

GAMMA EPSILON EXPRESSIONS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

December 5 - 5:00
Progressive Dinner
and Meeting

January 7: Meeting at
Jones Middle School
Media Center

UPCOMING ETA STATE CONVENTION

April 25 – 27
Greenville Convention
Center, Greenville,
NC

July 28 – August 1:
International
Convention, JW
Marriott, Indianapolis,
Indiana

****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
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Motto of our new NC
ETA State President
Patricia Taylor. . .

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

Dear Sisters,

There is always excitement this time of year. The weather changes, Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are approaching, shopping, family gatherings, and parties are filling our calendars. During this season, take time to enjoy your family and friends but remember the real reason we celebrate.

We have a lot of activities awaiting us. Our December 5th Meeting will be a Progressive Dinner. There will be more information about this later in the newsletter. Carpooling with other sisters will save gas, parking, and give you an opportunity to fellowship with each other. We will have our Spelling Bee Fundraising meeting in January, with the big event February 6th. We will need ALL members to help with this fundraiser. The State Convention will be held in April at the Greenville Convention Center. Since Region 2 is hosting, our chapter will have assignments

for the convention. I will give you more information at upcoming meetings. Mark your calendar now, as we will need members to participate! And finally, we will wrap up our biennium with installation of new officers and initiation of new members in May. One of our goals this year was to increase participation of members, so please plan to attend these events.

I hope to see all of you
December 5th!!

Janelle Elustrom

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

~Margaret Mead

Remember to bring raffle tickets and money to our December 5 meeting. We will be drawing for the basket raffle at this meeting. All proceeds go to DKG's Schools for Africa project.

Be sure you have connected and continue to connect with the beginning teacher from our opening meeting.

Mission Statement

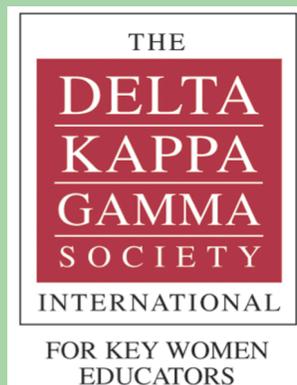
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



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Eta State & International Scholarships Available

Deadline February 1, 2014

Eta State Sponsors \$4,000 scholarships for Doctoral and Sixth-Year graduate study, as well as small scholarship for either Master's level work requiring graduate school enrollment or non-degree activities, such as special projects, research, or certifications.

Those who have been DKG members for two calendar years or more are eligible to apply for Eta State scholarships, Those that have been members for at least

three years can also apply for International Scholarships. Eta State members may apply for both an Eta State and an International Scholarship within a given year.

Scholarship applications forms are available on the link below or on the Scholarship Committee page and must be submitted by February 1, 2014.

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/scholarship.htm>

Progressive Dinner and Meeting December 5

Our December 5th Meeting will be a Progressive Dinner. We will begin with appetizers at the home of Carolyn Lane (128 Hughes Plantation Road, Pollocksville). We will then travel to Carol Hood's home (Hwy 58 N, Trenton) where Carol and Emily will provide a salad and entrée for us. After dinner, we will end our meal with dessert at Bea Harriett's home (663 Old New Bern Road, Trenton). While enjoying our dessert, we will fellowship with Christmas music and conduct our business meeting. If you need directions, please ask a

fellow sister or contact one of the hostesses. Due to time constraints and traveling, each part of the dinner will begin promptly at the following times:

Appetizers –

Carolyn Lane's Home – 5:00 pm

Salad/Dinner –

Carol Hood's Home – 6:00 pm

Dessert/Music/Meeting –

Bea Harriett's' Home – 7:00

It is IMPORTANT that each member RSVP either "Yes" or "No" by call or email to Emily by December 1.

Our hostesses need to have enough food prepared at each stop of our night.

International Website

www.deltakappagamma.net

Eta State Website

www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/

Eta State News and Updates

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.

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EEC News Winter Edition

The latest EEC News, the Educational Excellence Committee newsletter, is now online at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/EECOct2013.pdf>. It lists the goals and committee chairmen, plus highlights the Schools for Africa and Beginning Teacher Support projects, among other things.

