

# GAMMA EPSILON EXPRESSIONS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18 - 4:30  
First Meeting of the  
2012-2013  
Membership year at  
Pollocksville  
Elementary School  
Media Center

**\*\*This year 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,

I hope all of you have enjoyed your summer and are settled back in to your day-to-day activities. Some of us are returning to work, while others are enjoying retirement and/or continuing to volunteer and participate in civic activities in the community.

This year is all about change. In our country, it is an election year, possibly bringing change. In our schools, we are teaching a new curriculum to a new era of students so that we can prepare them to be ready for college and careers. Delta Kappa Gamma, itself, is experiencing changes. We have new leadership throughout the organization and the restructuring of a new committee, the Educational Excellence Committee. This committee wears many hats and we will be hearing more about it at our first meeting. A couple of our main focuses this year



will be helping to support our beginning teachers and our Schools for Africa Project.

This is going to be an exciting year, where we will learn from each other and grow together. I welcome ideas and suggestions from my fellow sisters and look forward to an exciting year as your president

*Janelle Ehnstrom*

“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

### **New Teacher Gift Bags**

There are **12** new teachers to Jones County this year. We are collecting items to put in bags to welcome them to our schools. Bags have been provided by Janelle Ehnstrom. *Bring your items for the bags to our first meeting on September 18 at Pollocksville Elementary School's Media Center.*

**Mission Statement**

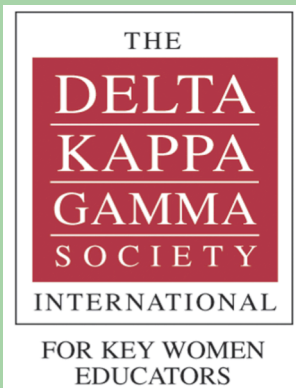
*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*



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**Membership Committee Comments:**

Members of the Membership Committee hope that you have enjoyed your summer and are eager to attend our first meeting for this year. One exciting thing has changed that some of you may want to take advantage of. When our Executive /Planning Committee met this summer they decided to allow members to pay membership dues in two installments this year. Hopefully this will ease the pain of financial stress we all experience from time to time. The dues are

\$65, which is the same as last year. Imagine that; one thing didn't increase! If you choose to, you may pay Bea, our Treasurer, \$35 at our first meeting and the balance of \$30 in October. We will not have a meeting at that time so if you choose this method of payment you will need to remember to send Bea a check then. We are looking forward to being together and supporting one another through another year. Let's strive to have the best attendance ever.

**Go Green with Energy Saving Tips For your car**

Some more helpful hints and suggestions for reducing your carbon footprint and "Going Green" for the future:

- Drive sensibly. Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gasoline; it can lower your highway gas mileage 33% and city mileage 5%.
- Get regular engine tune-ups. Replacing clogged air filters can improve gas mileage by as much as 10% and protect your engine.
- Keep tires properly inflated and aligned to improve your gasoline mileage by around 3%.
- Clear out your car; extra weight decreases gas mileage.
- Combine errands into one trip. Several short trips, each one taken from a cold start, can use twice as much fuel as one trip covering the same distance when the engine is warm.

Information collected from  
<http://energy.gov/>  
<http://www.blackle.com/tips/>  
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International Website  
[www.deltakappagamma.net](http://www.deltakappagamma.net)  
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*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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