



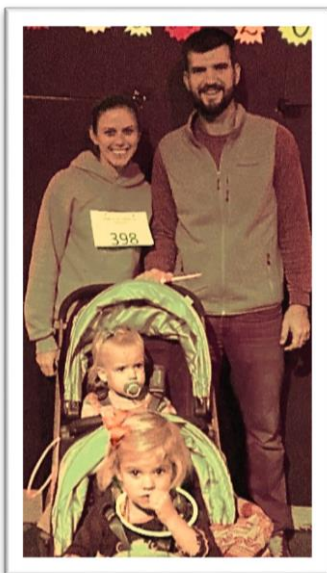
Delta Sigma Supports Glow Run

On Saturday, October 22, 2016, Delta Sigma volunteers assisted with registration and games at the 3rd Annual Glow Run sponsored by Speak Up for Children, Inc. The Glow Run was held at the Marsha H. Cloninger Rail Trail in Lincolnton, and participants were encouraged to walk, run, or dance their way through the three mile trail while carrying or wearing glowing sticks, bracelets, necklaces, and sunglasses. In keeping with the Halloween theme, costumes were also a familiar site at the Glow Run. Event organizers also provided games for children, candy, treats, and face painting.



Lindsey Fletcher, President Libby Fletcher, and grandchildren – Tatum and Griggs

For the second year in a row, Delta Sigma has chosen to support Speak Up for Children as a part of the chapter's community service. In addition to assisting the evening of the Glow Run, Delta Sigma members helped with filling candy bags and creating decorations prior to the event. Several members also brought children and grandchildren to this family-oriented fundraiser.



Kristen Reynolds, husband Travis, and daughters – Blakely and Ada Jane

Speak Up for Children is a nonprofit organization formed to improve the lives of abused and neglected children by providing services and opportunities for foster children in Lincoln County. Jill Eaddy, a Delta Sigma member and Speak Up For Children board member, expressed appreciation for the assistance provided by Delta Sigma volunteers. "We raised about \$2,000 and had lots of fun. Speak Up for Children is a small group of volunteer Guardians ad Litem and could not assist the foster children in our community without the continuing involvement of groups like DKG."

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Delta Sigma
Fashion Show
Saturday, May 6, 2017**

A Message from Your President



Dear Delta Sigma Sisters,

I enjoyed our November 17th meeting and always appreciate a chance to visit and plan with our group. I hope that for our next meeting our list of attendees will be longer than our list of absentees. Be sure to post

our DKG meetings on your calendar of important events.

‘Tis the season for being thankful, for enjoying holiday times with family and friends, and for giving to others. I value the work of our Delta Sigma chapter in giving back to our community of Lincoln County educators and future educators. Be sure to let beginning teachers and all our teachers know they are appreciated this holiday season. If you missed the chance to participate in the Halloween Glow Run in support of our community project, Speak Up for Children, you may bring a donation to our February meeting.

In preparation for our next meeting please fill out a Prospect Card for that educator you know who would embrace the mission and vision of Delta Kappa Gamma. As we seek to inspire, imagine, and ignite to “Create the Future”, we look forward to adding vibrant, hard-working women educators to our ranks.

May God bless you each and every one during this most sacred and holy season. Best wishes for a happy start to a New Year filled with happiness, success, and good health.

Merry Christmas,

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Happy Holidays!

Leadership Development Seminar

Registration is open for the Leadership Development Seminar to be held June 23-25, 2017 at Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro. The goal of the seminar is to perpetuate an ongoing leadership network of educational professionals who have the potential of increasing DKG’s significance in the larger educational arena.



The theme will be “A Leadership Launch: Igniting Your View of Leadership.” To learn more, download the brochure and registration information from the Leadership Development Committee’s webpage at <http://www.ncdkg.org/leadership-development-committee.html>.

Participation is limited to the first 30 registrants. This seminar will not be a “drop-in” type as in previous years. Participants must commit to attend all three days.

