



## 55 North Carolina Members Attend Southeast Regional Conference

*By Susan Kuenzel, Eta Data Editor*

North Carolina and Eta State were well represented at the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International’s Southeast Regional Conference in Savannah, July 15-17. NC’s 55-member delegation was part of the 725 registered attendees.

The theme of the conference was “85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators For Life,” which is also International President Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid’s theme for this biennium. Highlights included the presentation of the state flags and 2015-17 state presidents, including Eta State’s President Sheila Groves. The celebration luncheon, where Eta State Immediate Past President Patricia Taylor played the prelude and postlude and Dr. Barbara Day, International President, 2006-08 recognized scholarship awardees. A panel discussion, “Perspectives and Possibilities,” about the present and future of DKG, which included Dr. Gwen Simmons, Eta State member and International Parliamentarian; and the “Celebration of Possibilities” banquet on Saturday night, keynoted by President Dr. Lyn Schmid. The Conference Choir entertained the group at the banquet, accompanied by Patricia Taylor on the piano.

Several Eta State members presented breakout sessions, including LEROY, with Margaret Church, Ann Demiter, Linda Little, Sheila Groves, Elaine McRae, Dr. Sherry Willis, Emily Weigel and Dr. Mary



*NC Delegation*

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Cauley; Dr. Angela Kern; Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon; Dedra Davis; Carol Bostian, Amanda Moose and Donna Rudisill; Birgitta McGalliard; and Sheila Groves.

On Thursday night many in the NC Delegation dined at the Pirate’s House enjoying great food and genuine spiritual fellowship. The Pirate’s House is one of the most historic buildings in Georgia, boasting the first experimental garden in America and many tales of shanghaied sailors, drugged and kidnapped to serve on pirate ships.

On Saturday, Dr. Schmid issued a special invitation to attend the 2016 International Convention in Nashville, TN.

The Fall Executive Board meeting will be at Elon University’s Moseley Student Union on Saturday, September 12, at 10 am with check-in at 9:30. All chapter presidents, **state** committee chairmen, and **state** officers are members of the executive board. Registration information has been sent by the Eta State Executive Secretary, Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, and should be returned to her by September 1.

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2015-2017 Eta State Theme:  
**Create the Future - Imagine, Inspire, Ignite**



*Sheila V. Groves*  
*Eta State President*  
*2015-2017*

I am honored to be your Eta State President. I stand on the strong shoulders of all my NC sisters who encouraged, inspired, and even gave me a little push from time to time. I'm delighted to serve along with First Vice-President Connie Savell, Second Vice-President Sharon Frazier, and Secretary Hilda Parlér. A new biennium! A new adventure!

It's exciting to be a NC Delta Kappa Gamma member today. I am proud to belong to an organization that values the contributions of women in all roles

of society, an organization that promotes self-knowledge and awareness, an organization that encourages networking and genuine fellowship.

NC Delta Kappa Gamma meetings and events not only offer opportunities for personal and professional growth, but they generate meaningful relationships. Our recent state convention and Leadership Development Seminar provided time for members to share information and ideas, to laugh and to enjoy conversations. A highlight for me at both events was the opportunity to talk with some of our youngest members: engaging, informed, and uninhibited. How refreshing!

Dynamic programs and projects offer ways for us to make a difference in our communities, our state, and to reach far beyond, to impact the global society. Our many service-oriented opportunities feed children and families, provide support for women's shelters, and put books and educational materials in the hands of students. Recent emphasis on beginning teacher support has moved beyond collecting supplies to include mentoring and counseling to help teachers deal with today's classroom challenges.

There's no shortage of complicated legislative issues in NC. Valuable updates and explanations of proposed legislation are available to all members. It's empowering! We are taking more proactive steps - inviting local and state officials into our classrooms and chapter meetings, writing letters, and visiting legislators. We are using our *voices of influence*.

In this biennium, we will continue to *live* the Purposes of our Society, seeking new ways to support women, children, and excellence in education.

I challenge you to imagine what we can do as active members of a community seeking solutions to problems that hinder the growth of positive educational programs.

I challenge you to inspire others to join us in the work that will support the well being of our children, the advancement of our schools, and the growth of women leaders.

I challenge you to ignite a passion for programs and initiatives that will meet the goals of Delta Kappa Gamma and keep us *forward moving ever!*

Let's...  
Create the future! *Sheila*

*Sheila Groves*  
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**Next Eta State News Deadline:  
October 10, 2015**

**A Note from Region V**

*By Carolyn Vincent, Region V Director*

Eta, Delta Gamma, Delta Beta, Beta Kappa, Beta Pi, Alpha Pi, Alpha Alpha, and Beta Iota chapters of Region V were honored to be your hosts for the 2015 Eta State Convention. We thank everyone who participated to make this a heartwarming Delta Kappa Gamma experience!

