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The President's Corner

Our first meeting got us off to a great start! We appreciate the work that Sherry Hoyle put into our presentation which enabled us to understand better some of the challenges that our school system faces. Then the installation of five new members rounded out the evening on a really positive note. Libby Fletcher's committee did a great job preparing for this important meeting, and we appreciate all of their work.

Several members have commented about ways to communicate effectively with our state representatives. In this issue you will find the state Protocol which serves as a guide for our communication. The short session of the N.C. Legislature begins in May, so we have some time to determine our priorities. It is very important that as many members as possible complete the DKG survey which was sent to you in mid October. If you did not receive the message, please contact me with your personal email address so that we can connect you with this important activity. **Remember: we are in Region 10.**

At our next meeting on November 14, you will meet Ellen Gragg who is the Executive Secretary for Eta State. Ellen has a great program on packing a suitcase which she will bring to us. We will also hear a very important report from our Scholarship Committee. Please make every effort to attend!

Elaine Jenkins

Beginning Teacher Support

I am pleased to report that all **32 first year teachers and 14 of our second year teachers** are being supported by **30 Delta Kappa Gamma members**. The first **THAT** report, submitted by 12 members, showed a total of 26 hours and \$349.00 spent on this project. That is a great contribution to our young educators. If you did not turn in a report at the September meeting, please add those hours and contributions to your November report.


There are several ways you can be involved in this project:

- ◇ Actively support a second year teacher.
- ◇ Monetarily assist a member who is supporting 2 or more teachers.
- ◇ Monetarily contribute to the next uniform gift bag for first year teachers that will be given during second semester. Of our \$250.00 budget, we expended \$182.00 on our beginning teacher luncheon and gift bags.
- ◇ Volunteer to prepare and deliver the second gift bags.

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

Leadership Survey

Please remember to complete the online survey from the ETA State and email rhonda-hager2013@gmail.com when completed. The deadline for survey completion is November 20th. Our goal is to have 80% participation in the survey from our members.

 **Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood.**

Helen Keller

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Delta Kappa Gamma
Eta State Education Law and Policy Committee
Protocol for Political Contacts

Participation in the political process is both a right and a responsibility. As Eta State seeks to influence legislative decisions at local, state, and national levels, it is important that we acknowledge the purposes of our society and the dignity of our profession. With this purpose in mind, members are asked respectfully to remember the following guidelines:

- All Eta State communications with legislators and staff will be cordial and professional.
- When representing DKG, members will confine remarks to the issues identified by the membership. Other issues may be addressed at a different time as individuals or members of another group.
- DKG members will educate themselves on the specific legislation/policy to be addressed as well as appropriate background to support our position.
- All letters to the editor addressed to local newspapers/news sources will be submitted after the approval of the local chapter.
 - It is suggested that all letters be reviewed by at an additional reader.
 - In order to reassure members, chapters may prefer that all Letters to the Editor be signed by retired members.
 - Copies of all letters to the editor will be sent to the Eta State President.
- When attending meetings with office holders either locally or in their legislative offices, DKG members will wear their membership pins.
- All emails regarding political activity will be sent to members' personal email addresses and not to email addresses asso-

News from International:
Applications Ready for 50th Anniversary Awards

The Educational Foundation is offering 50 \$1,000 project awards to mark its Fiftieth Anniversary. Awards will fund individual classroom, school and community based projects involving learners in an educational environment. Eligible projects will begin after July 2014 and be completed by the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Classroom or art supplies, books, computer software and field trips are examples of eligible projects. Awards may not be used for salaries.

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What In the world is World Fellowships?

On occasion as DKG members we have been asked to contribute spare change or dollars to support World Fellowships. Have you caught yourself wondering what this is? It is in fact another way that DKG internationally helps to support women educators in the advancement of their education.

The World Fellowships Program began at the 1946 convention in San Francisco with the approval of a project aimed to aid women in war-torn countries. Four German women educators, with financial assistance from DKG members, spent eight weeks of study and visitation in Sweden in the spring of 1948.

The second step toward the present-day World Fellowships Program was the alliance in 1952 with UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) to provide special help for Korean women. During 1958-1960, the present program began to take shape, and an agreement was made with the Institute of International Education (IIE) to provide dossiers from which a Society committee could select recipients for study in the U.S.

