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Fashion Show Hits a New High!

Never say Delta Sigma is not up for a challenge! We changed our fashion show venue and increased our number of guests by over 50%! This required more food, more table decorations, and more ticket sales! Our members responded in all areas.

Forty of our members participated by selling tickets. What a job that was for Dana Avery, Betsy, and Julie. With tickets being returned and reassigned, they were meticulous in their record keeping! We had 7 members who sold over half the tickets. A big thank you to Nelva, Kay, Libby, Wanda, Wendy, Rhonda Hager, and Edwina who were responsible for the sale of 106 tickets!

Once again, Annette, Susan, and Jane Morton decorated the venue beautifully. It is a pleasure to know they are going to do their job without reminders. Also, Elaine Boysworth delivered on the program (with the assistance of her husband, due to her illness.)

From the feedback received thus far, once again the food was a hit. As in the past, Becky H. and Jill planned beautiful plates. A big thank you to the members who made casseroles and cakes. Many members assisted in the plating process, and all members present served the plates in an orderly fashion. Rhonda Hager had a challenge keeping the coffee flowing. It seems numerous refills were



served.

After a delicious meal, our guests were treated to some of the most gorgeous fashions. With Suzanne as the emcee, our guests were introduced to 20 of our members and 5 vendors. Nelva and Judy S., who have modeled in all six shows were joined by Jane G., Deanna, Glenda, Denise, Tammy, Judy J., Crystal, Laurie, Jenny, Cindy, Brenda, Darla, Donna, and Sherry. We were excited to have our newest members Kennan, Julie, Kristin, and Katie modeling, also. Again Chico's, Hi-Lites, and Talbots brought beautiful outfits. We were pleased to add Julie's Boutique and Tally Ho this year and hope they will become regulars. Please support these vendors throughout the year and tell them you are a Delta Sigma member!

We were fortunate to have so many door prizes for our guests. A special thank you to the following businesses: Ross's, Belk, House of Pizza, The Drug Store, Merle Norman, Peggy Sibert,

Drum's Florist, Salty Petal, Rhyne Financial, Carolina Trust Bank, Ginger's Place, Rock Barn Spa, Sentry Drug, Spring Hill Galleries, and Talbots. Member contributions came from Katie, Libby, Jane M., and Linda. A big thank you to our secretary, Tammy, for writing thank you letters to both vendors and business contributors.

The words "Thank you" seem inadequate to express my appreciation for all the support I received in coordinating the fashion show. Nelva and Cindy were awesome assistants who continuously asked what else they could do to help. ALL members were willing to serve in any requested capacity! As great as this show was, there are areas for improvement. If you have not asked your guests for feedback on the event, please do so and email me or bring it to the May meeting for the planning of the 2017 show.

Wanda Lutz

(pictures on p. 4 and more to be added on the web page.)



Chapter President
Edwina Beam
 2014-16

Good News!

Kennan Eaddy, new member and counselor at Battleground Primary, won a Lincoln County Education Foundation Grant of \$8,000.

Melanie Huss has been named Lincoln County's Elementary Director.

Judy Jones will be appearing in the cast of "Liberty Mountain," a Revolutionary War drama by Bob Inman. The production will take place on the weekends of June 24-July 17. Consult KMLT.org.

A Message From Your President

WOW! What a fast two years it has been - never enough time to do all that you want and plan to do and accomplish.

My thanks go to each and every one of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president and for your encouragement and support. Even though I have been a member of DKG for 34 years, being president of this chapter opened my eyes to the many facets of DKG and what a wonderful involved organization it is on all levels.

This past weekend, I attended the Eta State convention in Winston Salem. Jill, Kennan and Laurie joined me on Saturday for some of the break-out sessions. Keenan was one of the presenters for "NC Legislative Update." **CONGRATULATIONS SISTERS!!!** I felt like a proud parent as I accepted for our chapter a Chapter Achievement Award of "Excellence," a newsletter "Excellence" award and a website "Excellence" award. At our May 5th meeting, I will share with you some of the other highlights of the convention. Right now, mark your calendars to attend the 2017 convention April 28-30 in Wilmington. You must experience it for yourself. The sharing and learning from your DKG Sisters throughout the state and international are both

rewarding and inspirational. We all are truly "sisters."

Next, I would like to encourage you to attend the National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee July 5-9. You know that will be a blast!!! Members can participate in professional development using convention hours for summer credits, network with educators from around the world, learn from keynote speakers, and enjoy the sights of Nashville. All aboard!!!

