

Ninth Annual Fashion Show Update!

By: Cindy White

The 2019 fashion show 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 success.

This year, the fashion show will be held on April 13, 2019 at First United Methodist Church in Lincolnton. The guest emcee will be Kristen Miranda from WBTV. Our models are lined up and will don the latest fashions from Chicco's, 7th Moon Boutique, Hi-Lites, and The Leprechaun. Two new vendors will participate in the fashion show: Crafted Mercantile, in Lincolnton and Redbone Willy's in Lawndale.

Sara Miller and Jane Morton will head up table decorations. Food preparation will be led by Jill Eaddy, Becky Heavner, and Elaine Boysworth. Wanda Lutz will be managing the distribution of tickets and the collection of money for the show. It will take all members working together to make this show successful.

Show tickets were distributed to members at the February 19th meeting. Money must be returned on Friday, March 29th using the drive-through at Boger City Methodist Church. Committee members will be at the church from 3:00-5:00 that day. This will give members a month and a half to sell, sell, sell! If anyone has trouble bringing money at that time, please contact Wanda or Cindy, and they will make plans to get it. Guest tickets are \$15.00 each. The executive board voted to keep the price of member tickets at \$10.00 each. Members who do not prepare food will pay an additional \$15.00. We will NOT

collect any money for food preparation until the day of the Fashion Show. This will avoid any confusion. **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 that will need to be turned in with money again this year. This form will indicate who purchased the ticket, whether it was check or cash, any returned tickets, and whether persons want to sit together. It is very important that this form is returned with ticket money. Member ticket money should also be included on this form and turned in on March 29th. Members will not have a paper ticket.

We would also like to have door prizes to give out at the show. Delta Sigma had a wonderful response from the community last year. Forms were distributed at the February meeting for members to use when receiving a donation. This will provide the information the committee needs to send thank you notes.

A gift card arrangement will be given to Kristen Miranda as a thank you for emceeing this year. If anyone would like to donate a gift card to go towards this gift bring it on March 29th when turning in money. Just put it in an envelope with your name and specify that it is for Kristen Miranda. Thank you in advance for your help!

Reminders will be sent out as it gets closer to the fashion show. In the meantime, mark your calendars for April 12th and 13th. Set up for the show will be on the 12th from 3:00-5:00. Let's make our ninth annual fashion show one to remember.





A Message from Your President

Dear Sisters,

We had a great meeting on Tuesday, February 19th hosted by our Beginning Teachers

Support Committee. Thank you for this committee's work for a wonderful meeting. At this meeting, we had a special recognition for Cindy White who celebrated her 10th year in DKG. Cindy has done an amazing job spearheading the Fashion Show for Delta Sigma for the last several years. A special appreciation goes to her for the many hours of coordination and facilitation to make sure ALL areas are well planned for this major event.

It is hard to believe that our Fashion Show is less than two months away. An information letter was sent to DKG members outlining Fashion Show responsibilities. Please see the Fashion Show Update in the newsletter to make sure you know the latest info. We want to make sure we sell every ticket for this fabulous show! Our chefs will be recruiting members soon for food preparations. I know we are all busy, but we need ALL DKG members involved with the Fashion Show with set-up, tickets, door prizes, food preparations, serving, modeling, and clean up. It takes the WHOLE DKG chapter to make this event successful.

Our Eta State Convention is May 3-5, 2019 in Hickory at the Crowne Plaza and is hosted by our own Region X. Our Convention will never be closer than this year! Are you thinking about attending this year? I encourage you to consider attending all or part of the convention. It is a great way to meet fellow DKG sisters in our state and learn more about the organization. Delta Sigma is in need of **three volunteers** to assist at the convention. Please let me know if you are willing to help. You can find all the information on the Eta State website or <https://www.ncdkg.org/2019-convention.html>.

The Eta State Convention project this year is Funds for Florence. Gift cards will be collected for teachers impacted by the tornadoes/flooding. It is suggested that members place each gift card in a sealed envelope. On the outside write which store the card is from and the amount of the gift card. Any amount will be

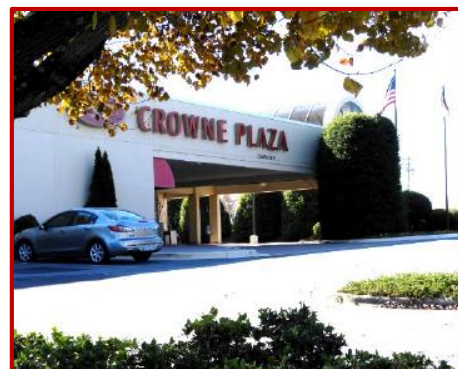
appreciated. Even if you cannot attend the convention, you can assist with this project. Please get your gift cards to me prior to the convention, and I will be glad to deliver them. Many of our DKG sisters have been impacted by losing their classroom and/or their own home, and this project is an effort to show our support during this difficult recovery time.

