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

 Gamma Epsilon Expressions

# President’s message



**Upcoming**

**Chapter Events**

DKG Meeting:

Thursday, May 7 at Trenton United Methodist Church at 5:30 with dinner to follow.

**Upcoming**

**ETA State Events**

**April 24 – 26, 2015 Eta State Convention**

**Chapel Hill**

July 15 – 18 Southeast Regional Conference, Westin Harbor Resort, Savannah GA.

\*\*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

Motto of out new NC ETA State President Patricia Taylor. . .

“Together, we are stronger-committing, collaborative, celebrating!”

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Dear Gamma Epsilon Sisters,

Congrats on finishing another year of teaching! As testing ends and packing your room begins, be proud of your hard work, determination, and commitment this school year. I hope you all have a relaxing summer; you deserve it! I would like to congratulate our Jones County DKG chapter Gamma Epsilon for receiving three awards at the Eta State Annual Convention: Chapter Achievement Award-level Distinctive, Newsletter Excellence Award, and Website Excellence Award! Here is a recap of the convention: The theme for the Eta State Annual Convention 2015 was “Dare to Lead”. The Mayor of Chapel Hill The Honorable Mark Kleinschmidt read a Proclamation that in the town of Chapel Hill April 25, 2015 to be Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma Day. Numerous awards were given out and our chapter was well represented! During the General Membership meeting two items of importance to all members: First, on dkg.org there is now a database registration for regional conventions and a membership portal to update your email, phone number, address; you log in by using your six number ID number on your DKG ID card (Bea gives you a card each Fall after you have paid your dues). This ID number is also above your name on your DKG News you receive in the mail. The password is given to each Chapter President. Secondly, they reminded members of our Regional Conference in Savannah, GA July 15-18th. If you would like to register, please email me and I will email you the password. New Eta State officers were installed and our new Eta State President is Shelia Groves, Beta Delta. The 2015 Founders Award was presented to Dr. June St. Clair Atkinson.

Jamie Waller

**The 100 Challenge**

***Pay it Forward***

*From Eta State Data News*

All 11 state regions have recorded pledges. The early February count is 480 pledges, $7,565 promised by Eta State members to support future programs, projects, and scholarships. Imagine the difference you can make when your $10 pledge is combined with others from across the state. The Foundation challenges all NC members to show your passions and support for the professional and personal development of women educators and excellence in education.

***Pledges received before March 15 will be recognized at the state convention.***



## **Eta State Updates and Information**

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**Hyatt Place Durham Southpoint**

***Convention Overflow Hotel Arrangements***

Our block of rooms at the Sheraton Chapel Hill for the Eta State Convention is filled! We are using **all** of their double rooms and most of the kings—they have to hold a few kings in reserve—so alternate arrangements have been made for attendees who have not made hotel reservations yet.

Eta State Executive Secretary Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon has worked with the staff at the Sheraton to arrange an overflow hotel for us. That hotel is the Hyatt Place Durham Southpoint and the rate is $119 plus usual fees/taxes, the same as we had at the Sheraton. A reservation can be made at the Hyatt by calling 919-688-7800. Ask for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society group block. The cutoff date is April 3. The Hyatt is located two exits away from the Sheraton exit off Highway I- 40 at the popular Streets of Southpoint shopping area.

Dr. Perry-Sheldon asks that if anyone has booked an extra room at the Sheraton which she no longer needs, please release it for others.

**Mission Statement**

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



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 The most recent edition of the Eta State News is a digital and print issue. **This is the LAST issue that will be mailed to members**. This is also the largest issue ever published and includes proposed changes to the Bylaws and the Standing Rules to be voted on at convention. The newsletter from Spring 2015 is available at

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/Communications2members%20page.htm>

Eta President Pat’s Message

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|  *"Everyone is passionate about* *something!"* |
| *Whatever our passions are, it* *seems they are usually part of**who we are and are easy to put**into action to share with others.* |

*Pick a passion and share it! One person’s passion may be another person’s stepping-stone to success! Together, we are stronger!*

*Read all of President Pat’s message at* [*http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/Presidents%20page.htm*](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/Presidents%20page.htm)

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## **LEROY The Leadership Guy**

**From http://leroytheleadershipguy.weebly.com/leroy-graphics.html**





International Website

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

Eta State Website

[www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/)

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 Our Eta State Project for the 2015 Convention is the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. There is a Wish List on the website www.mhc-oxford.org for your convenience.

According to the site, “Gift Cards help our Home and lives and care of the children. Increments of any amount are welcome and encouraged.”

If your chapter has NOT already made decisions about donations, the Convention Arrangements Committee respectfully suggests that gift cards from the establishments below be donated by chapters in the following regions:

Region I McDonalds

**Region II Wendy’s**

Region III Burger King

Region IV Taco Bell

Region V Bojangle’s

Region VI KFC

Other options are Belk, JC Penney, Target or Lowes. Over half of the children are age 13 and over, so providing for the teenage population is the home’s greatest need.

The Convention Arrangements Committee is appreciative of your support of the Eta State 2015 Convention Project!

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**International Convention 2016** Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, TN

July 5-9, 2016

**2015 Convention Project Update**

**For Eta State Convention**

*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.*

***Stay Connected***

**Reminder about Registration for**

**Pre-Conference and Convention**

***Note this registration reminder!*** There are two different registration forms and two separate checks to be sent to two different treasurers. Early bird registration for both ends April 3.

**Convention** April 24-26. Form is online. Make check payable to *Eta State Convention* and mail to:

Dr. Joan East, Convention Treasurer,

315 Purefoy Rd. Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**Pre-Conference** with J o Ann Nor r is, Apr il 24. Form is online. Only seven spaces left! Make check payable to *Eta State* and mail to:

Ruth Jones, Eta State Treasurer,

3607 Wyneston Road, Greenville, NC 27858

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