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ETA STATE CONVENTION NEWS

Of special note . . .

- The chapter's last meeting is **June 10** in the board room of the county office at 4:30.
- If you have any additional information for your THAT award, please contact Laurie Sellers.
- It's time to rest—take a breath!

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Eta State celebrated another year of positive achievements at the 2015 convention in Chapel Hill in April. One of the high points of each convention is the announcement of chapter honors, and Delta Sigma was named a Superior chapter.



(Edwina Beam receives chapter achievement award at 2015 convention)

In addition, the Delta Sigma website and newsletter received awards of excellence. Laurie Sellers received recognition as a 2015 recipient of a Cornet Award on Saturday evening during the banquet. Delta Sigma was represented at this convention by three members, Edwina Beam, Wanda

Lutz, and Elaine Jenkins. Members were treated to some outstanding speakers and had the opportunity to attend workshops which provided renewal credits. Wanda Lutz shares her thoughts on the convention: *I had two reasons for attending the 2015 Eta state convention. The first was that I always enjoy the convention. It is good to put faces with names that I have read about in the state publication. I am always impressed with the commitment of time that state leaders give to the organization. The business sessions are enlightening, and the Ceremony of Remembrance and the Birthday Brunch are standard parts of the program that make me proud I am part of this organization. The music at the convention was extraordinary. Our own DKG chorus, in which President Beam participated, was excellent. We were entertained by two youth groups, The Durham Children's Chorus and the Temple Theater Ensemble, who were ex-*

tremely talented and sounded like professionals. My second reason for attending was that in the final year of my license renewal cycle, I decided I wanted to renew for 5 more years. I was in need of one more renewal credit. By attending the convention, I received 1.5 units, which completed my requirements. Although I had attended conventions 3 of the past 4 years, I never thought of signing up for the credit. Lesson learned: when you attend a DKG convention, sign up for the renewal credit. You have nothing to lose by receiving the credits even if you don't use them!



Eta State Foundation Receives 501 c (3) Status from IRS!

The announcement of the much-awaited approval of tax exempt status for the NC DKG Educational Foundation received rousing applause at Saturday's business session. Dr. Judith B. Carlson, Chairman of the Foundation Board, made the announcement. Standing with her were members of the Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Carlson thanked members for their generous support for



the 100 Challenge and announced over \$16,000 has been pledged from Eta State members and non-members. Over time, core values will be

established to undergird all areas of the Foundation's work. Core values are those guiding principles that—along with the Foundation's mission and purpose, bylaws, policies and procedures and state/federal rules and regulations will undergird and guide the operation of the Foundation. In the coming months, we will share with you the development of this important addition to our state.



From the President's Corner

Dear Delta Sigma Sisters,

It has been a little more than a year since I became your president. I thank you for your support, and I know as our motto indicates: Together We are Stronger-Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating." There are approximately 113 chapters in N.C. At the Eta State Convention in Chapel Hill, we were one of the top chapters, earning a **Superior Chapter Achievement Award**. You are to be congratulated for all the work that you do to make Delta Sigma Chapter so successful. Delta Sigma was also honored with **Certificates of Excellence** for both our **Website**—special thanks to Jenny Dellinger and our **Newsletter**—special thanks to Dr. Elaine Jenkins. Much time is spent on these publications to keep you informed about the great things that our chapter does, and we cannot thank them enough. You will enjoy reading all about the convention in the Summer edition of

Eta State News which is now available on the (NC) Eta State website. Pay special attention to page 4.

Color version <http://deltakappagamm.org/NC/ESNSummer2015.pdf>.

Black and white version <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNSummer2015BW.pdf>.

I think that I can speak for Wanda Lutz, Elaine Jenkins, and of course myself, the three days at the convention were very informative, educational and entertaining. Joining with our DKG sisters across the state and some international ones as well was an amazing experience. For me, the highlight was singing in the convention chorus. Kristine Neal the director, made this experience so much fun, and she even "Jazzed up" the DKG song. Maybe we can do that also.

In order to better prepare for this second year in this bienni-

um, I have asked each of you to complete by June 3rd, a survey which was sent earlier. The results will give us some direction at our planning meeting on June 10 at 4:30 in the Lincoln County Schools Board Room. I hope that you have made attendance at this meeting a priority. Your input is essential. As a guide, we will also be looking at the Chapter Achievement Award Form which can be found on the state website.

As the school year ends, whether you are still working or retired, I wish for each of you a great summer filled with relaxation and fun. Thank you again, for it makes me proud to represent such an amazing group of women.

Take Care
Edwina



Officers for 2015-2017 Biennium
(L-R) Sheila Groves, President; Connie Savell, 1st Vice President;
Sharon Frazier, 2nd Vice-President;
Hilda Parler, Recording Secretary

News from President Pat Taylor

In the past few months, it has been more than a pleasure to witness and to be a part of several chapter initiation ceremonies! The excitement and anticipation that was present from the initiates and the chapter members was contagious! The chapters seemed to experience new "light" at each of these ceremonies and to sparkle with new energy! I felt this same excitement and energy present at the 2015 Eta State Convention

in Chapel Hill recently. Members were radiant and seemed to sparkle with new energy as they networked with members from all over the state! Smiles were abundant! Excitement was in the air! Every gathering with our DKG sisters is an opportunity to experience this same energy. After all, at each DKG event we are networking with key women educators; some of the most highly educated and recognized women in the field of educa-

tion. How often does this happen? . . .