Sincerely,

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2019 Eta State NC Convention Hotel Reservations Information

Reservations are open at the Crowne Plaza Hickory, the venue for the 2019 Eta State NC Convention, May 3- 5, 2019. Call 828-323-1000 to make your reservation.



Musicians and Chorus Members Needed at Convention



Music Representative Leslie Barger is looking for members interested in singing in the chorus or performing a solo; playing a musical instrument solo; playing the piano; and/or accompanying the chorus. If interested, please email Leslie at leslie.barger007@gmail.com.

A Message from Connie Savell

New Beginning Teacher Award Announced for Convention



Let's SPARKLE!

Goals:

- Encourage **S**avvy leadership
- Inspire **P**assion, meaningful programs and projects
- Analyze and **A**rticulate current educational issues
- Further **R**espect for diversity in membership
- Promote **K**nowledge through lifelong learning
- Establish and **L**aunch a member wellness initiative
- Advocate **E**xcellence in education

One of the questions on the 2018 President's Report is, have you inducted members this past year? Out of 90 reports, 22 chapters did not induct members. The question does not tell the story of what is happening in our chapters, but it causes me to wonder why?

Are you afraid they will not have the same commitment to attend meetings and get involved? Did you base your decision not to invite members on the lack of commitment of others in the past? Do you believe you have something to offer new members? Did you invite teachers to join who cannot join at this time due to finances, children, family responsibilities?

Whatever the reason, Eta State NC has lost members this past year, and it is important that every DKG member consider how we can impact our membership.

As we reflect, what is it that makes us love DKG? What inspires us to want to attend meetings? How can we share this passion, grow our membership, and encourage teachers? Let's Sparkle and invite others to become members of our organization.

Let's Sparkle!

Connie

Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
2017-2019

Honor a beginning teacher by nominating her for the new Eta State NC 85th Birthday Celebration Beginning Teacher Award to be given for the first time at the Eta State NC Convention, May 3-5, 2019 in Hickory.

This \$1,000 award will recognize an Eta State NC classroom teacher-member with less than four years teaching experience who demonstrates excellence in teaching. This teacher should be widely recognized as one who demonstrates a deep commitment to students, the teaching profession and her own lifelong learning.

Nominations must be made by the chapter president or member(s) of the beginning teacher's chapter. Nominations forms are available on the Eta State NC home page or the Convention page. Nominations are due April 1. <https://www.ncdkg.org/2019-convention.html>

Love Your Heart

By: *Dr. Teresa Cowan, Eta State NC First VP, EEC Chair*

EEC of Eta State NC hopes that you will **Empower**, **Engage** and **Create** at the chapter level, strengthening members which we all know are the heart of the chapter.

Empower: Take advantage of upcoming conventions and trainings by nominating members for honors and sponsor members' attendance at convention and trainings.

Engage: Invite honorees (scholarships, awards, etc.) and attendees of convention/trainings to share accomplishments and/or learned knowledge at a chapter program.

Create: Design a member spotlight feature (newsletter/website) based on input from chapter members' "brag bags" items.

All enjoy seeing chapter EEC programs on social media but remember to report success to the committee. EEC wants to celebrate as you sparkle.

Remember to check out <https://www.ncdkg.org/educationalexcellence-committee.html> for more ideas. ** **NEW** (Click [here](#) for Empower/Engage/Create program ideas).

Registration Open for International Conference in Asheville

Conference registration is open for the International Arts and Humanities Conference to be held in Asheville, June 27-29, 2019. Register online at <https://bit.ly/2IGfmJz>. (You must be logged in.) Once you have completed the registration form, an email receipt will be forwarded to you.

Note that because the conference hotel is located outside the city and has only one small restaurant, all conference meals are available for purchase on the registration form.

For preconference activities and tours, visit the SE Conference Events page of the DKG website. Information about all conferences can be found on a variety of media, including the website, our Facebook page, and via two videos produced for members throughout DKG.

The link to the first video, "Before You Register," is <https://bit.ly/2VtinyC>. It gives an in-depth explanation of what each conference will encompass while emphasizing that PERSONAL RELEVANCE not REGION OF MEMBERSHIP drives these 2019 international events.

