

2019 Fashion Show

Submitted by: Cindy White

Even with all the challenges, the Ninth Annual Fashion show faced was another successful Fashion Show! Without all of you, it would not have been possible. Our attendance was great, and the support from the community and local businesses was overwhelming. We have heard so many positive comments from our guests.

Thirty-six of our members participated by selling tickets. Wanda Lutz did an outstanding job managing the 210 guest tickets. This is not an easy job. Thanks to all members who sold tickets especially Kay Wilson, Wanda Lutz, Libby Fletcher, Edwina Beam, and Nelva Goodson. Together they sold 90 guest tickets. This was close to 50% of our ticket sales. Also, thank you, members, for purchasing tickets!

Once again, Sara Miller and Jane Morton did a beautiful job decorating the venue. We want to thank them for all their hard work. Also, thank you Elaine Boysworth who typed and printed our programs. She does such an awesome job making sure everything is correct.

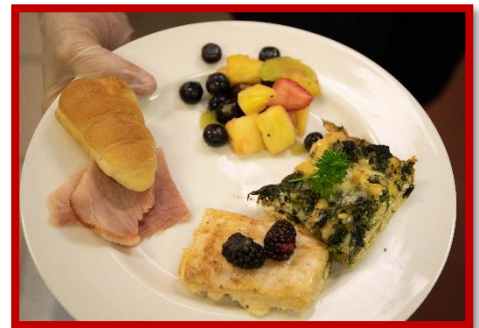


According to a lot of our guests, the food was a BIG hit. As in the past, Becky, Jill, and Elaine B. planned beautiful plates. They also have a

wonderful team of ladies that always help them in the kitchen.

A big thank you to them

and all the members who made a casserole or a dessert. Many members assisted in the plating process, and all members present served the plates in an orderly fashion. Diana Carpenter and Jennifer Luper made sure the coffee flowed. Melanie Huss made sure we had servers for each table.



After a delicious meal, our guests were treated to some beautiful fashions. Even though Kristen Miranda could not be with us this year, our own Rhonda Hager did a fantastic job introducing our 19 models and six vendors. Judy Shuford, who has modeled in all nine shows, was joined by Frankie Beam, Katie Crocker, Kennan Eaddy, Sherry Hoyle, Jennifer Huskey, Elaine Jenkins, Judy Jones, Heather Myers, Abby Myers, Tammy Price, Kristen Reynolds, Darla Stines, and Jane Morton. As many of you know, Nelva Goodson was not able to model due to a fall in the kitchen on Friday evening before the fashion show. Stephanie Beamguard, the manager of Chico's, volunteered to take her place. We were glad to have Abbey Parker, one of our

previous scholarship winners, modeling again this year! Chico's, Hi-Lites, The Leprechaun, and 7th Moon brought beautiful fashions. We added Redbone Willy's and Crafted Mercantile this year and we hope they will become regular vendors. Please support these vendors throughout the year and tell them you are a Delta Sigma member

We had twenty-two door prizes for our guests! Gayle Reid and Donna Jolley did an excellent job



getting these prizes ready to give out during the show. They had help during the show from Edwina Beam. A special thank you goes to The Drug Store, Carolina Trust Bank, Reid's Wood Goods, 7th Moon Boutique, Morgans, The Leprechaun, House of Pizza, Drum's Florist & Gifts, Scott Mosteller at Sentry Drug, and Shear Options. Member contributions came from Linda Yoder, Jane Morton, Cindy White, and Gayle Reid. Pat Carpenter and Wendy Mosteller took care of selling the 50/50 tickets, and this ended up being \$500.00 total. It means a lot to have support from the community and our own members.

Rhonda Hager received the "gift card" arrangement for serving as emcee. Special thanks to 7th Moon, Libby Fletcher, Wanda Lutz, Becky Burke, Donna Jolley, Elaine Jenkins, Katie Crocker, and Edwina Beam for making this gift possible. Thank you, Rhonda, for stepping in at the last minute as our emcee.

We also want to thank Kristen Reynolds for being our photographer this year. She did this between modeling, so thank you for doing double duty, Kristen. Kesha Ruppe stepped in and took over while Kristen was modeling. Thank you both for helping us save wonderful memories.