Looking back at the past two years of Delta Sigma with a **Plus -Delta** in the back of my mind, this is my perception. There are so many **PLUSES** -twelve new actively involved members; programs providing insight on both local and global educational issues, health issues and music in our own high schools; being made aware of political issues involving education; two successful fashion shows, therefore being able to award grant-in aids to members and non-members; a well-managed budget; an excellent newsletter and web site, and extensive media coverage; and wonderful and planned support of beginning teachers in Lincoln County. What have I left out? Even though I have three blood-related sisters, all my DKG

Sisters are special and a big **PLUS** for me. Each of you, I am certain, has a more personal approach to what these past two years have meant to you as a member of Delta Sigma.

DELTAS – What to change? Again, I am certain that you have your own personal ideas, and we would like to hear these anytime or at the planning meeting. There are scholarships on the state level and international level that I would like to see our members apply for because I know that you meet the criteria. Take the time and you will say, "What time?" (I understand) to visit the DKG, Eta State and our own web site- very informative.

I hope that your experiences as a member of Delta Sigma and DKG are meaningful and as life changes from day to day, you know that you can depend on your Delta Sigma sisters for support and understanding. Keep us informed.

When I was installed as your president, Pat Taylor, the then Eta State President, attended our meeting. Her slogan was, and I repeat to you "Together, we are stronger." Each and everyone one of you is vital to this chapter!!! I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our May 5th meeting when our new officers will be installed.

Take care.
 Edwina Beam, Delta Sigma
 President 2014-2016
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From Eta State President Sheila Groves

Dedicated, supportive, progressive, life-long learners— - These are words presidents use to describe their chapters. It seems we might also use those same words to describe our presidents. As we approach the end of another chapter biennium, we celebrate the positive progress we've made and imagine the ways we can impact education in the fu-

ture. We express our many thanks to chapter presidents! Their effective leadership is reflected in the successes of our programs and projects. Eta State recognizes the time and talent that presidents share to ensure members are informed and engaged. We applaud their dedication and appreciate their enthusiasm for the work of the Society. On

Saturday, April 23, we honored our chapter presidents at the 2016 state convention. Join me that evening at the reception and banquet to fellowship with our NC chapter presidents and recognize them for their service this biennium. Thank You Presidents, you are the heart-beat of our chapters. *Sheila*



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Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture

(Part 4 of Series)

PROGRAMS –Chapters have great flexibility to plan and present programs, so long as the program is compatible with one of the Society’s seven Purposes. The Society web site (www.dkg.org) is a source for detailed information about outstanding programs available to chapters and members.

PROJECTS...PROJECTS... PROJECTS! - On the society website are ideas for raising money for the international project “Schools for Africa,” for “Early Career Education Support” and for “The World Fellowship Program.” Many state and local chapters have long-standing projects that further educational excellence, support educators and contribute to the well-being of women and children.(At present our local projects are supporting [Speak Up For Children](#),

and with profits from the fashion show providing Grants-in-Aid to our members and non-members and to support beginning teachers in Lincoln County.)

SOCIETY COMMUNICATION – The **DKG NEWS**, mailed directly to all members bi-monthly as well as being available online, keeps members informed of the activities and opportunities of the international Society. The **Bulletin** is the juried, peer reviewed journal of the Society published in print and online four times a year. It gives members an outlet who wish to publish and share information with other educators. Our state organization has a Web site: (www.deltakappagamma.org/NC) and a newsletter **ETA STATE NEWS** online with local chapters providing print editions for members without

email. The **Collegial Exchange Magazine** promotes excellence in education and personal and professional growth through the publication of the original writing of the key women educators who are members of DKG. (We have our own newsletter *Delta Sigma LINC* published at least four times a year. Reading this and submitting your news will keep all members up-to- date on our chapter.) DKG is also on Face book.

MEETINGS and EVENTS – Our chapter has four regular meetings and a planning meeting each year. There is also a yearly Eta State convention in April at different locations Regional conference are held in odd numbered years to disseminate information, to provide workshops and leadership training. The International convention is held in even numbered years to conduct Society business.

Free Webinars Available

DKG has announced that through the Society’s partnership with Capella University, members can participate in free webinars. Webinar topics range in categories like professional development and higher education.

Some Capella webinars—in fields like information technology, project management and more—can help you earn CE credit to maintain your professional credentials. Find a webinar today.

