

THE DELTA SIGMA LINC



Eta State , North Carolina

Delta Sigma Chapter of Lincoln County Region X

September 2013

The President's Corner

We are one year into the current biennium, and I am proud of what our chapter accomplished in 2012-13 and feel that we are on our way to another productive and positive year. The Beginning Teacher Support luncheon at Lincolnton Middle School was a great success, and Wanda's committee has a good plan going forward. We need to wrap our arms around these new educators with lots of support and good will.

Our Community Service Project this year is perfect for a group of women who have dedicated their professional lives to serving children. By donating funds to Speak Up for Children, Inc., we are providing support to the most vulnerable children in our county. At each meeting we will provide you an opportunity to make a contribution and no contribution – however small – will be too little. Please read Jill's article carefully, and consider your own participation.

Last spring several of you asked to get more information on the legislative process and its effects on our county. In our first meeting, Dr. Sherry Hoyle will present a report on the local effects of the 2013 General Assembly budget and legislation. We are getting many reports on the merits and detriments of this year's legislative action, but what we need to know is how our own schools and our own educators have been affected. Please plan to attend this meeting.

Dr. Elaine Jenkins

Good "Dues" News

Your Delta Sigma dues for 2013-2014 will remain the same-\$89.00.

Where does this go?

Fifty-six dollars (\$56.00) goes to Eta State of which \$55.00 is for state and international budgets and \$1.00 is for scholarships.

Our local budget is based on the remaining \$33.00 per member.

Wendy Mosteller or a member of the finance committee will be available at the meeting on September 26th to receive your dues payment. Make your checks out to Delta Sigma. If you cannot attend the meeting, please send your payment no later than October 30th to:

**Wendy Mosteller 3263 Cansler Rd.
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Delta Sigma member enjoying luncheon with new Lincoln County Teachers

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Annette selected Amy Matthews, not realizing she had been in her first grade class at Battleground and Becky had been her principal. Amy is going to be teaching at Battleground.

News from the Webmaster

Did you know that the Delta Sigma chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has a website?! Steer your browser to <http://deltasigmanc.weebly.com> to check it out.

Thanks to a long weekend at the Leadership Development Conference in June, on the campus of the beautiful William Peace University in Raleigh, I was able to spend large chunks of time working and tweaking and assembling the website into something our members will be able to use. Users will find tabs that detail our mission and purpose, upcoming and past events, projects and activities (with lots of photos!), membership—both current members and officers, as well as the charter group that got us started, and much more!

One item I will need from everyone the next time we are gathered, is a signed release form, giving the webmaster and our group permission to post photos of each person on the web page. I heard back from many of you via email, but I will have a form at our next meeting for a quick signature and to be filed.

Thanks to Eta State webmaster Beth Winstead for guidance and answers as I worked to get our page going, as well as for linking our chapter page to the state webpage! Thanks go to Judy Jones as well, for sharing photos from our events, to make our site even better!

I welcome any and all constructive feedback, because I want our website to be a resource you will use. It is a work in progress, so let me know what else you need to make it work!

Jenny Dellinger, webmaster

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Beginning Teacher Luncheon

The chapter hosted a luncheon for first year teachers on Friday, August 16 at Lincoln County Schools' New Teacher Induction. One of the chapter's goals is to provide support for teachers in the first years of their career.

A special thank you to Dr. Rhonda Hager, Sara Miller, Becky Heavner, Pat Carpenter, Glenda Walker, Deanna Dunn, and Becky Burke for preparing the luncheon food. Paul's Distributing provided the ice cream for the dessert sundaes. Jane Morton shared her creative skills with lovely table decorations.

Jill Eaddy was assisted by Annette Geymont, Wendy Mosteller, Dr. Elaine Jenkins, Judy Shuford, and Kellie Goins in preparing gift bags for the beginning teachers. Some items were purchased by the chapter and individual members. Local businesses also made contributions to the bags. Those businesses include Walgreen's, Dedmond Family Dentistry, King's Office Supply, Sentry Drug, Dairy Queen, Morgan's Ice Cream, and CMC-Lincoln.

Chapter members were able to spend time with the first year teachers they will be supporting this year. Members attending the luncheon were Dr. Elaine Jenkins, president; Deanna Dunn, vice-president; Renee Smith, secretary; Wendy Mosteller, treasurer; Edwina Beam, Frankie Beam, Becky Burke, Pat Carpenter, Jill Eaddy, Libby Fletcher, Annette Geymont, Dr. Rhonda Hager, Becky Heavner, Dr. Sherry Hoyle, Wanda Lutz, Sara Miller, Jane Morton, Gayle Reid, Laurie Sellers, Judy Shuford, Glenda Walker, and Kay Wilson.

