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PLEASE NOTE:

Please don't forget to send your dues to Kellie Goins as soon as possible! Dues are \$89.

Our next meeting is September 29 at 6:00 at Boger City United Methodist Church.

Please check your information in our pictorial directory and send your updates to Libby Fletcher at pjffetch@bellsouth.net.

Delta Sigma Prepares for New Member Induction!

Donna Jolley, Chairman of the Membership Committee, will be presenting eight new members for induction into Delta Sigma at the September meeting. These members were approved by the membership at the July planning meeting. Let's meet our new members:

Diana Carpenter
Central Office



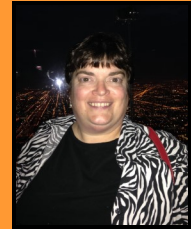
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Battleground



Jennifer Luper
Lincolnton HS



Kristen Reynolds
Pumpkin Ctr. Primary



Kesha Ruppe
WLMS



Julie Tipton
Love Memorial



Kelly Withrow
Pumpkin Ctr. Primary



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Superintendent Hoyle to Discuss 2015 School Issues

Lincoln County Schools Superintendent and Delta Sigma member, Dr. Sherry Hoyle, will be our guest speaker at the chapter's September 29 meeting. In addition to providing information on the current status of the school district, Dr. Hoyle will discuss issues related to the state budget and its effects on our schools.



The General Assembly's 2015 budget negotiations were especially long this year leaving superintendents across the state wondering about significant areas of their budgets. Some of the issues

were salary increases for educators, the status of teacher assistants, the future of Drivers Education, and funding for textbooks, technology, and instructional supplies.

We can assist our school district by being well informed and sharing correct information, so bring your questions to the meeting!

A Message from Your President



Successful leaders cannot work in isolation. "Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."

Mattie Stepanek

Glow Run Needs Help!

Speak Up for Children, our current community project, needs volunteers for Thursday, September 24th beginning at 5:00p.m.

Could you —

- Help register the night of the run?
- Help kids paint t-shirts?
- Stand on the trail at the street crossings during the run?

If so, contact Jill Eaddy at 704 735-3462 or at eaddy01@bellsouth.net

The cool mornings indicate that Autumn (my favorite time of the year) is almost here. As I contemplate what to write in this message that would be meaningful and important, several phrases keep running through my mind – too much information, relevant information, and not enough information. This newsletter contains a wealth of information pertaining to our own chapter, Delta Sigma; our state chapter, Eta State; and the International Society DKG. Please read carefully so that you will not miss anything.

On Saturday, September 12th, I attended the executive board meeting at Elon University, a gorgeous campus. Being able to carpool with Amanda Moose, the president of Nu Chapter –Catawba County, and Sonia Foster, a member of Nu Chapter and chairman of the state Leadership Development Committee, was a delightful and rewarding experience. Then

talking to other chapter presidents across the state and meeting with the chapter presidents in our region reinforced for me that DKG is a wonderful supportive safe network for sharing and learning. I encourage each of you to use this networking through our local chapter directory, contacting me, or going to the state website www.deltakappagamma.org/ www.dkg.org

Check out the members-only area of the DKG website. Members can access personal data and create a profile through the "My DKG" banner in the member center (home page) or the "My DKG" button in the DKG App. Use your **member ID** for the username and default password **dkg2014society**. Therefore, keep your member ID card and number handy so that you can access items in the members-only area of the website.

Finally, thank you, to a wonderful group of ladies of whom I am so proud. I took 100% (plus an extra \$35) of our pledges for the NC DKG Educational Foundation to the Elon meeting. We will be asked to continue to support this; however, we can also reap the benefits. The Foundation is now open for business to provide funds for educators and DKG Eta State chapters. Details appear on **page 4**.

I hope that you are looking forward to our September 29th meeting as much as I am— getting to know and initiating our new members. Attached to this email are the minutes from the June planning meeting and the proposed budget for 2015-2016. Review these carefully in case you have corrections and questions. Also, dues of \$89.00 will be collected. Take care and see you on the 29th.

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Delta Sigma Welcomes New Teachers to LCS

The Beginning Teacher Support Committee hosted a successful breakfast for new teachers on August 12 at Lincolnton Middle School. President -Elect, Libby Fletcher welcomed the new teachers who were presented with a beautiful basket of gifts and certificates that were collected from the community. Following the breakfast, five chapter members presented a panel discussion with tips for managing beginning of the year issues. Participating in this panel were: Linda Yoder, Tammy Price, Laurie Sellers, Crystal Rudisill and Darla Stines.



Something to think about . . .

Enrich your Delta Kappa Gamma experience by getting involved. One person can make a difference! Through DKG the possibilities are endless and the rewards are many. Working with others on shared goals and interests strengthens our chapters, our schools, our communities. Don't sit back and watch; be a part of the action! Share your ideas, share your talents, and share your enthusiasm for the work of Eta State. Contributions, large and small, help others and enrich our own lives at the same time. Being an involved member is an ongoing process. Action leads to benefits.



