Delta Sigma Chapter Meeting

Delta Kappa Gamma International Society

April 23, 2015 6 p.m.

Boger City United Methodist Church, Lincolnton, NC

Hosted by the Scholarship/ World Fellowship and Educational Law and Policy committees, the meeting began with a greeting from Phyllis Tallent. Jennifer Carroll led the invocation before the meal catered by Home Place. A birthday cake for dessert marked the fifth birthday of Delta Sigma, chartered April 18, 2010.

President Edwina Beam introduced Region X Director Patricia Clark who lives in Morganton and is a member of the Alpha Nu Chapter of Burke and Caldwell counties. A member of DKG since 1985, she has served two terms as chapter president and secretary. In Eta State, she has been the chairperson of the Program of Work Committee, the Membership Committee, the Planning Committee and the secretary. To draw attention to the importance of numeracy alongside literacy in our population, Clark created Numeracy Women and developed presentations following the theme, “Excel with Numbers – Numeracy Counts” as well as fun and professionally interesting workshops which she presented at southeast regional conferences.

As regional director, Clark is now responsible for planning regional events. Clark said plans are underway for a day-long event in Valdese, NC. On August 1, 2015, members will be invited to experience a day in the life and culture of the Waldensians who migrated to western North Carolina in the 1700’s. In addition to visiting shops and local fixtures in Valdese, members and their families will be invited to taste wine, enjoy an Italian meal, and tour the Trail of Faith. Region X includes the following 9 chapters: Alpha Nu Burke and Caldwell counties; Alpha Epsilon –Cleveland County; Beta Epsilon – King’s Mountain and Gaston County; Delta Sigma – Lincoln County; Delta Tau –Cleveland County; Gamma Beta – Rutherford and Polk Counties; Gamma Phi – Catawba County; Nu – Catawba County; Rho – Gaston County.

The next item on the program was the announcement of scholarship winners. Beam introduced Renee Smith, chairperson of the Scholarship and Awards Committee who presented the scholarship to Delta Sigma Future Educator Hunter Dyson, an East Lincoln High School senior. Smith introduced committee member Gayle Reid who presented the scholarship for Most Promising Young Educator to Macie Gordon.

Libby Fletcher introduced North Lincoln High School chorus and drama teacher Joanna Underwood, pianist Tamara Morgan, and their students who performed an abbreviated version of the school’s latest musical *Into the Woods*. Fletcher delivered an appreciative tribute to Underwood, who along with husband and North Lincoln High School band director Neil Underwood, will retire in June, 2015. Joanna, also named North Lincoln High School Teacher of the Year this spring, has directed numerous high school musicals including *Beauty and the Beast, The Wizard of Oz, The Sound of Music*, and *Little Shop of Horrors* just to name a few. The program showcased the talent of several of Joanna’s high school students. With Joanna providing a narrative summary of each act, students sang several songs about fairytale characters who meet “in the woods” leaving the audience with a strong message: “Be careful with the wishes we make because wishes can come true, good and bad.” Libby presented Joanna with a donation to the NLHS chorus and drama program.

Turning to the business portion of the meeting, Edwina called the meeting of the Delta Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa International Society to order.

Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Secretary Tammy Price reported that she had sent cards of appreciation to Ingles and Homestead Grille for the contributions they made to the fashion show meal. She also read a thank you card from February guest speaker Donna Rudisill who expressed thanks for the candy and $25 check. In the card Donna included a $25 check in return to be used for the scholarship fund. Tammy will send a card thanking her for this donation.

Kellie Goins presented the Treasurer’s Report on current activities in the general budget ending in a balance of $1,239.12. Calling the budget a work in progress, Goins said as of April 22, 2015, the scholarship budget has $6,059.65 and a fashion show profit of $2,291.25.

Committee Reports:

* On behalf of the Communications/Publicity Committee Frankie Beam thanked Elaine Jenkins and Elaine Boysworth for the work they are doing on this year’s newsletter.
* Renee Smith, chairperson of the Scholarship/World Fellowship Committee said no member had applied for an advanced degree and said there may be a future recommendation to award an additional student scholarship. Edwina also said there will be a leadership seminar from June 15-17 for those interested.
* Donna Jolley said nominations for new members should be turned in to her by April 30. Voting for new members will take place at the planning meeting on June 11, 2015, at 4 p.m. in the county office board room.
* Laurie Sellers distributed treat bags for beginning teachers in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week slated for April 27- May 1.
* For the Education Law and Policy committee, Elaine Jenkins distributed forms urging members of the NC General Assembly to support legislation that will reinstate the NC Teaching Fellows Program. She asked members to provide their signatures and addresses on the forms which she will take to the legislature to gain support for a bill that reintroduces the Teaching Fellows Program.
* Jennifer Carroll reported on the US Forum stating that March 8 was designated International Women’s History Day by the United Nations. In January Congress passed legislation authorizing a plan for the creation of a National Women’s History Museum. In addition, she said Congress is in the process of revising The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requiring states to adopt college and career ready standards. The revisions will include more flexibility for NCLB for states and school districts and ensure parents know how their children and children’s schools are doing by keeping requirements for annual statewide assessments.
* Wanda Lutz said she had received input from the Fashion Show plus/delta chart and from models.
* Jill Eaddy gave an update on the Guardian Ad Litem nonprofit “Speak Up For Children, Inc.” by reminding members of the ongoing need for funds to provide items for foster children. Currently the organization is raising money for a playground at Social Services which at this point includes a shelter, fence, and picnic tables. The group still needs $10,000 to pay for playground equipment. Members who wish to make a monetary donation to “Speak Up For Children, Inc.” should make checks payable to Delta Sigma.
* Elaine Jenkins encouraged members to read the newsletter by recognizing Laurie Sellers who was the first reader to respond by email to a message embedded in the newsletter.

Edwina Beam announced that the Executive Board will meet Monday, May 18, 2015. She reminded members to please submit requests for discussion items for the June planning meeting. The meeting concluded with recognition of Betsy Rinehardt named Teacher of the Year at Love Memorial Elementary School.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Delta Sigma (DKG) February 10, 2015 Meeting Attendance

Members Present Members Absent