**Chapter Treasurers:**

If you did not send your annual report, Form 15, to State Treasurer Ruth Jones by July 15, please do so immediately!

IRS form 990n can also be filed now. Be sure to include your name and chapter name in the acceptance memo sent to state treasurer.

Standing Rules and Bylaws, as amended at the 2015 convention in Chapel Hill, are now available on the Eta State website.

<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/bylaws%20&%20rules%20page.htm>

***Be sure to download a copy for your chapter.***



**In Memoriam**

**~White Roses~**

Brenda Pryor Atkins	Alpha Delta	April 11, 2015
Anna Lois Bulla	Alpha Mu	February 20, 2015
Phyllis Leggett Jacobs	Mu	March 29, 2015
Mary Kania	Alpha Zeta	June 1, 2015
Sara Ruth Thompson	Gamma Sigma	April 20, 2015
Kay Burleson Wilkins	Alpha Gamma	December 8, 2015

**Reporting the Death of a Member**

Chapter presidents are to report the death of a member immediately to International and to Eta State. The updated interactive report form (Form 6) is available at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) under Forms. It may be completed online and sent to the Membership Services Administrator or mailed. A copy is to be sent to Eta State Treasurer, Ruth Bell Jones, [rjonesdkg@gmail.com](mailto:rjonesdkg@gmail.com), Eta State Membership Chair, Carol Maidon, [carol.maidon.dkg@gmail.com](mailto:carol.maidon.dkg@gmail.com), and State President, Sheila Groves, [svgeta@gmail.com](mailto:svgeta@gmail.com)



## Southeast Regional Conference 2015



### *“Georgia On My Mind!”*

*The conference kicked off with an appearance by Georgia’s own international personality “Paula Deen” as interpreted by Angela Beasley’s Puppet People. Elvis, a pirate, Scarlett & Rhett, and other members of Angela’s team made appearances throughout the conference.*

*Photograph courtesy of Photographs by Jim, Floresville, TX*



*Psi State (GA) hostesses distributed treats from Georgia-based companies to end the “Georgia Night” celebration. All attendees were given Coke products, pecans, and candies.*

*Photograph courtesy of Photographs by Jim, Floresville, TX*



*President Dr. Lyn Schmid and Becky Sadowski (center; seated) assisted by Sandra Smith Bull (left standing) and Nita R. Scott (right, standing) met with the Under 35’s for a casual discussion about the future of DKG and the Y Generation.*

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*President Dr. Lyn Schmid, PA, surprised Carolyn Pittman, AR, at the “Achieve, Inspire, Celebrate” luncheon when she announced Carolyn as the 2015 International Achievement Award winner. Carolyn assisted Dr. Gwen Simmons, NC, Lynda Tamblyn, NC deceased, Dr. Jensi Souders, TN, and Judy Cross, TN with the Newsletter/Website camp held for five years at the NCCAT site near Western Carolina University.*

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*Correction- ESN Summer 2015*

*Sigma Chapter was not listed in the Eta State Website Awards.*

*The chapter earned an “excellent” rating for their new website Apologies from the State Editor for this omission!*

*Congratulations to Jo Wilson and Sigma Chapter for designing an award winning website!*

*Visit us at <http://www.dkg-sigma.org/>*

### **Alpha Psi Supports Beginning Teachers**

by Linda Little, Alpha Psi Chapter

Supporting and nurturing beginning teachers was evident on Thursday, December 11, 2014 when members of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) with its local chapter, Alpha Psi, piggy-backed with Partners in Education (PIE) to host a beginning teacher social at HJ MacDonald Middle School. Approximately 50 beginning teachers were treated with goodies made by Alpha Psi members. Our local president, Mrs. Shirley Dawson, greeted the teachers. Supporting and nurturing beginning teachers is an international focus of the Society and is also a focus of the local chapter. Teachers with 1-3 years of experience are considered “beginning teachers” and the chapter’s goal is to help recruit and retain quality teachers for Craven and Pamlico counties. First-year teachers were given a goodie bag in the

fall to welcome in the new school year. Refreshments were provided for them while they were involved with the “school store” and book giveaway through Partners in Education. It was a perfect way to help celebrate the upcoming Christmas holiday. A \$25 gift certificate was part of a drawing from Alpha Psi, given to lucky beginning teacher Jessica Rokosz, who teaches at Ben Quinn Elementary.



