

Delta Sigma Chapter Meeting
Delta Kappa Gamma International Society
May 10, 2018 6 p.m.
Boger City United Methodist Church, Lincolnton, NC

Hosted by the Scholarship/ World Fellowship/Schools for Africa/Educational Law and Policy committees, the meeting began with a greeting from Jennifer Carroll. Elaine Jenkins led the invocation. DKG members celebrated the eighth birthday of Delta Sigma, which was chartered April 18, 2010. Anna Mullen catered dinner and Guy Rudisill provided musical entertainment. Chairperson Libby Fletcher introduced the special guests from Region X Eta State.

Chairperson of the Eta State Awards Committee, Donna Rudisill lives in Claremont and has been a member of Nu Chapter in Catawba County since 2000. She is instructional technology facilitator for Catawba County schools and has been in education for 29 years. Joining her as a guest was Amanda Moose, Region X director and nationally board certified media coordinator at Claremont Elementary. Amanda is also currently on the Eta state membership committee.

The Scholarship and Awards Committee presented special awards to **Grant-in-Aid winners**. Gayle Reid said the following about the recipients:

The **Outstanding First-Year Teacher** is a sixth grade math and science teacher at Lincolnton Middle School. Her name is **Courtney Isom**. Her principal wrote, "Courtney is more than willing to go above and beyond to serve the school and her students...She has outstanding classroom management skills and is unafraid to reach out to parents and the community to ensure every one of her students is successful."

DKG member **Kristen Reynolds** was awarded the **Delta Sigma Advanced Degree Scholarship**. She is working on a graduate certificate in educational leadership at Appalachian State University. Kristen wrote, "Being a proficient problem solver and leader is not only beneficial in my career but being able to alleviate deficits while positively supporting other people is a life skill. Through this graduate process, I believe I will become a more effective leader which will translate into my participation in Delta Kappa Gamma." Kristen teaches second grade at Pumpkin Center Primary School where she also serves on the School Improvement Team, Behavior Intervention and Support committee, Multi-tiered Systems of Supports committee and as the grade level chair for second grade.

Four Lincoln County **high school seniors** received scholarships.

Hundley Rhyne is the daughter of Joseph and Ann Rhyne. She is a senior at Lincoln High School and will be attending UNC Chapel Hill. She is active in and has held a variety of leadership positions in Student Council, FCA, the Student Advisory Council, Special Olympics, volleyball, basketball, tennis, Beta Club, and National Honor Society. She was a junior marshal and says she wants to kindle a desire for learning in children.

Amber Flowers is the daughter of Gary and Tracie Flowers. She is a senior at West Lincoln High School. She will attend Western Carolina University. She is active in the Beta Club, National Honor Society, HOSA and FBLA. She worked as a counselor for the YMCA after school care program and as coordinator of the Norris S. Childers' Program.

Jocelyn Cardona is the daughter of Jose Cardona and Alicia Borbonio. She is a senior at North Lincoln High School. She will attend Appalachian State University. She is active in marching band, wind ensemble, choir, Spanish Club, Drama Club, Beta Club, and the National Honor Society. She is currently performing in The Green Room's production of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Her counselor wrote that Jocelyn is "highly dedicated to the teaching profession."

Caela Collichio is the daughter of Steve and Melissa Collichio and a senior at East Lincoln High School. She will also attend Appalachian State University. Her teacher wrote, "Caela's joy for teaching and loving children creates energy and excitement in my teacher cadet course." Caela is active in FCA, SGA, Special Olympics, volleyball, soccer, Beta Club, and National Honor Society. She was a junior marshal and held a number of leadership positions in these clubs.

Gayle announced that in the eight years of the society's history, DKG has awarded scholarships to 14 high school seniors, seven most promising educators, four seeking advanced degrees and one seeking professional development.