Eta State Winter Edition Now Online

The digital-only edition of *Eta State News* is now online at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNWinter2013color.pdf>. The next issue of *Eta State News* will contain convention registration materials, among other news, and will be a print edition. Watch for it in your mailboxes the first week of February, 2014 and online around the first of February. Deadline for submissions for the newsletter is January 10, 2014.

Happy Moments

As we prepare for the holiday season and our December meeting, remember to bring your "*Happy Moments*" to share with the group and to help support World Fellowship at the international level. The World Fellowship Program began in 1946 as a project to aid women in war-torn countries. To date more than 858

women from over 117 countries have received fellowships to enable them to pursue advanced study in the United States and Canada.

Eta State Executive Secretary Vacancy Announcement

An opening for Eta State Executive Secretary will soon be available. In the near future, the duties and responsibilities for this position and an application form will be available on the Eta State website.

Qualifications for Executive Secretary include:

- ❖ Active Society membership in good standing in Eta State
- ❖ Support of the purposes and mission of the Society and knowledge of the Society at all levels
- ❖ Leadership experiences at the state and chapter levels
- ❖ Demonstration of effective interpersonal, communication, and time management skills
- ❖ Quality writing and computer skills and willingness to update these skills as technology advances
- ❖ Willingness and available time to carry out prescribed duties

Keep checking the Eta State website if you are interested in this opportunity.

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*A tribute
to
Sharon
Rouse*



Sharon Harrison Rouse of Trenton, NC passed away suddenly on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at the age of 60. She was born on September 15, 1953 and lived in Jones County most of her life. She was the younger of two daughters of Ray and Maxine Pollock Harrison of Trenton. Sharon married the love of her life, Roy Sterling Rouse, who preceded her in death. Sharon loved her family and her husband's family. She is survived by her father, her sister and brother-in-law, Sonia and Bobby Bourne, and her nieces and their families.

Sharon graduated multiple times from East Carolina University receiving a BS in Business Education followed by two Master's degrees; one in counseling, another in administration. Sharon served the students in the Jones County Public Schools for 32 years at Jones Senior High and Jones Middle. She genuinely loved her career in education and touched the lives of many students.

Sharon grew up in and was a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir and served in many other capacities. Just recently she became a member, along with all of her church family, of Trenton UMC upon the merger of the churches. Sharon demonstrated a positive influence throughout this difficult process.

A major highlight of Sharon's professional life was her initiation into Gamma Epsilon Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on May 6, 2004. Sharon loved being a Gamma Epsilon sister and was loyal and active in her membership. She served on the Scholarship Committee in the capacity of chairman for many years and was in that position upon her death. She worked continuously to improve guidelines and promote the recruitment grant significance in the chapter. At her family's request, memorials in her memory were directed to the Gamma Epsilon Scholarship Fund. Plans are in progress to honor Sharon's memory by identifying the Scholarships that the chapter awards as the "Sharon Harrison Rouse Scholarships".

Sharon participated in many community and service organizations. She was a faithful member of Trenton Chapter #86 Order of the Eastern Star for over 40 years serving as Worthy Matron for two terms and most recently District Deputy Grand Matron of the 4th District.

Sharon was generous with her many gifts. She had a lovely voice, enjoyed sketching and painting, and playing with her poodle, Harry. Sharon loved dragonflies. The dragonfly is a symbol of growth and development. Her life begins in water, but as she matures, she moves to the air yet always stays close to the water. She reaches her strongest physical point during the summer months as she gains optimal strength from the warmth of the sunlight. Her brilliant colors result from reflecting and refracting the radiance of that same LIGHT. Sharon embodied the strength and beauty of the butterfly and used it as a reminder that she was a reflection of the light of God in a darkened world, by letting His Son shine through her. She encouraged us to be like the dragonfly for God. God specifically places His light (The Holy Spirit) in our hearts to teach us, guide us, and to shine through us so that others will be drawn to Him. Sharon encouraged all dear to her to stay close to God, our source of life.