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Happy New Year! Full Speed



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President's Message



Dear Sisters,

I bought a new car in November. It is bright red, and it is like driving a computer. It is different from any other car that I have ever owned—not because it is an SUV; I like SUV's. But starting the engine was a mystery to me. You have to have the key in your purse or car, after you have punched the button on the door to get in, and step on the brake and press a button to turn on the ignition. Are you beginning to get it? I even had trouble turning on my radio and operating my navigation system. My son had given me good instructions, but I was totally overwhelmed with everything new. Locking the car was a matter of punching that same button on the door and being sure I had the key on my person if I ever hoped to get in again. I had all of the newest safety features, but nothing was working. I drove to the dealership here in Greensboro to see about the icon on the dash that indicated I needed service. Everything was fine, and they told me that I had turned off the button that activates the safety features. Now why do you ask, didn't I read it in the manual? Well the manual covered several models of my crossover vehicle. So, I just kept on driving and pushing buttons to get me to where I needed to be. Its stronger lights give me the ability to drive at night again. Liberating! Also, I can park this car more easily and pull in straighter without its looking like I abandoned the car. All in all, I'm very happy with this car.

But what does this have to do with Beta Delta? When I began my presidency, I was as terrified of this job as I was facing the computer car. But with digging and lots of help from many of you, we have made it through the first half of our year. If you would dig into the opportunities that Delta Kappa Gamma offers you, you would see that scholarships are available for you to go on to graduate school, or to go to conferences you want to attend, or to provide projects you want for your classroom or school. Like me with my car, you should just keep pushing buttons, reading your emails, and push to be as involved as you can in Beta Delta. Who knows? It may be liberating for you, too.

Dr. Ann Pember

President, Beta Delta (2016-2018)

Member News!

Rinda Estes writes that her latest news is a family trip! Last winter after the holidays our family made a decision that for Christmas 2016 instead of exchanging gifts that it would be fun to go some where warm.....like Florida! So the planning started and on Dec. 9th of this year we packed up and hit the road for Orlando or at least that's what I thought! I was the first to drive leaving N.C. as we drove through the night, but when it was my turn to sleep I woke up in Ft. Lauderdale Florida. From there we boarded a cruise ship for an 8 night trip to the Caribbean. Warm weather it was! Our ports of call were Haiti, Puerto Rico, St. Kitts, and St. Maarten. What a great surprise that will have a life time of family memories.

Melissa Harrelson shares that she is actually too swamped to write much of anything because she is in the middle of testing! She is an Assessment Coordinator for NAEP (National Assessment of Education Progress), known as "The Nation's Report Card". Guilford County Schools are involved this year. She is testing in 20 schools, elementary and middle. She has a team of 4 Assessment Administrators that help with the testing on site. She now carries 3 cases (47 lbs each) of 9 Surface Pro Tablets to each school for testing. In addition, there is still one class session tested with paper and pencil. She sounds like she is staying busy and getting her exercise also!

Happy Birthday to You !!

January

Vandy Chhum (9th)
Melissa Harrelson (13th)
Sharon Page (19th)
Sheila Groves (21st)
Deb Paul (26th)
Diane Howdeshell (30th)

February

Cathy Wallen (2nd)
Evie Derrickson (7th)
Ann P. Pember (10th)
Mary Pendergraft (14th)
Anne Houseman (19th)



March

Claire Driscoll (3rd)
Tamra Miller (5th)
Jane Tucker Mitchell (5th)
Jennifer Kunka (8th)
Leisa Huddleston (11th)
Mary Lynn Redmond (15th)
Marcia Payne Wooten (15th)
Cynthia Vaughn (20th)

Note about the February 20th Meeting

Originally, the meeting was planned with Tammy Miller as our program and members were invited to bring their children or grandchildren to view her puppet show. Due to a misunderstanding, Tammy will still provide our program but its target audience is adults, not children. It was a great idea, so we will try again.

International Web Site:
www.dkg.org

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

Important Dates

Beta Delta Meetings, Seminars and Conventions

February 20, 2017 (Monday) - 5:00 p.m.

Beta Delta Quarterly Chapter Meeting

Program by Tammy Miller, for adults only, not children as previously announced.

First Baptist Church
1000 West Friendly Avenue
Greensboro, NC 27403

March 9, 2017 - 4:30 p.m.

