

Food, Fashion and FUN!

Submitted by Cindy White



What a wonderful Fashion Show!!! As Wanda Lutz has said in the past, it takes an entire chapter membership to accomplish a successful fashion show! Thank you, chapter members, for your willing participation. You helped make this a wonderful event!

Wanda Lutz and Betsy Laws did an outstanding job managing the 210 tickets that were printed for guests. Thirty-seven members participated by selling tickets. Thanks to all the members who sold tickets especially Kay Wilson, Wanda Lutz, Nelva Goodson, and Libby Fletcher. Together, they sold 75 of the guest tickets.

Sara Miller and Jane Morton did a beautiful job decorating the venue. We want to thank them for all their hard work. Also, Elaine Boysworth typed and printed our programs. Thank you, Elaine!

According to Kristen Miranda and many others, the food was a big hit. As in the past, Becky, Jill, and Elaine planned beautiful plates. They have a wonderful team of ladies that always help them in the kitchen. A big thank you to them and all the members who made a quiche or a dessert. Members assisted in the plating process and all members present helped serve plates in an orderly and expedient fashion. Rhonda Hager always keeps the coffee flowing, even in a rush! This year, we also replaced 15 tablecloths. Several people have donated money towards this expense. If you would like to contribute, please give your money to Wanda Lutz. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed!

After a delicious meal, guests at the 2017 Fashion Show were treated to some beautiful fashions. We were so excited to have Kristen Miranda as our emcee this year.



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A Message from Your President



Greetings Delta Sigma Sisters,

As we complete the first year of the 2016-2018 biennium, we have much to celebrate! The 2017 Fashion Show was a great success and Cindy White, Donna Jolley, and Nelva Goodson are the first to be congratulated. I fear I may

leave a name out because all who helped were so important to the event's success. In the opinion of many, this year's menu was outstanding and the organization of the kitchen crew and cooks by Becky Heavner and Jill Eaddy was awesome as well. Ticket sale organization and documentation by Wanda Lutz and Betsy Laws made for a very smooth flow of events on May 6th. Tables were beautifully set by Sara Miller and Jane Morton after Elaine Jenkins ironed many a tablecloth. We utilized the plus/deltas from the 2016 event to create a delightful experience for our guests. Kristen Miranda's enthusiasm, humor, and spontaneity was another crowd-pleasing delight. Didn't we all enjoy Linda Yoder's slideshow of pictures from the event? From the models, to the cooks, to ticket sellers, to dishwashers and clean-up crew, to door prize organizers and donors, to 50/50 ticket sellers, to coffee organizer, to sign makers, to everyone that participated, your effort made a big difference. Any of you who were unable to attend, I hope that you set aside the date for the 2018 Fashion Show and join in the fun of working with an awesome group of Delta Sigma sisters.

This President is very grateful for so many members who have stepped up to help make this year successful. Elaine Jenkins and Kennan Eaddy attended the Eta State Convention in Wilmington. They brought home our Chapter Achievement Award of Excellent and our newsletter also received the excellence award. Please read the summer edition of the Eta State News to see Delta Sigma mentioned four times thanks to our newsletter editor, Elaine Boysworth. Renee Smith presented our two scholarship winners a certificate at the Lincolnton High School Awards ceremony on May 26th. The leadership abilities of our Delta Sigma sisters can combine to make an awesome contribution to education in the Lincoln County Schools.

I look forward to making plans for year two of our biennium on Monday, July 17th at 4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall of Boger City United Methodist Church. Please go to your calendar or the calendar app on your phone and set aside that date to help Delta Sigma sisters plan our meetings and projects for the upcoming year. Share your passion, share your expertise, share your ideas to make a positive difference for educators and students in the Lincoln County Schools.

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Professional Development Awards Available

If you are looking for funds to support your professional development in this time of scarce resources, consider applying for the Cornetet Individual Awards for Professional Development (CIPD). These competitive awards are available to all



employed educators. The funds can be used to support participation in conferences, seminars, lecture series, national certification, online courses, workshops, and other non-degree programs. The awards may fund travel, lodging, meals, pay for substitutes, registration fees, etc.

