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Eta State President Pat Taylor's Top 10 reasons to Celebrate

"Together, We Are Stronger - Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!"



Happy New Year! In my family, we celebrate the New Year by eating black-eyed peas, ham, and all the "fixins" and enjoying family time together! Here are the top ten reasons Eta State members will want to celebrate 2014:

•**#10** - Eighty 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!

•**#9** - Eta State chapters and leaders will be honored at the 2014 Eta State Convention on Friday night, April 25, 2014!

•**#8** - Eta State members will have an opportunity to learn new effective strategies for using courage to professionally advocate for personal and professional issues; just in time for the 2014 NC legislative sessions. Be sure to register to participate in the Eta State pre-conference at the state convention on Friday, April 25, 2014!

•**#7-A** variety of workshop sessions will be available to Eta State convention participants in April, 2014! CEU credits will be available!

•**#6** - Eta State will continue exciting progress towards the establishment of the first Eta State Educational Foundation! Eta State Executive Board members will not want to miss the presentation of new information at the state Executive Board meeting on Friday, April 25, in Greenville, NC!

•**#5** - Eta State will honor new state scholarship recipients and Eta State members receiving international scholarships as well as international grant awards at the state convention on Saturday evening, April 26, 2014!

•**#4** - Our International Society Latin American Representative, Monica Ochoa, will deliver news from our international headquarters as well as speak about the strategies and importance of collaboration. Monica will speak at the Saturday evening banquet in April.

•**#3** - In June, 2014, new Eta State leaders, including new Eta State Regional Directors, will attend training at one of three designated sites in North Carolina!! Saying "YES" to a 2014-2016 Eta State chapter and/or regional leadership position will change your personal and professional life for the better!!!

•**#2** - The 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana will bring with it opportunities to vote on new proposed constitutional amendments to the International Standing Rules, most dealing with electronic voting by all members for elected Administrative Board members and members of international elected committees in 2016! A new international Administrative Board, including a new international president, will be installed at the international convention in July!

•and the **#1** reason Eta State members will want to celebrate 2014 in Eta State is because it is another year of quality fellowship and networking with Delta Kappa Gamma sisters in sisterhood, faith, and support of one another as leaders in education! Have a wonderful New Year in Eta State!

Special points of interest:

- President Pat's Top 10
- International Arts Gallery open
- President Julie's message
- Dedra's Tech Tips
- Chapter News
- Membership Recognition
- Dates to Remember
- Social Media links



Book Sales fundraiser for Jamaican Teacher project resumes at March 1st meeting!

[DKG Society International](http://www.dkg.org)

Winter Eta State News Online and Mailed

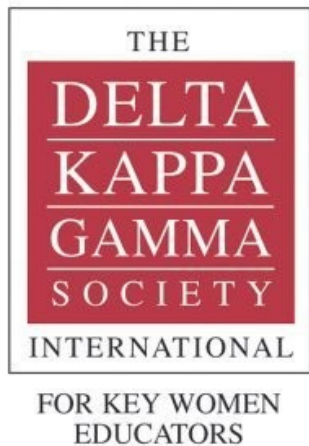
Watch for the winter edition of Eta State News online the middle of February. This issue will contain news and updates on the April convention, including registration materials and announcements about speakers and guests. This edition will also be mailed, so watch for it in your mailboxes approximately the third week in February.

Eta State Planning Committee meets

Eta State Planning Committee met at Headquarters last month. The committee members were working on revising the Strategic Action Plan for the new biennium. We appreciate all the energy, and hard work these dedicated ladies devote to making our

organization so great. Pictured below are Sheila Groves, First Vice President and Chairman of the Educational Excellence Committee; Penny Dawson, Pat Bramlett, and Deborah Dryden, members of the Planning Committee; Eta State President Pat Taylor, Ellen

Gragg, Executive Secretary; Suzi Cabe of Alpha Iota, chairman of the Planning Committee. Photo by Connie Savell, Second Vice President. Remember to make your annual donations to support Headquarters and all they do for us.



