



Local TV Personality to Emcee 2017 Fashion Show



Kristen Miranda from WBTV will serve as guest emcee at the upcoming 2017 Fashion Show. At WBTV, Kristen anchors Breaking News from the Alert Center weekday mornings. She also covers the consumer beat at the station and has interviewed well know figures such as Former First Lady Michelle Obama, Oprah Winfrey, CBS News Anchor Charlie Rose, country music superstar Dolly Parton, and country singer/North Carolina native Scotty McCreery, just to name a few...

Among her accolades, Kristen has been recognized by the North Carolina Associated Press and the Radio Television Digital News Association of the Carolinas for her consumer reporting. Prior to working at WBTV Kristen was an anchor/reporter in both Rochester, NY and Binghamton, NY. We are delighted to welcome her to Lincolnton to experience the southern hospitality of Delta Sigma!

See additional Fashion Show news on page three.

Delta Sigma Members Learn Self-Defense Strategies

On January 19th, members of Delta Sigma were educated on self-defense by participating in a demonstration provided by Mike Muscat and his wife, Jennifer. The couple instructed the group on the Krav Maga system of self-defense.



Mike and Jennifer demonstrated and assisted members with practicing various techniques they could easily use. Mike emphasized the only wrong thing you can do in a self-defense situation is to do nothing at all. He stressed awareness of one's surroundings and emphasized listening to your intuition. Members interested in additional training may contact Mike at mmuscat@mctrontech.com.

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A Message from Your President



Dear Delta Sigma Sisters,

Although the groundhog saw his shadow, I am seeing signs of spring budding in my yard. With spring comes the excitement of scholarship awards as well as our highly anticipated Fashion Show to support the awards. I hope that each of

you has set the following dates and times as important calendar events: February 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at the Faith Building of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, April 6th at 6:00 p.m. at BCUMC, and May 6th at FUMC for the Fashion Show.

Thanks to Rhonda Hager's program committee and Laurie Seller's beginning teacher support committee for a great and productive gathering in January. The teacher gifts we put together would brighten any teacher's day. The self-defense class and exercises were both fun and enlightening. Most of all, it was good to gather and catch up with one another.

My thanks to the Executive Board for your support at our January meeting. As we worked on the Chapter Achievement Award, I was reminded of the effort that our members put into our chapter and the fact that we work diligently to make a difference in the lives of Lincoln County teachers and students. I encourage each of you to utilize the Eta state website at www.ncdkg.org to learn more about the Chapter Achievement Award and scholarship opportunities available to our members. Also, check out the awards that will be given at the April 28-30 convention in Wilmington. We have members that are worthy of nomination!

As I mentioned in my last email, I need your help and support in completing the Chapter Achievement Award by March 1st. Please let me know if you have submitted an entry to an educational website, professional journal, DKG Bulletin or Gallery of Fine Arts. In addition, notify me if you submitted an application for a NC DKG Educational Foundation Award, or an International Leadership Management Seminar or Stipend, or the Lucile Cornet Award for Professional Development. Finally, I need dates and examples of emails to elected officials to send with this report. Your help with any of these items would be appreciated.

I am excited to hear of the prospective members that will be presented at our February meeting. If you have not sent your Prospect Member card to Dana Avery or Betsy Laws, please do so before our meeting. We look forward to sharing our goals, mission, and sisterhood with interested and involved educators. Please make every effort to attend our February 23rd meeting as we plan our fashion show, discuss new members, and hear from a newly elected official. Bring your ideas, energy, and enthusiasm to spring into action as dedicated Delta Sigma sisters.

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New Board of Education Member to Speak at Next Delta Sigma Meeting

Submitted by Rhonda Hager

Board of Education Member, Heather Rhyne, will speak at the Delta Sigma meeting on February 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at the Faith Building of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Mrs. Rhyne graduated from UNC Chapel Hill and is a pharmacist with The Drug Store in Lincoln. She was affirmed to the school board in December 2016. Mrs. Rhyne was appointed chairperson of the curriculum committee and is already very active in visiting with principals, directors, and teachers to learn more about curriculum issues. We look forward to Mrs. Rhyne sharing why she wanted to serve on the school board and about her areas of focus. Be sure to attend this unique opportunity to visit with Mrs. Rhyne and listen to her share her passion for education.