Greensboro DKG Joint Chapter Initiation Practice

First Baptist Church
1000 West Friendly Avenue
Greensboro, NC 27403

April 6, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

**Beta Delta Pre-Initiation Dinner at 5:00 p.m. at Lucky 32
Greensboro DKG Joint Chapter Initiations**

First Baptist Church
1000 West Friendly Avenue
Greensboro, NC 27403

April 28 - 30, 2017 (Friday - Sunday)

Eta State Convention

Hilton Wilmington Riverside
Wilmington, NC (Region IV)

June 23-25, 2017 (Friday - Sunday) See page _ for more details

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

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

Going to the Eta State Convention in Wilmington in April?

It turns out that the DKG block of rooms at the Wilmington Hilton is full. The overflow hotel at the Towne Place Suites Wilmington-Wrightsville Beach is offering DKG members rooms for \$119 plus taxes. The hotel offers free parking, WiFi and Breakfast. Rooms have either two queen beds or a queen bed and a sofa and must be booked by March 27. The hotel is located at 305 Eastwood Road in Wilmington. The number is 910-332-3326.

Tech Tip!!

Eta State has a Facebook site and Beta Delta has a "presence" on that site as of late with several postings. Simply type in the search box at the top of the FB page:

Eta State, The Delta Kappa Gamma International

If you type anything else, a lot of other sites will come up as choices. This is the site for the state organization. Happy booking!

Member News!!!

Beta Delta Executive Board Meeting Minutes, February 1, 2017

Welcome and Call the meeting to order - Ann Pember opened the meeting and called us to order.

Record of attendance - Claire Driscoll, Sheila Groves, Alice Hill, Leisa Huddleston, Jenn Kunka, Donna Ray, Ann Pember, Mary Pendergraft, Mary Sharpe, Evie Derrickson, Elaine McRae, Sharon Page, Deb Paul, Marcia Payne Wooten

Report on Membership - Elaine McRae reported that Lois Edinger was recuperating from a fall and broken bones.

2016-2017 Recognition of Chapter Achievement - Ann Pember reminded us that the Eta State North Carolina Website has a digital copy of the Chapter Achievement forms and that each committee chair should be tracking their progress towards the goal of recognition.

Minutes of December Meeting - The minutes were read and approved with one correction on the date for members dropped. It should be 10/31/2016, not 2017.

Treasurer's Report - Elaine McRae reported that she sent contributions in memory of Sue Faulk Field (\$25) and in honor of Sheila Groves (\$75.00) to the North Carolina Educational Foundation of Eta State DKG. A motion made to give \$25 to educational Foundation whenever a member passes away; it was seconded and approved. The Chapter Membership currently stands at 58. The gross profit from Brunch was \$2732. The net was \$1,887.47

Finance Committee Report - Donna Ray reported that the financial books of the chapter are in order.

Directory - Jenn Kunka reported that the directory has been revised and is online as of December 15th, 2016. Hard copies will be printed for the members who do not have email. Marcia will have them printed and Elaine will distribute.

Membership - Leisa Huddleston reported that there will be a new member Orientation on February 9th, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Evie Derrickson. Leisa has extended invitations to six of the guests and their sponsors for the Orientation. Ann will present the pamphlet and Elaine will do the slide presentation.

Prospective Members - The prospective members are: Zoe Dillard, Rose Griffin, Judy Palmer, Elizabeth Potts and Katie Tuttle. Myra Aderholdt has transferred her membership from High Point's Beta Xi chapter.

Scholarships - Mary Pendergraft reported that there is one applications for the Shaw Lewis Scholarship, but there are no applicants for the Anna Joyce Reardon Scholarship for members.

Beginning Teacher's Project - Deb Paul from Hampton Elementary reported that the goodies from the Christmas brunch were donated to the school and the teachers were very appreciative. The school can still use volunteers so you may sign-up to be GCS volunteer on GCS website www.gcsvolunteers.com Please keep up with your hours for the chapter achievement recognition.

World Fellowship Holiday Brunch - Sharon Page reported that the Holiday Brunch at Sedgefield Country Club is scheduled for December 2nd, 2017. Feedback from members includes reducing the time spent on the "vocal" auction and that an auctioneer should be appointed for each table.