Alpha Iota member Suzi Cabe presiding at Eta State Planning Committee Meeting

Submit creative works to the International Gallery

Be on the look out for the **DKG App** for your smart phone or tablet...it's a handy app. Get the DKG app soon to discover all the great features! A must for convention goers!

Another avenue DKG members have to receive publication opportunities is through is the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts. Those interested in submitting original essays, plays, poetry, or short stories can apply. The Gallery went live for the first time on the international website in November 2013 and is open for viewing @[Delta Kappa Gamma's Online web gallery](#). All works are juried. Currently seven talented members have work on display. Categories include: paintings, photography, poetry, pottery and music. Submissions were accepted until February 1st and are now closed. The new exhibit will open May 1st.

Submission forms are located on the DKG website or click the following link to be directed there. [Submission form for International Arts Gallery](#).



Julie Norcross

“You should all feel a sense of pride in your contributions!”

President Julie’s Winter Message for 2014

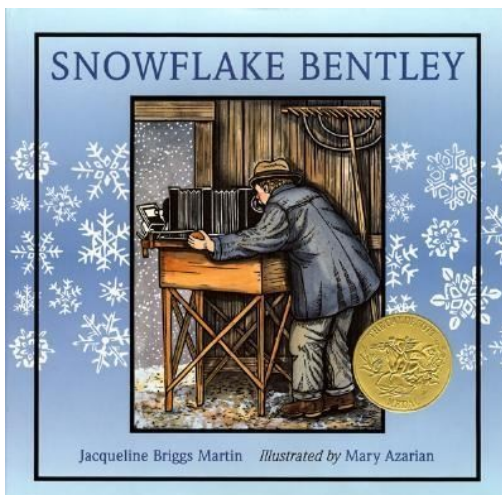
Dear Alpha Iota Sisters,

As I type this, my school is on a two hour delay due to icy roads. So far the new year has been full of cold, snowy days. I, for one, am saddened that the groundhog saw his/her shadow! Come on spring! As I compiled the information necessary to complete our biennial reports, I was reminded of the many good things we do as a chapter to be “women of influence” and promote excellence in education. You should all feel a sense of pride in your contributions! Our executive board will meet soon to look at how we have done regarding points earned on the Recognition of Chapter Achievement application. Last year we were a Chapter of Distinction. I feel sure that we have attained this level again and perhaps have surpassed it to be recognized once again as a Chapter of Excellence. This is due in no small part to the efforts of all members to meet the various criteria to earn points. I am looking forward to seeing just how well we have done.

Our next meeting is March 1st. I am looking forward to seeing you all in Bryson City. We have much to do...we have prospective new members to vote on, new officers to nominate and elect, donations to our Jamaican Teacher Project to give, as well as other agenda items to address. I certainly hope the weather will cooperate and that we will be able to meet as planned. If not, then we will make adjustments and carry on. Isn't that what women and educators always do? Be on the lookout for emails concerning the meeting information. Some details have changed.

Until then...be safe, be warm, be happy.
Julie

Dedra’s Tech Tips



A Winter Wonderland of virtual teaching tools– integrating literacy and math. Kids can see symmetry unfolding with each virtual cut! Great for interactive whiteboards!

I love this book! The website provides a lot of great teaching resources as well.

<http://snowflakebentley.com/>

No mess!
Virtual Snowflake cutting!

[Make a Flake](#)
[Snowflake Designer](#)
[Create your own snowflake](#)



*Happy Valentines Day
A rose for each of you!
In Recognition of
Membership & Service.*

40+ Years

Bobbie Carpenter(44)
Lowaine Wilson (44)
Evelyn Pangle(42)
Sue Ann Reisdorph(40)

39-30 Years

Eva Wood(39)
Dr. Barbara Capps(37)

29-20 Years

Janice Henson (29)
Joyce Jenkins (26)
Dr. Jeanette Hedrick(23)
Betty Rogacz(22)
Suzi Cabe(21)
Susie West(12)

19-10 Years

Gail Debnam(18)
Dr. Beth Lofquist(18)
Nancy Norcross(17)
Leslie Beaster(16)
Mary Brogan(14)
Amy Hobbs(14)
Vivian Johnson(14)
Jane Greaves(13)
Sandra Marr(13)
Pat Cabe(11)
Susan Jones(11)
Crystal Cody(10)
Karen Lail(10)
Kathy Parker(10)