As DKG members we need to be aware of local, state, and national issues affecting education. With newly elected officials it is important that we voice our opinions and views about promoting public education. If we stay silent, we miss our chance to influence policy to best meet the needs of ALL children. This is the time to reach out and show our community that education makes a difference and must be a priority.



Planning for 2017 Fashion Show in Full Swing!

Submitted by Cindy White

Our calendars are marked and preparations are well underway for the 2017 Fashion Show. This fundraiser finances the important work of our scholarship and beginning teacher support committees. Cindy White, Nelva Goodson, and Donna Jolley have been coordinating plans with a number of chapter members to make this fundraiser a huge success.

This year, the fashion show will be held on May 6, 2017 at First United Methodist Church in Lincolnton and will feature guest emcee Kristen Miranda from WBTV. Our models are lined up and will don the latest fashions from Cato, Chicos, Tally Ho, Hi-Lights, and Leprechaun.

Once again, Annette Geymont will head up table decorations. Food preparation will be led by Jill Eaddy, Becky Heavner, and Elaine Boysworth. Betsy Laws, assisted by Wanda Lutz, will be managing the distribution of tickets and collection of money for the show. Please support these members if your assistance is requested. It will take all of us working together to make this show successful.

Show tickets will be distributed to members at the February 23rd meeting and money must be returned at the April 6th meeting. Guest tickets are \$15.00 each. The executive board voted to set the price of member tickets at \$10.00 each. Members who do not prepare food will pay an additional \$10.00. EACH member is expected to buy her ticket and sell at least four tickets. Of course, we all need to sell as many tickets as possible!

There will be a form to turn in with your money this year. This form will tell us who purchased the ticket, whether it was with a check or cash, any returned tickets, and whether you want your persons to sit together. It is very important that this form be returned with your money.

Fashion show plans will be discussed in greater detail at our regular meeting on February 23rd. Let's make the Seventh Annual Delta Sigma Fashion Show the best ever!

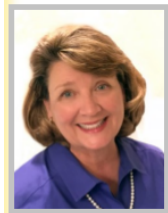


Photos taken by Linda Yoder at the 2016 Fashion Show.

Mark Your Calendar for May 6th!

A Message from Sheila Groves

Eta State NC President Sheila Groves



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Something to think about...

Happy New Year! It's time to put the old year behind us and celebrate a new year of possibilities. It's time to make new resolutions...or *maybe not*. My list of 2017 resolutions looks just like 2016: eat healthier, exercise more, get organized and learn to use my iphone. I truly wanted to do all of those things, so what happened? I had the best of intentions, put lots of thought into it, read and researched, made To Do lists, but didn't check off even one of those 2016 resolutions. What kept me from realizing my goals? I think I found the answer while reading a recent reflection by Mary Anne Perrone entitled *2017 New Year's Resolutions For All: No Longer Waiting*. Now I have only one resolution for 2017 – lose “wait!”

- I'm not going to *wait* until I have time; I'm going to make the time now.
- I'm not going to *wait* for someone to ask me to get involved; I'm going to volunteer.
- I'm not going to *wait* until I know it all; I'm going to learn on the job.
- I'm not going to *wait* for every “i” to be dotted and every “t” crossed, I'm going to take a risk.
- I'm not going to *wait* for acknowledgement; I'm going to celebrate my strengths.
- I'm not going to *wait* and be paralyzed by indecision, I'm going to take action!

If we wait for the time to be right, the outcome to be ensured, the path to be clear, and the response to be guaranteed, we miss the adventure of the journey! Will there be mistakes along the way? Sure, but those missteps provide opportunities to learn and grow. I'm excited about my resolution for 2017.

Will you lose “wait” with me this year?

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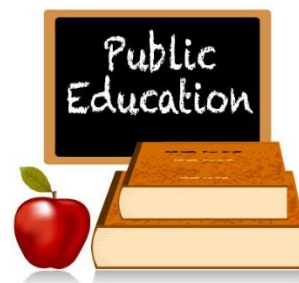
You Are Your Students' Voice

By Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

Members are urged to pay close attention to Legislative and Executive actions at both the state and national levels and to take action when necessary. “Take action” means calling, visiting or writing lawmakers, the governor and/ or the president when they are considering laws or mandates that impact students, children or educators. In NC, lawmakers are in Raleigh Tuesday through Thursday, so members who do not live near Raleigh can visit or call their Representative or Senator's home offices on Mondays or Fridays. Get together with fellow sisters and plan a visit today.

