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 Gamma Epsilon Expressions

# President’s message



**Upcoming**

**Chapter Events**

DKG Fundraiser

Saturday, March 11 at door open at 5:30

Next Meeting

April 1, 2017 more information coming.

**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,

I was very pleased with the attendance at our January meeting. I enjoyed seeing members that I had not seen recently. Please encourage members to attend our meetings. During this time we plan projects, conduct chapter business, and fellowship with each other.

I hope everyone is getting excited about our upcoming fundraiser, scheduled for March 11, 2017. We will be hosting our 1st Annual Dinner and Entertainment Scholarship Fundraiser. This event will be held at the Lenoir County Shrine Club. All members are encouraged to participate by selling tickets and assisting the night of the event.

Once you have sold all of your tickets, please turn in the money and ticket stubs to Bea Harriett. She will collect money March 2nd (or you may contact her to make arrangements). I need a final count of tickets sold by March 3rd to ensure enough food will be ordered for the plates.

These members have volunteered for the following jobs:

* Purchase Cake for Dessert – Anne Waller, Donna Morton, Polly Whitehead
* Front Door (to check off names) – Donna Morton, Carol Hood,

Carolyn Lane

* 50/50 Drawing – Polly Whitehead, Beverly Hines, Ann Meadows
* All other members may need to assist, as needed.

 We will meet at the Lenoir County Shrine Club on the day of the fundraiser at 4:30 p.m. If you need directions, please let me know.

 Prospect cards for potential new members are due to Janelle by March 11th. Think of candidates you feel would be an asset to our chapter. Please see someone on the Membership Committee with questions.

 I am looking forward to seeing you at our next business meeting on April 1, 2017. We will review membership criteria and vote on any possible new members. We will also discuss how our new fundraiser turned out so that we can begin planning for next year.

 See all of you March 11th!

 Sincerely,

Michelle Basden

Gamma Epsilon President

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## **Eta State Convention Information**

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 **Convention Project**

Hope Harbor Home is the convention project this year. They provide safe shelter for victims of domestic violence and present awareness sessions in schools. They have provided a variety of items on their wish list, shared on the convention webpage at http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/ 5/80859646/hope\_harbor\_home\_ info\_and\_wish\_list.pdf.



***State Convention Hotel is Now Full!***

**Overflow Hotel Listed**

The TownePlace Suites Wilmington-Wrightsville Beach (a Marriott property) has been announced as the overflow hotel and is offering DKG members rooms for $119 plus taxes. The same price applies to Thursday for those wanting to come early.

The hotel is located at 305 East-wood Road, Wilmington. The number is 910-332-3326.

**REMEMBER** Early bird conference registration is due by April 1. Send registration forms to Connie Marks at

12548 US Hwy 117 S,

Rocky Point, NC 28457

**Mission Statement**

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



**Membership News**

During our last meeting, we discussed criteria to consider when recruiting prospective new members. Statistical information was shared over the past 15 years, with thoughts about moving forward with our goals to sustain current members. If you have someone that you would like to nominate, please complete a “prospect card” and return to the membership committee no later than our March 11th meeting. Prospect cards can be obtained from the membership chair (Janelle) but must be received by the March meeting (fundraiser). We will review membership criteria again and vote on any prospective members at our April 1st meeting.

**Educational Foundation**

**Raffle**

The NC DKG Educational Foundation will again be holding a raffle at the convention to raise funds for more grants and to offer lucky winners awesome prizes. Returning raffle items include the NASCAR package, weekends at a mountain home and a beach retreat, and Biltmore tickets. Among the new items this year will be a winery package, a piece of Ben Owen III pottery and a handmade quilt donated by an Eta State member. Watch for more details and a brochure outlining all of the raffle items soon.

All members are invited to the Second Annual Meeting of the Educational Foundation at the convention. Recent grant winners will share their projects and Foundation leaders will share how all members can support the capital campaign being launched by the Foundation.

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**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.

**International Committee Blogs Provide Support**

International committees provide support and encourage-ment to local chapters in many ways, such as through their pages on the International web-site and sessions at conferences and conven-tions. Many are reaching out beyond that and have created blogs to share news and help.

The Communications and Publicity Committee has a weekly blog, posting help and ideas on promoting DKG. Recent topics include ways to make your social media more graphic, how to stay safe when sharing on the Inter-net, and netiquette reminders. The blog can be found at <http://dkgcommunications2016.blogspot.com/>

The Finance Committee invites you to follow their monthly “DKG Focus on Finance” \_blog. The blog will be filled with interesting topics related to finance in order to help members better understand finances. To access the Finance blog, go to <http://societyoper.blogspot.com>.

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**Get your calendars out for some upcoming dates**

**June 23 -25** Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar

**Just 19-22** Southeast Regional Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC

**April 27 -29, 2018** Eta State NC Convention, Charlotte, NC (Region IV)

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