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**Reminder:**

RSVP to Frankie Beam regarding attendance at the November 16th meeting by Monday, November 12th.

**Delta Sigma Inducts New Members**

On September 21, 2017, Delta Sigma inducted four new members into the sisterhood of Delta Kappa Gamma – Jennifer Huskey, Jennifer Luper, Heather Myers, and Sheila Wright. These new members are respected educators in our community and each brings knowledge and expertise that will enhance our chapter. Each new member is excited to join DKG to enjoy the fellowship and networking with other educators who share their passion for education.



*L to R: Sheila Wright, Jennifer Luper, Heather Myers, and Jennifer Huskey*

**Jennifer Huskey** is an assistant principal at East Lincoln High School. Prior to becoming an assistant principal, she was middle school English Language Arts teacher. Jennifer enjoys interacting with students and has influenced many students by sharing her love for reading. Her goal is to be a principal and curriculum specialist.

**Jennifer Luper** is a Business teacher in the Career and Technical Education Program at Lincoln High School. In addition to her community service, she is very active professionally with state, regional, and district level committees and boards. In 2014, she was selected as a North Carolina Department of Instruction Business, Finance, and Information Technology Hall of Fame Inductee.

**Heather Myers** is principal of East Lincoln Middle School. She is a former middle school English Language Arts teacher, literacy coach, and assistant principal. During her career, Heather has been selected as both Teacher of the Year and Assistant Principal of the Year for Lincoln County Schools. She enjoys delivering professional development and providing the support to help teachers “fine-tune” their instructional practices. Her goal is to make a difference in the field of education.

**Sheila Wright** is a fourth grade teacher at Pumpkin Center Intermediate School. She enjoys sharing her passion for learning with both students and colleagues. Sheila completed her National Board Certification in 2014. She has already gotten involved with Delta Sigma by serving as a presenter at our new teacher event in September. Sheila’s goal is to become an administrator who has a positive influence on others and becoming a leader that others can count on.

We welcome these outstanding educators to Delta Sigma and Delta Kappa Gamma!

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## A Message from Your President



Greetings Delta Sigma Sisters,

As the beautiful colors of fall enhance our scenery, I anticipate the flurry of activities that fall brings. I hope all of you are enjoying the many sporting events (even gate duty for some), the band competitions, pumpkin

carvings or cravings, and the host of other activities that fall brings. As we approach our November meeting, I am thankful to be associated with our group of hard working educational leaders. We welcome Jennifer Huskey, Jennifer Luper, Heather Myers, and Sheila Wright to our chapter and look forward to working with them.

My granddaughter, Tatum, needed my name badge and a clipboard so she could dress up as a teacher for career day in first grade. Of course, I encourage her love of teaching and learning and am truly thankful for the dedicated efforts of teachers in the classroom today. Keeping up with former students, including many of you, is a joy and privilege of many years spent in the classroom. As Elaine Jenkins encouraged us, take time to tell our story of the importance and the impact that education and caring educators have on our children.

As we strive to make our chapter stronger together, I look forward to participating in our chapter projects. Be sure to sign-up with Jill Eaddy to help with Speak Up For Children's Holiday Tour of Homes on December 15th. I look forward to representing Delta Sigma as I greet the tour visitors and work for this most worthy cause.

Our theme for the November meeting will center around our wellness initiative. Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 16th at 4:30 in Boger City United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Please take time to contact a sister that you haven't seen lately and let them know you have been thinking of them. Wellness can take on many meanings depending on our current life circumstances. Knowing that someone cares is important to all aspects of wellness, so make that contact with a sister.

May the cooler days, the beautiful fall colors, and seasonal celebrations enhance your days. Thinking of you and anticipating a "healthy" gathering of Delta Sigma sisters on November 16th!

Best wishes,

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## Committee Notes/Announcements

**Beginning Teacher Support Committee** (Laurie Sellers): We currently have 26 BT1's that we are supporting ranging from elementary to high school. Our second gift will be given out at our November 16th meeting. If you are willing to deliver to any of the BT1's, it would be greatly appreciated.