Another option is to invite a lawmaker, even a local County Commission member, to a chapter meeting for an important Q&A session with prepared questions ready for member use.

Stay informed by checking the [NC Public Schools First](#) website and the [Raleigh News & Observer](#) newspaper.



In the near future, the Educational Law & Policy Committee will be conducting the 2017 Educational Issues Survey. Watch for it and be sure to complete the survey of priorities. Until the results of this survey are ready, use the current prioritized list of education issues found at Eta State's website, www.ncdkg.org. Click on Leadership, Committees, then Educational Law & Policy. The whitepaper is the first attachment.

Stay vigilant, Sisters!

Contact Your Legislators

The newly-elected NC House of Representatives and Senate convened in Raleigh on January 11 for their “long” session. Among other actions during this 6-month session, a new two-year budget will be developed. DKG members are encouraged to contact their Representatives and Senators urging them to fully fund public education and to curb spending on school vouchers for private schools. To find one's representatives, go to www.ncleg.net and click on “Who Represents Me?” near the top of the page.

2017 Eta State Convention News

It is not too late to register for the Eta State Convention in **Wilmington, NC April 28-30, 2017!** Use the following link to download registration information: <http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2017conventionregistrationform.pdf>. Registration and payment must be received by April 1, 2017.

Unfortunately, the state convention hotel, Wilmington Hilton is full. However, The TownPlace Suites Wilmington-Wrightsville Beach (a Marriott property) is available as the overflow hotel. It offers free parking, WiFi, and breakfast at the price of \$119 plus taxes for DKG members. Rooms have two queen beds or a queen bed and a sleeping sofa. Rooms must be booked by March 27th. The same price of \$119 plus taxes applies to Thursday for those wanting to come early. The hotel is located at 305 Eastwood Road, Wilmington. The hotel number is 910-332-3326.

Members are encouraged to continue to contact the Hilton in case rooms become available by March 27th due to cancellations. The hotel link is http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/I/ILM/NCHF-DKG-20170427/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG.

2017 Convention Project



Hope Harbor Home of Brunswick County is the convention project this year. They provide safe shelter for victims of domestic violence

and their children. Hope Harbor also employs a Community Educator who conducts presentations in schools on issues such as bullying, dating violence, sexual harassment, self-esteem, and other topics aimed at promoting nonviolence among students and throughout the community. Members can support this organization through **donations of gift cards, monetary contributions** and items from the “wish list” posted on our state website - www.ncdkg.org.

Even if you are not attending the convention, you may want to send items with our chapter's attendees.

Proposed Amendments Shared

The 2015-2017 Eta State Rules Committee has prepared proposed bylaws and standing rules amendments for each member to study prior to the state convention. Please read carefully and consider the implications of the proposed changes.

Chapters are encouraged to discuss the proposals and give input to chapter presidents. As members of the state Executive Board, presidents will help decide whether to recommend or not recommend adoption of each proposal. The Rules Committee chairman will present the Executive Board's position on each proposal to the membership session prior to the membership's decision *to adopt* or *not to adopt* proposed amendments.

Please use this link to download the 2017 Proposed Amendments to *Eta State Bylaws* and *Eta State Standing Rules*: http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2017prop_amendmentsncbylawssr.pdf. If you are attending the Eta State Convention, bring a copy of the proposed changes; copies will not be provided.

Educational Foundation Planning Another Great Raffle and Annual Meeting at Convention



The NC DKG Educational Foundation will again be holding a raffle at the convention to raise funds for more grants and to offer lucky winners awesome prizes. Returning raffle items include the NASCAR package, weekends at a mountain home and a beach retreat, and Biltmore tickets. Among the new items this year will be a winery package, a piece of Ben Owen III pottery, and a handmade quilt donated by an Eta State member. Watch for more details and a brochure outlining all of the raffle items soon.

