

# 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



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(from Eta State Data Newsletter)

### Early Convention

#### Registration Encouraged

Eta State members planning to attend the 2016 Eta State Convention in Winston Salem, April 22-24, are encouraged to make your reservations early. Reservation info for the Marriott is on the Eta State website convention page at

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2016Convention.html>

*Want double beds in your room instead of a king bed? You need to make your hotel reservations NOW! Rooms are \$119, single or double, plus taxes. Deadline for the group rate is March 22, and as in the past, rooms will go fast so register early. It speeds the check-in process if you will put all names in the room on the initial registration or update it as soon as you know who is rooming together. The hotel puts bills under the door and room charges can be viewed on the room televisions. This will help speed your checkout.*

*There is a charge for parking in the city deck.*

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Gamma Epsilon Sisters,

Congrats on another successful fundraiser! With it being a very cold night, a location change, and basketball games at the same time as our event the final count after expenses is \$3,224! What an amazing job!! A huge thank you to all of our members that came out Thursday night! I would like to personally thank Janelle Ehnstrom, Bea Harriett, Michelle Basden, Lorin Grimmett, Aileen McKinney, Carolyn Lane, Cathy Waters, and all ladies on the Word Committee!! What a great chapter effort for a great cause! I look forward to seeing everyone on March 19th at 10am at Baker's Square in New Bern. We will be voting on new Gamma Epsilon members and nominating our next set of officers! Thank you again for taking your time to dedicate yourself to our chapters' goals.

Sincerely,  
Jamie Waller  
Gamma Epsilon President

### UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

**DKG Meeting:**  
Saturday, March 19:  
10:00 at Bakers  
Kitchen, downtown  
New Bern. Vote on  
new members &  
officer nominations.

### UPCOMING ETA STATE EVENTS

**April 22 - 24 Eta  
State Convention in  
Region IX Embassy  
Suites/Marriot Hotel,  
Winston Salem**

July 5 – 9  
International  
Convention, Gaylord  
Opryland Resort &  
Convention Center,  
Nashville, TN

**\*\*Remember ALL  
sisters are asked to  
RSVP whether or not  
you will be attending  
the meetings. Please  
call Emily Andrews at  
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President Sheila Groves'  
theme  
"Create the Future  
— Imagine, Inspire,  
Ignite."

**Convention Raffle**  
The NC DKG Educational Foundation will again be holding a raffle at the convention and more items are planned for this year, such as handcrafted and quilted candle mats. Cost for tickets will be \$20 each or three for \$50.

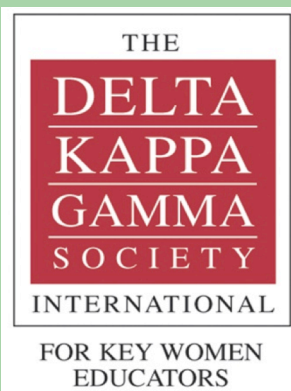
**Mission Statement**

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



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**Eta State Updates and Information**

**Convention Project**

DKG members can help support *Dreams and Kitestrings*, the 2016 convention project. By donating books for school-age children, bookmarks and Barnes & Noble gift cards and making monetary contributions. Checks should be made out to *Dreams and Kitestrings*, an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) tax exempt charity.

**President's Reception**

Remember everyone is invited to network and enjoy fellowship at a President's Reception of light hors d'oeuvres and punch before the Saturday evening banquet. There is no charge for this event, but please indicate if you are attending on the convention registration form. A cash bar will be available.

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**Amendments Proposed to Eta State Standing Rules**

The 2015-2017 Eta State Rules Committee has prepared proposed amendments for each member to study prior to the state convention. The proposed amendments are intended to clarify existing standing rules and ensure alignment with the *International Constitution* and the *Eta State Bylaws*. The 2016 Proposed Changes can be found on the *Eta State* website on the [Rules Page](#). Bring your copy of the Proposed Changes with you to the Eta State Convention. If you have any questions or to discuss changes contact a member of the Rules Committee listed on the Proposed Changes document.

Order your official DKG pin online at <https://acgreek.com/greek/home.php>

**LEROY The Leadership Guy**

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



The Spring Edition of [Eta State News](#) is online.

International Website  
[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)  
 Eta State Website  
[www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/)

## 2015 – 2016 Gamma Epsilon Events & 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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**March 19, 10:00 am:** Vote on new membership & officer nominations  
Hosts: Carolyn Lane Location: Breakfast at Baker's Kitchen in downtown New Bern

**April (TBD):** Orientation for new members

**May 17 5:30:** Initiation of new members  
Hosts: retired teachers  
Location: Pollocksville Baptist Church

### The "buzz" about the fundraiser

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Annual Spelling for Scholarships Adult Spelling Bee!

### 2016 Teams:

Trenton United Methodist Church  
Pollocksville Presbyterian Church  
Pollocksville Baptist Church  
Pollocksville Elementary School  
Trenton Elementary School  
Lenoir Community College - Jones County Unit  
Jones Senior High School  
Jones Middle School  
Maysville Elementary School  
Comfort Elementary School  
Cypress Creek United Methodist Church

### 2016 Spelling Bee Winner:

Cypress Creek United Methodist Church

## Stay Connected

### *NC DKG Educational Foundation Grant Awards*

Four proposals have received the "first ever" grants awarded by the NC DKG Education Foundation! Eleven proposals all worthy of funding were submitted. Thus, the Grants Review Committee had a difficult task to choose only four to receive the \$250 awards. The Foundation hopes to attract even more proposals for the next award cycle – to be announced at the Eta State Convention. Winners are:

- ~ Andrea Byers of Delta Chi – Continuing Education Grant
- ~ Alpha Nu – Penny Nelson, project leader – Learning/Literacy Grant
- ~ Alphi Pi – Vicki Collins, project leader – Learning/Literacy Grant
- ~ Delta Zeta – Barbara Hardy, project leader – Learning/Literacy Grant

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Social Media Information  
Join the conversations on:



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EtaState/>



*Tweets by @Eta\_State*

Gamma Epsilon Website

<http://dkg-gammaepsilon.weebly.com/>