**Communications/Publicity** (Pat Carpenter): The publicity committee is hosting the November 16th meeting at Boger City Methodist Church at 4:30. The cost for snacks will be \$3.00. Don't forget to RSVP to Frankie Beam at [frankiebeam@bellsouth.net](mailto:frankiebeam@bellsouth.net) before November 12th. If you have not updated your personal information for the yearbook, please contact Jenny Dellinger. Email member news to Elaine Boysworth at [seboysworth@gmail.com](mailto:seboysworth@gmail.com) any time during the year.

**Program Committee** (Rhonda Hager): The speaker for the November 16th meeting will be Mae Stamey, nurse practitioner, from Lincoln Family Practice. She will be speaking on women's health and how to be a healthier woman.

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## Member News

Congratulations to **Dana Ayers!** In early October, Dana was selected as the 2017 Wachovia Principal of the Year for Lincoln County Schools. Dana will now compete with other local award winners in our region for the title of Southeast Regional Principal of the Year. We wish you the very best in the next levels of competition!

On the 50th day of this school year, November 7th, Pumpkin Center Elementary Intermediate School held a 50's Day event raising over \$400 for Relay for Life. This event was planned by **Sheila Wright**. As a cancer survivor, this cause is near and dear to her heart, as it is for so many of our sisters. Thank you, Sheila!

## A Message from Connie Savell



### Let's SPARKLE!

#### Goals:

- Encourage Savvy leadership
- Inspire Passionate, meaningful programs and projects
- Analyze and Articulate current educational issues
- Further Respect for diversity in membership
- Promote Knowledge through lifelong learning
- Establish and Launch a member wellness initiative
- Advocate Excellence in education

## Let's Sparkle!

One of my goals this year is to encourage savvy leadership. What does it mean to be a “savvy leader?” According to Google Dictionary, *it is someone who is knowledgeable as well as someone who has common sense and has the ability to make good judgments.* As we approach the 2017-2019 biennium where nominating committees across North Carolina will be seeking officers, I am certain they can identify many “savvy leaders” within their chapters. After all, DKG members are “key women educators” who were invited because of their leadership potential.

The challenge for each nominating committee is to encourage its members to believe they are not only worthy, but capable of holding positions requested. Eta State provides many opportunities for members to develop their leadership potential and it is my hope that every position is filled; that everyone who accepts will be supported and nurtured, and that each one will lead with confidence. Yes, my goal this year is to encourage savvy leadership and YOU are invited to *Sparkle* along with me to make this happen!

*Connie*

Connie Phifer Savell  
Eta State NC President  
2017-2019



## Constitution? Bylaws? Rules?

Do the terms *Constitution*, *Bylaws* and *Rules* confuse you? Do you know when it is possible to amend or make incremental changes to these governing documents?

The *Constitution* is one of DKG's governing documents at the International level. The *Constitution* is subject to proposals to amend every four years— in even-numbered years. The North Carolina state organization governing documents are aligned with the *Constitution*. Eta State *Bylaws* are open to amendment every two years— in odd-numbered years. At the chapter level in DKG, the governing document for the chapter is referred to as “*Rules*.” Within its chapter rules, each DKG chapter identifies the amendment process and how often proposals to amend are possible.

*Standing Rules* are also governing documents at the international and state organization levels; these provide details for carrying out the mandates of the *Constitution* and state organization bylaws. The *International Standing Rules* are open to amendment every two years—at each International convention. At the North Carolina state organization level, the *Standing Rules* are open for amendment each year at convention. Now is the time for proposals to amend the Eta State *Standing Rules*. The form for submitting proposed amendments is online at [http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2018\\_form\\_proposed\\_sr\\_changes.pdf](http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2018_form_proposed_sr_changes.pdf). The form should be submitted to Rules Committee Chair Tammy Collum by December 15, 2017 at [dkgtammy@gmail.com](mailto:dkgtammy@gmail.com).

