in the session as appropriations bills take precedence over it.

#### **K-5 TEACHER OPPORTUNITY**

Several bills have been passed that allow K-5 elementary school teachers can learn more about using technology in the classroom by attending a free workshop sponsored by the nonprofit organization Code.org where they will receive 6-7 hours of instruction, free classroom supplies and free lunch. For more information about the program and to locate a workshop near you go to <http://code.org/educate/k5>

#### **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.

## Member News



### Dr. Janis Antonek

was recently named Teacher of the Year for the Middle College at UNCG, where she teaches Spanish. Here she is pictured at the Global Engagement Day, sponsored by Guil-

ford County Schools.

**Dr. Kim Pemberton** received the Wells Fargo Teaching Excellence Award on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at Winston Salem State University. Not only did she receive the well-deserved recognition, but also a monetary award of \$4,500.00

**Barb Levin** has a new book out. Actually it is the 2nd edition of her book entitled, "Leading 21st Century Schools: Leveraging Technology for Engagement and Achievement. She co-authored the book with her longtime writing partner, Lynne Schrum and it is published by Corwin Press. This is the fourth book that Barb and Lynne have written together.

**Mary Sharpe** wrote an "Ode to Sheila Groves", (see text and picture in the next column) that she read complete with visuals and manipulatives (yum. Yum) at the May 5th meeting to celebrate Sheila's becoming the Eta State President for the 2015-2017 biennium.

### An Ode to Sheila Groves

By Mary Sharpe (premiered May 5th, 2015)

Dear Sheila,

As you Skittle here and there across the state, we didn't want you to go Nutty, but to Take 5 and experience Moments and Memories to cherish. Remember YOU were chosen ETA State President for Reese's ons that are nothing to Snicker about: You are Kind, a Lifesaver with your DKG knowledge, You Skor 100% in dedication to ETA State, You Stick to a Task until the work is done and are a Brite Star for our chapter. Although your Pay Day will never match Babe Ruth's but be close to Zero, your treasured MoMentos will be many. Maybe a stop in New York City with a visit to 5th Avenue will once again be on your international travel agenda. You are a Cracker Jack leader Bar none! So we wnt to wish you Mounds of Joy in your travels. Even though you'll have no time for Tic-Tac-Toe or to enoy a pet Kit Kat and maybe even refer to your dear DKG sisters as Whatchamacallit!, your Beta Dela sisters think you're worth a Hundred Grand and One Smart Cookie.

Hugs and Kisses, Beta Delta sisters





## Latin America prepares Forum and Area Conference

The sixth Latin American Conference is now being planned for July 17-19, 2015, in San Luis Potosí, México. There will be conferences, workshops, and roundtables on topics that we will continue during the Latin American Forum at the regional conference, with other topics of interest, all in Spanish. Latin American members are concerned about what is happening in each area state organization. They believe that having the opportunity to share experiences and educational strategies in Spanish is something that will give the chance to learn and grow, not only as professionals but also as DKG members. Join our Latin American Conference in San Luis Potosí and our Latin American Forum in Wichita. It is an honor for us to spend time together and share experiences with our DKG members from all around the world!

### **THE DR. ANNA JOYCE REARDON AWARD for BETA DELTA MEMBERS Spring 2015**

Congratulations to **Janis Antonek** for winning the Dr. Anna Joyce Reardon Award for this year. She plans to use the Award to attend the Leadership Initiative for Language Learning at The Ohio State University. In this three-day program, the following guiding questions will be addressed: 1) How do I implement core practices in my journey to become a more effective language teacher? and 2) How do I become a more effective leader?.

In her application she states that "This endeavor will help my students and me because I will gain new ideas regarding national expectations for rigorous world language (WL) instruction. I will interact with teachers from all over the country. By focusing on WL teaching and learning for three days, I will start the 2015-2016 school year with more teaching ideas. For six years, I have been the only WL teacher in my school, so it is imperative that I pursue networking opportunities with other world language teachers."

Again, our heartiest congratulations to Janis. She will represent us well in her endeavor.

### **Tech Tip**

Have you heard of Edmodo but not really sure what it is? Edmodo is a social learning platform, created by two school employees trying to bridge the gap between how students live and how they learn. It's often marketed as "Facebook for schools." Teachers can post assignments or quizzes, create polls, embed video clips, use for learning groups, and share calendars. Parent accounts allow them to see their children's assignments and grades because it is a closed system.

It's free and no email is needed to sign up. Edmodo claims to have over 50 million teachers, students and parents using the site—that's why you're hearing so much about it! Find out more at <https://www.edmodo.com/>.



## Member News

DKG - Beta Delta Meeting

5/5/2015

22 members present, 2 guests

1. Welcome- Diane Howdeshell
2. Game- truth and lies game directed by Ann Pember
3. Initiation of Melissa D'Angelo (Initiation was in April but Melissa was unable to attend.)
4. Guest Speaker- Craig Thomas - Director from Mary's House "Empowering Women in Recovery"

Mary's house was named after Mary Magdalene when she was with Jesus she was diseased and nobody wanted her. That's where the name comes from Faith based and their Land was given by a church. The home can take up to 8 families at a time with children who are under age 10. This is a unique program and one of the hardest things to decide is who gets to come stay. Craig told us some great stories about the success of the women who have come to stay there and she had even brought one person with her. Currently on their staffing they have four women who have completed the program working for them. Mary's house is always in need of volunteers and supplies so if you would like to help please contact Mary's house.

### 4. Business meeting - Old Business

- A. Approval of February 2015 minutes
- B. Motion to approve- Donna Ray
- C. Second by- Mary Sharpe
- E. Treasurer Report- \$ 5,985.24 is our current balance
- F. Committee Reports-
  1. Dr. Ann Pember - Educational Excellence Committee - none
  2. Sharon Page - World Fellowship/Global Outreach Committee - \$2,613 from the brunch was raised. The Schools for Africa jar was passed around.
  3. Melissa Harrelson - Initiation Committee - none
  4. Leisa Huddleston - Membership Committee out of 9 initiates, 7 joined
  5. Cathy Wallen - Rules Committee - Eta State rules changed was presented
  6. Ashley Velasquez - Scholarship Committee - Will check with Hampton about monies needed for field trip
  7. Mary Sharpe - Nominations Committee - none

## Member News

8. Diane Howdeshell - U.S. Forum Committee Shared information about how to find your legislator, find out about general assembly is working on. There is concern about not being able to send political things to school emails. Senate bill 343, if a student assaults a teacher they want to make it a class one felony. If you are interested in politics please let Diane know so you can join this committee.

9. Marcia Payne Wooten - Communications Committee please send news; all other groups have so much more news in their newsletters. Note cards with member news were collected at the meeting to help with the newsletter.

10. Donna Ray - Finance Committee - none

11. Jennifer Kunka - Webmaster please send pictures from meeting to Jen

### New Business

A. Please keep up with points this year. There will be a Member Excellence award just like they do for the chapters. The points are due by February 1, 2016. A form that you can print out will be sent as an attachment via email.

B. Special Recognitions:

1. Eta State President's Chapter Achievement Award
2. Newsletter Excellence Award
3. Website Excellence Award
4. Special Presentation Celebration: Sharon Page and Elaine McRae
5. A special Ode and gift was presented to Shelia in recognition for becoming Eta State President

Delta Kappa Song

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

*Dori Caligiure*