Deadlines for the Cornetet Individual Awards are September 1, February 1, and May 1 of each calendar year. Summer is a great time to reflect on the last school year and create your professional development plan. Why not seek funds to attend a state, regional, or national conference or institute that meets your personal professional development needs for next year? Applications forms are available on the [DKG Foundation website](#), along with a list of current and past recipients and descriptions of their professional development activities.

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Kristen Miranda, WBTV News Anchor, Fashion Show Emcee

Kristen did a wonderful job introducing our 18 models and five vendors. Nelva Goodson and Judy Shuford, who have modeled in all seven shows, were joined by Edwina Beam, Frankie Beam, Katie Crocker, Jenny Dellinger, Deanna Dunn, Nelva Goodson, Sherry Hoyle, Elaine Jenkins, Brenda Kinney, Judy Jones, Betsy Laws, Denise Patterson, Suzanne Peeler, Kristen

Reynolds, and Laurie Sellers. We were so excited to have two of our previous scholarship winners modeling this year, Ellen Carpenter and Abbey Parker!

Once again, Chico's, Hi-Lites, Cato, and Tally-Ho brought gorgeous fashions. The Leprechaun was added this year and we hope they will become a regular vendor. Please support these vendors throughout the year and tell them you are a Delta Sigma member! This year, we tried to emphasize our vendors, and Katie Crocker created a chalkboard with each vendor's name beautifully listed for display. We have some creative members! Libby Fletcher's daughter-in-law Jordyn also created a sign for the back entrance. We really appreciate each one of you!

Pat Carpenter and Wendy Mosteller got everything ready for our 50/50 giveaway. Selling the tickets at the tables worked out so much better. Thank you, Wendy and Pat!

We were fortunate to have so many door prizes for our guests! Gayle Reid did an excellent job getting these prizes ready and giving them out during the show. A special thank you goes to: Ross Store, The Drug Store, Sentry Drug, Carolina Trust Bank, Rhyne Financial, Southern Charm Winery, House of Pizza, The Salty Petal, Drum's Florist & Gifts, Ginger's Place, Bob Hodges, Beth Wiseman, Peggy Sibert, Sherry Garner, Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, Donna Noles, Keever Pharmacy, Ashley Frady, Habibi Frozen Yogurt, Court Street Grille, Marilyn's Sweet Addictions, Morgan's Ice Cream Parlor, and Reid's Wood Goods. Member

contributions came from Linda Yoder, Jane Morton, Libby Fletcher, and Katie Crocker. It means a lot to have so much support from the community.

There were also several people at First United Methodist Church that really provided support for our fundraiser. Steve Herman set up tables and chairs, unlocked the building, and cleaned the floors when we finished. Leslie Bauer set up the sound system and had it ready to go for us. Joan Snipes worked several days in the kitchen, cleaning and getting things ready for us. She was also a tremendous help in the kitchen on the day of the fashion show. Please thank each of them if you get a chance. They were so supportive!

Linda Yoder did an outstanding job creating a Fashion Show picture album. We appreciate her sharing these photos with us and providing a lasting memory for our chapter.



Words cannot express how much Nelva, Donna and I appreciate all the support you gave in helping with the fashion show. We had wonderful committees who did their job and we never had to worry about them. Thank you so much!!

We want to receive feedback and comments from you and your guests on ways we can improve and make the show better. Please complete the plus/delta emailed to you last month, and have a few of your guests complete one too, so we can continue to improve our show. You can mail them to me, or bring them to our next meeting. Thank you again for all you do to help raise money for scholarships!

Memories of Fashion Show 2017



Great Food!



Fun!



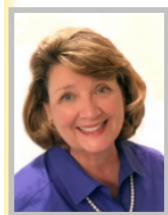
Beautiful Fashions!

...and smile after smile!

Photos courtesy of Linda Yoder

A Message from Sheila Groves

Eta State NC President Sheila Groves



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Something to think about...

Eta State members gathered in Wilmington at the 2017 convention to *Ignite the Pride, Ignite the Purpose, Ignite the Power* of women educators across the state.