## 2018 Convention Update

April 27-29, Charlotte

Make plans to attend or present at the 2018 Eta State Convention this spring. This is an opportunity to attend the state convention close to home! The convention will be held at The Hilton Charlotte University Place. If you are driving, make plans to carpool with other members. If you prefer to stay on location, the Hilton is already taking reservations. The rate of \$115 plus taxes is available until **April 12th or until the block is filled.** Registration may be made online at the Hilton personalized group [website](#) or by calling 704-547-7444. Ask for the DKG room block.

## Funds Available Through DKG Educational Foundation

Take advantage of the opportunities to apply for Educational Foundation funds that are available to individuals, chapters and state organizations. Deadlines to apply for the funds are on or before:

- **January 3, 2018:** Up to \$10,000 may be awarded to groups or individuals for projects that not only benefit children and education but also encourage intercultural understanding and educational excellence.
- **February 1, 2018:** Members and nonmembers can apply for Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards to participate in events and activities that occur between March 15, 2018 and October 15, 2018. *Check out possible opportunities in the boxes to the right!*



## It Bears Repeating – DKG Scholarship Applications Online

For those of you working on advanced degrees, consider this opportunity!



The new DKG International Scholarship application for the 2018-2019 academic year is available on the [Forms tab](#) of the International website. You will need to be logged in to access it.

Scholarships are available to members who are pursuing doctoral, masters, and other advanced degrees in their field of study—\$6,000 for advanced degrees and \$10,000 toward a doctoral degree.

Members are encouraged to start filling out an application a few months before the next due date, as it will take some careful thought and planning to complete the application packet and collect other required academic documentation.

The deadline is **February 1, 2018** to submit the application and all supporting documentation. Be sure to follow the directions carefully and complete all sections of the application.

## Upcoming NC Conference Dates

(Hyperlinked to Conference Information)

- 2018 [NC Council for the Social Studies \(NCCSS\) Conference](#), Greensboro – Feb. 8-9
- 2018 [NC Technology in Education Society \(TIES\) Conference](#), Raleigh – Feb. 28-March 2
- 2018 [NC Association for Middle Level Education \(NCMLE\) Conference](#), Greensboro – March 4-6
- 2018 [NC Connecting Communities of Education Stakeholders \(CCES\) Conference](#), formerly NC Collaborative Conference on Student Achievement, Greensboro – March 11 – 15
- 2018 [NC Reading Association \(NCRA\) Conference](#), Raleigh – March 18-20
- 2018 [NC Association of School Administrators \(NCASA\) Conference](#), Concord – April 19-20
- 2018 [Eta State Convention](#), Charlotte – April 27-29

## Upcoming National Conference Dates

(Hyperlinked to Conference Information)

- 2018 [National Title I Conference](#), Philadelphia, PA – Feb. 8-11
- 2018 [National Science Teachers' Association \(NSTA\) Conference](#), Atlanta, GA – March 15-18
- 2018 [Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development \(ASCD\) EMPOWER: The Conference for Every Educator](#), Boston, MA – March 24-26
- 2018 [ASCD Conference on Teaching Excellence](#), Dallas, TX – June 29-July 1
- 2018 [National Association of Elementary School Principals \(NAESP\) Conference](#), Orlando, FL – July 9-11
- 2018 [National Association of Secondary School Principals \(NASSP\) Conference](#), for K-12 Principals, Chicago, IL – July 11-13
- 2018 [DKG International Convention](#), Austin, TX – July 16-20
- 2018 [International Literacy Association \(ILA\) Conference](#), Austin, TX – July 20-23
- 2018 [ASCD Conference on Educational Leadership](#), Nashville, TN – November 2-4

