

### Delta Sigma Chapter Lincoln County Region X Eta State, NC

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#### **Reminder:**

Dues must be paid by October 1, 2017

Bring your payment to the September 21st Meeting!

### A Challenge for Eta State - and Delta Sigma

By Elaine Jenkins

Businesses across the country and in our state know well that if they are going to be seen as successful organizations, they have to share their own stories. We have assumed in public schools that people knew how hard we were working and how difficult the challenges are sometimes. We have not been good about promoting ourselves. In order to take better control of the public narrative, we need to be as deliberate and as positive in sharing the best moments of our professional lives as the business community works to be!

On Saturday at the Executive Board meeting at Elon, I asked all chapter presidents to go back to their chapters and ask each member to share **one positive professional story** about public schools **once a month for twelve months with a non-educator.** This is not a speech, a presentation, or a Power Point. It's just a short little happy story like you might tell about your family.



We know that each day across this state, solid academic, age appropriate, thought provoking, thoughtful, boundary breaking, creative, and even brilliant lessons go on with students in classrooms and sometimes in areas outside the classroom. I want you to talk about a teacher, a counselor, a fine arts program, an apprenticeship, a student who gets a special scholarship – you know our stories. There are so many good stories to tell from Lincoln County Schools, and

we recently learned just how well the system did last year. **TELL IT!** President Connie Savell has challenged us to "sparkle," and ladies, the sparkle is there – we just need to point out all those sparkly qualities, and the public will know just how good our schools and school people are!

Where are you going to have these conversations? In the produce aisle of the Harris Teeter or Food Lion. In the garden department at Walmart. At your place of worship, at your bridge club, your book club, your breakfast club, your garden club, and the Red Hatters.

We have 4,000 members in Eta State. If each one tells one story a month for 12 months that would be 48,000 separate stories times 3 minutes each which is 144,000 minutes divided by 60 minutes in one hour equaling **2400 hours of positive talk about public schools.** Talk about sparkle! By taking on this challenge, you profess your pride in the system you serve, and you make an unmistakably strong impression for DKG.

### A Message from Your President



Greetings Delta Sigma Sisters,

As I prepared to journey to Elon University on Saturday to meet with the Eta State Executive Committee, I felt a sense of pride in representing Delta Sigma. Did you know that Elaine Jenkins is Planning Chair for Eta State?

We are so appreciative of her knowledge and willingness to serve and lead. Delta Sigma members came together in July to plan a productive and fun agenda for the 2017-2018 year. I have no doubt that our group will "sparkle" and fulfill the challenges presented to us by our Eta State President Connie Savell's theme and objectives.

At our September meeting, we will welcome and initiate new members to join our ranks. These ladies that were nominated and voted on by our members received an inspiring orientation from Betsy Laws in July. Betsy reminded me, and I will ask her to remind each of you, as to the importance of our chapter and society. We support new teachers and future educators through our fabulous fashion show. We support each other with ideas and a listening ear at times. We care passionately about public education and its importance to our state and nation. I loved listening to Betsy's perspective about what she has received from her membership. She spoke of our serving the guests at our fashion show with a lovely brunch, a beautiful table setting, and true southern hospitality. Betsy truly "sparkled" as she led the orientation session. Help us welcome Jennifer Huskey, Jennifer Luper, Heather Myers, and Sheila Wright to the Delta Sigma chapter on Thursday, September 21st at 6 p.m. at Boger City United Methodist Church.

Many thanks to the Beginning Teacher Support Committee for planning and hosting the BT1 meeting on September 12th. Laurie Sellers works tirelessly to provide the beginning teachers with supplies and ideas to help them get started. To all those who help whether through obtaining donations, packaging the treats, serving on the panel, or being a smiling supporter of a BT1, you make a difference and "sparkle" for Delta Sigma.

This year will bring many opportunities to serve and "sparkle" in our community. Jill Eaddy will have a sign-up sheet for the December 15th Tour of Homes for Speak Up for Children, our community project. I hope to work on a Girl Scout initiative to let one or more troops know how girl scouting and DKG relate. Our November program will focus on wellness, a key issue of this biennium. Then, our April 14th Fashion Show promises to be another fabulous event to host for our community.

Each of you brings your very own individuality and "sparkle" to our organization. We need you to set aside the time for our meetings and projects. I always enjoy working with my sisters, and I always leave our events with a new appreciation for our chapter. Don't forget to apply for your Foundation Grant by September 30th! I look forward to seeing each of you on Thursday, September 21st!