Judy Shuford

Please continue to keep Nelva in your prayers as she recuperates from her surgery. She was greatly missed at the Fashion Show. Words cannot express how much Nelva, Donna, and I appreciate all the support you gave in helping with the fashion show. Once again, we had wonderful committees who did their job, and we never had to worry about them. Thank you so much! Laurie Sellers stated our total profit is \$3,339.49. Great job! Thank you again for all you do to help raise money for scholarships and beginning teacher support!



The Delta Sigma 2019 Fashion Show Sparkled!

Photos Courtesy of Kristen Reynolds



"Let's Sparkle!"

Scholarship and Award Winners Recognized

At a dinner meeting on May 9, 2019, the Scholarship and Awards Committee chaired by Judy Shuford presented Delta Sigma's annual awards.

Reagan Heavner, Kindergarten teacher at Battleground Elementary School was the recipient of the **Most Promising Young Woman Educator Award**.

Her principal wrote, "Ms. Heavner began her first year of teaching filled with optimism and high expectations... Ms. Heavner experienced much growth and is willing to help where needed. She works very hard and always has a smile on her face. Her students truly feel love and acceptance from her."

Delta Sigma presented scholarships to two high school seniors interested in pursuing a degree in the field of education.

Hannah Turner, daughter of Mike and Suzanne Turner, who is a recent graduate of West Lincoln High School, plans to attend Appalachian State University. In her essay, she stated, "I hope to impact the lives of future students as my former teachers, mother, and grandmother have and to give them the same excitement I received when I learned about the magic of science, the special characters of letterland, and the wonders of math."



Reagan Heavner

Sierra Thompson, daughter of David and Tinnie Thompson, a recent graduate of East Lincoln High



Left to Right: Hannah Turner and Sierra Thompson

School plans to attend UNC Charlotte in the fall. In her essay, she states, "Impacting students lives in a positive way and giving them the support that they may not receive at home, motivates me to pursue teaching. I hope to become the reason that a child wants to come to school to continue to grow in their knowledge every day."

Delta Sigma member **Heather Myers**, Principal at East Lincoln Middle School, was the recipient of the **Professional Development Award**. She is attending the annual conference of the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform 15th Annual Schools to Watch



Heather Myers

Conference in Washington, D.C. East Lincoln Middle School will receive its 5th redesignation as a "School to Watch" at the annual conference.



A Message from Your President

Dear Sisters,

We have been very busy as a chapter with so many different activities going on to support our work. I am so honored to serve as the leader of such an amazing group of women. Delta Sigma has been “sparkling” this spring!

The Fashion Show was truly wonderful! Cindy White served as our great leader and was assisted by Donna Jolley and Nelva Goodson. This trio worked numerous hours taking care of so many details and organizing to ensure the event was a huge success. It truly broke my heart on Friday when Nelva fell in the kitchen and fractured her wrist doing the work of the Delta Sigma. The teamwork from working this event is so special when people just step up to assist in any way that is needed. The Fashion Show profits made it possible to award two \$1,000 scholarships this year. My sincere thanks and appreciation for each and every person’s contribution to this successful event.

Delta Sigma was also “sparkling” at Eta State Convention. Our chapter was recognized with the Communication Award and received the Chapter Achievement Award of Excellent. I have written a report on the convention in separate article, so be sure to read it.



From: Left to Right: Rhonda Hager and Kay Wilson

Our Scholarship meeting on May 9th was a special time of recognition. Kay Wilson was recognized for 45 years of membership to DKG. Kay

continues to “sparkle.” We also had our two scholarship

winners, the most promising first-year educator award winner, and their families represented to celebrate. In addition, Heather Myers received our Professional Development Award.

The Executive Board held a meeting on May 20th. Topics of discussion included fundraising to support Delta Sigma goals, program planning, rules revision work, and possible projects for next year. We determined our Summer Planning Meeting will be Monday, July 22nd, at 4:00 pm at Boger City Methodist Church. This will be an important planning time for the 2019-20 year. Please mark your calendar to attend this meeting.