## Wonders of Water

Eta State EEC Project

Have you bought your LifeStraw? (<http://lifefirst.com/>)  
Have you watched the “Follow the Liters” video on the Lifefirst organization website? (<http://lifefirst.com/follow-the-liters/>)  
Have you visited the CTAUN (*Committee on Teaching About the United Nations*) link on the DKG/UN Relationship site on the DKG International website? (<http://www.teachun.org/>)  
Have you tried a tip from the “water use it wisely” website? (<http://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-convert/>)



EEC would love to see how chapters and members are acting on the Eta State Wellness Initiative: EEC Project - Wonders of Water. Share with the EEC Chair Dr. Teresa H. Cowan at [drthcowan@gmail.com](mailto:drthcowan@gmail.com) the ways in which your chapter and/or members are venturing into areas of leadership, growing personally and professionally, and being global through local actions (EEC goals for 2017- 2018) in an effort to promote wellness.

### Tips to promote **Eta State EEC Project - Wonders of Water:**

- Look to save energy and water in your own home or business and share with others.
- Check your electric water heater. It is the second-largest energy expense in your home. Therefore, saving water means saving energy and \$\$\$\$. Visit <https://www.duke-energy.com/home/products/save-water>.
  - See if you qualify for a free “Save Energy and Water Kit”.
  - Install the FREE items and start saving water, energy and \$\$\$.

## Water Conservation Facts and Tips

- ✓ Nearly 22% of indoor home water use comes from doing laundry. Save water by making sure to adjust the settings on your machine to the proper load size.
- ✓ Using a dishwasher is actually more water efficient than hand washing, especially if you run full loads. Dishwashers use 4-6 gallons of water. Washing by hand generally uses about 20 gallons per time.

- ✓ If you use a low-flow showerhead, you can save 15 gallons of water during a 10-minute shower.
- ✓ It takes about 70 gallons of water to fill a bathtub, so showers are generally the more water-efficient way to bathe.
- ✓ Every time you shave minutes off your use of hot water, you also save energy and keep dollars in your pocket.



See more tips from National Geographic at <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/freshwater/water-conservation-tips/>

## DKG Survey

Do you participate in the surveys on the [DKG website homepage](#)? This month the question is “Is it important that chapters vote on candidates for membership?” Your choices are Yes, No, or Let’s talk about it. Have you expressed your opinion yet?

### Just a Quick Question

1. Is it important that chapters vote on candidates for membership?

- Yes  
 No  
 Let's talk about it

Submit

## Education Law and Policy Committee Updates

*Adapted from article in October 2017 Eta Data*

Susan Phipps, Chair of the Education Law and Policy Committee for Eta State, encourages all chapters to prepare for action when the NC Legislature goes back into session next May. Many important education-related issues will be considered during the “short session” of the General Assembly. Chapter members are asked to develop relationships with Senators and Representatives who are currently back home in their districts. School issues you might discuss are testing, class size, vouchers, educator salaries and benefits, teacher shortages, equal accountability of any and all schools that receive taxpayer dollars, etc. (See list of Eta State legislative priorities outlined in the September issue of *Delta Sigma LINC*.) Susan Phipps indicates that preparing now is important for DKG members to be “ready next spring, no matter what Raleigh has in store for us!”

## Wine, Food, Crafts, and Fellowship

Submitted by Libby Fletcher



**Region X Participants  
A Day of Sisterhood**

On October 14th, Region X sisters gathered at Woodmill Winery for a tour, wine tasting party, and lunch. Edwina Beam, Jenny Dellinger, and I represented Delta Sigma at the event and thoroughly enjoyed our day. I enjoyed chatting with a fellow retired math

teacher from Burke County and realized she was familiar because she, Edwina, and I had participated in a three-summer initiative called Algebra for Everyone (early 90's). After the tour and tasting, Amanda provided a barbecue lunch with homemade desserts and we enjoyed fellowship on the veranda. Amanda gave all the guests a bottle of her family's special barbecue sauce and a DKG magnet.

