

# 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

Executive Board Meeting  
- Time and day to be  
announced

## UPCOMING STATE EVENTS

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

Keep in mind the State  
Convention will be held in  
Greenville, NC for 2014.

## 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)  
521-3934 or email her at  
esandrews0603@yahoo.com**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters,

It's hard to believe that the first year of the biennium is over. We have had a great year in Gamma Epsilon. Our Executive Planning Meeting was very productive. At our first business meeting we collected items and put together new teacher bags. What a special way to welcome new teachers into our district. Our annual shopping day not only helped provide money to a family in need, it also allowed us to have fun spending time together as a chapter. Dinner at Captain Ratty's and the Christmas Show at Bear City Opry was fantastic – such Christmas Spirit. Our most successful event was our first annual Spelling for Scholarships Spelling Bee. We took a chance to do something different and it paid off! We raised the most money ever, while uniting our schools, churches, and community. All of this fun and unity for such a good cause – to help recruit young women and assist them in becoming future educators. Penny Dawson, our Regional Director, visited us at our spring meeting and gave us some suggestions on how to set goals for our Chapter Strategic Action Plan. I attended the



Convention in April and learned a great deal that hopefully will help us as we plan for next year. Our chapter was recognized with two awards and I give credit to you and your hard work. And most recently, we initiated three outstanding ladies into our organization. What a way to end the year!! I would like to thank each of you for your dedication, hard work, and assistance this past year. Take some time to relax and enjoy time with your family and friends. I do ask that you reflect on this past year. Think about what has been a success for Gamma Epsilon and what suggestions you may have for us to continue to grow and prosper. We will conduct our Executive Planning Meeting in July. Please continue to check your email for updates. Again, thank you for all you do and I hope to see you soon!

*Janelle Ehunstrom*

“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

### **Mission Statement**

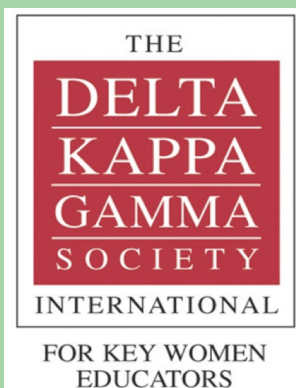
*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*



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### **Membership Committee Update:**

The Membership Committee hosted the three new initiates (members) at an informal, informative gathering on Tuesday, April 23 at Gypsy's Cafe. Gypsy kept her business open late especially for Gamma Epsilon and served delicious cakes with strawberries and cream. It was all-yummy and those of you who did not attend missed a real treat. Six members, Janelle Ehnstrom, Bea Harriett, Carol Hood, Elizabeth Jones, Polly Whitehead, and Mary Thomas joined together to welcome and share information about Delta Kappa Gamma with Beverly Hines, Jacqueline Lanier, and Regina Washington. Some of the things shared were the

mission, vision, and purposes of the Society. Another part of the agenda included the benefits of belonging, some interesting aspects of history and the meaningful, traditional, hard to sing Delta Kappa Song.

Beverly is part of the staff at Comfort Elementary while Jackie and Regina are both part of the staff at Maysville Elementary.

Submitted by Mary Thomas

***Congratulations to  
The following members for  
attending all meetings this year:  
Emily Andrews, Dianne Bell,  
Janelle Ehnstrom, Bea Harriett,  
Susan Haynes, Carol Hood, Sylvia  
Miller, Mary Thomas, Cathy  
Waters, & Polly Whitehead***

### **GO GREEN ENERGY EFFICIENT DISHWASHING**

#### Tips for energy efficient dishwashing:

- Wash only full loads in the dishwasher
- Air-dry dishes (if the option is available)
- Fill the dishwasher according to manufacturer's instructions (allows the machine to clean the dishes properly)
- Use the energy saving cycle whenever possible.
- Check the dishwasher manual for the recommended minimum water temperature. Set your hot water heater according to temperatures needed.
- When hand washing dishes, rinse in groups and don't leave the water running.

Information from Project Energy Savers, [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov), [www.aceee.org](http://www.aceee.org), and [www.ase.org](http://www.ase.org).

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

## ETA State Convention News

This year at the ETA State Convention, Gamma Epsilon was recognized for:

**Chapter Achievement – Distinctive Level Chapter Newsletter Chapter Treasurer Pin Issued by Chris Waters to Say "Thank you" for the work of the recognized chapter treasurers.**

At the convention, the *Eta State News* motion was passed and will continue to follow the time line toward full electronic distribution by 2016. The process for establishing an

Educational Foundation is continuing with board approval.

Eta State's Educational Law & Policy Committee urges you to contact your local legislators and let your voices be heard! At the convention, we were reminded that just because we are educators doesn't mean we can't speak. This is a crucial time with budget cuts in public education. Lynn Ragsdale and Elaine Jenkins are on the floor at the General Assembly Meetings and encourage us to invite legislators to one of our chapter meetings!

*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.*

### ***Don't be left behind in the Electronic Age***

Correspondence via email is the preferred method for most organizations. Eta State is joining the Electronic Age, and we need your help. Please see the following instructions to access the Change of Address Form to enter or change all personal information including your email address. The address information is secure; and will not be sold or distributed to anyone outside the Delta Kappa Gamma

Society International membership. The treasurer is the only one who has access to the ID#'s but each member can find the number on their DKG News address label from International. Please bring your account up-to-date by adding your email address to the international records. Sue Roberts only turns in address changes when asked by a member or when she gets an address from the post office (no emails included.)

### **DKG Jewelry Collection**

Remember to order your Official DKG Membership Pin. They are available thru Award Concepts Inc. online at [www.awardconcepts.net/greek](http://www.awardconcepts.net/greek) be sure to select "Delta Kappa Gamma" for the organization. Bea Harriet also has order forms if you are interested.



Large Official Member Keypin\*



Small Official Member Keypin\*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
 JAMIE WALLER AND HER FAMILY  
 ON THE BIRTH OF  
*Abigail Mae Waller*  
 Born March 9, 2013  
 7lbs 12 oz  
 20 3/4 inches long



*Photos  
 submitted*

*Janelle and Carolyn at  
 Eta State Convention with  
 Miss North Carolina,  
 Arlie Honeycutt, guest  
 speaker at the opening  
 session.*



*Left: Induction of new  
 Sisters on May 7*

*Right: Congratulating new  
 Gamma Epsilon members  
 at the induction ceremony.*



*A Pat on the Back for our "Sisters"*

- Anne Waller donated 3 beautiful porcelain dolls – Little Red Riding Hood, Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, & Little Bo Peep to TES' Media Center in memory of her mother, Mattie Pollock, who was also a teacher!
- Thank you to Dianne Bell for coming to read to my Kindergarten students again this month, they love the stories and reconnecting with you. *Sue*