*Alpha Psi members left to right, Shirley Dawson, Penny King, Linda Little, Karen Skipper, Laura Brooks, and Meagan Richards*

*Photo by Jennifer Wagner, Communications Director for Craven County Schools*

### **Here Comes the Hungry Tummy Café!**

By Tammy Albright, Delta Iota

Members of Delta Iota gathered children and teen books from personal collections, community donations and self-purchases. The books were then given to nutritional services for the county to use on their “Hungry Tummy Café” bus. The bus makes daily stops for breakfast and lunch at designated sites throughout Brunswick County. Students will be able to choose a book to keep for their enjoyment. This mobile meal service is free to all children up to age 18.



*Shown at top right: Tammy Albright, chapter president, Robert Parker Jr., Director of Child Nutrition, and Kaye Cate, chapter member*





**Delta Xi Reveals New Scholarship**

*Published by Delta Xi Lites*

The Delta Xi Chapter is pleased to announce the Levey-Waters Beginning Teacher Mini-Grant which will offer personal mini-grants in amounts up to \$300.00 for beginning educators who have been in the classroom three or fewer years. Grants are awarded to the educator, not the school and are therefore the property of the teacher. The application is available now, and the first grants will be awarded this semester. The award is named for Delta Xi charter members Dr. Betty A. Levey and Christine S. Waters.



*Dr. Betty A. Levey, retired professor of Special Education/Specific Learning Disabilities at East Carolina University, served as Delta President (1998-1980), and became the first Delta Xi President in 1992. She was an Eta State Executive Secretary.*



*Christine S. Waters, retired math and latin teacher, served concurrent terms as Delta Xi President (1996-2000). She also served on the Eta State planning and leadership committees, Region II Director, Eta State Executive Secretary, and State Treasurer.*

**NEWS FLASH!**

*The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation has now been duly approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization!*

The foundation treasurer is collecting pledges from The 100 Challenge. These are tax deductible donations, so checks are preferred. Make checks payable to **The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation.**

Chapter Presidents are collecting checks from the 100 Challenge to take them to the Elon board meeting, checks can also be mailed to Foundation Treasurer Betty Marshall at 6212 Dresden Lane, Raleigh, NC 27612. Please direct any questions to Betty at [bettymarshall6751@gmail.com](mailto:bettymarshall6751@gmail.com). The Educational Foundation Board of Directors thank you for supporting The 100 Challenge.

<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/educationalfoundation.htm>

**Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon's** interview "*Pondering Procedures, Leadership, and Challenges in DKG: An Interview with Dr. Gwen Simmons, International Parliamentarian*" has been selected for inclusion in the Summer 2015, Volume 81-4 issue, page 50 of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.

Congratulations to Dr. Perry-Sheldon, a member of Alpha Gamma Chapter. The interview can be found at the following link for *The Bulletin*.

<https://www.dkg.org/content/bulletin-summer-2015>

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**Pi (Region I, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Tyrrell)** **Dianne McDowell**, Pi Chapter Second Vice-President and DKG member for 19 years, was recognized as the 2015 James J. Gallagher Advocacy Award recipient. This award was presented at the NC Association for the Gifted and Talented Conference. Dianne is currently the AIG Facilitator at Northside Elementary School in Pasquotank County, but she has devoted approximately 25 years toward AIG development and advocacy. Dianne also received the Ann Harrison Service Award at the AIG State Convention. This is considered a lifetime achievement award and presented annually to a person from the field of education who has demonstrated outstanding service on behalf of gifted students in eastern North Carolina. This award is bestowed upon those who exhibit outstanding qualities related to gifted education and a strong commitment to gifted education. **Gwen Wescott**, a past president of Pi Chapter and DKG member for 22 years, was recently recognized as a top volunteer. For the past 16 years, Gwen has represented Camden County at the North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature in Raleigh. The retired educator meets with other delegates from across the state to set legislative priorities that affect senior citizens. Some of the growing issues are elder abuse, insurance costs, health, predatory loans, and nutrition

**Alpha Alpha (Region V Alamance)**

Congratulations to **Donna Campbell** on her recent retirement.

**Alpha Upsilon (Region VII, Randolph)**

Congratulations to **Nancy Welborn**. She celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her membership in DKG. Sheila Groves, Eta State President, celebrated with Nancy.