After lunch we traveled to Hip Hip HooWray in Conover for an afternoon art adventure. My daughters-in-law and Facebook had me primed for this challenge. I do admire the artistic abilities and persistence of many of our sisters. The fellowship was fun and thankfully the staff could make my efforts beautiful! I enjoyed meeting new sisters and sharing a relaxing day with them. Many thanks to Amanda Moose for planning and hosting this event.

### *In the Vineyard*



**L to R: Libby Fletcher, Jenny Dellinger, and Edwina Beam**



**Left: President Libby Fletcher develops her creative painting skills.**



**Right: Edwina, Jenny, and Libby share their creative efforts!**

## New Members Share Good Reads...

For fun and professional growth, new members were asked to share a professional book they recommend to their new sisters. They were also asked to recommend a book for pleasure reading – something you might enjoy during the holidays, snow days, or a vacation.

### Jennifer Huskey

**Professional Book:** *6 Types of Teachers: Recruiting, Retaining, and Mentoring the Best* by Todd Whitaker  
**Pleasure Reading:** *Memory Man* series by David Baldacci

### Jennifer Luper

**Professional Book:** *Why Should We Hire You? Every Day is an Interview* by Brooks Harper  
**Pleasure Reading:** *Sugar Cookie Murder* by Joanne Fluke; *Bootlegger's Daughter* by Margaret Maron; *Betty Feezor: A Life That Mattered* by Betty Feezor; and *Echoes in Death* (In Death series) by JD Robb

### Heather Myers

**Professional Book:** *Teach Like a Champion* by Doug Lemov – All-time favorite with practical strategies  
**Pleasure Reading:** *FanGirl* by Rainbow Rowell – Edgy themes that are not appropriate for all teen audiences, but very authentic characters

### Sheila Wright

**Professional Book:** *The Reading Strategies Book* by Jennifer Serravallo  
**Pleasure Reading:** *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio, great for all educators

## Delta Sigma Provides Service to the Community and SUFC

*Submitted by Jill Eaddy*

Speak Up For Children, Inc. is pleased to announce that again this year Delta Sigma will assist the non-profit with the upcoming **Holiday Tour of Homes**. The tour will be held on Friday, December 15, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The Delta Sigma volunteers make the tour possible by greeting guests and monitoring the rooms to which they are assigned. They can sign up for one shift and take the rest of the time to visit the other homes on the tour.

As Christmas nears, the rich history, architecture and charm of Lincolnton will be showcased in this tour which will feature four lovely private homes and a historic church, all exquisitely decorated for Christmas. Visitors will tour The Hoke-Rhyne House and the Peacock Hill Farm, both overlooking the historic Laboratory Mill. They will tour the Self-Abernethy home and the private home of Mary Frances White at Ebony and White Funeral Services. Emanuel Lutheran Church will also be part of the tour.

This Holiday Tour of Homes offers a rare opportunity to enter some of Lincolnton's finest private homes and historic church facilities. Visitors will experience the architecture, furnishings, and holiday decorations that make these treasured sites unique. These properties help preserve the character and charm of historic Lincolnton. The tour is self-guided. Guests may visit any of the sites in any order at their own pace during the time allotted. Parking will be available near each of the homes. Tickets for the tour are \$20.00 (\$15.00, if purchased in advance). Tickets are available now at [www.speakupforchildren.us](http://www.speakupforchildren.us) or at The Cultural Center, 7th Moon Boutique, Amy's Closet in Denver, and Home Place Restaurant beginning November 15th.

Each year dozens of Lincoln County's children are removed from their homes and placed under Department of Social Services (DSS) custody as a result of abuse or neglect. Each child is assigned a volunteer advocate by the court called a Guardian ad Litem (GAL). In Lincoln County GALs advocate for over 100 children at any one time. These children often have many unmet needs such as clothes, shoes and help with school related activities and opportunities that are available to other children.