ASCD Leadership Conference

As recipient of Delta Sigma’s Professional Development Award last spring, Rhonda Hager utilized the local grant funds to pay registration to attend the ASCD Education Leadership Conference held November 2-5, 2016 in National Harbor, Maryland. This national conference featured leading writers including Robert Marzano, Barbara Coloroso, and Douglas Fisher, among others.



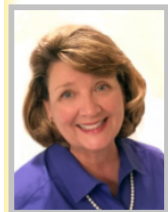
One of Rhonda’s favorite sessions was presented by Shane Safir, who highlighted her soon to be released book entitled *The Listening Leader*. Safir emphasized information regarding the abundance of communication we experience each day; yet, we rarely make quality time to listen to others. The presenter developed leadership archetypes displaying the differences between leaders who are appeasers, managers, drivers, and listening leaders. Rhonda shared, “From this learning, it has made me reflect on how much listening I do each day. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Delta Sigma for the opportunity to attend this national conference.”

A Message from Sheila Groves

Post-Election ELP Update

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Something to think about...

As the final days of this year approach, think about the many ways Delta Kappa Gamma has brightened our lives. We welcomed 2016 with open hearts, embracing beginning teachers, supporting Schools for Africa, enjoying genuine spiritual fellowship. We sought new experiences, launching an Educational Foundation, recognizing twelve members as Rising Stars, working with Girl Scout Troops and exploring other untapped collaborations with the community. We actively engaged beyond chapter and state levels, receiving multiple Lucile Cornet Awards, displaying talents in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, publishing in the Collegial Exchange, attending the International Convention in Nashville. This year, DKG experiences encouraged us, energized us, and filled us with the joy that comes from sharing a passion for the work of the Society.

During this season of gift-giving, let's celebrate the gifts we've received from DKG. Let's be proud of the unique gifts we've shared with our chapters, our schools, and our communities. Let's anticipate unwrapping new adventures in 2017!

Wishing everyone peace and joy, happiness and laughter, hope and love this holiday season and throughout the new year!

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November 8 brought surprise results in a number of races important to our members. Your Eta State Educational Law & Policy Committee urges all members – both active and retired – to pay close attention to actions by our state and federal lawmakers. Public education is in a precarious position right now and is likely to need voices of support as decisions are made in Raleigh and Washington.

Delta Kappa Gamma's federal voice is the US Forum. Eta State members wishing to subscribe to the Forum's FREE newsletter should send a request to the editor Angela O.

Bedenbaugh at Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com.

On the state level your EL&P Committee will carefully monitor events in North Carolina and share issues with the membership through its Chapter Contacts and via *Eta Data* and *Eta State News*. To personally follow issues under consideration in Raleigh, there are several good sources of information: NC Association of School Administrators (NCASA.org), Public Schools First NC (Publicschoolsfirstnc.org), and Raleigh's *The News & Observer* (<http://www.newsobserver.com/>).



Now that everyone knows who their NC House and Senate representatives are, this is the best time to contact those individuals to begin a dialogue for the coming long session of the NC General Assembly which starts in late January. Once lawmakers go to Raleigh for the session, it is difficult to find times to meet with them due to many committee meetings. Therefore, it is best to contact them back at home between now and the end of January. Eta State's White Paper on Legislative Issues can be found at our new website (www.ncdkg.org) and click on Leadership, Committees, Educational Law & Policy.

Let us all remain vigilant as the coming year proceeds. Public Education needs our support right now.

Educational Foundation Announces Grant Recipients

The NC DKG Educational Foundation awarded six grants in



November, totaling \$1,500. This is \$500 more than last year and made possible through donations to the Foundation and raffle ticket purchases at the convention. The Foundation thanks all who applied for grants this cycle and congratulates Eta State NC members on receiving grants to fund their professional development or learning and literacy projects.