Region IV welcomed us with open arms, creating an inviting atmosphere for fellowship, enlightenment, inspiration, and fun! Many thanks to chapter presidents and chapter volunteers who worked throughout the year to make convention an event to remember! Special thanks to Chairmen Thommi Stammer and Judy Busick, Treasurer Connie Marks, Registrar Elizabeth Miars, and Regional Director Mary Ann Styons for their leadership, patience and attention to every detail.

Energized by fresh ideas, innovative resources, and genuine fellowship, we leave convention with a *new* attitude. We dedicate *new* energy to completing chapter projects and sharing the mission of DKG in our schools and communities. We look to *new* state officers and personnel for motivation and guidance. Will we also challenge ourselves to accept *new* roles and seek *new* opportunities in our Society?

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Changes Adopted to Eta State Bylaws And Standing Rules

The proposed changes to the Standing Rules and Bylaws as presented by the Rules Committee and published in the spring edition of Eta State News, were adopted at the convention and are [posted online](#) for your review. The changes include making the webmaster a selected personnel position and making the Rising Star Award a permanent award.

Urge your Legislative Representative to Prioritize Public Education

By Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

On Wednesday, May 31, a small but dedicated group of DKG members met at the General Assembly in Raleigh to visit legislators regarding the education budget, which will be voted upon before the Assembly adjourns in late June or early July. Incoming Eta State President Connie Savell met with Speaker of the House Tim Moore, who represents her home county. A number of other Senators and Representatives were also visited and received [Eta State's White Paper](#) on legislative issues. This document can be found on Eta State's website under the Educational Law & Policy Committee.

All members are encouraged to contact their Senator and Representative very soon to urge them to prioritize public education in the 2017-2018 budget. Follow news reports of NC legislative issues and respond as necessary. Lawmakers need to know that we are watching and that we value quality public education.



*Tim Moore and
Connie Savell*

Statement of Neutrality Issued by DKG International

In response to recent events in politics, DKG International wants to share the Statement of Neutrality.

Key points in the statement relate to the difference between speaking as an individual and "speaking" on behalf of our international, nonprofit organization. Our DKG Constitution outlines in more detail the need for a thorough understanding of issues involved and use of those issues instead of candidates or political parties.

Read the entire Statement of Neutrality on our Eta State NC website at http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/dkg_neutrality_statement.pdf.

2017 Eta State Convention Report

Submitted by Elaine Jenkins

Each year, the Eta State Convention provides an opportunity for our elected officers to conduct the business required by International, but it also serves as a reunion of sorts, and this year's convention was no exception. The convention was held in Wilmington just across the street from the Cotton Exchange, a place where shoppers love to spend time! Kennan Eaddy and I represented our chapter and had the opportunity not only to hear some good speakers but to catch up with members from all over the state.

The first session on Friday night always includes chapter awards. This year, our chapter was recognized twice with an **Excellent Chapter Achievement Award** and a **Newsletter Excellence Award**.

At the meeting of the new Eta State Foundation on Saturday morning, Kennan, along with other grant recipients, presented her use of Foundation grant funds which she was awarded earlier this year to the entire group of delegates. The emphasis on supplying various grant funds to innovative young educators was a thread woven throughout the state conference sessions. For a retired educator who worries about the loss of staff development funds, such information was most welcome. DKG is working hard to provide support to members through various grant processes.

Dr. June Atkinson, former State Superintendent of Public Instruction, presented her thoughts on a few legislative issues at a session which accommodated all delegates. June was straight forward in her comments regarding the future of public schools and was particularly pointed in her concern for the expansion of vouchers to private schools. She is working on a book which I hope she will complete. All of us need to hear a first-hand account of her work in this important office.

The banquet is always a big highlight, and the speakers are inspiring. New officers were sworn in that evening and a name known to many of us, Connie Savell, was inducted as Eta State President.

It is the Service of Remembrance on Sunday morning which seems especially poignant to me, and this year I heard the name of woman called who was very near and dear to me as a young principal in Gaston County. There is sadness in the event but poignant gratitude as well for the many women in our organization who served children across the state.

Kennan and I enjoyed the experience and were reminded yet again just how special DKG members are. Next year's convention will be in Charlotte, so perhaps more of our members will be able to participate in at least one day of the convention. It will be worth your time!

(p.s. We sang the DKG song in double time. It's not bad when you rush it up a little!)