Musicians and Performers Needed

Members interested in performing at the International Conference in Asheville or singing in the chorus are asked to contact Past Eta State NC President Patricia Taylor at eta1315pt@gmail.com. Please include your name, email address, type of talent, and/or the part you sing (soprano, alto, or tenor). They also need ladies to accompany soloists on piano and/or sing duets, trios, or to bring their chapter or state ensembles

Volunteers Still Needed

Interested in character acting? Are you planning to attend state convention? Interested in bringing Eta State NC Founders to life? Want to be Engaged in the convention in a historic fashion? For additional info, contact Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, First VP drthcowan@gmail.com.

Fun on the Lawn

Artisans! Games! Fellowship! What fun! Plan to be in Asheville Thursday, June 27, 5-6:30 p.m., for Fun on the Lawn. There will be artisan demonstrations, games, and time to visit with DKG friends from many different states. A box meal option is available on the conference registration.

The conference committee is seeking additional artisans for this night. If you are willing to demonstrate your craft, contact Dedra Davis at dedraann@gmail.com.

Out with the Old, In with the New

By: Dr. Teresa Cowan, Eta State NC First VP, EEC Chair

There's an old saying, "If you continue to do what you've always done, you'll continue to get what you've always gotten." Consider that for a moment as you move into the new year. EEC of Eta State NC encourages you to **Empower**, **Engage** and **Create** in the year ahead as you jazz it up in 2019. This month EEC efforts focus on stepping out of the "old" and into the "new."

Empower: Communication Chaos - Try a new method. Email blast? Phone chain? Google Hangout? Instagram? Twitter? Keep members in the know!

Engage: Girls Night Out - Chapter meeting held at a local chocolatier (tour, tasting, dinner, and fellowship, followed by DKG business meeting)

Create: Work on the Chapter Achievement in teams - design and submit a workshop for the convention, create the theme night centerpiece for the Asheville convention, etc.

One Small Act of Love



The NC DKG Educational Foundation reminds everyone that you can show your support for NC's students and teachers by donating to the Foundation all year long. Visit their website at <http://www.ncdkgef.org/>

Proposed Changes to Eta State Bylaws and Standing Rules to be Shared in March

Watch the Eta State NC website and your email in March for the proposed amendments to the Eta State Bylaws and Standing Rules that will be voted on at the convention. The Rules Committee has been working diligently on the updates to align with the changes made to the International Constitution and Standing Rules at the convention this past summer, as well as reviewing amendments sent in by members and committees.

One of the proposed amendments, based on action at the International Convention, is to make collegiate membership part of the membership classifications in the Bylaws. The Finance Committee will make the proposal for dues for that group to be \$5.00.

Membership Dues

Delta Kappa Gamma International will be aligning our due payments with the fiscal year. Beginning Spring 2019, dues will be collected for the 2019-2020 year. Delta Sigma members are asked to pay your dues of \$89.00 by May 9th.

Tech Tip

Use your camera feature on your phone to save you time: take a picture of where you parked your car, photo your favorite dish at a restaurant to duplicate at a later date, snapshot your hotel room in case of damages (just in case), photo yourself in your



favorite outfit, think of ways a picture is worth a thousand words.



Delta Sigma Enjoys “Tech Time”

On January 10, 2019 the Delta Sigma chapter gathered to learn more about technology with a program titled, “Tech Time.” Kennan Eaddy used a Kahoot! to devise a quiz on the history of Delta Kappa Gamma. Members used their cell phones to participate in this interactive quiz.

From the quiz members enjoyed learning new facts about our DKG organization as well as about how this resource could be used in the classroom or in professional development. This program was led by Anita Stewart (media specialist at S. Ray Lowder) and Jenny Dellinger (media specialist at West Lincoln Middle School and DKG member).

After a brief overview of Osmos, Goose Chase, Stick Bots, and Little Bits, all participants enjoyed hands-on learning time with the different types of technology. This was an extremely informative program and great to learn together with other Delta Sigma members on a variety of technology being used in the classroom. Many thanks to Anita and Jenny for leading this wonderful program!

Delta Sigma Learns About Healthcare and Schools in Uganda

Delta Sigma member Gayle Reid introduced her youngest daughter, Olivia Reid of Nashville, Tennessee, as the guest speaker. Olivia is a traveling nurse and is currently working on an advanced degree. Olivia presented a program on her medical mission trip to Uganda.

Members were particularly interested in hearing about the conditions in Africa since “Schools for Africa” became the Society's first official international project in 2010.