Sincerely,

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Eta State Convention Report

Submitted by Rhonda Hager

It was my pleasure to attend State Convention May 3-5 in Hickory. Region X, which is our region, hosted the Eta State Convention and therefore assisted with volunteering and providing a variety of support for this event. I want to thank Kellie Goins who secured a basket from Woodmill Winery and Libby Fletcher who created a beach basket for the silent auction. Both baskets raised funds for Eta State. In addition, Brenda Kenny donated door prizes for our chapter that were given away at the general sessions. Delta Sigma provided 68 goodie bags for the conference attendees. Each goodie bag had a bottle of water, crackers, notepad, pen, mints,



Elaine Jenkins in her Conference T-shirt

and chocolate that were purchased and assembled by our chapter. Libby also delivered the 68 goodie bags to Hickory on Thursday before the convention so they could be placed in the convention bags.

Delta Sigma was represented at the convention by Elaine Jenkins, Judy Jones, Kennan Eaddy, Jill Eaddy and myself. I had the honor of carrying the DKG flag on Friday evening as the colors were presented for the Opening General Session. Friday evening was exciting as Delta Sigma was recognized with the Communications Award which includes four newsletters, posting on social media, and creation of a pamphlet. I would like to personally thank Elaine Boysworth and Jennifer Luper for the wonderful work on newsletters, Elaine for creating the pamphlet, and members sharing info about the fashion show on social media. It was also an honor as Delta Sigma received the Chapter Achievement Award of Excellent earning 555 points. These points reflect the many different activities of our chapter.

On Saturday I attended several interesting break-out sessions including the new online dues payment process, information on how chapters can set up Limited Endowments for Scholarships through NC DKG Education Foundation, and a session on revising your chapter's rules. These sessions helped me to see the bigger picture of how our



Kennan Eaddy

chapter's mission fits into our Eta State organization. The banquet on Saturday was filled with great music and an address from our International president Cathy Daughtery who encourage women educators to take advantage of the many offerings of DKG and seize the opportunities available. Her article in Collegiate Exchange outlines four ways to take action in DKG, including get to know each other and get involved beyond the chapter level. Also on Saturday evening was the installation of the new state officers for the next

biennium, including our new president, Dr. Teresa Cowan.

A very formal service of Remembrance was held Sunday morning as we recognized and celebrated sisters who have died over the last year. The 85th Eta State Birthday brunch that followed featured several awards including Rising Star where our very own Kennan Eaddy was recognized. Other awards included the Founders Award and Beginning Teacher Awards. Judy and I enjoyed singing in the choir, which I might mention earned additional chapter points. As part of the 85th celebration, Eta State Founding Sisters were portrayed by DKG members. During Saturday and Sunday, our very own Judy Jones portrayed Dr. Harriot Parrot, who was one of the Founding Sisters, Judy also dressed for our Delta Sigma meeting on May 9th and shared, in person, some of the accomplishments of Dr. Parrot in the founding of Eta State.



Judy Jones

One business note from Eta State Convention is chapters should begin work on updating the Rules based on the action from the International Convention last summer. We will need to begin this work during the summer to have information to present in the fall. One action is the calling state chapters the regional name instead of the Greek letters. This will be a gradual process move as we begin using the term NC DKG instead of Eta State. This change will help to market and identify our state organization as a women's professional group from NC instead of being assumed it is a sorority.

This summer, another opportunity is close by for Delta Sigma. The International Conference: Arts and Humanities is June 27-29, 2019 in Asheville. I would encourage you to seize this opportunity and become involved outside of our chapter. Next year's state convention will be held in Greensboro May 1-3, 2020. Please consider attending this event and learn how Delta Sigma is part of a strong state organization that benefits education in NC.

It's Now or Never... for this Go 'Round

Submitted by: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

Right now in Raleigh legislators on both sides of the aisle in both the House of Representatives and the Senate are wrestling with the state budget that will guide state funding for the next two years. This means NOW is the time to contact your senator and your representative to urge greater support for public education. NC still lags behind the national average in teacher salaries, ranking 34th in the nation. Adjusted for inflation, NC teacher salaries are currently 10.8% lower than they were 10 years ago in the midst of the great recession.

Likewise, NC spending is \$2,957 less per student than the national average, with a ranking of 42nd in the nation. One flawed bill being considered takes away \$37 million from local school districts and gives it directly to classroom teachers to buy supplies on a designated website. This leaves the local school systems with no funding to provide commonly used materials and equipment such as copiers and maintenance of such items.