Delta Sigma's own **Kennan Eaddy** was the recipient of a \$250 grant for Professional/Personal Growth. Kennan used the grant funds to attend a workshop in Charlotte on December 6, 2016 entitled *Yoga and Mindfulness in the Classroom: Tools to Improve Self-Regulation, Learning and Classroom Climate*. The seminar taught developmentally appropriate mindfulness tools that can be immediately integrated into the daily curriculum. These skills promote self-regulation, learning readiness, and resiliency while cultivating a positive, peaceful, and productive classroom. Techniques were taught to empower students by increasing self-awareness, which is the foundation for the development of self-regulation skills and cognitive control. The activities are designed to help students move from a state of anxiety and deregulation to engagement and connectedness, making learning more accessible. Congratulations Kennan!

In addition, the following Eta State NC members received funds for their grant proposals:

- Leslie Baldwin (Zeta) Continuing Education Grant - Attend and present at Southern Conference on Language Teaching in Orlando, FL, in March 2017
- Andrea Byers (Delta Chi) Learning/Literacy Grant - Legos & Robots...Oh My!
- Mary Beth Dailey (Beta Omicron) Learning/Literacy Grant - A Is for Artifact
- Angela Kern (Alpha Upsilon) Learning/Literacy Grant - That's Presidential
- Teresa Shadoin (Alpha Gamma) Learning/Literacy Grant - Coming to the Neighborhood Near You: Pre-school Traveling Bus, SCOTTIE

Read more in about these grants in the [December Eta Data](#). Hopefully, these grant topics will inspire Delta Sigma members to apply for grants in the future!

NC DKG Educational Foundation Shares Holiday Gift Idea

As the holidays approach and your gift-giving ideas need a boost, the NC DKG Educational Foundation invites you to consider making a donation in honor or memory of someone to the Foundation.

The NC DKG Foundation has launched a major three year fundraising campaign with the goal of raising \$50,000 each year. The mission of the Foundation is to secure funds to support school and community projects, the professional and personal development of women educators, and excellence in education. Read more in the [Winter Issue of Eta State News](#) and watch for more information about the campaign in the coming months.

The Foundation flyer about the gift giving is located on the [Foundation website](#) or as a link off the home page <http://www.ncdkgef.org>. A variety of gift cards or certificates is available to print out at your convenience to deliver to your honoree(s).

Once your tax-deductible donation is received, you will be sent a link to the cards for you to choose and print. What a quick and easy way to honor our members and support NC women educators in the future!



Eta State Executive Board – Region X



Libby Fletcher with other Region X Presidents, Eta State Executive Board Meeting – Elon University, September 10th

“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

World Fellowship



World Fellowship provides monetary awards to women from around the world to attend graduate school in the US or Canada. These recipients, upon completion of their master's or doctoral degrees, are expected to return to their countries where they can become women leaders impacting their societies. Over 900 women from 120 countries have received awards from World Fellowship. For 2016-2017, there were 25 award recipients, and five previous recipients received extensions. It is only with the financial support of each DKG chapter that this program continues.

To learn more about World Fellowship, its history, ideas for supporting recipients, and how you can donate, information can be found on the [committee page](#) on the DKG website.

DKG Members Connect

Take advantage of the members-only social network of DKG Communities on the International website. It is a great place for Society members to post questions and discuss common issues. Members also have the ability to create blogs, store resources, and create shared documents on a wiki. In addition, there are several “communities” where discussion groups reside. Sample communities include:

- *DKG Book Club Community* - members share book reviews,
- *Travels Community* – sharing of travel experiences and opportunities, and
- *Home Life Community* – sharing of gardening ideas, recipes, and other home related ideas.

The website has communities dedicated to professional sharing such as research, strategies, and best practices. Check out these resources by signing in to the DKG website. Go to the MyDKG tab. Click on the My Communities tab on the red bar. On the new page, you will be able to click to join a “community” of interest to you. Just click and subscribe. Find your area of interest and get connected with other DKG colleagues!

Schools for Africa



Schools for Africa is a partnership between the Nelson Mandela Foundation, UNICEF, and the Hamburg Society. The work of this partnership is supported by Delta Kappa Gamma. The project works with 13 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and helps the most disadvantaged children get a quality education. To date, Schools for Africa has helped more than 30 million children obtain access to an education, with a focus on girls, orphans, and other vulnerable children. Schools for Africa became the Society’s first official international project in 2010. Since that time, members have donated \$324,150.

