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The President's Corner

This Delta Kappa Gamma year is flying by, and we have only two chapter meetings left! I hope you will take note of our chapter events and mark your own personal calendar so that you can participate.

All of us have been concerned about various legislative decisions which affected our schools this year. I hope that you will take the time to contact by email or by personal letter our members in the General Assembly: Jason Saine and Dr. David Curtis. Eta State has a goal of members making 2300 contacts to legislators in an effort to make a positive and constructive statement about our support for public schools. Rhonda Hager's Leadership Committee will be giving us some guidance in that area at our next meeting.

After the first of the year, our thoughts must also turn to our annual Fashion Show in March. It has been through the work associated with this event that I have gotten to know some of our members better. There's just something about working alongside people that allows us to chat like old friends, and there is no doubt that it has increased my respect for so many women in our chapter. If you have even a little time, I encourage you to be involved in this effort and to be present on the day of the show. Our profits from this project truly benefit Lincoln County through our scholarships and Most Outstanding Young Educator Award, and I hope that you are as proud of that plan as I am!

Our chapter should be proud of its membership (note the good news about some of our members) and of the work that the International Society is doing.

See you in February!

Elaine Jenkins

Save the Date!

DKG Annual

Fashion Show

March 29

Beginning Teacher Support

It is difficult to comprehend that we have completed half of this school year. By the time you are reading this, our committee will have delivered a second uniform treat bag to all our first year teachers. Members who assisted with the treat bags are: Dana Ayers, Edwina Beam, Frankie Beam, Elaine Boysworth, Becky Burke, Jenny Dellinger, Jill Eaddy, Libby Fletcher, Rhonda Hager, Becky Heavner, Melanie Huss, Elaine Jenkins, Sara Miller, Gayle Reid, Betsy Rinehardt, Judy Shuford, Darla Stines, Glenda Walker, and Cindy White. Business contributions included a Wendy's Jr. frosty, a cookie from Subway on General's Blvd., a \$5.00 gift certificate from House of Pizza, and a pencil and \$5.00 gift card from Denver Subway.

The number of first year teachers has increased from 32 to 40 since our November report. 7 of these last 8 additional teachers do not have personal member support. They are: Ruthanna Crews, who is at Catawba Springs until Feb. 3 and will then go to Childers; Chad Johnson, ELHS; Stuart Robinson, ELHS; Jordyn Fletcher, LHS; *continued on page 3*

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Good Member News!

Our members are leaders! Take a look at this news and share the pride!!



Congratulations to Laurie Sellers who was recently awarded a Bright Ideas grant from Rutherford Electric for her Wii Reading proposal. Laurie was also awarded a grant of \$1,000 from the Lincoln County Education Foundation.



Congratulations to Kellie Goins and Wendy Mosteller, who along with fellow WLMS teacher, Barbara Baker, won a \$1,000 Lincoln County Education Foundation Grant.



Lincoln County, Principal of the Year, Melanie Huss was the featured speaker at the first 2014 program of the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln County this year. Melanie discussed the importance of the Terrific Kids to her school. Kiwanis sponsors Terrific Kids Programs in six of the county's elementary schools.



Congratulations to Samantha Campbell, Principal of East Lincoln High School, who was recently named one of the Lake Norman Area's 50 Most Powerful Women by *The Herald Weekly*.



Dr. Sherry Hoyle was featured in a December 23 article entitled "Ladies Lead in Lincoln County" in the December 23, *Lincoln Times-News*.

News from International:

Gallery of Fine Art Submission Window Open

Delta Kappa Gamma's own art gallery on the web opened this fall. The juried work of seven talented members are on display; they include painting, photography, pottery, poetry, and music. Submission forms for the next exhibit which will open in May, can be found at <http://www.dkg.org/content/arts->

2014 International Convention

Indianapolis, Indiana
July 25-August 1





A Word from Eta State President Pat Taylor

DID YOU KNOW????