Sheila Groves
Eta State President
2015-17

Are you getting the most out of your DKG membership?

SUSTAINING PRIDE IN THE BIG PICTURE (Part 2)

DKG was founded by Dr. Annie Blanton and eleven other educators to support women educators and education. The founders wanted "us" to be a driving force in the field of education, changing as the needs and the world changed. As an organization, we strive to support one another personally and professionally as well as supporting non-member educators. We want to build excellence in education through programs and projects. If our Founders were in attendance at our meetings today, wouldn't they be proud of what we are achieving for women educators and education?

DKG gives approximately \$3,000,000 to members and non-members through chapter, state organizations and international scholarships and grants each year. At all levels, the Society works through UNICEF to support the "Schools for Africa" project.

DKG is structured into five regions – **Europe, Northeast** which includes some Canadian provinces and Puerto Rico, **Northwest** which also includes some Canadian provinces, **Southeast**, and **Southwest** which includes Central America, Japan and Mexico. There are 78 state organizations and more than 2300 chapters in 17 countries. The international offices are in Austin, Texas, because that is where the organization was founded in 1929

As a member of DKG, you belong to a chapter, **Delta Sigma**, a region, **X**, a state organization, **Eta State**, and an international society, **DKG**. The benefits of membership are networking, scholarships and grants, publications, conferences, conventions, and seminars. Members contribute to the Society by participating in meetings, projects, and activities of our chapter, area, state, and international organization; by sharing interests, talents and professional expertise; by seeking out opportunities to grow personally and professionally and supporting others in their growth; by paying dues and fees in a timely manner; by becoming involved in chapter life attending meetings, participating in activities, using a voice and a vote in chapter business, taking risks and taking advantage of opportunities; and by accepting leadership roles in the safe supportive environment of the Society.



You won't want to miss the Society's International Convention in Nashville scheduled for 2016 at the fabulous Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center. "Music City" is also home to a large number of colleges and universities—so be prepared for a blend of education and entertainment. Will an international convention ever be closer? You might want to give this one serious consideration!

Committee News/Announcements

Program—We look forward to Dr. Sherry Hoyle's program on Lincoln County School issues in addition to the initiation of our new sisters. Trying to add a little pizzazz to our informal gathering on January 14th, we are moving the location for the entire event to the Boger City UMC fellowship hall. In addition to making the beginning teacher gifts and sharing a meal, I have a special surprise that I will share with you at our September meeting. (I will give you a hint- it is going to be fun.)

Also, it is time to update our pictorial directory. Current members: please check all of your information, and send me your corrections to pjfletch@bellsouth.net. Also, we would like a personal email address. *Libby Fletcher*

Finance— Dues are due September 29th. Please be prepared to pay \$89 at our meeting or mail them to Kellie Goins. You may make your check out to DKG or Delta Sigma. If you are not prepared to pay by September 30th, contact Kellie Goins (kelliewg11@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Thank you! *Wendy Mosteller*

Beginning Teacher Support— Our first New Teacher Breakfast was a success. We were able to meet, get to know, and offer support to the new teachers here in Lincoln County. I appreciate all the hard work of members on my committee, our chapter, and our Child Nutrition workers. Numerous businesses made donations to make the gift bags even more special. If you frequent any of these places, please tell them thank you! Carolina Healthcare System-Lincoln, YMCA, Dairy Queen, Keever Pharmacy, The Drug Store, Sentry Drug, Walgreens, Stroupe's Jewelers, Drum's Florist, Dole, Dr. Dedmond's Dentistry, Domino's, FATZ, and Morgan's Dairy Bar. We now have 27 BT 1's this year. All but 5 have been adopted to mentor. If you can, please mentor a new teacher—I would greatly appreciate it. One of the main reasons I was so excited to form our own local chapter was the direct impact we can have not only on our community, but on our schools. We are doing exactly that with the new teacher program. Thank you so much for your continued support for our new teachers. One of our BT 1s this year is Callie Hix, who was also one of our scholarship winners! Leftover food from the breakfast was taken to Christian Ministry so we not only helped our teachers but also our community! Please keep up with your time and expenses from your BT 1 and turn in a THAT form at our meeting on September 20 to Crystal Rudisill. *Laurie Sellers*

Membership—Please join us in welcoming eight new women into our chapter. We are so excited about the number and quality of these wonderful educators whose involvement in Delta Sigma has great promise!

Education Law & Policy—The Eta State Law and Policy Committee has asked members to suggest topics regarding legislation which they would like to have researched and made available to members. Please send your suggestions to Elaine Jenkins at bjenkins4@earthlink.net.

Scholarship—Please check the newsletter in the article below for information regarding grants from the new Eta State Educational Foundation. Also, the next deadline for a Lucille Cornetet Award is February 1, 2016.



Donna Jolly leads new members through the "basics" of DKG.

New Foundation Is Ready to Award Grants to Members!

The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation's purpose is to encourage and support learning and literacy projects enhancing student engagement and to further professional and personal development of NC women educators. The Foundation is now open for busi-

ness to provide funds for educators and DKG Eta State chapters.