Finally, please speak up for more school psychologists, social workers, counselors, nurses, and librarians and object to a virtual (computer-based) preschool program. Go to www.ncleg.gov to find contact information for all senators and representatives. Your students depend on you!

Tech Tip

Passwords are the first defense when hackers attempt to gain access to your information. A good password is a minimum of 8 characters; this is one time that more is better. A mixture of both uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters, e.g. !, @, #, ? but do not use < or > these can cause problems with Web browsers.

New GoAhead DKG Tours Announced

The GoAhead Tours sponsored by DKG have been popular with members and friends. New tours have been announced for late 2019 and 2020.

Spend a long weekend in [Santa Fe](#) August 29-September 1, 2019. Take in the cultural vibrancy and natural beauty of New Mexico's capital city with local guides and sightseeing tours.



Explore the rainforests, volcanoes, and wildlife of [Costa Rica](#) December 28, 2019, to January 5, 2020. "From misty cloud forests and lush jungles to volcanic landscapes and sun-kissed beaches, there's so much to love about this Central American hot spot."

Enjoy [San Francisco and the Wine Country](#) of California Octo-ber 9-14, 2020. This tour includes four wine tastings, two guided sightseeing tours, visits to wineries in Sonoma and Napa Valley, the Golden Gate Bridge, the Mission District, and a cooking class in Berkeley.

May Flowers - Convention Blooms

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

April showers gave way to May flowers in celebratory fashion for NC DKG. The 85th Birthday Celebration of Eta State was a blooming good time. This month EEC of NC DKG encourages you to Empower, Engage, and Create as you implement strategies to share the memories of this celebration with your members and your communities.

- **Empower:** Plan a program where convention attendees share their experiences either in words, photos, videos, etc. Let your members hear, see, and feel the celebration firsthand.

- **Engage:** Prepare a "convention fair" allowing attendees to disseminate information learned from workshops, speakers, and fellow NC DKG members.

• **Create:** Produce a marketing tool to showcase convention achievements (attendance of members, awards received, chapter recognition, presentations were given, etc.)

Want to Serve on a State Committee?

Apply through the committee [interest form](#) on the NC DKG website.

Scholarship Applications Due Sept. 1

The Report from International at the NC DKG Convention in April shared that \$26,684 for scholarships were given to NC members last year. North Carolina has received \$131,200 for Cornetet grants, seminar attendants, and project winners. Sixty-four members have received \$363,300 in scholarships.

Learn more about scholarship awards by going to the DKG Educational Foundation website and clicking on Apply. September 1 is the deadline to apply for Cornetet Individual Awards for Professional Development. Scholarship and project monies are one of the benefits of DKG membership.

How Amendments Passed at Convention Will Affect Chapters

Submitted by: Tammy Cullom, Chair, Rules Committee

The members of The North Carolina State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (formerly known as Eta State), abbreviated as NC DKG, voted to pass all presented amendments to the state Bylaws and Standing Rules.

The NC DKG Rules Committee, with the input from convention workshop attendees, will be revising the draft checklist that chapters can use to make updates to their chapter rules based on the 2019 passed amendments. The final checklist will be emailed to chapter presidents and posted on the NC DKG webpage.

One amendment that NC DKG passed said that the state Rules Committee will make immediate changes to state rules following an International DKG Convention where

proposed amendments were adopted. This should be a model for your chapter rules, where your chapter will make immediate changes following the International DKG Convention and also after the NC DKG Convention, as needed. This will be stated on the checklist for you.

While you are making these recently adopted changes to your chapter rules, please visit the NC DKG webpage and find the standard chapter rules check-list. Print it and check that all recommended items are part of your chapter rules so they are as up-to-date as they can be. The next official chapter rules review by the state Rules Committee is scheduled for 2020. Chapter Rules are a living, breathing document that may change to meet the needs of the group. A report and vote during the business section of your regular chapter meeting are all it takes to make necessary changes. If you have questions, please contact Chair Tammy Cullom at dkgtammy@gmail.com Other members of the Rules Committee are Becky Keesler, Barbara Piekarski, and Tobey Worthington.