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# Delta Sigma Goals for the 2016-2018 Biennium

- To support to the best of our abilities the goals and programs of Eta State and Delta Kappa Gamma International through our committee work and programs
- To vigorously advocate legislation that supports public education and educators
- To strengthen and deepen the sense of fellowship among our members
- To support and nurture beginning teachers and future educators in Lincoln County Schools



## Let's Sparkle!



During the 2017-2019 Biennium, *Let's Sparkle!* This theme will continue the excitement of the last two years. DKG members can influence positive change in attitude toward education as we communicate with others and share the great things happening in our chapters, schools, and communities. If we use our Voices of Influence, we can change the perception of education today. As we *Sparkle*, consider the possibility that, as members of DKG, we are jewels with multifaceted sides. Individually we all have different strengths and skills; collectively we have the power to change the world. Our greatest strategy should be to tell others of all the accomplishments our members have achieved. There is no need to keep the diamond "in the rough." We should sand, polish, and shine so it will *Sparkle!* 

The Awards Committee met in June and updated the Chapter Achievement Award for 2017-2018. The form can be found on the Eta State Website! This year an *Eta State Wellness Initiative* has been included to emphasize our health and wellbeing. We, as women, tend to take very good care of jobs, families, and others but neglect ourselves. One component of the first phase of the initiative is to focus on program topics that raise the level of awareness on taking better care of ourselves. Outside speakers or members could discuss and share on a topic such as:

- Nutrition
- Walking for a healthier you
- Stress management
- Sharing parks or walking tracks in your community
- · Why we need physical activity
- Safety in the home, playground, and parks

If we take good care of ourselves, we can *Sparkle* from the inside out!

## Connie Phifer Savell Eta State NC President 2017-2019

President's message adapted from July and August Eta Data messages.

#### 2017-2019 Eta State Officers

**President**: Connie Phifer Savell

**First Vice President**: Dr. Teresa Holt Cowan **Second Vice President**: Elizabeth Herring Miars

**Recording Secretary**: Nancy Teague

Treasurer: Ruth Jones

Executive Secretary: Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon

#### **Eta State Goals**

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

# Keep an Eye on the NC General Assembly

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

The newly constituted Educational Law and Policy Committee encourages all DKG members to be aware of actions being taken by NC legislators in the near future. Usually the General Assembly only meets during the first half of the year but this year there were several called meetings of the Assembly in August and perhaps some in September.

A special session was called recently to consider overriding Gov. Roy Cooper's veto of various bills passed during the recent legislative session.



Since several legislators were absent from the called meeting, House and Senate leaders did not consider the vetoed bills and will revisit the issue later this fall.

Another special session to consider redrawing district lines that have been deemed unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court began on August 10th. Anyone with suggestions about how fair lines can be drawn is encouraged to contact her Representative and/or Senator right away. A different special session began on August 18th.

As it has in the past, the Eta State NC Educational Law & Policy Committee will strive to keep members informed about legislation under consideration by the General Assembly. Stay tuned...

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### **Eta State Legislative Priorities**

After surveying conference attendees in Wilmington and a number of chapters across the state, the Eta State Education Law and Policy Committee issued a white paper outlining 2017 Legislative Priorities. From the survey, the committee identified eight prioritized statements for consideration by legislators.



The eight priorities are:

- 1. DKG encourages the General Assembly to increase salaries for all educators.
- 2. DKG feels strongly that NC must continue to provide medical and retirement benefits for all teachers and state employees.
- 3. While we believe in accountability, our members strongly encourage a reduction in the amount of testing.
- 4. Our membership believes that any schools that receive tax dollars should be held equally accountable to the state for student learning.
- 5. DKG encourages the General Assembly to increase per-pupil funding.
- 6. Our membership opposes the allocation of public funds for private and religious school vouchers.
- 7. DKG is opposed to the current A-F system of grading public schools.
- 8. Our members urge that the number of charter schools in North Carolina be limited to 170.

The 2017 white paper includes elaboration and rationale for these priorities. To read more, go to <a href="http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/dkg\_elp\_white\_paper\_based\_on\_surveys.pdf">http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/dkg\_elp\_white\_paper\_based\_on\_surveys.pdf</a>. The white paper serves as a set of talking points for those wishing to contact their legislators concerning these issues.

The Education Law and Policy Committee is currently seeking member input about which issues need to be included on the 2018 survey. Suggestions from chapter members should be submitted by chapter presidents to ELP Chair Susan Phipps at <a href="mailto:phippss@charter.net">phippss@charter.net</a> by October 31st.



## DKG Scholarship Applications Online



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.

