

# 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



Dear Gamma Epsilon Sisters,

Hope you all are enjoying the beautiful fall weather. I would like to share with you a lesson my 18 month old daughter taught me this week...After a very busy day of work and family obligations I was rushing around the house, picking up crying children, rushing outside to get the mail, thinking of what was next on my to do list. As I carried my daughter outside to get the mail the wind blew, she stopped crying, looked at me with a big smile and said, "Whoa!" as the wind blew her hair. I smiled and thanked God for the reminder to stop, that He is in control and to enjoy His blessings, including a simple fall breeze. As you are immersed in your home, school, work, church happenings take time to have a "Whoa" moment. I

look forward to seeing everyone at our Nov. 13th meeting at Jones Middle School.

*Jamie Waller*



Just a reminder about our meeting this Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm at Jones Middle School. Please don't forget about our 50/50 raffle for Schools for Africa and also be thinking about a needy family in our area to nominate for our Christmas giving. *You will also need to bring \$5.00 for the needy family.*

### UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

**DKG Meeting:**  
November 13 - 4:30  
Jones Middle School  
Media Center

**\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*\***  
Shopping trip to  
Tanger Outlets in  
Myrtle Beach for  
fellowship on  
Saturday, November  
15.

### UPCOMING ETA STATE EVENTS

April 24 – 26, 2015  
Eta State Convention  
Chapel Hill

**\*\*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](mailto:esandrews0603@yahoo.com)**

Motto of our new NC  
Eta State President  
Patricia Taylor. . .

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

## Eta State Updates and Information

From ETA Data October 15, 2014 Newsletter

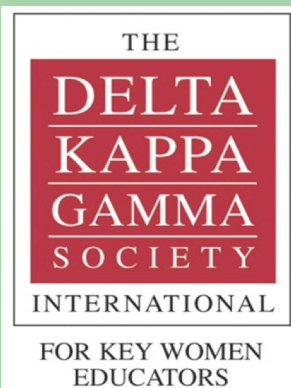
### Mission Statement

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



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### Scholarship Applications due February 1, 2015

Now is the time to begin working on applications for International scholarships. February 1, 2015 is the deadline for International awards for \$6,000 or \$10,000. Over 30 scholarships are awarded each year. Applications can be found online at <https://www.dkg.org/content/2015-international-scholarship-application-form-12>

The most recent edition of the Eta State News is a digital only issue. The newsletter from Winter 2014 is available at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNwinter2014BW.pdf>

Eta President Pat. Message “We are never alone in Delta Kappa Gamma. We have seen many DKG members blessing others, lifting up others, and working to empower women educators. Together, we are stronger in Eta State when we value and support each other. Eta State is a safe place for its members; another place to call “home;” another place we feel supported and valued; another place we feel “empowered.” This Thanksgiving, I am thankful for you, my Eta State sisters. Keep helping each other as

### Eta State Founders Award

The Founders Award honors a NC woman who has made an outstanding contribution to improving the quality of human life through education, research, publications, or service. It is the highest honor Eta State can bestow upon a woman. Nomination forms are available [online](#) and are due February 1, 2015.

we walk in the “valley of love and delight” together in Eta State!  
 Happy Thanksgiving!”

*From President Pat's message from <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/Presidents%20page.htm>*

### LEROY The Leadership Guy

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



I have been reading about the seasons of the year, the seasons of life and the seasons of leadership from a book by Jeff Iorg. The title of the book is Seasons in a Leader's Life. He describes these three seasons in a leader's life: Learning (passion); Leading (advancing a mission); and Leaving (her legacy--the wisdom).  
 Leroy the Leadership Guy

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

## Call for Presenters For Eta State Convention

*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.*

Eta members and friends are invited to submit breakout session proposals for the 2015 Eta State Convention on April 25 at the Sheraton in Chapel Hill. The theme is "Dare to Lead" with sessions focused on Technology, Teaching & Learning, Personal Growth, and DKG Society.

Proposal forms are posted on the Eta State website at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2015CallforConventionWorkshops.pdf>

Proposals are due by January 25, 2015. For more information, please contact Sheila Groves via email at [svangroves@aol.com](mailto:svangroves@aol.com), or by phone (336)274-1079.

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**International Convention,**  
Gaylord Opryland Resort &  
Convention Center, Nashville, TN  
July 5-9, 2016

### Stay Connected

**Remember to bring money for the 50/50 Raffle to support Schools in Africa and \$5 donations for the needy family that we will sponsor this holiday season.**

### Stay Connected

Social Media Information  
Join the conversations on:



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



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Email Megan Phillips if you have any changes or corrections to the meeting minutes at [megan.phillips@jonesnc.net](mailto:megan.phillips@jonesnc.net) before the next scheduled meeting for corrections to be made and posted.

**Gamma Epsilon Meeting Minutes  
September 25, 2014  
General Meeting with Guest Speaker**

President Jamie Waller called the meeting to order with an introduction for Dr. Elaine Jenkins (Eta State Chair of Educational Law and Policy).

Dr. Jenkins presented a power point about the education law and policy committee.

Key points were:

- Six legislative priorities as of summer 2014
  - DKF encourages a salary increase for educators
  - Encourage the repeal of the legislative action which specified pay raises for only 25% of teachers and placed them on a contract
  - Encourage the reinstatement of salary increases for graduate work
  - Reinstatement of teacher tenure – no action has been taken so far – teachers are set to lose their tenure in 2018
  - Membership opposes vouchers for private schools – struck down by NC Superior Court Judge Robert Hobgood on August 21, 2014 – considered to be unconstitutional – including potential misuse of tax dollars; segregation based on religious denomination; public funds shouldn't go to private schools; judicial review is in the future
  - Expansion of funds for Pre – K – To our knowledge there has been no changes of any significance made to the Pre – k budget
  - We need to continue to communicate with our legislators
  - We need to vote to have a personal voice
  - DKG will continue to monitor and report legislative action to membership

## Gamma Epsilon Meeting Minutes September 25, 2014

*continued*

- Society Business
  - President Jamie Waller called the meeting to order
  - Janelle Ehnstrom shared “Collect” for invocation
  - Minutes from July 22, 2014 were approved with no changes
  - Treasurer’s Report was shared by Bea Harriett
    - The proposed budget was also shared by Bea Harriett
  - There were no correspondence to share
  - Report of the Summer Executive Board Meeting – the details were included in the newsletter
    - Jamie reviewed the goals starting on page 5 of our yearbook.
    - The action plan will be a two-year process based on recommendation of the state.
  - Communication and publicity –
    - Please share news for the newsletter
  - Megan Phillips shared several announcements from committees on behalf of Michelle Basden
    - Membership would like to welcome new members