

# 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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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

March 1 - New member  
nominations due to  
committee

March 14 - 4:30  
Meeting at Jones Middle  
School Media Center.

## UPCOMING STATE EVENTS

April 26 - 28  
ETA State Convention,  
University Hilton,  
Charlotte, NC

June 20 - 23  
Leadership Development  
Seminar, William Peace  
University, Raleigh, NC

**Upcoming  
International Events**  
JULY 2014  
INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION  
INDIANAPOLIS,  
INDIANA

**\*\*REMEMBER - ALL  
sisters should RSVP  
whether or not you will be  
attending the upcoming  
meeting. Please call  
Emily Andrews at (252)  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters,

Isn't it ironic how this is the beginning of the calendar year, yet we have almost completed the first year of our biennium in Delta Kappa Gamma? I see this as a time to plan for the future, as we reflect on the past.

Our first annual Spelling Bee Scholarship Fundraiser has been quite the *buzz* throughout the community. People are already planning and preparing for "next year". Although we exceeded our goal, the testimony of our true success is the enthusiasm and excitement within our members, schools, churches, local businesses, and community. Bea will have a complete breakdown of the monies at our March meeting.

It is often scary to try something new. The uncertainty of the outcome often holds us back. This time it paid off and it was all because of our strong, dedicated members. Once again, we have proven that united we can accomplish our goals.

My challenge to you as we simultaneously wind down our year and plan for next year, is to once again unite as a chapter. Our goal is to strengthen Gamma Epsilon. Begin thinking of what goal(s) you feel we need to work toward in the future and be very proud of those that we have

already accomplished.

Penny Dawson, Region 2 Director, will be attending our March 14, 2013 meeting. She is available to help us discuss the creation and implementation of a Strategic Action Plan for our chapter. Penny is a valuable resource to our organization.

I will be attending the Convention in April. I am excited to learn more about Delta Kappa Gamma and how I can better serve you and our chapter. It is a rewarding opportunity for me to represent Gamma Epsilon.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the March meeting. **Thank you for all you do!**

*Janelle Ehustrom*

"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

**March Meeting**  
We look forward to seeing everyone on March 14 at the Jones Middle School Library.

### **Mission Statement**

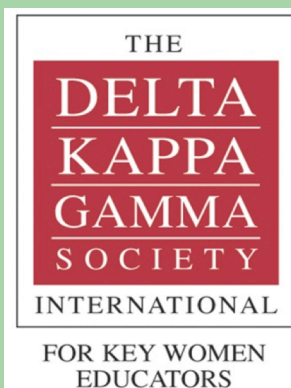
*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*



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## **Membership Committee Update:**

Please consider recommending your colleagues as members of Gamma Epsilon. Nominations are due by Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. You may hand deliver or email them to any of the membership committee members. The committee will then compile the information and prepare ballots for the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Think about those among you who have supported our organization, represent the teaching profession with excellence, and have leadership skills.

We encourage you to think outside the box, as the rules for membership have evolved over the years and eligibility has been extended beyond the regular classroom teacher. Certification or licensure is not required and the chapter decides who is classified as a professional educator. There is no restriction on what or whom a candidate teaches or how long she has been teaching. We are seeking women who *want* to be

members, will enjoy being members and will support the society as a team player at a high level.

We look forward to receiving your recommendations and hope that there will be many. We have a relatively small population to consider but that does not mean that we have to have a small number in our chapter. We have evidence of excellence and talent all around us.

Remember the deadline for nominations is March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have questions or need more forms please call Mary at 252-349-3809. Committee members are Mary Thomas, Eleanor Falls, Polly Whitehead and Elizabeth Jones.

## **GO GREEN ENERGY EFFICIENCY SMARTPHONE APPS**

Did you know that speeding, rapid acceleration and rapid braking can reduce your gas mileage by one-third? To become a more fuel-efficient driver, install [greenMeter](#) and position it as you would a GPS. The app's sensors record your speed and changes in acceleration to tell you if you are driving efficiently.

“Vampire energy” – the electricity consumed by an appliance when it is turned off but plugged in – accounts

for 10% of an average home's electricity use. To calculate how much electricity you may be wasting in each room of your home, check out the [iGo Vampire Power Calculator](#). Keep in mind that the app does not take appliance age or model into account.

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

*If you have any stories or committee items to contribute to the newsletter, please send me an email or call. Any member news is greatly appreciated.*

## Proposed Educational Foundation Offers Tax Exemption for Donors

An Eta State Educational Foundation – classified as a charitable corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code – would offer the advantage of **tax exemption for donations made through the foundation**. Eta State is currently recognized as a tax-exempt organization under the Section 501(c)(6) of the IRS Code, but that exemption does not extend to donors. Having donor tax exemption through the Foundation enhances fund-raising possibilities for Eta State, not only from members who

care deeply about the organization and its mission, but also from non-members of DKG who might financially support state and chapter projects approved through the Foundation. The tax-exempt privilege, however, is governed by strict regulations from State agencies and the IRS. Responsibilities of the Foundation Board will be made clear in future communications through the *News* and Eta State website.

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### **Leadership Development – Eta State ECC News**

The Leadership Development Committee is proud to announce that the upcoming leadership seminar "Leadership for all Ages and Stages" has received a Lucille Cornetet Seminar Award grant. It is the committee's hope that these added funds will reduce the fee for each

participant. Literature and registration materials will be distributed and posted online after Christmas.

From:  
deltakappagamma.org/NC/EducationalExcellenceCommittee.html

### **Shop OneCause - DKG Wins**

At the recent meeting of the Non - Dues Revenue Committee, members were shown how simple it is to go to the Society website at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org), click on *shopping* then, on the word *partnership* and go directly to OneCause. Once there, you sign up to indicate that **Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** is the **cause** you want to support. Then, begin your shopping. You can shop any place

you ordinarily would, such as, Macy's, JC Penny, LL Bean, Office Depot, etc. A certain percentage (from 1-3%) of the amount you spend while shopping will automatically be returned to DKG. It is a win-win for DKG and also, for members who like to avoid traffic and checkout lines. Often shipping is even free.

## First Annual Spelling for Scholarships



### SPELLING BEE WINNER COMFORT ELEMENTARY



*Spelling Bee - Spirit Award Winner Trenton Elementary*



**Spellers from Trenton United Methodist Church**



## Member News

**CONGRATULATIONS to Jimmi Parker** – Principal at Maysville Elementary was named a Top 20 Under 40 by the Kinston Free Press.

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