Olivia traveled with a group of medical volunteers to Mbira, Uganda and assisted in providing a week-long medical clinic for families there. The medical professionals were able to provide overall health checks along with basic vision and dental services. The trip was sponsored and hosted by Grace Christian School and provides the community’s only access to healthcare for
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an entire year. Olivia estimated that over 1800 people were treated during the clinic and described the most commonly presented medical conditions.

The medical team was supported by Grace Christian School's secondary school students who served as translators and assistants. Olivia shared pictures of the school in Mbira. The dirt floor classrooms are sparse with few supplies. Tarps often serve as doors or partitions between classes, creating a very noisy school environment. The current school has only one primitive toilet that must serve the entire student population. A new building is being constructed to house the secondary school. The building must be made of brick due to the prevalence of termites. It is taking quite some time to construct and is built in small phases as funds become available. Currently, \$9,000 is needed to complete secondary school. Despite the lack of space, the school boasted its first graduating class of seven students two years ago.

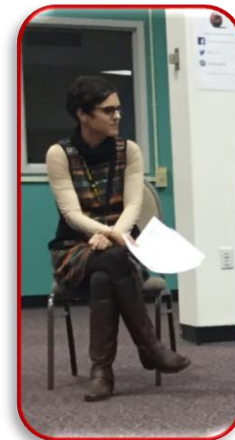
Some of the graduates have remained in the community to become teachers or work in the school. Others have sought post-secondary education. Unfortunately, Olivia indicated that many families could only afford to send one child to school. At the conclusion of the program, contributions were accepted from members to support the Society's Schools for Africa project. Our chapter collected \$155.00 to send to School for Africa.

Committee Notes

Scholarship Committee: Please contact Judy Shuford at judyshuford@bellsouth.net for an application if you are planning on applying for the Delta Sigma Advanced Degree Scholarship or Professional Development Scholarship. The applications are due March 22, 2019.

Beginning Teachers Committee: Members of Delta Sigma served on a panel to interact with BT1 and BT2's at their county-wide meeting on February 12th. Questions prepared by our Beginning Teacher Committee were answered and discussed. Then the floor was opened to impromptu questions from the BT1's and BT2's. Dr. Belcher also asked the panel some questions.

A gift bag was given to each BT1. The meeting was informative for all and also enjoyable. Serving on the panel were Katie Crocker, moderator; panel members – Sheila Wright, Kennan Eaddy, Jenny Dellinger, Kelly Withrow, and Heather Myers. Thank you panel members for your informative input and time.



Recognition and Awards of Members

Awards: Linda Yoder photo, "Snowball Fights" won 2nd Place in the People Category of the Lincoln County Arts Council Amateur Photography Competition.

Recognition: Jane Morton, a retired Kindergarten teacher, was selected as G.E. Massey Elementary School's Volunteer of the Year.





Mission Statement:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

DKG International Vision:

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

Eta State NC Vision:

Voices of Influence Empowering NC Women Educators

Delta Sigma LINC Submissions

Send to newsletter editor submissions of member news, committee briefs and articles for inclusion in the May/June Delta Sigma LINC deadline May 15, 2019

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Delta Sigma Calendar

| EVENT | DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
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| Fashion Show Money Drop Off <i>(All members)</i> | March 29, 2019 | 3:30-5:00 pm | Boger City Methodist |
| Fashion Show Set up <i>(All members)</i> | April 12, 2019 | 3:00 pm | First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall |
| Fashion Show <i>(All members)</i> | April 13, 2019 | 10:00 am | First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall |
| Meeting <i>(Scholarship & Finance Committees)</i> | May 9, 2019 | 6:00 pm | Boger City Methodist Fellowship Hall |
| Executive Board meeting | May 20, 2019 | 4:00 pm | Boger City Methodist |

State and International Calendar

| EVENT | DATE | LOCATION |
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| Eta State NC Leadership Conference | March 22-23, 2019 | Caraway Conference Center Asheboro, NC |
| Legislative Day | April 10, 2019 | Raleigh, NC |
| Eta State NC Convention | May 3-5, 2019 | Crowne Plaza Hickory, NC |
| DKG Founders Day | May 11, 2019 | Internationally |
| International Conference | June 27-29, 2019 | Asheville, NC |
| Eta State NC Convention | May 1-2, 2020 | Embassy Suites, Greensboro, NC |
| International Convention | July 7-11, 2020 | Philadelphia, PA |

Important 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: <https://bit.ly/2BxjC8k>

