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"Let's Sparkle!"

Happy Beginning of the School Year!!



Looking forward to a Great Year!!

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President's Message



Dear Beta Delta Sisters:

I hope you have had a good summer. I had an interesting time. My big event was attending a cousin's wedding in Kentucky with my children and grandchildren. (See photo on page 6). That part of my family had not been together since 2005 when my son had married in Charleston. The bride had been my daughter's flower girl when she married in 1996. My grandchildren had never met this Kentucky family. They had never visited me in the Kentucky house so they ripped and snorted around the house and yard on the day they arrived before the wedding. I have a cemetery in my backyard and while they were visiting my next-door neighbor, one of them spotted the cemetery. At dinner that night, Maggie said she knew she saw a hand sticking out of one of the graves. When we went to be in the family pictures, I was thrust up next to the groom who had never seen me. He stuck out his arm; I was on one arm, and the bride was on the other. The grandchildren had attended few weddings so they were very attentive during the ceremony and thoroughly enjoyed the dinner. The dancing was wild, but it was a fantastic evening.

Another exciting endeavor that I had was working with the Logan County, KY Genealogical Society in establishing that my Piper and Herndon ancestors were settlers or first families in Logan County, Kentucky. They were, and I was asked to write a one-page essay about each family. I learned more about each family, and like my grandchildren, I discovered interesting facts about my ancestors. They were settlers, grist mill owners, Revolutionary War soldiers, farmers, a doctor, a Primitive Baptist circuit rider, teachers, a superintendent of schools, land grant recipients, and an exile to Canada during the Civil War.

Every school year is a new adventure as the wedding and reception were for my grandchildren and the genealogy explorations were for me. We meet new colleagues who may or may not become good lifelong friends. We have new classes who may or may not be a joy. One thing we must remember is that our students have selective memories and really remember any outrageous thing we may have said to them years and years ago. That happened to me last weekend with a former Sunday School student who reminded me of what I had said 30 years ago. All I could say was, "I don't remember saying that, but it sounds like me." Here's hoping we have the best year yet for Beta Delta, and we each give it as much as we can. Here's also hoping that our school year is successful and productive as we lead and teach. Try to learn from every experience and grow from all of them.

Ann Pember

President, Beta Delta (2016-2018)

Member News!

Zoe Dillard, a recently initiated member shares with us that since her husband is a teaching tennis pro, their bucket list begins with attending all four Tennis Grand Slam tournaments! They attended the U.S. Open several years ago when her husband was Tennis Director at Sedgefield CC and helped out with Arthur Ashe Day at the U.S. Open.

In January of 2016, they visited Zoe's sister in Melbourne and attended the Australian Open, which was wonderful; it was nice to skip the ice and snow in NC, spend time with family and soak up the sun watching tennis and seeing the sights and feeding the kangaroos.



This past April, they spent almost two weeks in Paris and Versailles, including attending The French Open at Roland Garros. Zoe speaks some French, so it was a pleasure getting to use it again and interact with so many lovely French



people. Everyone was very friendly and helpful—and of course, the food was amazing (partaking of a chocolate mousse pyramid on the cafe terrace of the Louvre) and Paris in the springtime is exceptional. To top it all off, they celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary!

Happy Birthday to You !!

August

Rinda Estes (1st)
Avery McGuire (1st)
Janis Antonek (16th)
Kim Pemberton (19th)
Mary Sharpe (23rd)
Tanya Feagins (28th)

September

Jewell Cooper (5th)
Tina Doran (11th)
Cynthia Wooten (26th)

October

Sue Field (3rd)
Vanessa Parmenter (10th)
Amanda Hagen (11th)
Dori Caligiure (21st)
Gayle Manahan (22nd)
Christina Purgason (30th)
Donna Harper (31st)

November

Claire Driscoll (3rd)
Alice Hill (4th)
Helen Medlin (4th)
Helen Killackey (11th)
Elaine McRae (18th)



Celebrating!!

Vandy Chhum and her husband celebrated their 10 year anniversary during the summer,

Dawn Potts' son Austin graduated from South Stokes High School this past June.

Congratulations to both of these ladies.



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

What's on your bucket list?

Alice Hill is keeping us up to date and staying really busy.

"I suppose that you could include my first year of retirement report since I met my goals:

- 1) I reread the Harry Potter series, and yes, I cried while reading the last one.
- 2) I cleaned out one closet. That's major.
- 3) I made going to the gym a priority and I have lost 40 pounds. (Ed.'s note: *Congratulations!!*) My BFF and I have enjoyed Chair Yoga, and another class called "Activities for Daily Living".
- 4) I am learning how to knit but the membership won't be bidding on any homemade items from Alice at the brunch. And speaking of our December meeting, I have already invited 3 people to come. I can think

of no better way to start out the Holiday Season!

- 5) I am in the process of renewing my passport.
- 6) I experimented with "Fairy Hair" ..also known as "Tinsel Hair". Can you spot it in the photo?"