Work with World Fellowships was the province of the Personal Growth & Service Committee. In 1972, the World Fellowships Committee became a standing committee, with state and chapter committees added to the DKG Constitution in 1974.

In 1978, the Institute of International Education recognized the World Fellowships Program with an award, which is displayed at DKG International Headquarters.

Through the years the program has grown and to date a total of 555 women from 101 countries have received fellowships to enable them to pursue advanced study in the U.S. and Canada.

~ information compiled from a variety of World Fellowships handouts per DKG.

Kellie Goins, Scholarship Committee



A Word from Eta State President Pat Taylor

Greetings to you!

Dr. Beverly Helms, our international president, has asked members to think about the many ways they are taking full advantage of their membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. Apart from promoting educational excellence, are we letting others know what Delta Kappa Gamma has done for us both personally and professionally? I remember the first chapter meeting I attended. It was my understanding that I was there because I had been recognized as an outstanding teacher. Little did I know the extraordinary leadership opportunities that lay ahead!

Have you made a commitment to attend the international convention in Indianapolis, Indiana next summer? Have you applied for or encouraged chapter members to apply for the Golden Gift Leadership Seminar Training in Austin, Texas next summer? Are there members of your chapter that will apply for state and international scholarships this year? Has your chapter explored the international network at www.dkg.org to discover new and exciting opportunities to network with Delta Kappa Gamma sisters all over the world? Have you used your voice of influence to respond to the Eta State Preference Survey and Educational Law and Policy Legislative surveys? Have you thought about writing an article for the *Eta State News* or the *International Bulletin*?

It is a pleasure to see the creative ways chapters and members are working together to promote membership, leadership, and genuine spiritual fellowship: welcome baskets for beginning teachers, recognition of members' years of service, encouragement and support of members for future leadership roles, recommitment ceremonies, collaboration with schools to place goody baskets in teachers lounges with snacks and cards of support for all teachers, reinstatement of members, chapter field trips, teenage tutors working with children during meetings so members with children can attend meetings and invitations to legislators and school administrators to speak at chapter meetings. It is heart-warming to learn that chapters are sponsoring members to attend the 2014 Eta State Convention in April in Greenville, NC to network with Eta State sisters and to celebrate the 80th birthday of Eta State! It is exciting to see programs and ideas in action that are engaging the hearts and minds of members.

Genuine spiritual fellowship was present in huge quantities at the recent Eta State Executive Board meeting at Elon! Committee reports were presented with enthusiasm and were informative! Eta State chapter presidents and regional directors gathered in corners, classrooms, and hallways after lunch to collaborate to plan for the biennium! The ideas flowed freely and the laughter was contagious! It is obvious that together, we are stronger!

As Fall begins to show its beautiful colors, so too can we, as Delta Kappa Gamma members, begin to show the beautiful colors of this great Society! The three ships: Membership, Leadership, and Genuine Spiritual Fellowship are afloat. Let others know the positive impact the ride is having on your life!

News from Eta State Educational Excellence Committee

October 2013

EEC Goals

- Ø Advance excellence in education
- Ø Empower women
- Ø Increase global awareness

NC chapters are encouraged to include these goals in programs and projects throughout the year. Please share your success stories with other chapters. Send them to Sheila Groves for publication in the EEC News.

Member News



- At the Downtown Development Association Awards Gala on Friday, September 27 2013, Rondel and Becky Burke were the recipients of the Downtown Cityscape Award for the ghost sign restoration on their building on the corner of South Academy and East Water Street. The Downtown Cityscape award recognizes projects that have made a significant impact on the physical appearance of downtown Lincolnton.
- Judy Jones participated in the Kings Mountain Little Theater production of Red Velvet Cake Wars OCT 4-12. Retirement has provided Judy with the time to do something she really enjoys!
- Donna Jolley's daughter, Amy, married Derek Lawing on November 2 at the Crestwood Inn in Blowing Rock. It was a day filled with joy for Donna and her family highlighted by an impromptu dance by Donna's 13 year old nephew, Jonah, who is battling brain cancer!
- Congratulations to Melanie Huss for being named Lincoln County Principal of the Year. We look forward to hearing from Melanie at our February meeting.
- Jill Eaddy's husband, was elected to Lincolnton City Council. Our best wishes for a productive, positive term.