The Schools for Africa project supports UNICEF in building and furnishing schools, training teachers, providing students and schools with materials, providing access to clean water, and facilitating school access to disadvantaged children. Based on data provided by DKG International, our donations can make an enormous difference in these impoverished countries.

- \$10 provides one student with a learning kit that includes a book bag, stationary, mini atlas, and math tables.
- \$45 will give ten children the supplies and learning materials needed for school.
- \$125 provides three days of training for teachers, impacting 1,200 children.
- \$250 provides schools a box kit with teaching materials for 80 students.
- \$4,800 can provide safe water at a school site.
- \$14,000 can construct a classroom and library equipped with furniture and materials.

During the November 17th meeting of Delta Sigma, Gayle Reid provided a presentation on Schools for Africa. Gayle’s program provided our newest members with background information about Schools for Africa and reminded other members of the importance of the project. “Schools for Africa is a worthy project for us to be involved with,” Reid said. “Much work is going into getting other countries involved so as to sustain what has already been going on,” she explained. During the meeting members of Delta Sigma made donations to support Schools for Africa.

2017 Eta State Convention News

The Eta State Convention is taking shape! Proposals are due soon and the hotel is filling up! Ann Ipock will be the Sunday Brunch speaker. She is the author of several books, including *Life is Short, I Wish I was Taller; Life is Short, So Read This Fast*; and *Life is Short, But It's Wide*. In addition, Linda Navorska, the Southeast Regional Director for The DKG Society International, will be Eta State's guest at the convention in Wilmington. She is scheduled for the first legislative forum at the convention. Make your plans to attend the convention in **Wilmington April 28-30, 2017**.

Proposals to present a Saturday afternoon session are due January 25, 2017 to First Vice-President Connie Savell at mcdpm59@gmail.com or 206 N. Roxford Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Proposals should fall into one of the four focus strands— Technology, Teaching and Learning, Personal Growth, or DKG Society. The [proposal form](#) is online on the convention webpage.

The Hilton Wilmington Riverside Hotel will be the site of the convention.



Make your room reservations at http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/I/ILM/NCHF-DKG-20170427/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG.

Deadline for the group rate is March 27, 2017.

Send in Your Delta Sigma News!

Please email any information you would like to share with your sisters to the Delta Sigma LINC editor. We would love to hear about joyous events such as weddings, births, graduations, special recognitions, conferences attended, etc. Email your information to Elaine at seboysworth@gmail.com.



Chapter Member News

The “spotlight” is on **Jennifer Dellinger**. She is featured in the District News section of the [Lincoln County Schools Website](#). Congratulations Jenny!

Committee Notes/Announcements

Beginning Teacher Support Committee (Laurie Sellers): We will be making and handing out our next universal gift for the beginning teachers of Lincoln County Schools on **January 19th at 4:00**. We will put the gifts together and enjoy food and fellowship before our program at 4:30. Even if you are not able to mentor a new teacher, supporting us with the universal gifts is a huge help.

Thank you to each member mentoring one of our 17 new teachers this year. If you would like to help, we still have two individuals that do not have a mentor. When you fill out your THAT form please remember to email it to Kesha Ruppe at kesharuppe@gmail.com. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please don't hesitate to ask or share. I appreciate all of you and hope you know what a difference we are making with the first year teachers and their students in Lincoln County Schools. "The most valuable resource that all teachers have is each other. Without collaboration our growth is limited to our own perspectives." - Robert John Meehan

Program Committee (Rhonda Hager): Calling all Sisters! You don't want to miss our next meeting on **January 19, 2017 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**. We will gather at **4:00 pm** to assemble our next universal gift for our beginning teachers. Our program for the afternoon is on the topic of self-defense and ways to be proactive in our actions. We are excited to host Mike Muscat who is a trainer for the Gaston County Police Department and has conducted numerous classes on self-defense. He will offer us a hands-on learning session that is designed specifically for women. Come and enjoy this time of learning to improve our personal safety for 2017.

Fashion Show (Cindy White): If anyone has donations for door prizes for the fashion show, please let Cindy White, Donna Jolley, or Nelva Goodson know. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.