Awards - Alice Hill reported that the Founders Award Package for our nominee has been signed, sealed and delivered. She also proposed a list of "milestone" members, that will be awarded at the May meeting.

Beta Delta Chapter Rules - Sheila Groves reported that our Action Plan is "up to date and good to go".

Nominations - Mary Sharpe reported that Beta Delta is still in need of a vice president and that the Executive Board is assuming duties of the Educational Excellence Committee.

Communication and Publicity - Marcia Wooten reminded everyone that news for the newsletter can be snail-mailed or emailed to her and that receiving personal and professional news helps her to complete the rubric for Newsletter Excellence.

Initiation - Claire Driscoll provided information about the joint initiation ceremony of the 4 Greensboro chapters. There will be

And More Member News!!!

initiation practice March 9th, 2017 at 4:30pm at First Baptist Church and the actual Initiation will be April 6th, 2017 at 7:00pm at the First Baptist Church. There will be a pre-initiation dinner at Lucky 32 at 5:00pm

US Forum/Educational Law - Diane Howdeshell -Ann Pember reported an update in Diane's absence. Let the minutes show that Diane has done an exceptional job of keeping the membership informed about policies and legislative updates.

New Business: - Sheila Groves reminded us again of our DKG internet resources. The sources for information include: <http://www.dkg.org> and <http://www.ncdkg.org>

Reserve members - Volunteers are needed to copy and deliver newsletters to the following members who do not have access to email: Shirley Harris, Hazel Perritt, Helen Allen, Anne Houseman, Betty McNairy, Isabelle Powell. Elaine McRae already delivers to Lois Edinger and Helen Medlin. Melissa Harrelson delivers to Mary Tom Hoffer.

Next Meeting

February 9, 2017 Orientation at 5:00pm at
 Monday, February 20, 2017 at 5:00pm
 First Baptist Church

Adjournment – at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Payne Wooten (for Dori Caligiure)

Message from Eta State President

Something to think about:



Happy New Year! It's time to put the old year behind us and celebrate a new year of possibilities. It's time to make new resolutions...or maybe not. My list of 2017 resolutions looks just like 2016: eat healthier, exercise more, get organized, and learn to use my iphone. I truly wanted to do all of those things, so what happened? I had the best of intentions, put lots of thought into it, read and researched, made To-Do lists, but didn't check off even one of those 2016 resolutions. What kept me from realizing my goals? I think I found the answer while reading a recent reflection by Mary Anne Perrone entitled 2017 New Year's Revolution For All: No Longer Waiting. Now I have only one resolution for 2017 – lose “wait”!

- I'm not going to wait until I have time; I'm going to make time now.
- I'm not going to wait for someone to ask me to get involved; I'm going to volunteer.
- I'm not going to wait until I know it all; I'm going to learn on the job.
- I'm not going to wait for every “i” to be dotted and every “t” crossed; I'm going to take a risk.
- I'm not going to wait for acknowledgement; I'm going to celebrate my strengths.
- I'm not going to wait and be paralyzed by indecision; I'm going to take action!

If we wait for the time to be right, the outcome to be ensured, the path to be clear, and the response to be guaranteed, we miss the adventure of the journey! Will there be mistakes along the way? Sure, but those missteps provide opportunities to learn and grow. I'm excited about my resolution for 2017. Will you lose “wait” with me this year?

Sheila

U.S. FORUM CONNECTION #157, January 2017

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SUPREME COURT & AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT

When sixth grader Ehlana Fry who suffers from cerebral palsy entered kindergarten in 2009, the school district (Napoleon Community Schools) denied her the ability to bring her service dog into the school. The district ruled that an adult could perform the tasks with which the dog helped her. The dog which was trained to open doors and pick up items, among other things, was designed to give her a measure of independence so she would not have to rely on others to help. The family is seeking monetary damages from the school rather than pursuing a lengthy administrative remedy process. Although the school eventually allowed her to bring the dog to school after two and a half years, they placed so many restrictions on the dog that Ehlana's parents decided to home school her. The family later located a school which allowed her to have the dog at the school. At issue is whether the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) which would allow the dog to accompany her to school or whether the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which would allow the family to sue the school would take precedence. A ruling on the matter is expected later this year.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

A generic version of the EpiPen has recently become available. Since this is the delivery system rather than the drug, this gets around patent protection.

