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



**Upcoming**

**Chapter Events**

DKG Meeting:

Tuesday, September 18 at 4:30 in the Media Center at Jones Middle School.

**Upcoming**

**ETA State Events**

**May 3 – May 5 Eta State Convention in Hickory, Region X at the Crown Plaza**

June 27 – June 29 Southeast Regional Confernece, Crosne Plaza, Asheville.

\*\*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.”*

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Gamma Epsilon Sisters,

Welcome! It has been a very hot summer and I hope that everyone has had a chance to relax and enjoy themselves with family and friends. The Executive Board Planning Meeting was held on

July 20, 2018. There were two agenda items that were the focus of the meeting. First, how could we improve on our theme of wellness and secondly how to continue with our successful fundraiser from last year?

We counted our steps so that we could improve our health and SPARKLE with our theme of wellness. So at the meeting we decided to not only count our steps, but to also measure our water intake so that we can make our insides and outsides SPARKLE.

The Reverse Drawing Fundraiser was a huge success so we decided to continue the same fundraiser with a few modifications. The date will be March 2, 2019 at the Jones County Civic Center. The ticket price will be $25 per person. The menu and more information will be forthcoming at a future meeting.

We continued to SPARKLE at our Beginning Teachers Breakfast with a healthy breakfast of fruit, juice, and muffins. Thanks to all of you who assisted and contributed in welcoming our new teachers to the county.

Our School for Africa Project was discussed and due to the lack of funds/participation it was decided to add an additional $5 to our dues. This would be optional but it may help to increase our project donations.

I will be attending the Eta State Fall Executive Board meeting on September 15 at Elon University. The Eta State Convention will be held in Hickory, NC on May 3-5, 2019. Eta State will be 85 years old in 2019!

I look forward to starting this new adventure with you all and look forward to an ***EXCITING*** year. I will see you at our first meeting on September 18 at Jones Middle School!

Sincerely,

Jackie Lanier

Gamma Epsilon President

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It is the time of year to pay our annual dues. To provide additional support to the International Schools for Africa Project, we are encouraging a “round up” to $70 for annual dues with the additional $5 applied to the Schools for Africa Project. This “round up” is an optional participation and Bea will take renewals at our first meeting, September 18. Dues must be paid to the chapter treasurer by October 31.

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## **Eta State Updates and Information**

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 ***Thank you!***

For making Headquarters’ Brick Project a Success! One hundred twenty bricks were ordered to pave the sidewalk at Headquaters and raise finds for the support of Headquarters!

**Grants**

The application window is now open for grants from the Educational Foundation. Grants up to $500 each will be offered in the literacy/learning projects and the continuing education category. Applications are due by **September 30, 2018**

More information can be found on the [grants](http://www.ncdkgef.org/grants.html) tab of the Eta State Educational Foundation website.

***DKG Sponsors Icelandic Tour***

“Inhale fresh Icelandic air, tap ino the country’s natural restorative powers, and discover geysers and waterfalls on this adventure. So begins the tour information about a 6-day, DKG sponsored event in July 2019.

The tour has been so popular that a second tour date has been added. Read more information, including tour itinerary and costs, on the DKG website under the [Events Tab.](http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/Go_Ahead_Tours_Trips/Iceland_Tour_2018.aspx)

All updates submitted from Eta Data 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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**International *Constitution* and *Standing Rules* Amended**

After much lively discussion for and against changing the name of the Society, the name will remain The Delta Kappa gamma Society International.

Another change is to allow education majors to become collegiate members of DKG. The new addition to the membership section outlines qualification and dues.

See the DKG websire for all adopted amendments.

**DKG Website**

The DKG website [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) has a new look - even for members once you log in. Use your member number found on your membership card and contact me if you are unsure of the password.

Order your official DKG pin online at

<https://acgreek.com/greek/home.php>

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***From the ELP Committee***

Important midterm elections will take place this November, now is the time to begin to education yourself about who is running for your local Board of Education, your Board of County Commissioners, the NC House of Representatives, the NC Senate, and the US House of Representatives.





International Website

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

Eta State Website

[www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org" \t "_blank)

**September 18 :** JMS Media Center @ 4:30

**October 13:** Bike Ride Fundraiser to support Christmas Families at Trenton Elementary School

**November 3 :** Kitty’s Korner painting in Pollocksville 10:00

**December 6 :** Meeting at JMS Media Center at 4:30 – Member ornament Exchange ($5 limit)

**January :** Findraiser ticket pick up – more information TBA

**February 5:**  **:** Meeting at JMS Media Center at 4:30 – Fundraiser assignments etc.

**March 2:** Reverse Drawing Fundraiser at Jones County Civic Center. Dinner @6:00 Drawing begins @7:00

**April 13: Saturday meeting at 10:00** vote on new members and recap of fundraiser. Orientation for “perspective” members will be scheduled for late April.

**May 3 – May 5** Eta State Convention at the Crowne Plaza Hickory, NC.

**May 7:** Initiation of new members and officers *at**Trenton United Methodist Church;* meeting at 5:30 followed by dinner.

*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.*

**2017 – 2018 Gamma Epsilon Calendar of Events**

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***Summer Planning Meeting Recap***

***Below is a list of topics and changes discussed at our Gamma Epsilon summer planning meeting***

The fundraiser will have 2 committees to plan and recruit and delegate volunteers. The First will be the “Food Committee” organizing the food purchases and delegating what items members are responsible for. Second will be a “Fund Raiser Committee” that will coordinate the caller, buy backs and side boards, ticket sales, and member assignments for set up and clean up.

Fundraiser ticket sales will be single ticket sales this year at $25 each. The cost per ticket is the same, but 1 ticket will get 1 meal. Hopefully this will make it more economical for people to get tickets.

Our *Wellness Projects* include tracking our steps again this year, and our intake of water. Sponsoring our 2nd community bike ride fundraiser and a stress reliever Saturday morning of painting pottery and fellowship among members at Kitty’s Korner. This would be a great opportunity to create a personalized gift for Christmas or spend some quality time with your DKG sisters. Bring a friend or 2 and some light snacks to enjoy!

New Teacher bags will be made and given to the new teachers of Jones County Schools at the February meeting. Hoping to share a little inspiration for the mid-year and the joy and love of teaching.

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