Gamma Epsilon Expressions

*The newsletter of the Gamma epsilon chapter of the delta kappa gamma society international Eta state, north Carolina, region II, jones county*

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# President’s message



**Upcoming**

**Chapter Events**

DKG Meeting:

Thursday, December 6 at 4:30 at Pollocksville Elementary School.

**Upcoming**

**ETA State Events**

**May 3 – May 5 Eta State Convention in Hickory, Region X at the Crown Plaza**

June 27 – June 29

International Conference, Crowne Plaza, Asheville.

\*\*Remember ALL sisters are asked to RSVP whether or not you will be attending the meetings. Please call Emily Andrews at (252) 521-3934 or email her at esandrews0603@yahoo.com

President of DKG Society International Carolyn Pittman’s theme for this biennium

*“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.”*

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Gamma Epsilon Sisters,

 Welcome! Hopefully you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to spend some time with friends and family. These past few months have been very trying and difficult for some of us as we recover and return to some sense of normalcy from the hurricane. However, I know that we all will prevail through this time because we are ENC and DKG STRONG!

 The next focus for our chapter will be on our Reverse Drawing Fundraiser. This year we will continue to have it at the Jones County Civic Center on March 2, 2019 at 6:00 pm. The Executive Board decided that tickets would be $25.00 per person, which includes 1 meal. We will discuss this matter in more detail at our December meeting.

 Don’t forget to continue with our theme of SPARKLE by tracking your steps and drinking your water so that you can SPARKLE both inside and out. During this time of sparkle and shine let us not forget that the holidays are not only a time to decorate and shop, but also a time to remember that the season is a time for giving. We are a society of professional educators both current and retired. We will continue to SPARKLE through our words and actions and as we take this time to visit with family and friends that we not forget the reason for the season. I hope that even though we have had some hardships this year, we are still fortunate to have support of friends and family. Enjoy your celebrations this holiday season and be safe! I hope to see you all on December 6th at our next meeting.

Sincerely,

Jackie Lanier

Gamma Epsilon President

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Remember our next meeting location has been changed to Pollocksville Elementary School. We will meet at 4:15 for refreshments and fellowship and 4:30 our chapter business will begin. Don't forget your $5 ornament for the ornament exchange and refreshment hostesses’ for this meeting will be Maysville Elementary and Jones Middle.

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## **Eta State Updates and Information**

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 ***Say Cheese!***

The planning committee for the 2019 International Conference in Asheville is looking for someone to take the traditional photographs of each state group attending the event, July 27 – July 29. If you or someone you know is interested contact Sheila Groves, committee chair, at svgeta97@gmail.com or Tobey Worthington, volunteer chair, at tobeyv8@aol.com

**Scholarships**

Eta State NC Scholarships for doctoral and master’s degree candidates are available on the *forms page.* Look for the “2019 State Scholarship Applications” and the applicable forms. Both are due by**February 1, 2019**

***State Treasurer***

Applications are open for Eta State NC Treasurer until January 16, 2019. A job description and application form are available on the Forms page of the Eta State NC website and should be emailed to Carolyn Lane, chair of the Personnel Committee at clane44@ec.rr.com.

All updates submitted from Eta Data Newsletter

**Mission Statement**

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



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**Year-End Giving Options Available for the Educational Foundation**

As the end of 2018 approaches, members may be looking for places to make tax-deductible donations. The Educational Foundation works hard to offer grants to our state’s classroom teachers and our chapters.

The Educational Foundation website makes donating easy. Payment options are PayPal accounts, Visa, MasterCard or American Express or check should be made out to NCDKGEF and mailed to Treasurer Betty Marshall, 6212 Dresden Lane, Raleigh, NC 27612.

All of the donations made to the Foundation are approved by the IRS as the Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

**DKG Website Password Rule**

The DKG website [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) has a new password requirement for the member side. The rotator directs you to click on “sign in” page then “forgot password” to reset it with the following guidelines:

\* At least 7 characters long

\* Contains at least 1 number

Order your official DKG pin online at

<https://acgreek.com/greek/home.php>

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International Website

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

Eta State Website

[www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org" \t "_blank)

**December 6 :** Meeting at Pollocksville Elementary School at 4:30 – Member ornament Exchange ($5 limit)

**January :** Fundraiser ticket pick up – more information TBA

**February 5:** Meeting at Jones Senior High Media Center at 4:30 – Fundraiser assignments etc.

**March 2:** Reverse Drawing Fundraiser at Jones County Civic Center. Dinner @6:00 Drawing begins @7:00

**April 13: Saturday meeting at 10:00** vote on new members and recap of fundraiser. Orientation for “perspective” members will be scheduled for late April.

**May 3 – May 5** Eta State Convention at the Crowne Plaza Hickory, NC.

**May 7:** Initiation of new members and officers *at**Trenton United Methodist Church;* meeting at 5:30 followed by dinner.

*If you have any stories or items to contribute to the newsletter, please send me an email or call. Any member news is greatly appreciated.*

**2017 – 2018 Gamma Epsilon Calendar of Events**

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***Other News***

***New Design for Online DKG News:***

As shared in the last newsletter, the DKG News has a new look online look. It is only available online in either a *pdf* or a *flipbook* version. Members must be logged into see it.

***Remember to track you activity and water:***

Our *Wellness Projects* include tracking our steps again this year, and our intake of water. Being active helps to relieve stress. This time of year is hectic for everyone and stress from personal and professional aspects of your life can become overwhelming. Take time for yourself to go for a walk or call a friend and walk together to help motivate and catch up.

***Hotel Registration for Eta State NC Convention:***

The Eta State Convention for 2019 is in Hickory May 3 – May 5. Hotel registration is now open, and the workshop session proposal form and the convention ad form are available online. Hotel reservation can be made by calling the Crowne Plaza Hickory at 828-323-1000. Members should identify themselves as part of the Delta Kappa Gamma group for the grate of $95 plus tax or $129 for suites, if available.

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