2014 marks the 80th Birthday of Eta State! State President Pat Taylor includes this comment in her top ten reasons to celebrate 2014: “Eight years ago, our Eta State Founders, all recognized leaders of education in North Carolina, came together to develop a new Delta Kappa Gamma state organization. Eta State will celebrate this historical moment during the entire state convention in April, 2014.

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Katie Olejarski, Rock Springs; Shelly Furr, Rock Springs; and Laura Isenhour, WLHS. Please let me know if you would like to support either of these 7.

The second THAT report, submitted by 12 members, showed a total of 38.25 hours and \$275.96 spent on this project. Thank you for this contribution to our young educators. If you did not turn in a report at the November meeting, please add those hours and contributions to your February report. The purpose of reporting is to collect accurate data on our involvement in this project.

Please contact whlutz@bellsouth.net to get involved or with any suggestions for improving this program!

Wanda Lutz, Beginning Teacher Support/Awards Committee Chair

2014 State Convention

April 25 - 27, 2014
Region II invites you to
Greenville, NC

Go to the Eta State Website for your registration form



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March 29

Member Reminders:

- Each member should have received a form from the Education Law and Policy Committee to record contacts with legislators. Members are asked –not to submit their communication-but just to let us know that the contact(s) were made and approximately when. Please bring your form to the February meeting and give it to Phyllis Tallent.
- Members are also reminded to bring their THAT forms to Wanda Lutz. We hear lots of great things that are happening with and for beginning teachers in Lincoln County. Please share your good news with us!
- Fashion Show tickets will be distributed at our February meeting. Be thinking about those you want to invite to this very special day.

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Mark Your Calendars...

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, I used everything you gave me.

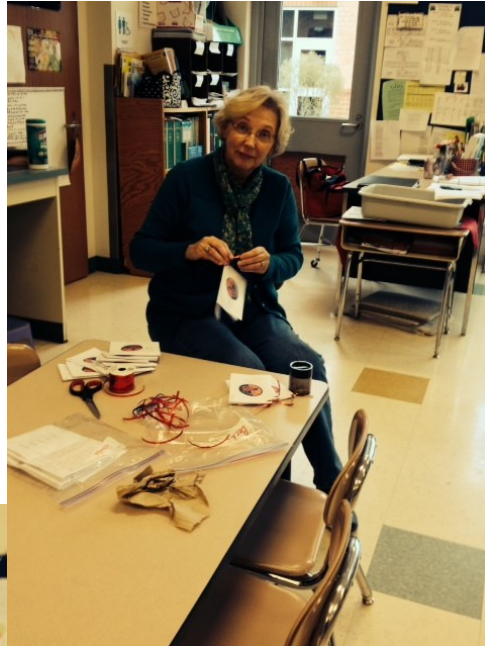
–Erma Bombeck

| Meeting | Date | Place | Time |
|---|----------------|-------------------------------------|------|
| Melanie Huss Lincoln County Principal of the Year | Feb. 11 | Faith Building Emmanuel Lutheran | 4:00 |
| Fashion Show | March 29 | First Baptist | TBD |
| Scholarships Officer Election | Apr. 15 | First Baptist | 6:00 |
| 2014 State Convention | Apr. 25-27 | Greenville, NC | |
| 2014 International Convention | July 25-Aug. 1 | Indianapolis, IN | |

Membership Committee

When making the report to ETA state, I found one of the questions to be thought provoking. "*What is your chapter's primary focus for membership?*" When choosing retaining current members, I added that we want to engage our members in chapter activities. With our spring fashion show fundraiser for scholarships and officer elections, it is a perfect time for all members to join together in our meetings and activities. Much is to be learned and enjoyed from the wealth of knowledge and experiences of our members. The membership committee hopes to see each of you at our February 11th meeting.

Libby Fletcher, Membership Chair



DKG members
working on gift bags
to be delivered to
beginning teachers
in



Treats for Beginning Teachers