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 Gamma Epsilon Expressions

# President’s message



**Upcoming**

**Chapter Events**

DKG Meeting:

Tuesday, January 17 at 4:00 for social time & refreshments and 4:30 for business. We will meet in the Jones Middle School Media Center.

**Upcoming**

**ETA State Events**

**April 28-30 Eta State Convention in Wilmington at the Hilton Wilmington-Riverside**

July 19 – 22 Southeast Regional Conference at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center in South Carolina.

\*\*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,

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to 2017 being one of the best years for Gamma Epsilon.

Gamma Epsilon has an exciting scholarship fundraiser planned for March 11, 2017. We will be holding our 1st Dinner and Entertainment Scholarship Fundraiser. The fundraiser will be held at the Lenoir County Shrine Club. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm followed by entertainment at 7:00 pm. I am excited to announce that CMT Artist Bryan Mayer will be providing the entertainment. The cost of tickets will be $25. Tickets will be available at our next meeting, January 17, 2017. The Executive Board is encouraging all members to help in selling tickets. If we all work together, we can make this a successful scholarship fundraiser. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Also, it is that time of year to begin thinking about potential new members. Criteria for membership will be discussed during our January meeting. Please think of women who would be a great asset to our chapter. Any new members will be voted on in April.

At our December meeting, the members in attendance voted on a *quorum* for our chapter. A quorum is the number of members that must be present in order to carry out business that requires membership vote. It is our hope that we have large attendance at our meetings. Please remember you need to RSVP to Emily, if you are attending or not, as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our January 17, 2017 meeting at Jones Middle School Media Center. Social time will be from 4:00-4:30 with the business meeting beginning promptly at 4:30 pm. Pollocksville and Maysville Elementary teachers will provide refreshments.

 Sincerely,

Michelle Basden

Gamma Epsilon President

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Registration is open for the Eta State Convention in April. Registration forms can be found on the Eta State web site at

[www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org) hotel information is located on page 2 under the *“Wilmington Awaits”* headline.

Applications for the Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional Development—Individual will be due Feb. 1, 2017. This money can be used for conferences, seminars, national certifications, renewals, or any non-degree seeking programs. Learn more on the DKG Educational Foundation website.

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## **Eta State Updates and Information**

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 **Foundation Grants**

The NC DKG Educational Foundation thanks all who applied for grants this cycle—it was a hard decision—and congratulates the following Eta State NC members on receiving grants to fund their professional development or learning and literacy projects:

 \_***Leslie Baldwin (Zeta)*** Continuing Ed. Southern Conference on Language Teaching: Attend and present at SCOLT conference in Orlando, FL, in March 2017; conference focuses on foreign languages in elementary, middle, and high school. ***Andrea Byers (Delta Chi)*** Learning/Literacy Innovation for Students - Legos & Robots...Oh My!: Lego kit to build robots to help students work together and think critically about how to get the robot to move and how to build designs that match given criteria. ***Mary Beth Dailey (Beta Omicron)*** Learning/Literacy A Is for Artifact: A facilitated artifact-based program focusing on letter recognition and vocabulary building for three- to five-year children in collaboration with the High Point Museum. ***Kennan Eaddy (Delta Sigma)*** Continuing Ed. PESI - Behavioral Health: Seminar will teach developmentally appropriate mindfulness tools that can be immediately integrated into daily curriculum. ***Angela Kern (Alpha Upsilon)*** Learning/Literacy That's Presidential: Around January 20, 2017, 15 teacher candidates from Pfeiffer University will collaborate with East Albemarle Elementary School dressed as various past Presidents, leading the students to read a prescribed book, create a foldable of the book, write a letter to the new President and share their hope for the future. ***Teresa Shadoin (Alpha Gamma)*** Learning/Literacy Coming to the Neighborhood Near You: Pre-school school children not enrolled in a pre-k program will have access to a traveling bus, SCOTTIE, for early intervention for literacy and learning; grant will provide appropriate materials for bus.