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Educators”**

**SOUTHEAST
REGIONAL IN
MYRTLE BEACH**

Proposal forms to present a breakout session or a ten-minute takeaway session (new this year) at the regional conferences are now online. The Southeast Regional Conference will be held this summer, July 19-22 in Myrtle Beach, SC—close enough to drive! Plan to attend and present!

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State and International Calendar

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Eta State Convention	April 28-30, 2017	Wilmington, NC (Region IV)
Eta State Leadership Development Seminar	June 23-25, 2017	Asheboro, NC
Southeast Regional Conference	July 19-22, 2017	Myrtle Beach, SC
Eta State Convention	April 27-28, 2018	Charlotte NC (Region VII)
DKG International Convention	July 16-20, 2018	Austin, TX

Web Links for Chapter Members

International Website: <https://www.dkg.org>

(NEW THIS YEAR!) Eta State Website: www.ncdkg.org

Delta Sigma Website: <http://deltasigmanc.weebly.com>

Eta Data:

<http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/etadataoct2016.pdf>

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<http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/etadatadec2016.pdf>

Reminder - Scholarships Available

If you are pursuing your masters or doctoral degree, you may be eligible to apply for a Delta Kappa Gamma International Scholarship or an Eta State Scholarship. Details and the application form for International can be found at: <http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Forms/Applications.aspx> (member sign in required). Information on the Eta State Scholarship can be accessed on the Eta State website on the [forms](#) page. Applications for both scholarships are due by February 1, 2017.

Buy a Brick, Pave the Way

Build DKG memories by buying a paving brick in honor or memory of someone or to celebrate your chapter as part of the “Pave the Way for DKG Memories” project to raise money for Eta State Headquarters. Bricks may be engraved with up to three lines of 18 characters each. The cost per brick is \$125

Forms can be found on the Eta State NC website at <http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2016pavetheway.png>. Mail forms and payments to Eta State NC Treasurer Ruth Jones at 3607 Wyneston Road, Greenville, NC 27858.

Upcoming Conference Dates

(Hyperlinked to Conference Information)

- 2017 [NC Social Studies Conference](#) – March 2-3
- 2017 [NC Middle School Conference](#) – March 5-7
- 2017 [Western Regional Math Conference](#) – March 4
- 2017 [Teaching Contemporary Math Conference](#) (NC School of Science and Math) - Jan. 27-28
- 2017 [NC Reading Association Conference](#) March 19-21
- 2017 [NC TIES Conference](#) – March 2-3
- 2017 [NC Collaborative Conference on Student Achievement](#) (CCSA) – March 20-22



Individual Professional Development Funds Available

Applications for the Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional Development—Individual will be due Feb. 1, 2017. This money can be used for conferences, seminars, national certifications (and renewals) or any non-degree seeking programs. Learn more on the [DKG Educational Foundation website](#). Consider applying to support attendance at one of the upcoming state conferences!

Delta Sigma Calendar 2016-2017

Meeting	Date	Place	Time	Responsible Committee	Program Title (Subject)
Prepare Universal Bag & Informal Get Together	Jan. 19, 2017	Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship Hall	4:00 p.m. (Snacks)	Beginning Teacher Support and Program/ Fine Arts	Law & Order Self-Defense
Executive Board Meeting	Jan. 23	BCUMC Library	4:30 p.m.	Executive Board	Business and Reports
February Meeting	Feb. 23	Faith Building Emmanuel Lutheran	4:00 p.m. (Snacks)	Membership	Public Official/ Fashion Show
April Meeting Scholarship/ Awards	April 6	Boger City UMC Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m. (Meal)	Scholarship Educational Law and Policy	Recognize Scholarship Winners/ Invite Eta State Representative
May Fashion Show	May 5 May 6	First UMC Fellowship Hall	Friday 3-6 Preparation/ Saturday 9-2	Cindy White, Nelva Goodson, Donna Jolley and All Members	
Planning Meeting Spring/Summer 2017	TBD	TBD	TBD	President and Members	