Speak Up For Children (SUFC), organized by the GALs, is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization registered in North

Carolina. SUFC raises funds and solicits in-kind donations to provide opportunities and to fill unmet material needs for these children, thus providing hope and a sense of normalcy in their disrupted lives. We also support the Guardian ad Litem program by assisting in volunteer recruitment and on-going training. Proceeds from this tour will go directly to provide for the foster children of Lincoln County.

Delta Sigma members can help by signing up to volunteer at a tour site and also by getting the word out about the event. Tell your friends and neighbors and share it on social media. Please check out our Facebook page, Speak Up For Children and look under the "Events" section. From there, you can share the event to your timeline and invite your friends. Also, visit our website at <http://www.speakupforchildren.us>. Delta Sigma's help and support are greatly appreciated!



*Peacock Hill Farm*



*The Hoke-Rhyne House*

**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

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Delta Sigma  
 Fashion Show  
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**Tech Quicktip...**

Not everyone has Word or even the same version of Word that you might have on your computer. Therefore, a shared Word file may be reformatted when opened by others. When you save a file to share, change the file type to PDF. PDF readers are free and easy to download to any device. This means everyone can see your document in the same way you see it, **but** not make changes to it.



**State and International Calendar**

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Eta State Convention	April 27-29, 2018	Charlotte University Hilton Charlotte NC (Region VI Hosts)
DKG International Convention	July 16-20, 2018	Austin JW Marriott Austin, TX
Southeast Regional Conference	2019	North Carolina (More details to come...)

**Important Web Links for Chapter Members**

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

Eta State Website: [www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org)

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

October *Eta* Data:

<http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/etadataoct2017.pdf>

Fall 2017 *Eta State News*:

[http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/eta\\_state\\_news\\_fall\\_2017\\_color\\_final.pdf](http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/eta_state_news_fall_2017_color_final.pdf)

*The Bulletin*

[http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Publications/Bulletin/Journal/Past\\_Issues/Bulletin-Journal\\_83-3.aspx](http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Publications/Bulletin/Journal/Past_Issues/Bulletin-Journal_83-3.aspx)

*The Collegial Exchange*

<http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Publications/Bulletin-Magazine.aspx>





## Delta Sigma Calendar 2017-2018

Meeting	Date	Place	Time	Responsible Committee	Program Title (Subject)
November Meeting	Nov. 16	Boger City UMC Fellowship Hall	4:30 p.m. (Snacks)	Communications/ Publicity	Wellness
Speak Up for Children Project	Dec. 15	Various Locations	4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	All Members Chapter Project	Holiday Tour of Homes
Prepare Universal Bag & Informal Get Together	Jan. 11, 2018	Boger City UMC Fellowship Hall	4:30 p.m. (Snacks)	Beginning Teacher Support & Program/ Fine Arts	Fun & Fellowship
Executive Board Meeting	Jan. 22	Boger City UMC Library	4:30 p.m.	Executive Board	Business & Reports
February Meeting	Feb. 8	Boger City UMC Fellowship Hall	4:30 p.m. (Snacks)	Scholarship & Membership	Schools for Africa, Fashion Show Plans, & Election of 2018-2020 Officers
Fashion Show	April 13 <b>April 14</b>	First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall	Friday 3-6 Preparation Saturday 9-2 <b>Show &amp; Cleanup</b>	Cindy White, Chair Nelva Goodson, Donna Jolley, & ALL Members	
May Meeting	May 10	Boger City UMC Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m. (Meal)	Scholarship & Education Law & Policy	Scholarship Winners & Officer Installation
Executive Board	May 21	Boger City UMC Library	4:30 p.m.	Executive Board Members	Business Meeting Planning for New Biennium

Each committee should include the following items as they plan a meeting:

1. Select someone to do the greeting.
2. Select someone to do the invocation.
3. Make arrangements for meal/snacks.
4. Plan a “get to know you” activity.
5. Provide decorations and printed program.
6. Send info on meeting to Frankie Beam to notify members.
7. Select someone to collect food money at the meeting.