 Proposal Forms are posted on the Foundation website at <http://www.ncdkgef.org> under the “grants” tab.

**Mission Statement**

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



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## http://www.ncdkg.org/esn-editor-position.html

## ***Wilmington Awaits!***

The Eta State Convention is taking shape! Proposals are due soon and the hotel is filling up! **Make your plans to attend April 28 – April 30.**

The Hilton Wilmington Riverside Hotel will be the site of the convention. Make your rook reservations at [**http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/I/ILMNCHF-DKG-20170427/index.jhtml?WT.mc\_id=POG**](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/I/ILMNCHF-DKG-20170427/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

**Buy a Brick, Pave the Way**

The “Pave the Way for DKG Memories” project to raise funds for Headquarters continues. Bricks may be engraved with up to three lines of 18 characters each. The cost per brick is $125.

Forms can be found on the Eta State NC website under the “Forms” tab. Mail completed forms and payments to Eta State NC Treasurer Ruth Jones at 3607 Wyneston Road, Greenville, NC 27858.

**Other Foundation News**

Applications for the *Eta State News Editor position* are due by January 15. More information and the job description are available online at:

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

Eta State Website

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**January 17 at 4:30:** Discuss fundraiser assignments/arrangements and distribute new member nomination forms. Refreshments provided by PES & MES staff.

**March 11: Fundraiser** at Lenoir County Shrine Club. Catered dinner and acoustic performance. Doors open at 5:30 dinner at 6:00.

**April 1: Saturday meeting TBD** vote on new members and recap of fundraiser. Orientation will be scheduled for late April. Refreshments provided by the Membership Committee.

**April: TBD** Orientation Tea

**May 16:** Initiation of new members *at**Trenton United Methodist Church;* dinner catered by Vel & Mel.

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***Stay Connected***

*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.*

**2016 – 2017 Gamma Epsilon Calendar of Events**

***Travel Abroad with DKG***

It’s not too late to sign up to join other DKG sisters on a trip to Lisbon, Seville, Madrid & the Basque Country this summer.

Your tour, leaving Friday, June 2, 2017 would include:

* 11nights in hand picked hotels\_
* Breakfast daily, 5 three-course dinners with beer or wine, 1 olive oil tasting, 1 wine tasting
* Multilingual Tour Director
* Private deluxe motor coach
* Guided sightseeing and select entrance fees\_

Highlights of the tour include: Remembering the Age of Exploration in Lisbon, the bulls, horses and tapas of An-dalusia, Mosaics and Moorish masterpieces in Seville, the extensive collection at Ma-drid’s Prado Museum, Bilbao’s Gehry-designed modern art museum, and Pintxos in San Sebastian, a new culinary capital.

For more information contact Phyllis Hickey at DKG Headquarters at phyllish@dkg.org.

***Post-Election ELP Update***

Delta Kappa Gamma’s federal voice is the US Forum. Eta State members wishing to subscribe to the Forum’s FREE newsletter should send a request to the editor Angela O. Bedenbaugh at Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com. On the state level your EL&P Committee will carefully monitor events in North Carolina and share issues with the membership through its Chapter Contacts and via *Eta Data* and *Eta State News.* To personally follow issues under consideration in Raleigh there are several good sources of information: NC Association of School Administrators (NCASA.org), Public Schools First NC (Publicschoolsfirstnc.org), Raleigh’s *The News & Observer* (<http://www.newsobserver.com/>).

Now that everyone knows who their NC House and Senate representatives are, this is the best time to contact those individuals to begin a dialogue for the coming long session of the NC General Assembly which starts in late January. Once lawmakers go to Raleigh for the session, it is difficult to find times to meet with them due to many committee meetings. Therefore, it is best to contact them back at home between now and the end of January. Eta State’s White Paper on Legislative Issues can be found at our new website (www.ncdkg.org) and click on Leadership, Committees, Educational Law & Policy.

Let us all remain vigilant as the coming year proceeds. Public Education needs our support right now.

*From Eta Data Newsletter December 15, 2016*

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