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"Together, We Are Stronger - Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!" Message from President Pat



In July 2013 at the SE Regional Conference, it was truly an honor to represent NC as the 2013-2015 State President along with our Immediate Past State President, and state members. Prior to the conference, I had the privilege of attending the training for state presidents. We were challenged to "go the extra degree." At 211 degrees, water is hot. By adding just one more degree, water boils, creating steam. Steam powers locomotives and engines. A little extra effort can make a significant difference. Just imagine what our State can become if we all go the extra degree; in membership, in leadership, in genuine spiritual fellowship! The members of the state leadership team; officers, appointed personnel, committee chairmen, committee members, chapter presidents, and representatives continue

to go the "extra degree." In addition to their willingness to serve Eta State in a state leadership role, they presented a top-notch state convention in Greenville, NC this past month! Hats off to all those that were involved in the planning! It was a fun, memorable time for all! Our thanks to our current chapter presidents and regional directors for a job well done these past two years! Welcome to our new incoming chapter presidents and regional directors! Guidance will be provided for our incoming chapter officers and regional directors in June trainings throughout the state. Check out the training dates on the Eta State website and register for one of the dates today! The Eta State website contains resources for all members. Have you checked out the committee links? Having trouble finding leaders or members for your chapter? Ask a state leader. In addition...Leroy the Leadership Guy has his own link on the website! Checkout his tips and resources! The International Website is full of resources as well as the International DKG Network at www.dkg.org. Everything from membership, program, and leadership tips to reading the latest and greatest popular book is there! There is even an online art gallery! We are never alone in Delta Kappa Gamma! The power of sisterhood is there for us at every turn! When asked to go the "extra degree," turn to Delta Kappa Gamma. "Mindful of our sisters needing. Aid and guidance from those leading, helpful may we be!" Help and guidance is in our membership! Help is right in front of our eyes!

Points of interest

- President Pat's Message
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- State & International news
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Remember \$\$\$ for book sale, raffle & brag & pay. Our May 17th meeting starts@ 9:30 Saturday, a.m. in Cullowhee at Hinds University Center/ WCU.

DKG

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

Lofquist Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

The University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments recently awarded the William C. Friday Lifetime Achievement Award to fellow Alpha Iota sister Dr. Beth Tyson Lofquist, who served two stints as Western Carolina University's interim provost before retiring from WCU earlier this year. The award was presented to Beth during the annual John L. Sanders Awards Banquet, which was part of the statewide association's meeting held on the Western Carolina campus Saturday, April 5, 2014. Beth is a vital member in our organization, and has dedicated numerous hours working on our Jamaican Teacher's project and Annual Christmas auction. Her award was featured in the Asheville Citizen-Times and on the WCU homepage.



Convention Highlights



The Alpha Iota delegation had a fabulous trip to the annual ETA State DKG convention, despite the stormy kick off on Friday night. The fearless foursome made the long trip to Greenville, NC April 25-27th. This was the first state conference for Jodi and Terry. Terry won a door prize basket of candles!

L-R Jodi Alverson, Julie Norcross, Dedra Davis and Terry Gribble



Members earn chapter points for presentation at state conference.

Members participate in conference

Dedra Davis presented her workshop “Art and Technology” during the Eta State convention break-out sessions to a very receptive audience. This was her second presentation for DKG convention. The first being at the International convention in NYC in 2012. Mrs.

Davis is the art teacher at Andrews Elementary & High Schools and newly elected 1st Vice President of Alpha Iota. Dedra is also the editor of the chapter’s quarterly newsletter and webmaster for the Society’s website which both received Awards of Excellence at the conven-

tion. Terry Gribble served as Davis’ facilitator and sang in the convention chorus, both earning more points for our chapter. Our goal for the next biennium is a Superior Chapter Award. I know we can do it! To quote President Pat, *“Together, We Are Stronger - Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!”*

Submit creative works to the International Gallery
Categories include: paintings, photography, poetry, pottery and music. The new deadline has been extended until June 1st. Submission forms are located on the DKG website or click the following link to be directed there. [Submission form for International Arts Gallery](#)



Region XI presidents travel farthest the distance to this year’s convention. President Julie is pictured with Regional Director Linda Flynn and the other two Chapter presidents from our region.