9-1 Years

Dedra Davis(7)
Julie Norcross(7)
DeAnna Booth(5)
Bay Snyder(5)
Jodi Alverson(4)
Karen Norton(4)
Margaret Simpson(4)
Gigi Turner(4)
Tracy Hagan (3)
Sue Ledford (2)
Barbara El-Khoury(2)
Terry Gribble(2)
Crystal White(2)
Katherine Kantz(1)
Erica Sawyer(1)

New members 2013

Sherry Williams
Suzanne Deslaurier
Dates unavailable @ press time for:
Mary Ellen Montague
Joyce Turk
Emma Buelow
Dr. Sara Madison

Chapter News

Our December Auction was a huge success! Including donations, we have raised \$2132.50. That leaves us just \$367.50 short of raising the \$1500 for scholarships and \$1000 for Hospice House.

Our Jamaican Teachers Project is on for this summer. We will collect donations at the March meeting and



organize at our May meeting as usual.

Belated congratulations to Karen Norton who retired in November!

After retiring from her 31 year teaching career, Amy Hobbs has already resumed teaching on a part-time basis with TCCC, teaching two classes this semester.

Gigi Turner continues to recuperate following knee replacement surgery.

Gail Debnam had hip replacement surgery at the first of this month and is recuperating and doing physical therapy.

Beth Tyson Lofquist has completed her interim for WCU and now can spend more time with those grandchildren!

The Executive Board met on February 8th. On the agenda was analyzing our Strategic Action Plan and examining our performance on the Recognition of Chapter Achievement goals. Plans were discussed for continuing to improve our performance and meeting any goals we have yet to achieve.

Member Profile sheets [Click](#) here to download Form 50. **Please return to Julie before Feb. 25th.**

Membership drive

Please remember all applications need to be sent to Jeanette by Feb. 20th so we can vote to accept new members at the March 1st meeting in Bryson City. Below is a link to the form located the website possible. You can download forms at [New Member Form](#).

Thank You

A great big Thank You to President Julie's hard work in completing all our annual reports and getting everything to Headquarters!



Dates to Remember in 2014

- **January 15 Nominations for regional directors are due to Connie Savell**
- **January 25 Eta State Convention workshop proposals are due to Sheila Groves**
- **February 1 Biennial Reports due**
- **February 1 Deadline for scholarship applications for both Eta State and DKG International**
- **February 1 Deadline for Cornetet Professional Development Award**
- **February 1 Submission deadline for Gallery of Fine Arts**
- **February 28 Deadline to upload data into the Chapter Profile Survey for International**
- **March 1 Golden Key Award nomination due to Awards Committee Chair Sharon Frazier**
- **March 1 Deadline to submit newsletters to Susan Kuenzel**
- **March 1 Submission deadline for Summer, 2014 The Bulletin**
- **March 15 Chapter Achievement Award form due to regional director Linda Flynn**
- **March 15 Advertisement for the Eta State Convention Program due to Ann Carol Stocks**
- **April 5 Early registration for Eta State Convention ends**
- **April 10 Eta State News deadline**
- **April 25-27 Eta State Convention, Greenville Hilton, Greenville (Region II)**

- **May 15 Form for Reporting 2014-2016 Chapter Officers (Form 110) due to Eta State President and Executive Secretary;**
- **June 1 Submission deadline for Fall, 2014 The Bulletin**
- **June 20 Goldsboro site new officer training**
- **June 21 Asheboro site new officer training**
- **June 24 Black Mountain site new officer training (choose one)**
- **July 10 Eta State News deadline**
- **July 28-Aug.1 International Convention, JW Marriott, Indianapolis, Indiana**
- **Nov 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS**
- **2015**
- **April 24-26 Eta State Convention, Chapel Hill Sheraton, Chapel Hill (Region V)**
- **July 15-18 Southeast Regional Conference, Westin Harbor Resort, Savannah, Georgia**
- **2016**
- **July 5-9 International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, Tennessee**

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