TO APPLY...go to www.ncdkgef.org/Grants
Next...imagine, dream, think creatively and collaboratively. (Hint...Key words to a winning application!)

Then...allow the applica-

tion form to help you flesh out your creative ideas into a workable, detailed plan.

Finally...submit via **e-mail** the application and any accompanying materials to Maxine McCall, Chair of the Grants Review Committee, djmcm60@hci.net, to be received no later than **November 20, 2015**.

2015 State Leadership Development Seminar: Cultivating Women Educators for Leadership

Over the summer I had the privilege to attend the Eta State Leadership Development Seminar held at William Peace University in Raleigh. The format for the four days was a combination of large group sessions dealing with topics on Courageous Leadership, How to Communicate Effective, Service Projects, Fiscal Fitness, Taking Care of Your Whole Self, Technology Tools, then followed by small group sessions where participants were allowed to select sessions of interest. The range of sessions provided information for all educators from beginning teachers to retired personnel. Our own Dr. Elaine Jenkins led a session entitled, "A Review of Education Legislation in NC" giving insight



Dr. Rhonda Hager

into educational issues.

Besides the informative sessions, I really enjoyed the networking with other DKG sisters from across the state and spending time together as fellow educators. Many times we are all so busy that we fail to take the time to fellowship and spend

quality time talking as women educators. One of my highlights was hearing Dr. Barbara Day who was a former college professor of mine at UNC-Chapel Hill speak on finding balance in your life. I left Peace University feeling energized and renewed and grateful for the opportunity to grow professionally with other women

Thank you to our chapter for allowing me this opportunity to attend. I would encourage others to consider attending a seminar another summer.



Elementary and Secondary Education Act Update

The U.S. Congress is taking up the reauthorization of the former ESEA legislation. The Senate version is entitled, "Every Child Achieves Act of 2015" (S.1177). This Bill maintains the testing of No Child Left Behind and allows states to create their own accountability system, does not allow Title I funds for low income students to follow the student to other public or private schools of their choice, reinstates the 21st century community learning centers (after school programs), requires states to identify low performing schools, and increases the number of school counselors and social workers. The House version is entitled "Student Success Act," (H.R.5). It retains testing in grades 3-8 and high school, eliminates AYP. It requires reporting by high schools on the high



**Jennifer Carroll
U. S. Forum Rep**

school graduation rate. It limits charter school grants to no more than 5 years. If passed, it would make states and districts ineligible for federal funding if personnel hired refused to submit to a background check. This indicates that schools should conduct a criminal background check on each individual when hiring personnel.

The Social Security Expansion Act (S.743) would use the Consumer Price Index to calculate the cost of living increases in social security payments. It would extend to tax earners making more than \$250,000 annually. It would increase the average annual benefit to about \$800 a year or \$65 per month. It would not take place until 2021 if passed.

There are currently two bills which could provide tax relief for educators. The Education Tax Relief Act of 2015 (H.R. 29400) would make professional development expenses tax deductible. The Tax Relief Extension Act of 2015 (S. 1946) has been introduced, but no summary of the provisions of this bill are available at this time. It would possibly extend tax deductions for educators which expired in 2014.



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STATE AND INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR		
EVENT	DATE	PLACE
Eta State Convention	April 22-24, 2016	Winston Salem, NC (Region IX)
DKG International Convention	July 5-9, 2016	Gaylord Opryland Resort Nashville, TN
Eta State Convention	April 28-30, 2017	Wilmington, NC (Region IV)

CHAPTER CALENDAR

September Initiation	Sept. 29	Boger City United Methodist Church	6:00 p.m. (Meal)	Membership Committee	School Issues Dr. Sherry Hoyle Member Initiation
November	Nov. 12	Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Building	5:00 p.m. Refreshments	Communications/ Publicity	Schools for Africa Presentation
Prepare Universal Bag/ Informal Get Together	Jan. 14, 2016	Boger City United Methodist Church	4:00 p.m./ 5:00 p.m.	Beginning Teacher Support and All Members/Program and Fine Arts	Fun and Fellowship
Executive Board Meeting	Jan. 25, 2016	Edwina's Home	4:30 p.m.	Executive Committee	Business and a Light Meal (Soup and Sandwiches)
February	Feb. 18	Boger City United Methodist Church	5:00 p.m. Refreshments	Finance	Wanda Lutz Plans for Fashion Show
April Fashion Show	April 9	TBA	Friday 3:00-6:00 (preparation) Saturday 9:00-2:00	Wanda Lutz, Ch. Cindy White, Nelva Goodson and All Members	
May Scholarships	May 5	Boger City United Methodist Church	6:00 p.m. Meal	Scholarship Educational Law & Policy	Recognize Scholarship Winners. Invite state leaders Installation of new officers
Planning Meeting Spring/Summer 2016	TBA	TBA	TBA	President and Members	TBA
Prepare Universal Bag	April/May 2016	TBA	TBA	Beginning Teacher Support (All Members)	TBA