

GAMMA EPSILON EXPRESSIONS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Gamma Epsilon Sisters,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an exciting and restful summer. My summer was very busy. The Executive Planning Meeting was held in July. One of our goals is to have more membership participation. Unlike other surrounding chapters, we typically have a good attendance to our meetings and functions; however there is always room for improvement. Beginning teacher support is still a goal for our chapter. At the New Teacher Orientation, we provided breakfast and a special gift to all new teachers to Jones County. It was decided that we would continue doing our new teacher bags as we have in previous years and we would provide the bags for the teachers around Christmas. This is the time of the year that many beginning teachers need a little extra morale boost to help them get through the remainder of the school year. As in years past, we supported the International Project – Schools for Africa. It was discussed that the collection of dimes in a water bottle was a success. So that being said, we have decided to continue with this same project for this year.

At the planning meeting, it was decided that we would try to do something different for our annual fundraiser. We will sponsor a night with dinner and entertainment. CMT Artist Bryan Mayer

will provide the entertainment. It will be held on March 11, 2017 at the Lenoir County Shrine Club. The Shriners and Shrinettes will be cooking and serving a pork chop dinner, followed by Bryan's acoustic performance. The cost will be \$25 per ticket. More information will follow at our December meeting.

This year the Eta State Convention will be held in Wilmington, NC. The dates are April 28-30. Once again this convention will be held close to home, so I am hoping that more people will be in attendance. I have attended the last two years and have truly enjoyed it. So let's have a good turn out for the convention.

I wish everyone a WONDERFUL year. Look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting on September 15th.

*Sincerely,
Michelle Basden
Gamma Epsilon President*

Dues are payable to Bea Harriet in September. Dues continue to be \$65. If you are unable to attend the meeting you can mail your dues to Bea.



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

DKG Meeting:
Thursday, September
15 at 4:15 for
refreshments and 4:30
for business. We will
meet in the Jones
Middle School Media
Center.

UPCOMING ETA STATE EVENTS

**April 28-30 Eta State
Convention in
Wilmington at the
Hilton Wilmington-
Riverside**

July 19 – 22 Southeast
Regional Conference at
the Sheraton Myrtle
Beach Convention
Center in South
Carolina.

****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**

President of DKG Society
International Carolyn
Pittman's theme for this
biennium

*"DKG: Leading Women
Educators Impacting
Education Worldwide."*

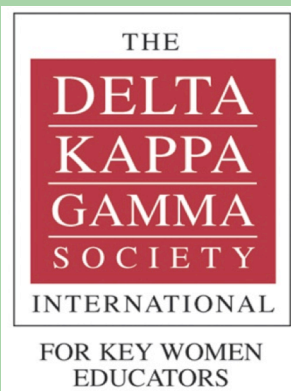
Mission Statement

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

Foundation Grants

The submission window is open for the second round of grants through the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Applications are due **September 30**. Grants are being offered in the Professional/Personal Growth category and the Learning/Literacy category. The Grants Committee will be looking for creativity, collaboration, involvement, and innovation in

proposals.

Submit proposals though email to the Grants Review Committee Chair as listed on the form. They must be received no later than September 30, 2016. Announcement of grant recipients will be made by November 20, 2016. Proposal Forms are posted on the Foundation website at <http://www.ncdkgef.org/> under the Grants tab.

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.

Other Foundation News

The Board of Directors is still seeking interested DKG members for Foundation committees. If you are willing to serve, please contact Board Chair Dr. Judith Carlson at judithb125@gmail.com.

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>



"Leadership is an opportunity to serve. It is not a trumpet call to self-importance." J. Donald Walters

International Website
www.dkg.org
 Eta State Website
www.ncdkg.org

2015 – 2016 Gamma Epsilon Calendar of Events

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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November 5: Painting pottery at Kitty's Korner Ceramic Painting Cost is \$3 per person and the cost of the pottery. *Great idea for Christmas gifts.*

October 7: 2:00 – 7:00 Lynn Faulk's Shopping Night.

December 13 at 4:30: Cookie Social and making New Teacher Bags.

January 10 at 4:30: Discuss fundraiser assignments/arrangements and distribute new member nomination forms.

Refreshments provided by PES & MES staff.

March 11: Fundraiser at Lenoir Shrine Club. Catered dinner and acoustic performance. Doors open at 5:30 dinner at 6:00.

April 1: Saturday meeting TBD vote on new members and recap of fundraiser. Orientation will be scheduled for late April. Refreshments provided by the Membership Committee.

May 16: Initiation of new members at Trenton United Methodist Church; dinner catered by Vel & Mel.

Stay Connected

Eta State NC Represented Well at International Convention

Over 40 Eta State NC members represented our state organization at the International Convention in Nashville July 5-9 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort. Eta State NC President Sheila Groves introduced speaker Mike Figliuolo during the 2nd General Session on Wednesday morning. Figliuolo is founder of *thought* Leaders. Meredith Fychok, Omicron Chapter in Region II and a DKG New participant with President Schmid, participated in a discussion "New2DKG" during the first day of convention, gave an inspiration "85 Years and Beyond" on Opening Night, and presented a breakout session. Angela Kern, Alpha Upsilon Chapter in Region VII, presented a regular breakout session and a new "Hot Topics" session. Kerri Wimberly, great-niece of Dorothy Johnson, gave the tribute to her at the Celebration of Life ceremony. Dorothy was international president in 1968-1970 and died this past year. She lived in Burlington in her later years. Kerri is a member of Nu Chapter in Region X.

Sara Massey, Alpha Chapter, Region VII, was recognized and received her cords for earning her doctorate. Tara Parker of Delta Chapter in Region II, was recognized and Teresa Cowan, Alpha Phi, Region XI, received her cords.

Eta Data Editor Susan Kuenzel, Delta Chi Chapter, Region IX, was honored as the Eta State NC Star of the Southeast at the Regional Breakfast on Friday morning. About a dozen members joined other DKG sisters from around the world to fill the famous Wildhorse Saloon in Nashville for a "Call Me Country" event as a fundraiser for the DKG Educational Foundation on Thursday evening. Several members enjoyed an evening of fine dining and a night at the Grand Ole Opry. Others toured the city and enjoyed the sites on their own.

The next International Convention will be July 16-20, 2018 in Austin, Texas.

Gamma Epsilon Website

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

PHOTO GALLERY



Above – Pictures from the May recognition meeting and Initiation of new member Debra Almanza.

Left - Gamma Epsilon Sisters at Eta State convention.