2017-2019 Eta State Officers

Congratulations to new state officers whose terms will begin on July 1.



(L- R) Nancy Teague, Secretary; Elizabeth Miars, Second Vice-President; Teresa Cowan, First-Vice President; and President Connie Savell

You may contact the new officers at the following email addresses:

President – **Connie Savell**
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Secretary – **Nancy Teague**
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Looking for a Few Good Women – From Many



Would you like to spend an expense-free weekend at DKG headquarters discussing the future of the Society? Then complete the DKGNext application to see if you are

chosen to represent a particular DKG population.

DKGNext 2016-2018 will involve a diverse mix of up to ten members in a weekend Think Tank event in Austin, September 29-30, 2017.

The DKGNext Think Tank will be comprised of interested members who may or may not have been identified as DKG leaders and who represent multiple populations of DKG members. The information requested on the application is designed to ensure diversity among those selected.

The discussion will be an examination of DKG and how its present status affects its future status. The application says, “We want YOU to be heard.”

The application, due August 11, can be found at <http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Forms/Applications/DKGMember/Forms/Applications.aspx?hkey=304b7921-fc47-4c95-be94-b2d68b581495>.

Southeast Regional is Soon!

The Southeast Regional Conference this summer will be within driving distance, so plan to attend! The Grand Strand of Myrtle Beach will be filled with DKG ladies July 19-22. The Eta State NC group planning to attend is growing. It is not too late to join the fun and fellowship!

Make room reservations by calling 1-888-627-8203 and ask for the **SE Regional Conference** or **Delta Kappa Gamma** group block. They may also use **Block ID 4964**. The registration form for the conference is available on the [DKG website](#). You must be logged in to see this page. Register today!

If you plan to attend, please inform Eta State NC Executive Secretary Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon at etaexecsecretary@gmail.com.

Eta State NC Dinner Planned at Southeast Regional Conference

Reservations have been made for an informal Eta State dinner for those attending the SE Regional in Myrtle Beach in July.

The Chesapeake House at 9918 North Kings Highway (Hwy 17N) will be the setting for the optional **Thursday, July 20** gathering. Those attending will order from the menu and pay individually. You may see the menu for the restaurant online at <http://thechesapeakehouse.com>.

All attending must be at the restaurant at 5 p.m. for the group to be seated since this is high season at the beach. The restaurant is about 9 miles from the convention center so plan your drive accordingly. The 5:00 seating gets our group in on the Early Bird Specials. The restaurant’s famous bread basket of hot and fresh cinnamon rolls, homemade bread, and hushpuppies with honey butter accompany the Early Bird Menu. The early dinner will also give you a chance to visit with NC friends and still have free time for a walk on the beach, shopping or meeting with other friends/family that evening.

RSVP to President-Elect Connie Savell at cps2017eta@gmail.com **before July 10** or call her at 704-477-0450 to reserve a place. A count has to be given to the restaurant ahead of the event.

Share the invitation with others you know who are attending and plan to join in the fun and fellowship that make Eta State so special.



Delta Sigma Scholarship and Award Winners Announced

At the April chapter meeting, Delta Sigma awarded Future Educator Grant-in-Aid Scholarships of \$1000 each, to two high school seniors in the Lincoln County school district. Both students attended Lincolnton High School and were also recognized at the school's award ceremony by Delta Sigma member Renee Smith. The two scholarship recipients were Ester Garcia and Kaitlyn Wilt. In her application, Ester shared, "The moment of sudden insight and inspiration that a teacher is able to produce in his/her pupil has influenced me to become an educator. I have been fortunate to have teachers that motivate me to reach my fullest potential and I want to do the same for the next generation." Ester plans to attend UNC-Charlotte.

Kaitlyn's passion for teaching was ignited by assisting younger music students. She stated, "I started teaching younger flute students about two years ago, and it makes me want to teach even more. I get the chance to see students achieve their goals, and I get to see them grow up into amazing people." Kaitlyn will be attending UNC-Greensboro in the Fall.