Julie Norcross

“I am forever changed by my time as your president and look forward to many more years as an active member of this wonderful group of women known as Alpha Iota Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma International!”

President Julie’s Farewell Message for 2014

Well, here it is...my final message to you as chapter president of Alpha Iota. I would like to begin by thanking all of you for allowing me to serve as your president. I also want to give a special thanks to the members of the Executive Board - Amy Hobbs, Dedra Davis, Sue Ann Reisdorph, Gigi Turner, Sandra Marr and Suzi Cabe. These past two years have been ones full of learning and growth. My knowledge of Delta Kappa Gamma has grown and with that growth I have experienced a deeper sense of pride to be a part of such an organization of women educators!

Our Eta State convention was a few weeks ago in Greenville. Dedra Davis, Terry Gribble, Jodi Alverson, and I made the very long journey. I believe that I speak for us all when I tell you that we had a wonderful experience. It was so nice to get to spend more time with and learn more about each other. We met some new friends from other chapters across the state. The Birthday Brunch on Sunday was particularly a pleasure. Eta State is celebrating 80 years being part of Delta Kappa Gamma International. We have a rich and varied history. Our chapter received three awards. We achieved Chapter of Excellence, Chapter Newsletter Excellence and Chapter Website Excellence awards. Linda Flynn, our Regional Director, told me several times about how proud she is of our chapter. She said that we were inspirations to other chapters in our region. I made sure to let her know that we have an AWE-SOME group of women in our chapter and that it is because of ALL of you we are able to do what we do. I am forever changed by my time as your president and look forward to many more years as an active member of this wonderful group of women known as Alpha Iota Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma International!

**Dedra’s Tech Tips– Click to check these out !
DKG App , Dropbox tool & QR reader for iPhone
Hint :Founder’s Day is coming up & these tools may
come in handy.**





40+ Years

Mary Ellen Montague 49
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)
Joyce Turk (22)
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-Khouri(2)
Terry Gribble(2)
Crystal White(2)
Katherine Kantz(1)
Erica Sawyer(1)

New members 2013

Sherry Williams
Suzanne Deslaurier
Unavailable at press time
Emma Buelow
Dr. Sara Madison

Educational Foundation: Leaving a Legacy By: Dr. Suzanne Mellow-Irwin

One cannot overstate the significance of the decision Delta Kappa Gamma members will make at the convention in April – whether or not to establish an Educational Foundation for Eta State. The proposed Foundation will provide a means for members to leave a legacy to Eta State by informing family members that such a memorial is tax exempt under the 501(c)(3) tax guidelines. Besides memorials, it is also an avenue for our members to welcome and to encourage other tax-favored giving. By having this status, the Educational Foundation can apply for grants from government agencies, corporations, and other charitable foundations that only award grants to 501(c)(3) organizations.

I serve on the Allegheny Educational Foundation Board and yearly I witness the financial growth that accrues because of the wisdom and foresight to

plan for the future. From a meager beginning 28 years ago, the portfolio is well over three million dollars. Good stewards plan for the future of an organization. Can Delta Kappa Gamma members do less? Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws detailing the operational functions of the Educational Foundation are posted on the Eta State website so that members can come to the convention prepared to make an informed decision about establishment. Questions?

Contact Dr. Judith Carlson (judithb125@gmail.com) or Maxine McCall (djmc60@hci.net).

Communications from Bev's Blog

The first email sent directly to DKG members on Friday, April 25-26, 2014, was very successful.

Even though some members received the email in their Spam boxes, others at old addresses, and many bounced, 75% of the members with email addresses in the Society database received the communication.

Much was learned, obstacles will be overcome, and now, members



will be able to receive international information directly and instantly.

Dates to Remember

2014

- 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 24 Black Mountain site new officer training (
- 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

Registration for International Convention

Registration for the 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis is open. Early bird registration ends June 28. Hotel reservations at the convention rate are available from Saturday, July 26–August 3. If flying, use the ACT Travel link from the convention events page and find discounts with several airlines. Opening day of the convention is July 28. For more information and the invitation video, visit the DKG website at <https://www.dkg.org/category/events/conventions>. (Remember to let President Pat know if you are going to the International convention!)

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