We, as members, promote each other both professionally and personally. We lift each other up and guide each other in a loving and sisterly way to be the best we can be... It's what sets us apart from other organizations. This is the light of DKG!

(Read President Pat's entire column on President's page of the Eta State site.)



President, Pat Taylor
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Delta Sigma Member News

- Linda Yoder is spending her days getting ready for the county's annual Science Camp!
- Libby Fletcher is seeing more clearly these days after having had cataract surgery and lens implants.
- Judy Jones and Frankie Beam attended the Retirement Banquet for LincolnCounty Schools on May 28 at Lincolnton Middle School where they presented gift bags from LCRSP to the new retirees.
- Congratulations to Rhonda Harrill who was recognized as an official retiree at that same banquet!
- Betsy Rinehardt and Frankie Beam served as team captains for Relay for Life of Lincolnton. Betsy leads the Love Memorial School Cardinals, and Frankie is with Cedar Grove Lutheran Church. The website currently shows both teams in the top five (out of 46 teams) for their fundraising dollars.
- Judy Jones would like to invite everyone to a Revolutionary War drama, *Liberty Mountain, the Battle of Kings Mountain*, by Bob Inman and performed at the Joy Theater in Downtown Kings Mountain. She will portray a woman of the Revolution. There are 14 shows with 4 each weekend from June 26-July 19. Don't miss your chance to relive history. Tickets are \$15 at KLMT.org.
- Annette Geymont is pleased to announce the birth of her beautiful granddaughter, Gemma Leigh Geymont on May 9, 2015. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 21 inches tall. Big brother, Jackson, was four years old on May 24th.

*"Do not
follow people
who stand
still."*

*President
Woodrow Wilson*

Dr. June Atkinson Wins 2015 Founders Award

By a vote of the 1981 convention, a Founders Award was set aside to honor a NC woman who may or may not be a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and who has made an outstanding contribution to the improvement of the quality of human life through education, research, publications, or service. The award, the highest honor Eta State can bestow upon a woman is Presented at the convention

the second year of the biennium. This year the award was given to Dr. June Atkinson, the current State Superintendent of N.C. Public Schools and the first woman elected to that position. With more than 35 years of experience in education, Dr. Atkinson oversees almost 1.5 million students 1 over 2,500 public schools. She has received numerous

Awards over the years including recent accolades such as the Champion of Children Award from the NC Association of School Administrators, The State Policy Maker of the Year Award from the National Association for State Educational Technology Directors among others. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the National Council of Chief State School Officers. *Congratulations Dr. Atkinson!*



State Awards Chairman, Sharon Frazier reads the plaque honoring Dr. June Atkinson as the 2015 Eta State Founders Award Winner.

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State Law and Policy Committee Identifies Legislative Priorities

The Education Law and Policy Committee asked the 2015 convention attendees to rank a set of priorities for the committee and members to use in conversations with legislators. Members' collective priorities are in order as follows:

1. Teacher Pay (this topic received the most #1 priorities. Members also commented that they would like to see graduate pay reinstated.
2. Increase in per pupil funding
3. Reduction of Testing
4. Grading Schools (change procedures)
5. Teacher Evaluation
6. Remove of Core Curriculum (This topic received the most #6 or lowest priorities or was not prioritized at all, and several members commented that they like the Core Curriculum.
7. Teaching Fellows (This topic was not part of the original list because we thought the matter would not be introduced again. With new hope from a legislator, we are adding it to the list and feel that it would rank high on the survey, given our members'

INTERNATIONAL, STATE, AND CHAPTER CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	PLACE
Chapter Meeting	June 10, 2015 4:30	Lincoln County Schools Board Room
Eta State Leadership Conference	June 17-20, 2015	Peace University, Raleigh, NC
Southeast Regional Convention	July 15-18, 2015	Westin Harbor Resort Savannah, GA
Day in Historic Valdese Region X	August 1, 2015 2:00	Waldensian Museum
Eta State Convention	April 22-24, 2016	Winston-Salem, NC
International Convention	July 5-9, 2016	Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center

In November, the first edition of the new DKG International magazine titled, *The Collegial Exchange*, will be published. The *Exchange* will be distributed in two-print editions each year. The purpose of the new publication approved by members at the 2014 convention is to provide a forum for sharing ideas related to teaching and learning, interacting about DKG programs and initiatives, sharing reviews, and personal reflections, and sharing other things of interest.

Why not be one of the first Eta State members to be published in the *Exchange*? Share your great meeting, program and project ideas, reviews of your favorite books your poetry, and your opinions. All members are encouraged to send submissions to the *Exchange* by the August 1 deadline for the first edition. The list of types of submissions and the criteria are posted on the DKG website (<https://www.dkg.org/editorial-board>.) Also, don't forget to submit your research-related articles to the DKG journal, now published only online. Its guidelines and themes are on the international website.