All members are invited to the Second Annual Meeting of the Educational Foundation at the convention. Recent grant winners will share their projects and Foundation leaders will share how all members can support the capital campaign being launched by the Foundation.

DKG International Conference Experience

Submitted by Gayle Reid



The opportunity to learn about teachers and schools in other countries never fails to catch my attention. When Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Convention 2016 was announced for Nashville, Tennessee, I started making

plans. Perfect! My daughter lives in Nashville...free place to stay! I was only able to stay in Nashville for about 24 hours, so I spent my day at the Convention, July 7th.

The Convention was held at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. That, in and of itself, is something to see. As I entered the hotel, there were multitudes of people, some involved with DKG, and others associated with many other conventions underway. It was interesting that teachers look and act like teachers no matter where they are from - sensible dress and a willingness to help you find your way. Several languages could be heard in small groups here and there.

I attended a General Session presided over by Lyn Babb Schmid, the International President. Proposed Amendments to the International Standing Rules were presented, discussed and voted on. There was a request to allow an active or reserve member to drop chapter membership and request state organization membership. This did not pass because chapter membership was seen as being the heart of the Society. The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin is printed only in English. There was an amendment that they also publish an abstract of a published article - provided by the author, in languages other than English. This amendment passed.

I also attended the "Be the Change" Luncheon. This, I enjoyed the most because I had lunch seated with two teachers from Mexico. Between interesting guest speakers, we had wonderful conversations about schools and teachers in both countries. I wish I had been there long enough to have this conversation with teachers from other regions.

If you have never ventured outside the chapter level, I strongly urge you to consider attending the Eta State Convention in April, the Regional Convention in Myrtle Beach, or the next International Convention. We, Delta Sigma, make a very positive difference in Lincoln County. When you attend various levels of conventions and see the collective works of DKG members, it's clear this Society is impacting the world in so many ways. My wish is that every member have the opportunity to experience that sense of awe.

Editor's Note: *The Southeast Regional Conference will be held this summer, July 19-22 at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center—close enough to drive! **Plan to attend and/or present!** Hotel registration information is now available at*

http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2016_Regional_Conferences/Hotel_info/SE_Conference_Hotel_Info.aspx.

International Committee Blogs Provide Support

International committees provide support and encouragement to local chapters in many ways, such as through their pages on the International website and sessions at conferences and conventions. Many are reaching out beyond that and have created blogs to share news and help.



The Communications and Publicity Committee has a weekly blog, posting help and ideas on promoting DKG. Recent topics include ways to make your social media more graphic, how to stay safe when sharing on the Internet, and netiquette reminders. The blog can be found at <http://dkgcommunications2016.blogspot.com/>.

The Finance Committee invites you to follow their monthly "DKG Focus on Finance" blog. The blog will be filled with interesting topics related to finance in order to help members better understand finances. To access the Finance blog, go to <http://societyoper.blogspot.com>.

Committee Notes/Announcements

Beginning Teacher Support Committee (Laurie Sellers): On Thursday, January 19, 2017 the BT Support Committee and other members met to prepare Delta Sigma's second universal gift for the Lincoln County Schools beginning teachers. Nineteen BTI's at twelve different schools received an electric pencil sharpener, a pack of pencils, DKG pen, tile with post-it notes attached, and a Fatz coupon. We have some teachers that have yet to be "adopted" so if you are able, please consider mentoring these teachers for the second semester. We have one at ELHS and two at St. James. Thank you to all members that helped pack and deliver the gifts. Please remember to send your THAT forms to Kesha Ruppe at kesharuppe@gmail.com or bring them to our next meeting. I greatly appreciate all you do to help our new teachers and our students right here in Lincoln County!

Publicity Committee (Pat Carpenter): Take a moment to check out the updates Jenny Dellinger has made to our website at <http://deltasigmanc.weebly.com>. A new section specifically for meeting minutes has been added. Jenny hopes that this addition will be helpful to all members to be able to find past minutes all in one location. Jenny is also seeking photographs taken at Delta Sigma activities over the last two years so that she might add them to the website. If you have photos to share, please send them to her at jenny.dellinger@gmail.com.