After bestowing awards, the special guests announced **Gayle Reid** as the recipient of the Eta state **Golden Key Award**. Donna Rudisill said the award is meant for a member who works behind the scenes - "the golden thread that holds the organization together... quiet, gentle, dependable, reminding us of our purpose in DKG." These are the words she used to describe Gayle who helped her husband raise three successful children, served in her church, mentored new teachers, renewed her National Board certification and was a three-time school level Teacher of the Year. Calling her a valuable resource for Delta Sigma Region X, Donna reminded everyone that Gayle had also served as a chapter charter president and regional director.

Eta State Convention - Libby reported that the chapter received an excellent on its achievement award and an excellent rating on the chapter newsletter. Libby thanked Elaine Boysworth for her

excellence as newsletter editor. Next year's convention will be held in Hickory, NC, May 3-5, 2019. Delta Sigma will be called on to assist!

Turning to the business portion of the meeting, Libby called the meeting of the Delta Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa International Society to order.

Following a motion by Brenda Kinney and a second by Elaine Boysworth to approve the minutes, members voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Kellie Goins presented the Treasurer's Report on current activities in the general budget ending in a balance of \$2,770.50 and the Grants-in-Aid/Scholarship budget of \$8,722.29. After all payouts were finalized, the 2017 fashion show generated \$3,250. So far this year's show has generated a \$1,054.98 increase over that amount.

Committee Reports:

Fashion Show: Donna Jolley issued a thank you to everyone for her help with a successful event.

Beginning Teachers: Laurie Seller announced that during the 2017-2018 school year DKG supported 26 BT1 teachers with a gift each nine weeks. Gifts included a basket of school supplies, an electric pencil sharpener, a monogrammed Yeti mug, and an LCS cup with smarties and a \$5 gift card from Morgan's.

Eta State Educational Law and Policy: Kennan Eaddy reminded everyone of the upcoming legislative dates on June 6, 13, and 22. She said it takes five contacts with legislator to make a difference

New and old members of the Executive Board will meet at Boger City United Methodist Church on May 21, 2018, at 4:30 p.m.

In her closing remarks as outgoing chairperson, Libby Fletcher thanked everyone on her executive board for assisting in meeting the goals of this biennium. She presented them with tumblers monogrammed with the letters DKG. "I am confident Rhonda Hager will lead us forward with her positive drive of never-ending energy," she said.

Officer Initiation: Amanda Moose, Region X director led the induction of new officers: Chairperson Rhonda Hager, Vice-chair Kennan Eaddy, Treasurer Laurie Seller, and Secretary Kesha Ruppe

Rhonda Hager assumed her first duty as chairperson by presenting Libby with a piece of Burlon B. Craig pottery and leading members in the Delta Kappa Gamma song to conclude the meeting

Delta Sigma (DKG) May 10, 2018 Meeting Attendance

Members Present

Dana Avery
Dana Ayers
Edwina Beam
Frankie Beam
Elaine Boysworth
Diana Carpenter
Pat Carpenter
Jennifer Carroll
Jill Eaddy
Kennan Eaddy
Libby Fletcher
Kellie Goins
Rhonda Hager
Jennifer Huskey
Elaine Jenkins
Donna Jolley
Judy Jones
Brenda Kinney
Betsy Laws
Jennifer Luper
Wendy Mosteller
Tammy Price
Gayle Reid
Kristen Reynolds
Kesha Ruppe
Laurie Sellers
Judy Shuford
Kay Wilson
Kelly Withrow
Sheila Wright

Members Absent

Becky Burke
Katie Crocker
Jenny Dellinger
Deanna Dunn
Annette Geymont
Jane Goodson
Nelva Goodson
Rhonda Harrill
Becky Heavner
Sherry Hoyle
Melanie Huss
Wanda Lutz
Susan McConnell
Sara Miller
Jane Morton
Heather Myers
Denise Patterson
Renee Smith
Darla Stines
Phyllis Tallent
Glenda Walker
Cindy White
Linda Yoder

Guests

Amanda Moose
Donna Rudisill
Courtney Isom
Caela Collichio
Hundley Rhyne