### **Apply for a Foundation Grant**

The application window is now open for grants from the Educational Foundation. The application is available under the Grants tab on the Foundation website, <a href="https://www.ncdkgef.org">www.ncdkgef.org</a>. Six grants of up to \$250 each will again be offered in the literacy/learning projects and the continuing education categories. Teachers, schools, and/or chapters are invited to apply. Read about past awardees and their projects in the <a href="https://www.ncdkgef.org">broundation</a> the strength of the strength o

## **Upcoming Conference Dates**

2017 NC English Teachers Conference: October 13-14
2017 Elementary School Conference: October 22-24
2017 State Science Conference: October 19-20
2017 State Math Conference: November 2-3

#### **Emergency Funds Needed!**

Did you know that DKG has an emergency fund to provide support to members affected by natural disasters? DKG has been responding to disasters since 1948 when a plea for help



appeared in the *DKG NEWS* following a flood that destroyed Vanport, Oregon. Over \$3,000 were donated and became the Emergency Fund. The fund has continued for decades and most recently, assisted over 383 members between 2010 and 2015. Contributions to the Emergency Fund will help members impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

To contribute to the Emergency Fund by credit card, go to

https://www.dkg.org/DKGDONATE/Donate\_to\_DKG.aspx and click on "Emergency Fund."

If you would prefer to make a donation by check, please download Form-43 from the DKG International website at <a href="http://www.dkg.org/">http://www.dkg.org/</a>. Mail this form with your check to the address listed on Form-43. As additional information becomes available about how best to help chapters and members as they recover from the hurricane, Headquarters personnel will spread the word and help make the connections that so well illustrate the spirit of DKG. Watch the home page of the <a href="DKG">DKG</a> website for more updates.

## Two DKG Conference Opportunities Close to Home

Members of Delta Sigma will have the wonderful opportunity to attend <u>two</u> Delta Kappa Gamma conferences close to home during the next few years. The Eta State Convention will be held in Charlotte in 2018. The conference will be held at the Charlotte University Hilton April 27-29, 2018 – only a short drive from home!

Eta State President Connie Savell recently announced the 2019 Southeast Regional Conference will be held in North Carolina. The location and date for the regional conferences are chosen by International Headquarters, so watch for the announcement regarding this major conference in our state.

# Water Awareness Part of Wellness Initiative

Did you know that one in nine people worldwide do not have access to safe and clean drinking water? With this knowledge as a driving force, Dr. Teresa Cowan, first vice-president and Education Excellence Committee (EEC) chair, in coordination with President Connie P. Savell's wellness initiative goal, offers these suggestions for chapter involvement:

- Make a commitment to preservation, conservation and a healthy consumption of water. Check out this site for ideas: <a href="http://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/">http://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/</a>.
- Follow the Liters to 1
  million! Watch the video at
  <a href="http://lifestraw.com/follow-the-liters/">http://lifestraw.com/follow-the-liters/</a> to learn how
  individuals, chapters and
  communities can get
  involved.



- Donate to the LifeStraw Safe Water Fund (http://lifestraw.com/engage/).
- Purchase gifts for self or others (https://lifestraw.eartheasy.com/)
- Start a chapter project to promote awareness locally and globally (<a href="http://lifestraw.com/corporate-partnerships/">http://lifestraw.com/corporate-partnerships/</a>)

EEC invites chapters to think globally and act locally. EEC and Eta State NC sisters are ever-working to fulfill the EEC focus: venture into areas of leadership, grow personally and professionally, and be global!

#### Did you know...



Water covers 2/3 of the surface of the earth, but only 0.002% is drinkable?



Dehydration has been linked to poor mood and fatigue?

Drink up!

#### **Delta Sigma Supports New Teachers**

On September 12, 2017, the Beginning Teacher Support Committee presented a program at the first BT1 monthly meeting for first year teachers in Lincoln County Schools. The session



was facilitated by Laurie Sellers and Sheila Wright. Laurie welcomed the 25 first year teachers and gave them a brief overview of Delta Kappa Gamma. Sheila, who will be inducted into Delta Sigma later this month, shared several technology tips and apps new teachers might find useful in the classroom. Laurie and Sheila then led a technology-oriented group activity.

Five chapter members participated in a panel discussion by sharing their best advice for beginning teachers. Panel members reminded new teachers to ask for help, keep their student expectations high, communicate with parents, develop positive relationships with students, and take time for themselves. The panel also responded to questions from first year teachers. Participating in the panel were: Dana Ayers, Katie Crocker, Wendy Mosteller, Tammy Price, and Renee Smith.



At the close of the meeting, new teachers were presented with a "crate" of gifts and supplies that were donated by community members and businesses. A card attached to the crate included a list of Delta

Sigma members and school locations. New teachers were encouraged to contact members for help and advice. Delta Sigma will continue supporting new teachers throughout the year by providing three additional gifts.



### Region X's Saturday of Sisterhood!

An Invitation from Amanda Moose, Region X Director

In an effort to expand connections and get to know each other's chapters in sisterhood, a Saturday of fun has been planned for YOU to attend! Sisters from Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Nu, Beta Epsilon, Delta Sigma, Delta Tau, Gamma Beta, Gamma Phi, Nu and Rho are invited to join us on **Saturday October 14, 2017.** 



The day will begin at 10:30 am at WoodMill Winery in Vale, NC in Lincoln County. While at the winery, we will get to tour the vineyard, see wine production, ask questions, and then

participate in a wine tasting! WoodMill Winery is famous for their Muscadine wines, a traditional North Carolina wild grape. Your tour also includes a WoodMill logo wine glass to keep! Check out their webpage at <a href="http://woodmillwinery.com">http://woodmillwinery.com</a>. After our tour, we will then have lunch around 11:30 a.m. and fellowship together as sisters overlooking the vineyard. WoodMill has a beautiful covered porch that will be very pleasant in October! (If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will use their inside facilities.)

Following lunch, we will caravan to Hip Hip HooWray in Conover, NC in Catawba County. There you will have the opportunity to paint a wooden sign for your home or school door!



And don't worry if you aren't very artistic (neither am I)! Gidget Wray and her team can make anything look like a masterpiece when finished. There are many designs to choose from, so you can paint something for yourself...or a gift for the upcoming holidays! Check out their webpage at <a href="http://hiphiphoowray.com">http://hiphiphoowray.com</a>.

Both of these events are very laid back to encourage time in sisterhood. My hope is for you to be able to relax, have fun, get a little creative, and learn something about Region X that perhaps you didn't know before! You may *choose* to spend the entire day with us, or only join us for some activities.

Amanda

Please contact your Regional Director to sign up today!



Last Day for Reservations: October 1, 2017

Contact: Amanda Moose, Region X Director (828) 302-4441 or <u>regionxetastate@gmail.com</u> or sign up online at https://goo.gl/forms/uUziyzmnGDjOkp7o1

# Delta Sigma to Continue Support for Speak Up for Children

Speak Up for Children, Inc. (SUFC) is an organization formed to improve the lives of abused and neglected children in Lincoln County. SUFC raises funds and accepts donations to provide opportunities and fill unmet needs for these children such as clothes, shoes, and help with school related activities.

As a part of Delta Sigma's service to the community, members will assist SUFC with the upcoming 2017 Holiday Tour of Homes on December 15, 2017.



Proceeds from this tour will go directly to benefit the foster children of Lincoln County. Jill Eaddy will serve as the liaison between SUFC and Delta Sigma in the planning of this event and will be asking each of us to assist with this event in some way. Please show your support for this event and the children of our community by taking part in this service project.

## **Committee Notes/Announcements**

Beginning Teacher Support Committee (Laurie Sellers): There is no tired like the beginning of the year tired....except maybe end of the year! Even as a seasoned teacher, I was absolutely exhausted during the work days and the first week with kids. We all know that it gets better, but these first-year teachers need our guidance and support.

Many thanks to members who braved the weather to help assemble the first BT1 gift on September 11th and attended the Beginning teacher event on September 12th. We offer our thanks to Carolina's Healthcare Lincolnton for umbrellas; Elmers for liquid glue, glue sticks, glitter glue, sharpies, paint pens, and pencil sharpeners; Scott Mosteller/Sentry Drug for the candy, bottle openers, and tissues; Keever Pharmacy/Patrick Fletcher for boxes of Band-Aids; The Drug Store for "happy pills" (M & M's) and lotion; FATZ for \$5.00 off coupons; and Sheila Wright for Expo markers. Jill Eaddy and Katie Crocker, thank you for picking up these donations! We will be showering new teachers with four gifts this year. If you have ideas for gifts please let us know, we are open to suggestions.

As teachers and females, we are all really good at giving advice, but we need to support one another and take our own advice. Please reach out to other members, celebrate and share positive things happening here in Lincoln County Schools and in your personal lives.

Communications/Publicity (Pat Carpenter): The communications committee would just like to remind everyone to RSVP (Yes or No) regarding attendance for each meeting in a timely manner. This will prevent someone from having to make phone calls. At the next meeting, the communications/publicity committee will be checking each member's personal information so we can publish an updated yearbook.