Important Dates

Beta Delta Meetings, Seminars and Conventions

October 2 (Monday) at 5:00 p.m.
Beta Delta Quarterly Meeting
 First Baptist Church
 Greensboro, NC

December 2 (Saturday)
Annual Holiday Brunch and Auction
 Sedgefield Country Club
 Greensboro, NC

January 18, 2018 (Thursday) at 5:00 p.m.
Beta Delta Board Meeting
 At the home of Ann Pember
 3412 Kirby Drive
 Greensboro, NC

February 22, 2018 (Thursday) at 5:00 p.m.
Beta Delta Quarterly Meeting
 First Baptist Church
 Greensboro, NC

April 27-29, 2018 (Friday–Sunday)
Eta State Convention
 Charlotte University Hilton
 Charlotte, NC (Region VI)

May 17, 2018 (Thursday) at 5:00 p.m.
Beta Delta Quarterly Meeting
 First Baptist Church
 Greensboro, NC

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!!

Janis Antonek and Jane T. Mitchell visited the Reynolda House in Winston-Salem over the Labor Day weekend to see the Georgia O'Keefe exhibition.



Let's Sparkle!

Connie Savell, our new Eta State President for the 2017-2019 biennium has chosen "Let's Sparkle" for the theme. So what does that mean?

Encourage **S**avvy leadership

Inspire **P**assionate, meaningful programs and projects

Analyze and **A**rticulate current educational issues

Further **R**espect for diversity in membership

Promote **K**nowledge through lifelong learning

Establish and **L**aunch a member wellness initiative

Advocate **E**xcellence in education

This summer, **Amy Williamsen** traveled to the University of the Arctic in Norway where she presented a paper with her colleague Brad Nelson, from Concordia University in Montreal, in which they argued that Cervantes's last work, the *Persiles*, can be understood as an Early Modern precursor to science fiction. Highlights of the conference included a reception hosted by the Spanish ambassador in Oslo and an excursion through the fjords. She returned to Greensboro just long enough to participate in the CHANCE program, a college readiness experience for Latino high schoolers. Then she headed south for the LLC Spanish program in which 12 amazing UNCG undergraduates immersed themselves in the language and cultures of Costa Rica. During their four



-week stay, they contributed a great deal to the local communities, helping children from coastal fishing villages and Nicaraguan immigrants on the outskirts of San José. One of the most challenging but most rewarding activities was when the group constructed a concrete ramp for a wheelchair bound young man with Downs Syndrome, making it possible for him to get in and out of his own house under his own power. ¡Pura vida!



And More Member News!!!

Dori Caligiure and Amanda Hagen, walked in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Boston, Massachusetts on June 24-25, 2017. They walked 39.3 miles and together they raised over \$9,000 for breast cancer!! This was Dori's 6th walk and Amanda's 5th walk. Together they have raised over \$19,800 dollars in the past six years!! Congratulations to these ladies for setting a shining example.



NC-Eta State representatives in Hawaii at the Southwest Regional Conference:



Elaine McRae, Sheila Groves, Barbara Perry-Sheldon, & Betty Marshall

Apply for a Foundation Grant!

The application window is now open for grants from the Educational Foundation. The application is available under the Grants tab on the Foundation website, www.ncdkgef.org. Six grants of up to \$250 each will again be offered in the literacy/learning projects and the continuing education categories. Read about past awardees and their projects in the brochure on the Giving page. Applications are due **September 30, 2017**.

Schools for Africa

This became the Society's first official international project in 2010. Since that time, members have donated approximately \$324,150 to the project, as of October 2016. Currently the project works with 13 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. The SFA mission involves providing access to quality basic education for children, focusing on girls, orphans and other vulnerable youngsters. Let's continue to support SFA.

And more news!

Deb Paul, Dawn Potts, Leisa Huddleston, and Ann Pember at a special initiation ceremony held for Dawn at Hampton Elementary School since she was not able to attend the Combined Chapter Initiation in April. We are happy to have Dawn join us as a Beta Delta member and send her well wishes as she has had significant health issues over the summer. At this writing, she is still in the hospital recovering from



pneumonia, and complications that resulted in a 15 day stay in ICU during which she nearly died three times. She is doing much better now, and walked across her hospital room in the last day or so. She is still very much in need of our thoughts and prayers and at the October 2 meeting we will accept donations for financial support for her and her family, since she has not been able to return to work at Hampton as a kindergarten teacher.

Special Legislative Update

Elizabeth Hackney from Beta Beta has extended an invitation to all members of the 4 GSO DKG chapters to attend a Legislative Update at College Place United Methodist Church at the corner of Tate Street and Spring Garden, on Saturday, September 30 at 9:30 a.m.

Attention!! It's that time again! What time is it?

It's time to send in your Beta Delta dues to Elaine McRae by the October 31st deadline! Please see the two forms that are attached to the email, along with this newsletter. You can pay all at once or by installments. Thanks for your prompt reply.

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.

Ann Pember with her family at the wedding in Kentucky. It looks like everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.



And more news!

