

Delta Sigma Begins Year with New Teacher Induction Project

Newly hired LCS teachers had a special treat during New Teacher Induction when they had goodies from DKG at a morning break on August 17. Committee Chair Wanda Lutz worked with Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Elaine Boysworth to schedule the project which allowed chapter members to introduce themselves to the approximate 35 new staff members and to offer some information about DKG.

DKG International has made the support of new teachers a major priority and explains its importance, in part, with the following data: *“Education is a challenging career, and retaining quality teachers is an issue worldwide. Accord to Richard Ingersoll, the rate in the U.S. of beginning teachers leaving the profession in the first year is a little more than 10% with 30% leaving by Year 3 and 46% by Year 5. In addition around 15%*

of U.S. teachers overall leave the profession each year (Is There Really a Teacher Shortage?, Ingersoll, 2003, p. 14). Schools that have depended on a core of veteran teachers are seeing those teachers retire. As much is expected of a new teacher on the first day of school as is expected of a 30-year veteran. Teachers supporting teachers is critical. (Beginning Teacher Attrition and Mobility, Institute of Education Science, 2011, p.3)

Wanda Lutz and her committee will lead our chapter throughout the year as we join DKG International and Eta State in supporting our newly hired Lincoln County educators. All members are encouraged to consider at least one way they can be involved in this vital project!

Delta Sigma Meets on September 20 at Kiser

The first meeting of the Delta Sigma Chapter will be on **Thursday, September 20 at 4:00 in the Media Center at Kiser Intermediate School.**

The primary focus for this meeting will be to approve revisions to the Standing Rules and to provide a planning session for each committee along with discus-

sion of chapter goals for the biennium.

In its June meeting, the Executive Board voted to maintain dues at the previous level of **\$89**. Please send or be prepared to give your dues to treasurer, Wendy Mosteller. The Membership/Nominations Committee will serve as hostesses .

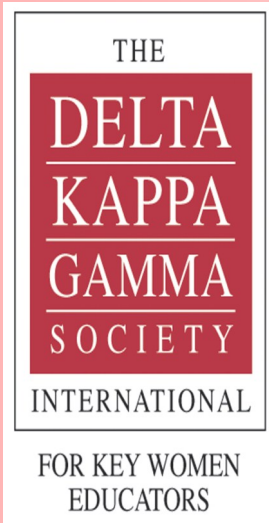
All members should have a copy of the proposed changes to the chapter’s Standing Rules in the email which includes this newsletter. Please review them carefully and come prepared to vote!



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From the President's Corner. . .

It is an awesome task to take the reins of this very fine organization from a leader like Gayle Reid. Thankfully, Gayle will continue not only as a member of our Executive Board, but she has also been named Director of Region X! We congratulate her on this very distinguished honor.

The Executive Board met on June 19 and formulated a list of objectives for this year that they want to present to the membership at our first meeting. These goals, along with the goals of our state organization, Eta State, will be our focus for the next biennium.

While the names of committees may have changed, a number of our goals have not. We will continue to talk about supporting beginning teachers and Schools for Africa among other goals. Both DKG International as well as Eta State are involved in very significant and society-changing projects that are worthy of our assistance!

This newsletter will be a forum for all of you to communicate your work plans with fellow members. The newsletter will be published at least four times during the year and will be released before each chapter

meeting.

This year, we also want our members to get to know each other better. Education has never been an easy profession, and it seems to get more difficult with each passing year. One of our goals should be to appreciate and celebrate the significant contributions of our distinguished members (that would be all of you!). While we pursue the outstanding goals of our organization, let's have a good time along the way!

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Wanda Lutz Attends DKG International Meeting in New York!

When I learned the international convention was in NYC, I seized the opportunity for a personal and professional trip. Spending time with my daughter and granddaughter and fulfilling a DKG goal would be made possible during this July week. We arrived in NY on July 25 and stayed until the 28th.

Thursday morning began at 6:15 AM, with DKG members walking to ABC Studios in Times Square. Mingling on the street as we visited Good Morning, America provided an opportunity to visit with sisters from NC as well as Colorado and California.

There is a sense of connection when you meet people that you had previously known by name only. I attended a breakout session led by Sandra Smith Bull who had been so helpful



with membership transfers when Delta Sigma was being chartered. Dr. Beverly Helms, who was the international guest at the state convention this year in Cary, presided over the Celebration Luncheon on Thursday. She was also installed as the international president for 2012-14. At this luncheon I sat with sisters from North Dakota, New York, Florida, China, New Jersey, and Minnesota. Sisters who had earned doctoral degrees this year were presented an honor cord. Our own Rhonda Hager will be recognized next summer in Indianapolis.

All DKG members with National Board Certification were listed in the convention program. I felt a part of the larger picture as I looked up names of Delta Sigma sisters.