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Recipients will be recognized at the Celebration Luncheon at the 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

All employed educators may apply for the Fiftieth Anniversary Awards. Recipients will be notified by March 30, 2014. The completed application and recommendation may be submitted until November 15, 2013. Applications are available online now.

The Fiftieth Anniversary Awards memorialize Bettye Mischen Dunbar who served as vice-chair of the Educational Foundation Board of Trustees (2000-2004) and DKG first vice-president (1986-88). Dunbar's estate included a large bequest to the Foundation in 2004. Information and applications are accessible at dkgef.org under the Resources tab for the Fiftieth Anniversary awards.

Mark Your Calendars...

Meeting	Date	Place	Time
Ellen Gragg, Executive Secretary Eta State	Nov. 14	Faith Building Emmanuel Lutheran	4:00
Cookie Swap	Dec. 3	TBD	4:00
Melanie Huss, Lincoln County Principal of the Year	Feb. 11	Faith Building Emmanuel Lutheran	4:00
Fashion Show	Mar. 29	First Baptist	
Scholarships, Officer Election	Apr. 15	First Baptist	6:00

Oustanding Initiates

The Delta Sigma Chapter was pleased to welcome five outstanding women educators into membership at our September meeting. The following is just a brief overview of the many accolades of these newest members of our chapter.

From my first introduction to **Dr. Elaine Boysworth**, I was extremely impressed with her knowledge, her enthusiasm, and her creative ideas. At that time she was Lead Instructional Specialist for the Southwest Regional Education Center for DPI. During our training for the transition to Block Scheduling, Elaine gave me many ideas and activities that I used through the end of my career. Needless to say, I was thrilled when she made Lincoln County Schools her home in 1994. She is presently the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructions. Dr. Boysworth has been in education for 35 years. Among her accolades is the S. Elaine Boysworth Distinguished Service Award. She was the first recipient and namesake of the award given by the North Carolina Middle School Association. Her professional activities, presentations, and associations are numerous and impressive.

My first impression as I interviewed **Samantha Campbell** for a math position at the new North Lincoln High School was that we have a real go getter here. She came to us from AL Brown High School and was this Math Department chairperson's answer to an AP Stats and Geometry teacher prayer. Organized, enthusiastic, and totally dedicated are adjectives I would use to describe Samantha. She was a valued member of my math department and also served on the state assistance team for a year. She has been responsible for High School Summer School for several years. Samantha was recently named East Lincoln High School Principal and has been in education for 16 years. Among Samantha's accolades are Congressional Scholar, Hickory's Most Outstanding Young Educator and NC Most Outstanding Young Educator.

Tammy Price is an English teacher at North Lincoln High School and has been an educator for 21 years. She is an excellent mentor for new teachers and is willing to take on challenges. As a former freelance journalist, she was the ideal person to begin the Paladin yearbook at North Lincoln. After several years without one, she stepped up and began the Student Government Association at North. She is an active member at Pisgah United Methodist Church. Her accolades include AIG certification and National Board Certification.

Betsy Rinehardt is in her second year of teaching at Love Memorial Elementary School. She was our Most Promising Young Educator Recipient in 2012. In her two years as an EC teacher, she has received grants in totaling nearly \$250,000—a very impressive start.

Darla Stines has been a math teacher at East Lincoln Middle School for the past 17 years. She has served not only the school by the county in various leadership positions. She is both chair of the Math Department and grade level for most of her career. She is a National Board Certified Teacher and was an NCCAT National Board Trainer. Darla was named Lay person of the year by First United Methodist Church of Dallas. She and husband Danny welcomed daughter, Ellanor in August.

Please join me in welcoming these fine educators into our chapter.

Libby Fletcher, Membership Chairperson

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Support Early-Career Educators

Eta State's Beginning Teacher Support Committee introduced the *Doing Kind Deeds for Delta Kappa Gamma* (DKD for DKG) project in September. Chapters are encouraged to show support and appreciation for our newest educators during the year by sending notes, school supplies, and snacks; volunteering in classrooms; lending an ear to hear about the challenges of a hard day. Look for more information about this project posted on our state web site by the Beginning Teacher Support Committee.

The Scholarship Committee met on November 4, 2013 to develop a rubric for our scholarship selection process. In addition, our committee will continue to support each of our past scholarship winners with cards, phone calls, or e-mails.

Annette Geymont, Scholarship Committee