Rose Griffin Mosquera participated in the City Arts production of "Barnum" at the Weaver Academy during the month of July. As a member of the chorus, she danced, sang, and performed circus tricks (hers was spinning plates, which requires dexterity and practice). She had done musical theater at Greensboro College and saw FaceBook audition announcements for "Barnum" and thought that it looked like fun. **Sheila Groves** and **Lisa Frissen** visited with Rose before one of the seven (yes, seven!) performances. Fortunately, Rose did not "break a leg" and so is starting off the school year in great shape.



Beta Delta Board Meeting Minutes (edited for brevity)
Aug. 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Committees and chairs

Review committees' chairs' and members' list. Chairs will email or call committee members, meet and plan to carry out responsibilities.

World Fellowship Committee for December would like to have some new members. Any ideas for the brunch are greatly appreciated.

Awards Committee - Alice Hill is resigning from this position and Rinda Estes will assume the cha

Scholarship Committee - Mary Pendergraft has sent emails explaining the various scholarships.

The Board will serve as chair of the Education Excellence Committee (in the absence of a vice president)

Responsibilities will include: planning programs for meetings, date times, and locations and initiating a wellness component that will be given to us on Sept 9th, president Elon meeting.

The meeting dates have been set for Oct. 2, Dec. 2, Feb. 22, 2018 and May 17, 2018. Meetings will be at the First Baptist Church, with the exception of the Dec. 2 Holiday Brunch and Auction to be held at Sedgefield Country Club.

Jan. 18, 2018, Board Meeting at the house of Ann Pember, 3412 Kirby Drive, at 5:00 p.m.

Feb. 8, Thursday new member orientation. Leisa Huddleston and Evie Derrickson. Held at 3818 Cole Avenue High Point, 27265

Project: School and Beginning teachers. Deb Paul has two beginning teachers (ESOL and first grade) in mind at Hampton which has a new principal, Dr. Latoya Kennedy. She has agreed for us to come after the school year is underway. The board voted to keep Hampton Elementary and Mary's House as projects.

Focus in each meeting is to engage all members. The programs voice, influence and empower us as educators. "Let's Sparkle".

Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report: Dues are due in October. Elaine is excited she got her first check tonight!

Action Plan Revision—Sheila said that most of the work has been done and Mary Pendergraft would be happy to proof read.

Directory due to regional director by Dec. 15.

U.S. FORUM CONNECTION #164, August, 2017

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PUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM FOUNDATION FUNDING

The Public Broadcasting System Foundation (PBSF) which is funded in large part by the federal government has systematically had its funding cut over the years. There is currently a move to totally eliminate federal funding for PBSF and privatize the system. You may have noticed that your local PBS stations have been spending more and more time on fund raising activities and some popular programs have been eliminated due to funding cuts over the years. PBS provides some of the most educational preschool programs of any system. Additionally many programs are used in classroom instruction. You may want to contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives to inform them of your use of PBS programs for classroom instruction and urge them to continue federal funding of PBS programs. **You can contact your legislators either through the 1-866-327-8670 toll free switchboard or by email clicking on "members" at the top of the initial screen at Congress.gov.** You might want to mention specific programs which you use in classroom instruction.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

The Prescription Drug Monitoring Act of 2017 (S.778) requires any state receiving grant funds as part of the controlled substance prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) to share its data with other states. Any state which does not comply and share its data may have its funds withheld by either the Department of Justice (DOJ) or the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Additionally the Department of Justice is charged with maintaining an easily accessible information database.

PROPOSED EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHANGES

The new Secretary of Education is proposing a 9.2% (\$13.5 billion) cut for the Department of Education. This would eliminate \$2 billion for teacher training and Title II and \$1.1 billion for after school and enrichment programs. She is advocating for a 50% increase for federally funded charter schools. 1) This would reduce enforcement of antidiscrimination laws. 2) If schools are not federally funded they are not subject to Title IX rules. [Title IX is effective because it withholds federal funding from institutions which are not in compliance.] 3) Because special needs students are more expensive to educate due to the smaller class size and additional expense needed for them, nonpublic schools are not inclined to admit these students which increase the per student cost leaving them in the public education system with no increase in the per student funding. 4) Another downside of charter schools is that they allow more unlicensed teachers in the classroom along with reduced oversight by state agencies. 5) Finally, if large numbers of teachers leave the state-funded system, state retirement programs will be negatively impacted as fewer teachers pay into the state retirement system.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR (NLS) SCHEDULED

The National Legislative Seminar will be held in Washington, DC March 18-21, 2018. The registration form can be found at [nls_registration_2018_updated.pdf](#).

FREE RESOURCES

There are a number of free resources designed to help teachers cope with a variety of education topics. Lessons about Labor Day can be found at <http://www.labor-studies.org/featured-resources/labor-history-lesson-plans>. Blue Apprentice Elementary Science game is aimed at students in grades 1-6. It can be accessed at <https://goo.gl/xBFyWP>

Teaching Tolerance offers some free classroom materials and website access along with an accompanying free webinar. Links can be found at <http://www.tolerance.org/>.

FORUM FACEBOOK PAGE LINK

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

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