One of my favorite parts of the Eta State Convention is the Ceremony of Remembrance. On Saturday morning, I attended the Celebration of Life portion of the international convention. Patricia Taylor, an Eta State member, is the international music representative. She did an outstanding job with the music for this ceremony. Her playing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song on the Celtic whistle at the closing of the ceremony was very reverent. Here again, I felt a part of the whole, as I saw the names of each departed sister printed in the program by states.

“People are just as happy as they make up their minds to be.”

Abraham Lincoln

Eta State News Briefs

The Eta State convention in Cary provided opportunities for personal growth and for chapter enrichment. Wanda Lutz, Gayle Reid, and Elaine Jenkins represented the Delta Sigma chapter in Cary.

For the first time, Eta State awarded the Golden Key Award to a member from each district in honor of her dedication to DKG and the work all the honorees do "behind the scenes." In addition the



**Eta State President,
Dr. Linda Little**

Order of the Dogwood which is also a new award and which was established to recognize and show appreciation to Eta

State past presidents was awarded to each member of this distinguished group.

Speakers included Coach Sylvia Hatchell from Carolina who inspired members to reach out in meaningful ways to others. Sara Massey, the 2011 Eta State Scholarship recipient reported on her doctoral research. Society business was conducted and can be reviewed in the Summer edition of ETA STATE NEWS.

Delta Sigma Receives Recognition at State Convention

Delta Sigma was one of eleven chapters recognized at the Eta State Convention as having achieved Excellent Level status. The Chapter Achievement Awards recognize chapters at three levels: Superior, Excellent, and Distinctive. Only one chapter, Alpha Lamb-

da achieved the Superior status. 36 chapters were recognized at the Distinctive Level.

Each of these chapters was recognized at the state meeting with a certificate. Gayle Reid accepted the recognition on behalf of Delta Sigma at the banquet in Cary. It is



an honor for Delta Sigma to be so recognized after only two years. *Thanks, Gayle, for providing great leadership!*

DKG Opportunities for Members

If you are interested in specific professional growth opportunities and have limited funds (as most of us do!), why not consider DKG as a possible funding source?

- DKG International has 30 scholarships of \$6,000 each for study beyond a bachelor's degree.
- If you would like financial support for a one-time professional development opportunity (i.e. ASCD, NASSP, NAESP, etc), DKG Educational Foundation Cornet Awards up to \$2,000 are available. (*Hint: Talk to Ashlyn Weaver, a 2012 recipient!*) There are multiple deadlines throughout the year for this opportunity.
- DKG offers financial assistance for National Board Certification as well as for classroom/school/community projects.
- Because several of you are enrolled in or have recently completed graduate degrees, you might want to consider submitting an article for the *DKG Bulletin* which is a juried, professional journal.
- Members of DKG are recognized at the state and national level for National Board Certification as well as for the completion of doctoral degrees.

You are encouraged to consider these excellent opportunities to support your professional goals. Contact Elaine Jenkins or Gaye Reid for more details!

State News!

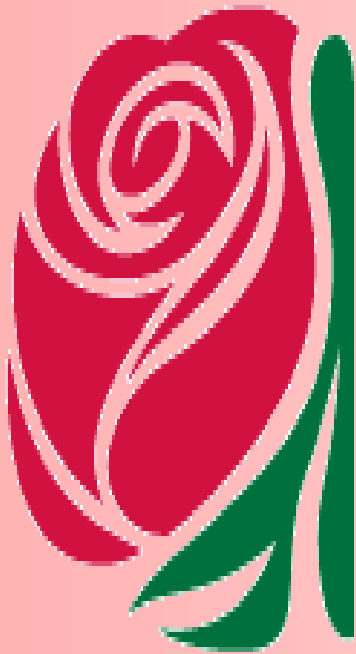
President Linda Little received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine at the State Convention. This prestigious state award is given to individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service to the state. Delta Sigma members add their congratulations to our wonderful president !

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 20	Chapter Meeting	Kiser Intermediate
April 26-28, 2013	Eta State Convention	Charlotte
June 20-23, 2013	Leadership Development Seminar	Peace College, Raleigh
July 10-13, 2013	Southeast Regional Conference	Orlando, Florida

(More chapter meeting dates to come!)

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Melanie Huss transferred this year to Kiser Intermediate where she plans to put her elementary experience to good use!

Frankie Beam is the proud grandmother of a new grandson, CJ (Charles Edward Reep, Jr.), who was born on July 27 weighing in at 8 pounds 2 ounces. Congratulations!

Kay Wilson is recovering

well at home from foot surgery. Kay has a positive attitude towards her recovery as she is ready to start traveling again!

Annette Geymont continues to make good progress through her chemotherapy treatments this summer. In spite of the difficulties that inevitably come with these treatments, Annette has an attitude that inspires others.

Rhonda Hager submitted the final copy of her dissertation to her committee! Graduation is in May.

Edwina and Jim Beam celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer. They were extra special guests at their niece's wedding which took place on their anniversary date!! Congratulations, Edwina.

DKG International Website:
www.dkg.org

Eta State Website:
www.deltakappagamma.org/NC