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>

Member News!!!!

A Leadership Launch!

From June 23-25, 2017 there will be a Leadership Development Seminar at Caraway Conference Center, 4756 Caraway Mountain Road, Sophia, NC, which is near Asheboro. The registration fee is \$60.00, which includes accommodations for 2 nights with linens provided, 5 meals and daily snacks. The seminar is limited to 30 participants and there will be an additional \$15.00 skills assessment fee that will be required and paid online prior to attending. The theme of the Seminar is entitled "Igniting Your View of Leadership" and will address questions such as "Who are we? What is our purpose? Where do we need to go? What principles will we embrace along our path?"

The registration form is available on the Forms page of the Eta State NC website. The website address is <http://www.ncdkg.org/forms.html>

Deadline for registration and payment is May 1.

**Our Eta State President Out and About at Work**

Debra Clayton, President of Gamma Chi, is pictured with **Sheila** during the December 1st Gamma Chi meeting in Norlina. And where is Norlina? It is an hour northeast of Durham, past the towns of Butner, Oxford and Henderson, up near the Virginia border.

Elaine McRae has accompanied Sheila on some of her work trips and is shown here helping out with an interactive game that Sheila shared with the Gamma Chi members.



Member News!!!!

December Brunch and Auction

A wonderful time was had by all. To the right are **Mary Lynn Redmond, Jane Mitchell, Amy Williamsen** and **Alice Hill** enjoying the food and fellowship.



Likewise, enjoying the festivities, to the left are **Mary V. Compton, Vandy Chhum, Rinda Estes** and **Ann Pember.**

And more DKG members and guests (below) taking advantage of the beautiful decorations and ambience of Sedgefield Country Club. Left to right are **Rose Griffin Mosquera, Janis Antonek, Lisa Frissen** and **Liliana Jordakov.**



Then it wouldn't be a DKG meeting without the singing of the DKG song, led by **Janis, Jane, Ann, Alice, Mary V.** and **Mary Lynn.**

Member News!!!!



More December Brunch and Auction!

Deb Paul is pictured with two guests/prospective members **Dawn Potts** on the left, Deb in the center, and **Katie Tuttle** at the right.

More holiday fun with **Kim Pemberton, Jill Moore, Gayle Manahan, Mary Pendergraft** (back row) and **Evie Derrickson, Leisa Huddleston, and Zoe Dillard**.



Back row left to right: **Cathy Wallen**, new transfer member **Myra Aderholdt, Sharon Page**, and **Angie Jarosz**, Sharon's daughter.

Front row: **Donna Ray, Elaine McRae** and special guest **Mary Beth Dailey**, Region VII Director.

Member News!!!!

New Member Orientation

The orientation was held on February 9, at the home of **Evie Derrickson**. Attending were the following Beta Delta members who helped with the snacks, presentation and dinner: **Gayle Manahan, Evie Derrickson, Elaine McRae, Leisa Huddleston, Ann Pember, Deb Paul, Melissa Harrelson, Cathy Wallen, Claire Driscoll and Liliana Jordanov.....**and Evie's new puppy, Tillie! Well, Tillie is not a member yet!

Prospective members attending were **Zoe Dillard, Lisa Frissen, Judy Palmer, Dawn Potts, and Katie Tuttle.**

Not the least of the activities was a surprise birthday cake for **Ann Pember**, whose birthday is February 10. See below for the recipe for the delicious, hot chicken salad that was served.



Evie Derrickson's Hot Chicken Salad

Hot Chicken Salad: Serves 8

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| - 4 Cups cut up cooked chicken | TOPPING: |
| - 2 Tbsp. lemon juice | 2/3 cup sliced almonds |
| - 3/4 cup mayonnaise | 1 cup grated sharp cheese |
| - 2 pimentos chopped fine or 1 small jar of diced | 1 1/2 cups panko bread crumbs |
| - 1 tsp salt | |
| - 1 Tbsp. onion chopped fine | |
| - 2 cups chopped celery | |
| - 4 hard cooked eggs sliced | |
| - 3/4 Cup cream of chicken soup | |

COMBINE all ingredients (except topping ingredients) and put in a large rectangular dish.

Top with cheese, then almonds and then bread crumbs. Let sit overnight in the refrigerator. Bake 400 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes.