

Asbury Resource Center Service Project

By: Elaine Boysworth

Members of Delta Sigma gathered at the Asbury Resource Center (ARC) on Thursday, August 2nd to assist with sorting and organizing donations in preparation for a Back to School Shopping Day at the ARC. After a brief orientation to the ARC and the processes used by the volunteer staff to organize and maintain the Center, Delta Sigma members quickly went to work sorting and organizing recent donations. Several of our Delta Sigma fashionistas used their talents to construct displays in each of the rooms at the Center, creating an atmosphere of shopping boutiques.



DKG Sisters setting up displays

The ARC was established in 2016 through a partnership between the United Way of Lincoln County, Asbury United Methodist Church, and Asbury Academy. It is located in a building that was once a part of Asbury School. Much

of the physical transformation of the former school building occurred on August 18, 2016, with the help of volunteers from Asbury United Methodist Church, numerous community organizations, and local businesses during the United Way’s “Day of Action.” Since that time, countless volunteers have kept the Center organized and functioning.

The ARC not only provides assistance to Asbury Academy students, but to the community at large. Teachers and counselors from across the district may come to the resource center to pick up clothing and supplies for students in need. There is also an area at the Center that serves teen mothers and mothers-to-be with supplies for children and infants.

According to President Rhonda Hager, over 150 families were served at the Back to School Shopping Day at the ARC in August. Thank you Delta Sigma sisters for contributing to the success of this event and serving the families in our school district! Additional photos may be viewed on page 6 of the newsletter.

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Reminder:

**November 20, 2018
 Applications due for NC
 DKG Educational
 Foundation Scholarship
 grants.**



A Message from Your President

Dear Sisters,

It is hard to believe that fall is here! The first few months of school have gone by very fast. Delta Sigma has also been very

busy during these months. I was so proud of the amazing turn out for our Service time at Asbury Resource Center (ARC) and Planning Meeting. The amount of organizing, sorting, hanging, folding, and displaying was terrific. With over 25 members working together, we made a huge impact in getting the ARC ready for the Back to School Shopping time for families. During the beginning weeks of school over 150 families visited and were assisted with resources. Each week many of our children in Lincoln County are provided with needed items, so they come to school ready to learn.

Our Beginning Teacher Support Committee worked to assemble 25 baggies for our First Year Beginning Teachers (BT1's). The gift was themed "Hold it together You are sharpening the minds of our future." The bag included a pencil sharpener and glue sticks. This group will be working on the next treat for our BT1's in November. Many thanks for this group's work to support our new teachers. We have over 50 BT1's and BT's 2 in Lincoln County this year. We want to support these new teachers as they begin their teaching career. I hope you will make a point to connect with a few of these new teachers to show them the importance of the work they do on a daily basis. This time of year can be overwhelming for new teachers, and words of support can mean so much to someone beginning their career.

We look forward to our November 15th meeting at 4:00 pm at Boger City Methodist Church. Our Eta State President Connie Savell will be joining us for our meeting. The Communications Committee will be hosting. I hope you will make it a priority to attend this meeting.

Our big fundraising project for the year is our Annual Fashion Show. This event is planned for Saturday, April

13th with the setup on Friday, April 12th. We are excited to have Kristen Miranda serving as our master of ceremonies for our event again this year. As mentioned at our last meeting we are in need of someone to step up and help coordinate this effort. I know we have such capable women that could fulfill this role. Cindy White, Nelva Goodson, and Donna Jolley are willing to assist in the transition to a new leader. Please contact Cindy White or me if you would be willing to be the next coordinator of this wonderful event.

With Warmest Regards,

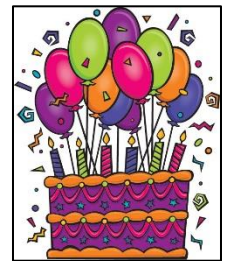
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Nominate Members for Recognition at the Birthday Celebration

Eta State NC will observe its 85th Birthday at the 2019 Convention. One way that state leaders plan to celebrate is to recognize members who have made notable contributions to education or DKG on the local, state and national levels.

President Connie Savell explained, "Please review your chapter histories and membership records to locate those in your chapter who have made significant contributions and impacted numerous lives. Think outside the box and determine members in your chapter, past or present, that might deserve recognition."



A Google form has been set up to collect chapter nominees at <https://goo.gl/forms/ozSOMHGoZGad73gN2>. The form includes a space for a short biography and a photograph. Watch for more details and website links in the next Eta Data.

A Message from Connie Savell

Support the Emergency Fund

By: *Connie Savell, President, Eta State NC*



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

The most challenging thing Eta State NC is facing right now is supporting teachers in the 30 DKG Chapters in the 28 counties that have been declared disaster areas by FEMA! Some schools in these counties have been damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Florence and classroom materials and supplies ruined.

I would like to encourage members of the Executive Board (chapter presidents, committee chairs and past presidents) to set the example and bring gift cards to the Fall Executive Board meeting to support our sisters in the eastern part of the state who teach in one of these schools. Right now, they may not know what they need or where they will finish the year, so gift cards of any kind will give them a little start for whatever they need to reestablish their classrooms when they are ready.

Other ideas and ways your chapter can help our members will be shared at the Fall Executive Board meeting. I have been amazed at the interest from other DKG state organizations who wish to assist our members who have damage in NC. That's DKG! Let's Sparkle and show our support for our members in eastern North Carolina!

Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
2017-2019

Connie

Did you know that International has an Emergency Fund? Members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires and other natural disasters can be recommended by their chapter and state organization presidents to receive a \$500 Emergency Fund Award. Twelve Eta State NC members have applied to receive money from International as of now, and as state president, it is my responsibility to submit the forms to International.

How can you assist these members who have sustained damage? You can donate to the DKG Emergency Fund. Donations are tax-deductible and can be made online through the DKG website or by mailing a check to Phyllis Hickey at Head-quarters, 416 W 12th St, Austin, TX 78701. Make the checks payable to DKG Emergency Fund.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

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Ideas to Help Sisters Impacted by Hurricane Florence

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

EEC of Eta State NC encourages you to Empower, Engage and Create at the chapter level by supporting your DKG sisters that were impacted by the horrendous weather in September.

Empower: Collect books (old or new), have members distribute to schools; great multi-chapter activity

Engage: Make yourself available to help at a local school - you might be the source of someone's joy

Create: Fill plastic tubs with school supplies and donate to local schools

Speaking of empowering, engaging and creating, check out the EEC work of our Alpha Kappa sisters in Enfield: <https://www.cleanwaterkenya.com/general/and-a-child-shall-lead-them/>. Congratulations!

Calling All DKG Members: Time to “Light a Spark” for NC Education

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

The 2018 election is just around the corner (November 6), and all public school students in North Carolina are counting on the US to “Light a Spark” for education by casting our votes for pro-education candidates at all levels of government. For the past decade, our schools and teachers have been slowly starved of needed funding. We need to put NC back in its previous position as an exemplary state for high-quality education and a well-prepared workforce. Our future depends on returning our schools to their former glory. Now is the time to start!



Let's all prepare now to spark a North Carolina education comeback in 2018! "To be successful, we need each of you to vote!"

Please take time to review the 2018 Legislative Priorities White Paper from Eta State website (www.ncdkg.org – Leadership—Educational Law & Policy Committee > scroll to the bottom of the page). Be aware of these priorities when communication with Senators and Representatives.

Resources Tab Useful for Members

Have you looked at the Resources tab on the International website? It has a wealth of information on it—flyers and brochures to print or share, ceremonies’ scripts, digital files of all the publications, sheet music of the DKG song and even a downloadable piano file of the song! Check out the Resources tab and explore all the videos, files, presentations and documents available at the click of a button. You must use your member login information to access these resources.

Tech Tip

Would you like to keep track of how far you walk or the pace you are walking? “Map My Walk” is a free app which uses your phones GPS to map your route. Step into better health.

State Officers and Treasurer

Applications for Eta State NC officers for the 2019-2021 biennium are available on the Eta State NC website at <https://bit.ly/2JWzvGI>.

Completed applications should be emailed to Dr. Theresa Wahome- Tate, chair of the Nominations Committee, at wahomet@msn.com by November 15, 2018.

Applications are open for Eta State NC Treasurer until January 16, 2019. A job description and application form are available on the Forms page of the Eta State NC website and should be emailed to Carolyn Lane, chair of the Personnel Committee, at clane44@ec.rr.com.

Proposed Amendments Due December 1, 2018

Proposed amendments to the Eta State NC Bylaws or Standing Rules are due to Rules Committee Chair Tammy Cullom at dkgtammy@gmail.com by December 1st.