**Finance Committee** (Darla Stines): Dues will remain at \$89.00 this year and will be collected at the September meeting. If you need to break your dues payment into two payments, please contact Kellie Goins. If you will not be present at the September meeting, please mail your dues to Kellie's home address at 559 Alf Hoover Road, Lincolnton, NC 28092 by October 1st. Please handle payment in a timely manner so our Treasurer is able to meet deadlines for state and international dues.

#### **Member News**

Congratulations to **Kesha Ruppe** on the birth of her first child. She and her husband welcomed their son, Mason Troy Ruppe, into the world on August 21st.

Elaine Jenkins will serve as the Planning Committee Chair for Eta State during the next biennium, 2017-2019. She will serve Eta State and represent Delta Sigma well. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Lincoln County Schools for an outstanding year of student achievement in 2016-2017! Nineteen of twenty-one schools met or exceeded their growth goals. In addition, Rock Springs Elementary received an A<sup>+ng</sup> rating – an A rating and no significant achievement gaps with subgroups. Only 87 (3.5%) of schools in the state achieved this rating. The graduation rate remained above 90% for the third year in a row, six schools improved their rating by one letter grade, and no schools were designated as low-performing. Many of our members contributed to this exception student achievement through their teaching and leadership roles. **You sparkle!** 

## Delta Sigma Prepares to Welcome New Members that Will Sparkle

On September 21st, Delta Sigma will induct four new members.



- Jennifer Huskey Assistant Principal, East Lincoln High School
- Jennifer Luper, Career and Technical Education Teacher, Lincolnton High School
- Heather Myers Principal, East Lincoln Middle School
- Sheila Wright Fourth Grade Teacher, Pumpkin Center Intermediate School

These young women were invited into membership based on their service to education. They are respected educators in our community who have demonstrated potential to continue their growth as outstanding educators and leaders. It is our goal, and the goal of Delta Kappa Gamma, to provide them with opportunities that will help them *SPARKLE* and make a difference in the field of education.

Please welcome our new inductees and take time to get to know them.



#### **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 Saturday, April 14, 2018

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## How to Log Onto the DKG International Website

- 1. Go to www.dkg.org.
- 2. Click Sign-In.
- 3. Your "Username is your DKG ID# and is found on your Membership Card and on DKG publications.
- 4. Obtain the password from Libby or Elaine B.
- 5. Once you log-in click "Change password".
- 6. Type in your "Current password".
- 7. Type in your "New password". It must be at least 6 characters long.
- 8. "Confirm your new password" by typing it in a second time.
- 9. Click the "Save" button to save your changes.

While you are logged in, please be sure to create or update your MyDKG Profile!

#### **State and International Calendar**

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

## **Important Web Links for Chapter Members**

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

Eta State Website: www.ncdkg.org

Delta Sigma Website: <a href="http://deltasigmanc.weebly.com">http://deltasigmanc.weebly.com</a>

#### August Eta Data:

http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/etadataaug2017.pdf

#### Fall 2017 Eta State News:

http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/eta\_state\_news\_-fall 2017 color final.pdf

#### The Bulletin

 $\frac{http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Publications/Bulletin/Journal/Past\_Issues/Bulletin-Journal\_83-3.aspx$ 

#### The Collegial Exchange

 $\frac{http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Publications/Bulletin-}{Magazine.aspx}$ 

## Delta Sigma Calendar 2017-2018

Meeting	Date	Place	Time	Responsible Committee	Program Title (Subject)
Executive Board	May 22	President's Home	4:00 p.m.	Executive Board	Business Meeting &Fashion Show Report
Planning Meeting	July 17	Boger City UMC Fellowship Hall	4:30 p.m.	President/Executive Board	Chapter Planning
New Teacher Event	Sept. 12	County Office Board Room	3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Beginning Teacher Support (All Members)	Panel Discussion & Meet New Teachers
September Meeting	Sept. 21	Boger City UMC Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m. (Meal)	Membership & Finance	Legislative Updates & Initiation
November Meeting	Nov. 16	Boger City UMC Fellowship Hall	4:30 p.m. (Snacks)	Communications/ Publicity	Wellness
Speak Up for Children Project	Dec. 15	TBD	TBD	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. 23	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 April 14	First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall	Friday 3-6 Preparation Saturday 9-2 Show & Cleanup	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.
- 5. Provide decorations and printed program.
- 2. Select someone to do the invocation.
- 6. Send info on meeting to Frankie Beam to notify members.
- 3. Make arrangements for meal/snacks.
- 7. Select someone to collect food money at the meeting.
- 4. Plan a "get to know you" activity.