

GAMMA EPSILON EXPRESSIONS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Gamma Epsilon Sisters,

I hope you had a restful summer and enjoying your first weeks of the new school year. The Executive Board met in July and created a Strategic Action Plan for our chapter. Our main goals for the biennium will focus around membership and leadership development among members. Our programs and events planned for this year reflect those goals: new teacher bags, sponsoring a needy family, Mentoring a Member, Schools for Africa, Spelling Bee Scholarship Fundraiser, and honoring years of membership. I am very excited to share the details of our first meeting! It will take place on **September 25th at Pollocksville Baptist Church at 4:30pm** with a special guest speaker: Dr. Elaine Jenkins – Eta State Chair of the Educational Law & Policy Committee. We will begin our meeting at 4:30pm with the program by Dr. Jenkins, take a short recess and then conduct our Society Business meeting where you will receive your

Gamma Epsilon Yearbook, detailing upcoming programs for the year. There are 12 new personnel employed in the school system this year. Please bring to the meeting any items so we can provide a bag of goodies for the new teachers. **Our Treasurer, Bea Harriett, will be collecting our annual membership dues of \$65.00 at this meeting. (Checks payable to: Gamma Epsilon) If you are unable to attend please mail your dues to Bea Harriett 663 Old New Bern Road Trenton, NC 28585 by October 10th.** To support the Schools for Africa program we will have a 50/50 raffle at the end of every meeting this year with a ticket costing \$1.00. We have an exciting DKG year planned for you!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on September 25th

Jamie Waller

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

September 25 - 4:30
First Meeting of the
2014 - 2015
Membership year at
Pollocksville Baptist
Church

****MARK YOUR CALENDARS****
Shopping trip to
Tanger Outlets in
Myrtle Beach for
fellowship on
November 15.

UPCOMING ETA STATE EVENTS

October 27 Eta State
Official 80th Birthday

****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!”

Educational Foundation Launches *The 100 Challenge*

From ETA Data September 2014 Newsletter

During the Fall Executive Board Meeting on September 6, Dr. Judith Carlson, chairman of the Board of Director of the North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation, announced the Foundation's "The 100 Challenge – Launching a Dream" initiative.

Each region is challenged to get 100 pledges of \$10 each before

March 15, 2015. These pledges can come from individuals or chapters. Chapter presidents will collect pledge cards and send them to Regional Directors. No money will be collected at this time; the Board will follow up to collect the pledge when they have IRS approval.

More information can be found at <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/100%20challenge%20brochure.pdf>

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

From ETA Data September News

The most recent edition of the Eta State News is a digital only issue. The newsletter from Fall 2014 is available at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNFall2014.pdf>

Eta President Pat shares the 2014 -2015 theme for Eta State "Teachers as Leaders". She continues to say, "... let us share our 'leadership outlook' with those around us and share the excitement of the many opportunities to lead in this wonderful Society and beyond! Together, we are stronger!"

From President Pat's message from Fall Eta State News.

LEROY The Leadership Guy

From ETA Data September 2014 Newsletter



International Website

www.deltakappagamma.net

Eta State Website

www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/

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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International News

From Eta State Newsletter

\$116,804 contributed to Schools for Africa this biennium with nearly 50% of chapters reporting support of SFA. Contributions since the adoption of SFA by DKG in 2010 equal \$222,000

July 5-9, 2016

International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, TN

Stay Connected

Social Media Information
Join the conversations on:



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EtaState/>



Tweets by @Eta_State

Gamma Epsilon Upcoming Events and recognition

Congratulations to Pam Shivar – Appointed Asst. Principal of Jones Senior High School.

Correction to the number of new teachers --- there are 14 new teachers in Jones County – we have added 2 teachers since the email went out to everyone. Sorry for the confusion!

New Teacher Gift Bags

There are ~~42~~ **14** 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 25, at Pollocksville Bptist Church. Suggested items include: gum/mints, pens/pencils, band-aids, candy, hand-sanitizer, post-it notes, snacks, water, candies.*

MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$65 ARE DUE AT THE FIRST MEETING, SEPTEMBER 25. DUES MAY BE MAILED TO BEA HARRIET IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE MEETING BEFORE OCTOBER 10.

Gamma Epsilon Website
<http://dkg-gammaepsilon.weebly.com/>

Any corrections to the minutes please email Megan Phillips if you have any changes or corrections at megan.phillips@jonesnc.net before the next scheduled meeting for corrections to be made and posted.

**Gamma Epsilon Meeting
July 22, 2014
Executive Board Meeting**

President Jamie Waller and attending officers discussed committees and placement of members.

September 25 – Pollockville Baptist Church; presentation by Mrs. Jenkins on Law and policy; generations of membership characteristics presentation by Caroline Lane (Sue, Aileen, and Eleanor will host.)

Jamie asked if we wanted to keep the beginning teacher bags. It was decided to keep the tradition of giving bags to new employees (teachers). Dividing the communications to new teachers was still supported. Janelle volunteered to work with Jamie to identify teachers to support.

November - Chapter achievement form – We can earn points for our chapter. Mentoring a teacher was recommended by Jamie. Maybe in November, we could have a get together to encourage socialization and friendship among members.

November 13 – for the meeting at the middle school @ 4:30
Shopping trip to Myrtle Beach on November 15th

January – January 8th 2015 – 3rd meeting spelling bee prep; 4:30 @ middle school

Nominations need to be handed out

February – Spelling Bee Feb. 5, 2015; nominations turned in

March – March 5, 2014 4:30 @ Trenton Elementary
Schools for Africa presentation; voting on nominations

April – Orientation tea decided by membership

May – May 7, 2015 @ Trenton Methodist Church @ 5:30; dinner; honoring long time members; induction of new members

Strategic Action Plan – we need to create one. (Jamie

- 3 – 4 goals
 - Membership – add 1.4.5 which members are National Board Certified to website
 - Revision of Strategic plan – done at executive meeting yearly

- Leadership development – encourage members to become better leaders by attending state and national conventions associated with DKG.

Add the minutes to the newsletter. Additions or changes are emailed to secretary and then quickly addressed at meetings but not read out loud.

Chair members and committees – often times meetings don't take place. Each member of the committee needs to have a responsibility with in the committee.

Phone tree – should we use it again?

Communications – buddy system set up at first meeting. Various forms of communication to encourage members to communicate meeting dates, reminders, and attendance.

Money raised from the spelling bee needs to be available for organization dues and needs. This topic will be addressed during the November meeting. Teacher grants could be an option if we don't have any scholarship applicants. The Rose Grant?

Photos
submitted



Jamie and
Carolyn at Elon
with Region 2
Presidents



Rachael Martin DKG
Scholarship winner
with her certificate.