Scholarship Winners Ester Garcia and Kaitlyn Wilt

Abegale Parker was the recipient of Delta Sigma's Most Promising Young Woman Educator Award and was presented with a check for \$250. Abegale just finished her first year teaching seventh grade English Language Arts at North Lincoln Middle School. Her principal refers to her as a "truly natural teacher" citing her superior instruction and positive rapport with students as evidence. In 2012, Abegale was awarded Delta Sigma's Future Educator Grant-in-Aid Scholarship. Abegale also

participated in the 2017 Fashion Show as a model. It is certainly rewarding to have a scholarship winner return to our district as a successful young educator!



Abegale Parker



Abegale modeling at the 2017 Fashion Show

Laurie Sellers received the Advanced Degree/ Professional Development Scholarship of \$250. Laurie is enrolled at UNC-Charlotte seeking administrative licensure. Her principal shared that through her studies, she is growing as a teacher and gaining a new perspective on the role of administrators.

Congratulations and best wishes to each of these outstanding award recipients!



Scholarship/Awards Committee Chair Gayle Reid and Laurie Sellers

Committee Notes/Announcements

Beginning Teacher Support Committee (Laurie Sellers): Thank you to all the members that mentored new teachers and/or helped with our universal gifts this year. It has been another wonderful year thanks to each of you. I know how busy everyone is but I greatly appreciate you taking the time to support our newest teachers. We had 17 BT1's and two speech teachers that were showered with gifts throughout the year from 15 of our members. Our members contributed 103 hours and \$592.00 of their own time and money to support these teachers. Thank you! If you have any ideas or suggestions for next year please feel free to let anyone on our committee know.

Standing Rules Committee (Edwina Beam): The following amendment to **Article IV Section D Payment of Dues** was proposed by the rules committee and approved by the executive committee to be voted on by the membership at the planning meeting.

ARTICLE IV SECTION D PAYMENT OF DUES

1. Annual dues and fees will be collected at the September meeting.
2. Dues and fees shall be paid no later than October 1st of each year by active and reserve members.
3. No later than October 15th the treasurer will call as a reminder that membership payment is past due.
4. If necessary, the president will make another contact before a member is dropped.
5. On November 1st members shall be dropped for non-payment of dues and fees in accordance with Constitution Article IV Section C.
6. Arrangements can be made to pay dues in 2 installments beginning in August.

Membership (Dana Avery and Betsy Laws): Letters will be sent to prospective members voted on at the February 23rd meeting. These new members will be invited to the planning meeting scheduled for July 17th at Boger City United Methodist Church. We look forward to welcoming Jennifer Huskey, Jennifer Luper, Heather Myers, Ashley Oliphant, and Sheila Wright.

Chapter Member News

Jenny Dellinger, along with seven members of the Sanctuary Choir of the First Baptist Church in Shelby and others, recently performed in Geffen Hall at the Lincoln Center in New York City. The group performed in Pepper Choplin's premier of his new work "Psalm 23: A Journey with the Shepherd." The work was presented in a live concert, *With Strength and Joy*, and streamed live on Facebook on May 29th. Great job Jenny!

Denise Patterson was recently named as the new Superintendent for Asheville City Schools. Denise will assume her new duties in Asheville on July 1st. Congratulations Denise!

Currently in a Title I Instructional Facilitator position at WLMS, **Kesha Ruppe** will be moving into a district level position as MTSS Coordinator/Literacy Coach for next school year. We wish Kesha the very best as she strives to make a difference throughout the district.

Recently, the Lincoln County Board of Education approved **Laurie Sellers** to assume a split Assistant Principal/Title I position at Union Elementary. Congratulations to Laurie as she makes a career move into administration!



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Have you noticed the yellow blog graphic on the home page of the DKG website? That’s a link to <http://dkgsi.blogspot.com/>, a uniblog for all the DKG International committees’ blogs and even a blog from Founder Annie Webb Blanton! Suscribe to be notified when new blogs are posted. It’s a great way to keep current with DKG.

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Delta Sigma Calendar

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Summer Planning Meeting	July 17	4:30 p.m.	Boger City United Methodist Church

State and International Calendar

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
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>

May Eta Data:

<http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/etadatamay2017.pdf>

June Eta Data:

<http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/etadatajune2017.pdf>

Summer 2017 Eta State News:

<http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/esnsummer2016.pdf>



**Have a safe and restful
summer!**