In the afternoon session, the new teachers shared nice comments to Dr. Elaine Boysworth about the event. We have started our year with great support for our beginning teacher project. I am so appreciative to the members who were able to participate Friday.

Wanda Lutz, Chair of Beginning Teacher Support/Awards Committee

Important Dates for 2013-2014

Mark Your Calendars!



Meet Eta State President Pat Taylor

Adopting her personal theme, *Together, We Are Stronger - Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!*, Pat Taylor has begun her two year term as Eta State President. A member of Mu Chapter, Pat has served as Eta State First Vice-President, Eta State Educational Excellence Committee Chairman, International Educational Excellence Committee Member, and International Music Representative. Anyone who has attended a state conference or meeting knows that Pat has a beautiful voice and great skill at the keyboard. She has shared that same talent with her church as a church musician for over 30 years.

Pat was recognized by International in 2010 as a "Woman of Vision," in 2011 as a "Woman of Influence" by Eta State, and finally, in 2012 recipient of the "Volunteer of the Year" given by the Wilson Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC).

Eta State is fortunate to have a leader with such skill and talent. We hope to have Pat as our guest at a chapter meeting soon!

Meeting	Date	Place	Time
Initiation Meeting	September 26 Dr. Sherry Hoyle, Speaker	First Baptist	6:00
Program	November 14	Faith Building Emmanuel Lutheran	4:00
Cookie Swap	December 3	TBD	4:00
Program	February 11	Faith Building Emmanuel Lutheran	4:00
Fashion Show	March 29	First Baptist	
Scholarships, Officer Election	April 15	First Baptist	6:00

Delta Sigma Community Service Project

As teachers, we have all seen that child with the vacant gaze who you know has a life none of us would want for a child. Sometimes these children have witnessed drug abuse and domestic violence. They have moved from house to house and school to school. They carry worries that only adults should struggle with. Will we have heat? Will the water be cut off? Will we have food? Will my family members hurt each other or me? These children often end up in DSS custody living in foster homes.

At the summer planning meeting, the Delta Sigma membership voted to assist these foster children by donating funds to Speak Up for Children, Inc. This will be the chapter's community service project for the coming year. Speak Up for Children, Inc. is a non-profit organization created by Lincoln County Guardians ad Litem. The Guardian ad Litem (GAL) program is a state-wide initiative in which volunteers are appointed by the court system to be advocates for foster children. GAL's are not allowed to give any gifts or assistance to the children they represent. In order to meet the unfunded needs of the children, the GAL's formed Speak Up For Children, Inc. The organization raises funds and gives grants and scholarships to those foster children in need.

Delta Sigma members voted to make donations to Speak Up for Children throughout the year. The donations will go to provide the foster children with experiences or items they would not otherwise have an opportunity to enjoy. So far this year, Speak Up For Children has provided opportunities for children to receive tutoring, be fitted with braces, go to the prom, attend camp, get a camp t-shirt, receive visits from their grandparents, have birthday parties, get a car seat, have games and puzzles in DSS visitation rooms, and be given their own hardback books. Through this community service project, the chapter will have an opportunity to help make the abnormal lives of these foster children as normal as possible.

Jill Eaddy

Orientation of New Initiates

The membership committee had a busy, productive day together on August 16th. After enjoying the wonderful luncheon and fellowship with our first year teachers, the membership committee along with help from Jane Morton and Wanda Lutz met to plan our September 26th dinner and initiation. We look forward to a great attendance from our membership to welcome our new initiates into the Delta Sigma chapter.

Later in the afternoon, an orientation of new initiates was held at Lincoln Middle School. Our chapter leadership, Elaine Jenkins and Deanna Dunn, along with initiate sponsors Wanda Lutz and Becky Heavner, assisted me in introducing Delta Kappa Gamma to our initiates. I encourage all members to revisit our purpose and our history before the initiation ceremony. The importance of our selection into this wonderful society of women educators should inspire our service and the goals we set as a new school year begins.

On September 26 we will initiate the following outstanding women educators into the Delta Sigma chapter: Dr. Elaine Boysworth, Samantha Campbell, Tammy Price, Betsy Rinehardt, and Darla Stines. Again, I encourage you to join us in welcoming them and learning of their contributions to education.

See you on September 26, 2013!

Libby Fletcher, Membership Chairperson

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