Standing Rules Committee (Edwina Beam): After committee and state review, the Standing Rules Committee is recommending four amendments to wording under the following sections: membership (p.3), finance (p.5), finance committee (p.14) and amendments (p.16) of the Standing Rules. These were highlighted in yellow in the copy that was emailed to members. Also, highlighted in green under Communications/Publicity Committee (p.14) are the revisions recommended. These will be presented at our next meeting for adoption. Please be sure you have reviewed this document prior to February 23rd. Thank you.

Membership (Dana Avery and Betsy Laws): The membership will vote at the February meeting to extend invitations to prospective members to join DKG.



Preparing Gifts for Beginning Teachers

Program Committee (Rhonda Hager): Heather Rhyne will be our speaker at the 4:00 p.m. meeting on February 23rd located at the Faith Building of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We will also be collecting donations for our community service project supporting Speak Up for Children.

Scholarship Committee (Gayle Reid): It's scholarship time! The applications for The Delta Sigma \$1000 Grant-in-Aid Scholarship for a high school girl entering the field of education have been sent to each Lincoln County high school. If you are involved with the high schools, please encourage the guidance departments to find great candidates. Applications for the \$250 Most Promising Young Woman Educator Award have been sent to principals with female first year teachers. Again, please encourage principals to nominate a teacher. Both applications are to be mailed to Gayle Reid by March 6, 2017. Our committee will set a date to evaluate applications at the February chapter meeting.

Don't forget, we have The Delta Sigma Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Professional Development applications available. Also available are Advanced Degree Scholarship applications. Please contact Gayle Reid if you would like a copy of either of these applications.

As always, please check the Eta State and The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International websites for other scholarship opportunities.

Chapter Member News

Linda Yoder earned 1st place in the People category at the Arts Council of Lincoln County’s Annual Amateur Photography Show. Her winning entry entitled “Pure Joy” was a photograph of her granddaughter Marlow taken “in the golden hour” right before sunset. Congratulations!

The “spotlight” remains on members of Delta Sigma in Lincoln County Schools. **Jennifer Carroll** was featured in the District News section of the [Lincoln County Schools Website](#) in December, and **Deanna Dunn** is featured for the month of February. We are so fortunate to have such outstanding educators in our chapter. Hats off to Jennifer and Deanna!

Congratulation to **Gayle Reid** on the birth of her granddaughter Ida Jayne Reid who was born on December 28th. Ida Jayne has two sisters, Teagan and Kyra, who think she is the most wonderful thing ever!

Rhonda Harrill welcomed Jayci Lynn Randall into the world on January 6th. Jayci is Rhonda’s fourth grandchild, but first granddaughter. The Harrills and Randalls are overjoyed with their family addition. Congratulations!

Elaine Boysworth is currently serving as the President of the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln County for 2017. Good luck!

Congratulations to **Sherry Hoyle** who recently announced her retirement effective, July 1, 2017. Sherry has served as superintendent since 2011 and worked in Lincoln County for her entire career of 31 years. Best wishes for a fun-filled retirement!

Congratulations to **Judy Jones** who has been cast as Clair in the Lincoln Theatre Guild’s production of *Nana’s Naughty Knickers* performed February 10-12 and again February 17-19.



Delta Sigma Calendar 2016-2017

Meeting	Date	Place	Time	Responsible Committee	Program Title (Subject)
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	

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**Attend “A Leadership
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 at the Caraway Conference
 Center. Registration forms are
 on the Eta State Website. It’s
 a great way to “ignite” your
 view of leadership. **Deadline
 for registration and payment is
 May 1.****

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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>

Eta State Website: www.ncdkg.org

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

February Eta Data:

<http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/etadatafeb2017.pdf>

Spring 2017 Eta State News:

<http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/esnspring2017.pdf>

Technology Tip

Your mobile phone and/or tablet is a hotbed for germs and dirt! In this winter season, with many colds and such spreading around, take a few minutes to clean your devices. These tips from Apple should be a good start for any mobile device:



- Use only a soft, lint-free cloth. Avoid abrasive cloths, towels, and similar items that might cause damage.
- Unplug all external power sources, devices, and cables.
- Keep liquids away from the product.
- Don't get moisture into any openings.
- Don't use aerosol sprays, solvents, or abrasives.