Some Models, Some Workers, Some Guests - All BEAUTIFUL!



Wanda made sure that everything was ready for the big day!



**Pictures by
Linda Yoder**

Beginning Teacher Committee Announces Final Plans

We are coming to an end to our 2015-2016 school year and mentoring our 30 beginning teachers for this year. We will have our last universal gift bag available for you to deliver to your mentee at our May 5th meeting. They will be receiving "sweet" d-e-s-s-e-r-t-s to help keep them from going backwards and getting s-t-r-e-s-s-e-d (desserts spelled backwards). Please plan to be there and if at all possible hand deliver the last gift. In addition to end of year testing and paperwork many of our

BT1's are also worried about the possibility of not having a job with the recent news article and unfortunate budget cuts. If you have any feedback from the new teachers or yourself about our project please let me know. Watch your e-mail for a survey about our beginning of the year breakfast, brunch or lunch with our new Beginning teachers for 2016-2017. Please try to answer as honestly as you can so that we can make our beginning teacher project even more successful. Please remember to

turn in your T.H.A.T form if you mentored a new teacher to Crystal Rudisill at crystale.carpenter@gmail.com <<file:///C:/Users/Dusty/Downloads/crystale.carpenter@gmail.com>> I greatly appreciate all the support you all have given to this project, the beginning teachers, and to each other!

Laurie



Committee Announcements

Scholarship - Announcement of the 2016 scholarships will be made at the May meeting!

Finance Any members needing reimbursement for fashion show expenses, please send receipts to Kellie Goins at 559 Alf Hoover Road Lincolnton, NC 28092. As soon as our bills are paid we can determine just how successful we were.

Program As this biennium draws to a close, I want to thank our President Edwina Beam for her leadership and hard work on behalf of our Delta Sigma Chapter. On May 5th, Connie Savell our ETA State First Vice President will visit our chapter to install new officers. Presentation of our scholarships will also highlight this meeting. The Fine Arts portions of our program committee will host a special guest performer for this occasion. We look forward to seeing all our members on May 5th.

Publicity Hello from China! I wanted to thank the communication committee for their commitment to Delta Sigma this year! I also want to thank everyone for collecting door prizes, ticket sells, and involvement in making the fashion show a success! I personally am not on Face book, but had an email from a church friend who said she had seen pictures of the fashion show that looked like so much fun! (She had purchased one of my tickets and totally forgot to attend!) !

Education Law & Policy The Eta State ELP Committee has developed a new survey to determine members' priorities before planning some trips to Raleigh. Stay tuned for more details. They want to hear from you!

Eta State Foundation Awards First Grants!

Four proposals have received the "first ever" grants awarded by the NC DKG Educational Foundation! In alphabetical order by grant category, they are:

*Andrea Byers of Delta Chi- Continuing Education grant: "To attend the Collaborative Conference for Student Achievement"; Gathering innovative ideas for K-5 workshops

*Alpha Nu - Penni Robinson, project

leader - Learning/Literacy grant: "Painting a Picture of Partnership"; Providing art lessons for a special-needs Girl Scout troop to earn Painting Badges

*Alpha Phi - Vicki Collins, project leader - Learning/Literacy grant: "Cuddle Up and Read"; Encouraging literacy in a homeless shelter

*Delta Zeta - Barbara Hardy, project leader - Learning/Literacy grant: "Tutor

Toolkits"; Providing toolkits and volunteers to assist the Mano al Hermano Family Literacy Program

Eleven proposals, all worthy of funding, were submitted. Thus, the Grants Review Committee had a difficult task to choose only four to receive the \$250.00 awards.

The Foundation hopes to attract even more proposals for the next award cycle - to be announced at the Eta State Convention.



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STATE AND INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	PLACE
Eta State Convention	April 22-24, 2016	Winston Salem, NC (Region IX)
DKG International Convention	July 5-9, 2016	Gaylord Opryland Resort Nashville, TN
Eta State Convention	April 28-30, 2017	Wilmington, NC (Region IV)



CHAPTER CALENDAR

May Scholarships	May 5	Boger City United Methodist Church	6:00 p.m. Meal	Scholarship Educational Law & Policy	Recognize Scholarship Winners. Invite state leaders Installation of new officers
Planning Meeting Spring/Summer 2016	TBA	TBA	TBA	President and Members	TBA
Prepare Universal Bag	April/May 2016	TBA	TBA	Beginning Teacher Support (All Members)	TBA