Recognition and Awards of Members

Committee Notes/Announcements

Fashion Show: Cindy White, Donna Jolley and Nelva Goodson offer thanks to members who assisted with the fashion show which raises money for scholarships and beginning teacher support. If you did not complete a plus/delta to provide feedback on the fashion show, please send comments and suggestions to Cingy White. This input is used to make improvements for future fashion show fundraisers.

Awards:

Kay Wilson—45 years service to Delta Kappa Gamma, received the 45 years pin.

Jennifer Luper was honored with the 2019 North Carolina FBLA Adviser of the Year

A Message from Connie Savell



Let's SPARKLE!

Goals:

- Encourage **S**avvy leadership
- Inspire **P**assionate, 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

Celebrating 85 Years! Share the Sparkle! was an incredible success due to the collaboration of Eta State Officers, related personnel, Region X chapter presidents, and regional director. Region X's enthusiasm, creativity, and passion ensured North Carolina members a weekend to remember! Our 85th Birthday Celebration exceeded my dreams with beautiful decorations and flowers! Wow!

Saturday afternoon's workshops energized members with innovative ideas, resources, and a renewal that will enable leaders to Share the Sparkle with members in the local chapters. We celebrated the successes of our chapter presidents during the President's Banquet with our keynote speaker International President Cathy Daugherty.

On Sunday, at the Ceremony of Remembrance, we honored the members who had passed away this year. Then at the Birthday Brunch, we celebrated our Notable Women, Rising Stars and awarded the Founders Award to Betty Debnam Hunt, author of "The Mini Page." We had lots of fun celebrating with beautiful cupcakes.

Nancy Tunstall's creativity in designing the cover for the Program inspired artistic PowerPoints that utilized the same theme throughout the Convention.

North Carolina State Organization of DKG attended to the business of Eta State, elected new officers, and a new treasurer who will lead us into the next 85 years with new energy as they promote the purposes and vision of DKG. We look to the new officers for motivation and guidance. Ready, Set, GROW!

Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
2017-2019

International Conference Kicks Off with Fun Activities

Fun on the Lawn

The Arts & Humanities International Conference in Asheville kicks off on Thursday, June 27, 5:00-6:30 p.m., with Fun on the Lawn. Join DKG members and friends on the green space outside the Expo Center. Gather together in the fresh mountain air for conversation, artisans, musicians, and games! Up for a little friendly state rivalry? Start a game of corn hole, Frisbee toss, or checkers. Be sure to take part in the Collaborative Weaving project that will grow throughout the weekend. Choose from a variety of locally gathered materials provided for all of us to weave into this unique work of art. Remember sun hats or visors, comfy clothes, and maybe a little insect repellent to make this time outside more enjoyable. Cookies and lemonade are waiting for you in the Expo building, courtesy of NC DKG.

NC Theme Night

The first General Session begins at 7:00 p.m. and is immediately followed by entertainment as the FUN continues with more local artists. Traditional music and dance entertainers, The Whitewater Bluegrass Co. and the J. Creek Cloggers, will perform. Use your Theme Night ticket to claim a small pottery piece handmade by local DKG members with assistance from artist Sarah Anne Eller.

Fellowship Night

NC DKG leaders are expecting a large turnout for the NC fellowship dinner at TGI Fridays in Biltmore Village during the Arts & Humanities Conference in Asheville. Over 50 people have signed up to meet for fun, food and fellowship on Friday night, June 28.

Reservations are for 7:00 p.m. If you plan to attend the International conference and/or the NC DKG dinner at TGI Fridays, please let Executive Secretary Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon know by emailing her at etaexecsecretary@gmail.com.

Delta Sigma Calendar



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

NC DKG 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 September 15, 2019

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EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<i>Summer Planning Meeting</i>	July 22, 2019	4:00 PM	Boger City Methodist Church

State and International Calendar

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
International Conference	June 27-29, 2019	Asheville, NC
NC DKG Convention	May 1-3, 2020	Greensboro, NC
International Convention	July 7-11, 2020	Philadelphia, PA
NC DKG Convention	April 23-25, 2021	Asheville, NC

Important Web Links for Chapter Members

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

NC DKG Website: www.ncdkg.org

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

June Eta Data: <https://bit.ly/31E22em>