The official form for submitting proposals can be found under the Forms tab. Once the Rules Committee discusses the proposed amendments, each will be shared with chapters and presented for voting at the Eta State NC Convention in May 2019.

Proposed amendments may be made to both the Eta State NC Bylaws and Standing Rules in odd-numbered years.

Registration Open for Leadership Development Seminar

The theme for this year’s Leadership Development Seminar is “A Leadership Quest: Discovering How YOU Sparkle.” There will be some surprise strategies worked into the program and plenty of networking time. Registration is now open for the seminar, to be held March 22-23, 2019, at the Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro. Registration is limited to 32 and spaces are filling quickly, so apply today! The registration form can be found at <https://bit.ly/2v2OMkT>.

Announcing New Scholarship Grant Opportunities from the Educational Foundation



The NC DKG Educational Foundation is awarding two \$2,500 Marilyn F. Grinwis Gray Scholarship Grants this fall. These new awards are being made for spring semester 2019 from an endowment through Theta Chapter.

Scholarships are available for degree work in Music Education or Elementary Education. Applicants may be enrolled in Baccalaureate, Master's, or Doctoral study in either of these areas of education. Applications are open to everyone.

The proposal form is available on the Educational Foundation website (www.ncdkgef.org). Proposals are due November 20, 2018, so apply now! Awards will be made by December 5, 2018, in time for spring semester.

Two Eta State NC Scholarships Available This Year

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that there will be two scholarships available this year as specified by the Finance Committee.

The Doctoral Scholarship will be available for \$4,000 and a Master's Scholarship available for \$1,000. There will not be a special project scholarship issued this year.

The applications are updated and will be available by the end of October. Please check the Eta State NC website under the Forms tab for the applications, checklist, and reference forms. The deadline for submission is February 1, 2019.

Please share this information and encourage your members to apply. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Benigno, Scholarship Chair, at mtbteacher@gmail.com.

Committee Notes/Announcements

Membership Committee (Brenda Kinney and Kristen Reynolds): we are excited to begin the process of inviting new candidates to join Delta Sigma and Delta Kappa Gamma International. New members will be inducted next fall, but the process begins now, and it begins with you!

Please fill out a Prospective Member Card which is located on the DKG website and bring with you to the November meeting. If you cannot attend this meeting, please email your card to Brenda Kinney or Kristen Reynolds. A sample card is on the DKG website. Data needed: prospective member's: their name, address, email address, phone number, position, and sponsor's name.

Cards submitted before the February meeting will be presented at that meeting in the form of a ballot. Those elected will be invited to join us for a meeting or the Fashion Show to experience Delta Sigma activities. Orientation and an official invitation will follow.

We appreciate your help in this important matter. Don't forget to turn in those Prospective Member cards!!

Scholarship Committee: Please contact Judy Shuford at judyshuford@bellsouth.net for an application is planning on applying for the Delta Sigma Advanced Degree Scholarship or Professional Development Scholarship.

Member News

According to Lincoln Times-News (Friday, August 24, 2018) Elaine Boysworth was the driving force behind the teacher's resource center at the Oaklawn Rosenwald School

Elaine Boysworth was elected as Treasurer of Kiwanis for the term of 2018-2019.

Delta Sigma in Action





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 December Delta Sigma LINC deadline November 15, 2018

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Delta Sigma Calendar

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Meeting (Communications Committee)	November 15, 2018	4:00 pm	Boger City Methodist Fellowship Hall
Meeting (Programs & Fine Arts Committee)	January 10, 2019	4:00 pm	Boger City Methodist Fellowship Hall
Meeting (Beginning Teachers Committee)	February 19, 2019	4:00 pm	Boger City Methodist Fellowship Hall
Fashion Show Set up (All members)	April 12, 2019	3:00 pm	First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
Fashion Show (All members)	April 13, 2019	10:00 am	First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
Meeting (Scholarship & Finance Committees)	May 9, 2019	6:00 pm	Boger City Methodist Fellowship Hall

State and International Calendar

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Eta State NC Leadership Conference	March 22-23, 2019	Caraway Conference Center Sophia, NC
Eta State Convention	May 3-5, 2019	Crowne Plaza Hickory, NC
International Conference	June 27-29, 2019	Asheville, 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>



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