*Sheila Groves  
and  
Nancy Welborn*

**Beta Upsilon (Region I, Bertie, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington)** **Gloria Bryant** and her Junior Bible Quiz team finished second in the East and advanced to the state finals in Wilmington in April. She has just completed her Master Literacy Training through the North Carolina Department of Instruction.

**Gamma Tau (Region III, Franklin)** NC Governor Pat McCrory with his staff and the NC State Board of Education selected **Hilda Parlér** to serve a two-year term on the NC State Charter School Advisory Board beginning July 1, 2015.

**Delta Beta (Region V, Orange, and Chatham)** Delta Beta Chapter is pleased to announce that we are online with a website created by our webmaster **Claire Nelson**. With the help of Eta State techies, she is continuing to improve it. Please visit Delta Beta online. <https://sites.google.com/site/ncdeltabetadkg/>

**Delta Lambda (Region II, Wayne, and Johnston)** **Dr. Sandra McCullen** retired from Wayne County Public Schools with 42 years of service. She most recently served as Interim Superintendent, after serving as Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction for 15 years. Dr. McCullen has also served as an Adjunct Counseling Professor at North Carolina State University, Principal, Vocational Education Director, Industry Education Coordinator, Counselor, Volunteer Instruction Program Coordinator and an 8th grade math/science teacher. Dr. McCullen holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Home Economics from East Carolina University. From North Carolina State University, she holds a master's degree in counselor education, a doctorate in counselor education, a doctorate in supervision/administration, and a vocational director certification.



*Dr. Sandra McCullen*





**Cultivating Leadership Seminar Inspires...**

*Respectfully Submitted by*

*Danielle Parker & Stephanie Patton, Alpha Phi*

“As I was packing my bags for the DKG Leadership Seminar I couldn’t help but think...*Why in the world did I agree to attend this professional development right after the school year ended?* Not only had it been a heck of a year filled with my share of obstacles that had taken a toll on me, which had left me feeling as if I had been hit by a tractor trailer. I was still trying to scrape myself up off the pavement when I was told two days before the end of the school year, by my principal, that I would be changing grade levels and classrooms for the upcoming year. Begrudgingly, I continued to pack wishing that I could opt out of my commitment, but I couldn’t let my DKG sisters down.

Next thing I know I am hopping into my DKG Alpha Phi sister Danielle’s Ford Escape. Danielle and I had met before... even exchanged pleasantries at meetings and on Facebook. Although I call her my sister, I actually consider her an acquaintance that happens to have a DKG bond. She knows very little about me and I know very little about her. Again, I start to think... *why in the world am I doing this? It’s been a crazy year and I need some “me time.”* Again, I push forward. I made a commitment. I gave my word.

One four-hour long conversation later we, Danielle and I, arrive at Peace University to be greeted by the most amazing Leadership Committee (Thommi Stammer, Emily Weigel, Jean Yelverton, Margaret Church, and Leroy) ...EVER! Immediately, we are put at ease by their beautiful smiles and excitement to have us there. *Maybe... just maybe... the next four days were going to be valuable,* I thought.

And I just happened to be right! Not only were the four days of the Leadership Seminar valuable, but those four days left us (Danielle and me) feeling inspired. Inspired to be better educators, inspired to take care of ourselves financially, physically, and emotionally, inspired to form new friendships, inspired to become leaders in both our schools and in our chapter, and frankly we were inspired to change the world!

We loved how the committee organized the various sessions ensuring that attendees could take full advantage of the great wealth of knowledge that was shared throughout the course of the seminar. Danielle and I had been immediately smitten with the leadership committee upon our arrival, but it was Angie Ruffin’s

“Lighten Up” session that was the game changer. After listening to her hilarious presentation (I actually think that Danielle popped a button off her britches because she was laughing so hard) we realized that this seminar not only had been organized by professionals, but there were professionals leading the sessions. Professionals that had first hand education knowledge and experience within the classroom. Frankly, they knew education which meant their sessions would be informative, entertaining, and worthwhile. And...they were! From learning how to incorporate yoga in the classroom, to building a better financial portfolio, to writing grants, to learning about the great things DKG chapters are doing to give back, to expanding our Google Docs knowledge the sessions were inspiring and amazing.

