

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

September 19 - 4:30
First Meeting of the
2013-2014
Membership year at
Jones Middle School
Media Center

****MARK YOUR
CALENDARS****
Shopping at Lynn
Faulk's is Wednesday,
November 6, from
3:00 – 7:00.

UPCOMING ETA STATE EVENTS

April 25 – 27 ETA
State Convention,
Greenville, NC

****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**

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

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters,

Welcome back! Hope each of you had a restful and fun filled summer. Boy, did time fly by so fast! It's been a busy summer. The Executive Planning Meeting was held in July. We have several goals we wanted to address but decided that one of our main goals this year would be to focus on membership. Delta Kappa Gamma seeks the recruitment of outstanding women in the education profession to join our society. Our group is committed to this effort but felt an area we needed to work on was participation of our current members. The Membership Committee is creating a survey to gather information to aid in determining where we could make changes to help with participation and sustainability of our members. These results will be shared at our first meeting. Another goal for the year will be to support our beginning teachers. Teaching is the most rewarding career but can also be the most difficult. As we all know, it is not an 8:00-5:00 job. Educators are undervalued and the budget does nothing to help support current or new teachers. We

need to support our beginning teachers, through mentoring, listening, guiding, and giving them that “extra” nudge when they are feeling the lowest. Our Beginning Teacher Support Committee is working to create a support system for our beginning teachers. They will share this at our September meeting. We will continue to focus on our International Project - Schools for Africa. This year at each meeting, the committee hosting the program/meeting will provide an item for raffle. Members can purchase tickets to try and win the item. The Beginning Teacher Support Committee will provide the first item. I was told to tell everyone to “bring their money” as they have an awesome item! All proceeds from these raffles will be used to fund our Schools for Africa Project. More details to come at our September meeting. Back by popular demand will be our annual “Spelling Bee Scholarship Fundraiser.” This community event is scheduled for February 6, 2014.



Mission Statement

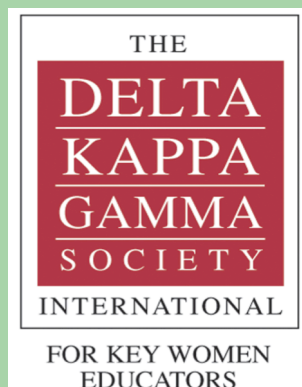
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



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President's Message Con't

And finally, one of the most exciting items is that the ETA State Convention will be held in Greenville, NC this year. Since Region 2 will be hosting, and we are part of Region 2, we will be expected to work the convention in some capacity. I do not have all of the details yet, but will share them with you as soon as I know what we need to plan to do. The dates are April 25-27. Since the convention is close to

home and we will be assisting, this is a great opportunity for those of you that have never attended. I wish each of you a GREAT year and hope to see you September 19th.

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

Membership Committee News

Submitted by: Polly Whitehead

The Gamma Epsilon Membership Committee would like to welcome everyone to a new year. Our chapter's major goal this year is to focus on membership, not increasing but sustaining it and having active participation by all of our members. With this in mind, our committee is creating a survey for the members to complete online. We want your input so we can fulfill the meeting needs of our members. Please be looking for the survey in your e-mail during the week of September 9th. Our committee would like to share the results

of the survey with all of our members at the September meeting so we are asking you to complete it by Tuesday, September 17th. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the September 19th meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$65 ARE DUE AT THE FIRST MEETING, SEPTEMBER 19. DUES MAY BE MAILED TO BEA HARRIET IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE MEETING.

Congratulations to Stella Downs – Appointed Asst. Principal of Jones Middle School.

International Website
www.deltakappagamma.net
Eta State Website
www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/

Gamma Epsilon Values Early Career Educators

Submitted by: Carolyn Lane

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.

We all have people that we admire, love, and look up to. For some it may be a doctor, a neighbor, a parent; and for many it is a teacher. My choice in the person I admire is Theodor Geisel. Have you ever heard of him? If I said *Green Eggs and Ham*, *The Cat and the Hat*, *Horton Hears a Who*, you would know that Theodor Geisel is none other than Dr. Seuss. He had over 48 books translated into more than 20 languages, and sold more than 200 million copies earning him Caldecott and Pulitzer Awards. Even with what seemed a great life, he faced many struggles, but he ultimately knew he was valuable. One of his teachers told him he could not draw. His publishers told him he could not write. Twenty-seven publishers rejected his manuscript. With all this he always knew he was valued by one person, his father who encouraged him to be the creative inventor and writer he was. Vincent Van Gogh said, "If you hear a voice telling you that you cannot paint, by all means paint and that voice will be silenced."which is exactly what Dr. Seuss did!

As educators ourselves we understand the importance of making sure our students are valued, and continue to be shaped and molded into the person they are meant to be. They must never forget that they are valuable to us, the teachers who guide them daily to reach their potential and like Dr. Seuss' father never hesitate to tell them so.

As Gamma Epsilon members and educators ourselves, it is our

responsibility to especially support our early career educators by making sure they also know that we value and support them as they positively mold the lives of our students. Dr. Seuss says it well in his book *The Places You'll Go*.

So be sure when you step. Step with care and great tact and remember that life is a balancing act. And you will succeed. Yes! You will indeed! 98 and ¾ % guaranteed.

YOU'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS!

Let each of us be an instrument that helps our beginning teachers move mountains this year. The Beginning Teacher Committee would like for each of you to support one of our early educators this year by sending them encouraging notes, emails goodies etc., reminding them that they are valuable.

New Teacher Gift Bags

There are **17** new teachers in Jones County this year. We are collecting items to put in bags to welcome them to our schools. Bags will be provided. *Bring your items for the bags to our first meeting, September 19, at Jones Middle School's Media Center. Suggested items include: gum/mints, pens/pencils, band-aids, candy, hand-sanitizer, post-it notes, snacks, water.*

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