

# 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

December 1 - 5:00  
Meeting at Captain  
Ratty's and Bear City  
Opera Holiday  
Performance

## UPCOMING STATE EVENTS

February 1  
Annual Report Due  
Founders Award  
Nominations due

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

## Upcoming International Events

July 10 - 13  
SE Regional Conference  
Orlando, Florida

**\*\*REMEMBER** we are asking ALL sisters 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)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters,

This is the time of year when we begin the hustle and bustle of the holiday. First, there is Thanksgiving, where we gather with our family to give thanks as we share a huge meal together. Then, we begin scheduling get-togethers, holiday parties, and Christmas shopping. Often, we get so consumed in the "events" of the holiday that we forget to remember the real reason for the season. Although I am guilty of this myself....this year I remind you of the reason why we celebrate...the birth of Jesus Christ.

I challenge each of you to take the time from the "busyness" to enjoy time with your family and friends. Time is so special and something we don't get back once it is gone. Be thankful, be giving, be there.... for your loved ones.

Our shopping day at Lynn's helped us earn \$225 for a family in need. This is what this season is all about, helping and loving others. At our December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, we will discuss and decide on a needy family to share our gift of love.

You are a strong group of



women dedicated to helping others. I feel so fortunate to be a part of an organization that shares holiday spirit throughout the year. Our fundraiser coming up in February is another example of how Gamma Epsilon, once again, is dedicated to helping and sharing with those in need.

I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed holiday season.

*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

## Spring Fundraiser

The Committee decided on a Spelling Bee as the fundraiser this year. More information will be shared at the December meeting.

### Mission Statement

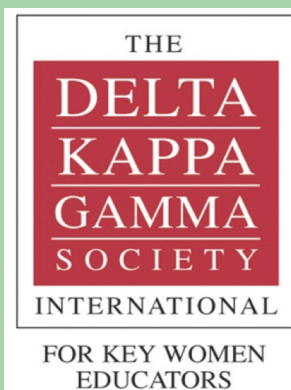
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



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### Committee Updates:

**Finance Committee** – We have 36 members that renewed this year. The total raised from Lynn Faulk's Fashion Shopping Day was \$225. The 2012-2013 budget will be voted on at the December meeting.

**Membership Committee** – We are encouraging all members to join us for a night of wonderful fellowship, good food, and Christmas fun at our December meeting. We are meeting for dinner at Captain Ratty's in downtown New Bern at 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 1, 2012. After

dinner, the members who have paid will attend the Christmas Bear City Opry. We are discussing our chapter's fundraiser during the dinner meeting and would love to share the plans for this event with all of our members. Our committee has two Christmas wishes. We would love to have 100% attendance for the dinner meeting and wish all of our members and families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### Member News

#### CONGRATULATIONS

- **Kelly Coward** received her National Board renewal!
- **Sue Haynes and Aileen McKinney** received their Nation Board Certification!

### GO GREEN and recycle plastic storage bags

Plastic storage bags may be easy and convenient, but they're also disposable and wasteful. We often toss sandwich and freezer bags after using them only once, tossing those fossil fuel-derived plastics into landfills and incinerators. However, now we have the option of recycling these bags at any plastic bag-recycling bin, like those now found at many grocery stores and supermarkets. That's right – those bins we all thought were for plastic

shopping bags are good for other plastic bags, too, according to a Ziploc spokesman.

So, if you can't reuse plastic storage bags, clean and dry them, then recycle them along with any other plastic bags you have cluttering up the kitchen in a grocery store recycling bin.

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## In Memory of Margaret Carol Banks

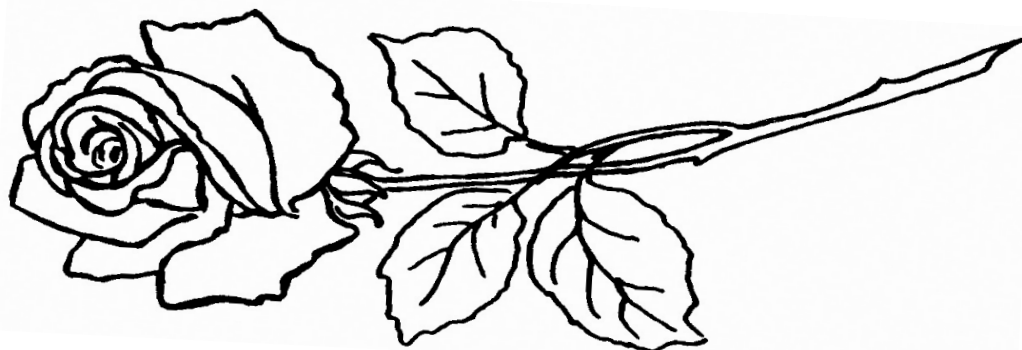


Our faithful sister, Margaret Carol Banks, died September 11, 2012 after a reasonably short illness. Her funeral service was held September 15, 2012 at Friendship Freewill Baptist Church where she had worshiped her entire life. Her parents were the late Clyde Jackson and Lena Mallard Banks of Trenton. Many cousins survive her;

including our Gamma Epsilon sister, Agnes Faye Phillips, who is actually her double first cousin.

Margaret Carol was born February 13, 1925. She enjoyed a long life of service to family, friends and students. She was inducted into Gamma Epsilon Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on October 4, 1979. Margaret Carol served on virtually every committee in the chapter and undoubtedly holds the distinction of having the best attendance record of any Gamma Epsilon member. She had a reputation of always looking out for everyone and was a faithful visitor and communicator of news throughout the community. Margaret Carol received both Bachelors of Science and Master of Science degrees from East Carolina University. Margaret Carol had a long teaching career in Nash and Lenoir Counties and she loved every day of her work. For most of her career she taught Home Economics.

We will miss Margaret Carol's smile and caring attitude at meetings and other special occasions. Mark your calendars for our chapter meeting on March 14, 2013 because your membership committee is planning a special candlelight remembrance service for her at that time. She would be so pleased if we had 100% attendance in honor of her.



*In  
Memory*



SEPTEMBER 2012 FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR AND SHARING ABOUT THE NEW COMMITTEE OF DKG

*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.*



Carolyn Lane sharing information about the topics "Under the Umbrella" of the EEC.

Polly Whitehead adding materials to the new teacher bags given to the 12 teachers new to Jones County Schools.



Gamma Epsilon Sisters with the bags given to teachers new to Jones County Schools.



Eleanor Falls, Polly Whitehead and Mary Thomas catching up before the meeting starts.



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