Wait! The awesomeness of the seminar doesn’t stop there. Yes! The presentations were excellent, but it was the small details that left us feeling valued, loved, and encouraged. Small details like Margaret handing out tickets as individuals arrived to each session and then pulling a winning ticket at the end of the session which resulted in the winner getting a sweetly packaged, thoughtful gift. Details like a bouquet of faux flowers with school supplies attached to the blossoms waiting for the participants in the rooms upon arrival. Details like the Amazing Race where we worked with a team to find clues that shared information about DKG in other countries. Details like game night where we played various games such as corn hole and basketball to earn more tickets to win even more prizes.

As I reflect on my initial reaction to preparing for the seminar, I am reminded of my overwhelming reluctance, but I knew I had made a commitment to myself, to my sisters in Alpha Phi, and to the Leadership Committee members. I knew I had to put my best foot forward. I had to make the most of this opportunity. Ironically, this opportunity made the most out of me by inspiring me to believe through DKG all things are possible.”



*Danielle Parker, Leroy, and Stephanie Patton*



**Mark Your Calendar**

<b>2015</b>	
<b>Sept. 12</b>	<b>Executive Board meeting in Elon; bring 100 Challenge pledge checks to meeting</b>
<b>2016</b>	
<b>April 22 - 24</b>	<b>Eta State Convention, Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX)</b>
<b>July 5 - 9</b>	<b>DKG International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN</b>
<b>2017</b>	
<b>April 28 - 30</b>	<b>Eta State Convention, Wilmington, NC (Region IV)</b>

**What's Ahead?**

*By Nancy Tunstall,  
Gamma Chi Chapter*

The setting for the July 28 Eta State NC orientation of new state officers, personnel, and committee chairs was at the Eta State Headquarters in Asheboro. Attendees were welcomed by President Sheila Groves as they enjoyed muffins and coffee. Immediate Past President Pat Taylor provided the inspiration.

The morning session, led by Nancy Cox, Beta Iota Chapter, focused on working collaboratively as a team. Prior to the meeting, attendees were

asked to take the Gallop Strength Finder assessment that ascertained each person's top five strengths. Cox tailored the session using the results. She helped participants identify their unique leadership approach, learn to operate from the height of their personal strengths, and seek to braid their strengths with others to create collaborative DKG committees.

The afternoon session detailed the work of the state organization. Sheila Groves reviewed committee responsibilities, the Strategic Action Plan, and the biennium focus. Pat Taylor provided copies of the previous biennial reports to the committee chairs who will handle compiling chapter reports next year. Betty Marshall addressed budgetary concerns; Dr. Carol Maidon revealed a new recruiting program for membership, and Connie Savell shared the international goals for Educational Excellence Committees. Beth Winstead previewed the new soon-to-be-released Eta State website. Betty Marshall wrapped up the session by mentioning her new column in *Eta Data* each month entitled "Silence is Consent" which will address parliamentary procedures.



*Scenes from 2015-2017 Orientation*

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
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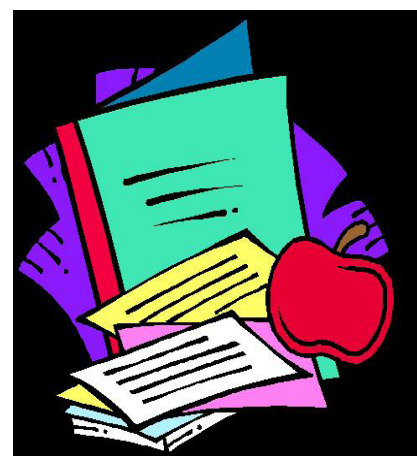
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**Back to School 2015-2016  
Have a Great school year!**



## International at Work



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The DKG app has been updated with a new look.

From the Home screen you can access the latest news from DKG, Blogs, DKG social network feeds, and Society projects

Find information about all regional conferences in the Events section. Create your own schedule, learn about conference speakers and find your way with the hotel floor plans.

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The More section gives you access to a Conference Challenge, check in to each conference you attend to earn badges, the DKG Supply store, Society videos, a contact form to get in touch with headquarters, a QR scanner and Postcards. Take pictures with your friends at conferences and share with those who were not able to make it, or take a picture in space.

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The Arts & Humanities Gallery submission period is open August 1-September 1. The gallery exhibit remains open during this submission process. Newly selected items will appear in the Gallery of Fine Arts in November 2014.

<https://www.dkg.org/content/arts-humanities-gallery-submissions>



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#### Sept. 1

- Deadline for Cornet Awards applications
- Arts and Humanities gallery submissions due

#### Sept. 15

- Deadline to apply for International Speakers Fund

#### Oct. 15

- Deadline to apply for a 2016 international officer position

#### Nov. 15

- 990-N ePostcard due to IRS

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