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# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

## *The Rose*

Newsletter of the Alpha Iota Chapter, Eta State, North Carolina  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- President Pat Taylor
- Grant in Aid recipient
- Merle Dryman House
- President Julie's message
- Survey link
- EEC Newsletter Link
- Social Media links
- Dates to Remember



### Remember

We will not be doing our regular

**World Fellowship Book Sale fundraiser** at the next meeting due to Christmas Auction!

Book Sales to support our World Fellowship Fund will resume At March 1st meeting.

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## Eta State President Pat Taylor's challenge –continued



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

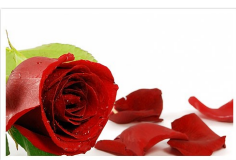
In this passage, Leadership is the focus of President Pat's challenge. The Second "Ship", "leader"ship will collaborate with the other ships of Membership and Genuine Spiritual Fellowship to accomplish the goal of developing courageous, committed leaders to serve and lead. It is this ship that will move members forward to the highest levels of personal potential and professional courage. The crews leading this effort are the Eta State Leadership Development Committee and the Eta State Scholarship. Each of us has a story to tell about a mentor that has impacted our life in a positive way and continues to encourage us to lead. I will tell you a secret! It can sometimes be uncomfortable to serve as a leader! However, where there is the feeling of being uncomfortable, there is a need to lead! There is a need to lead as we work together to move Eta State and educational excellence forward; sharing our voices of influence with legislators and school officials, voicing our needs as educators and the needs of our students, and voicing the needs that will strengthen our chapters and Eta State. Some of this can feel uncomfortable at times. At the same time, all of it can be the most rewarding experience we will ever have in our lifetime because our leadership makes a difference worldwide and is encompassed in a worldwide sisterhood; a sisterhood that believes in and supports each other and wants to see Delta Kappa Gamma sisters succeed in everything they do! Eta State chapter members and state leaders are now encouraging members to serve as regional directors, chapter officers, and chapter committee chairmen for 2014-2016. This means they have confidence and faith in these members to become future "line leaders" to use their voices of influence to make a positive impact on education and in the world. When a mentor asks you to consider leading Eta State in one of these positions, say "yes!" It will be a life changing experience you will never regret! As we embark upon the season of Thanksgiving, take a few minutes and reflect upon and be thankful for the mentors, including our Eta State Founders, which have shared their knowledge to guide us to become the leaders we are today and the leaders we will become in the future, both personally and professionally. Whether we are beginning teachers, have been actively teaching for a number of years, retired teachers, or reserve members, we continue to have mentors. Together, we can mentor and commit to encourage and grow successful leaders in Delta Kappa Gamma. Show our future leaders the joy of leadership and support them with positive voices of influence! Together, we are stronger! -Pat Taylor



The latest  
**EEC News**,  
 the Educational  
 Excellence  
 Committee news-  
 letter, is now  
 online at

[http://  
 www.deltakappa  
 alpha.org/NC/  
 EECOct2013.pdf](http://www.deltakappaalpha.org/NC/EECOct2013.pdf)

It lists the goals  
 and committee  
 chairmen, plus  
 highlights the  
 Schools for Africa  
 and Beginning  
 Teacher Support  
 projects, among  
 other things. Go  
 to the website to  
 check it out!



### Beloved Alpha Iota Charter member remembered with donation



At our November meeting, after an informative and impassioned presentation, a vote was made to commit to a \$1000 donation to be made at the December Charity Auction for at least the next 3 years to support the Hospice House of WNC. This will be done in memory of Merle Dryman, former member of Alpha Iota Chapter of DKG. Mrs. Dryman was one of the charter members of Alpha Iota when it was established in 1957. She earned her Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Education from Western Carolina University and taught in Macon County schools for 33 years. Her schools included Scaly Mountain, Pine Grove, Cowee, East Franklin and Franklin Elementary. She will be remembered by many former students as one of their favorite teachers. She was an avid gardener and Coordinator of Franklin Beautification for many years. She took pride in her many projects. Her home and gardens are the site of the Hospice House. You can contact Macon County representative Pat Cabe to made personal donations or to volunteer.

### Eta State Executive Secretary Vacancy Announcement

An opening for Eta State Executive Secretary will soon be available. In the near future, the duties and responsibilities for this position and an application form will be available on the Eta State website. Qualifications for Executive Secretary include:

- active Society membership in good standing in Eta State
- support of the purposes and mission of the Society and knowledge of the Society at all levels
- leadership experiences at the state and chapter levels
- demonstration of effective interpersonal, communication, and time management skills
- quality writing and computer skills and willingness to update these skills as technology advances
- willingness and available time to carry out prescribed duties.

### Grant in aid recipient shares how she discovered her passion to teach

My name is Nicole Evans and I'm a freshman majoring in elementary education at Western Carolina University. There I am in the Honors College and Wheel Teach LLC. In high school, I was a varsity cheerleader and actively involved in community theatre. My junior year at MHS, I took a class called Teacher Cadet as a honors elective. I didn't have much reason to take the class besides being able to

take an easy class. Once I started it, however, I realized that I had a true passion for teaching. I looked forward to everyday that I got to spend with my kindergarten class. Helping them with their alphabet, showing them how to count, and even planning my own lesson to teach to them, I loved every second of it! My kindergarten teacher and her assistant quickly saw the potential I had to be a great teacher and after my evaluation by my high school teacher, so did she.



After taking what I thought was an easy way out of doing work, I realized there was nothing that I wanted to do more than teach. "It's not about the income, it's about the outcome."

## President's Message -Julie Norcross



It is that time of year when we are all thinking of and counting the many blessings we have in our lives. Here at an elementary school I am surrounded by handprint turkeys, and “how to cook a turkey” recipes, thankful turkeys, as well as pictures of Native Americans and Pilgrims. Even these young children find things for which they are grateful. If you have a Facebook account, you may have seen where some people are listing each day something for which they are thankful. I always enjoy reading these posts as they help to remind me of my own abundant

blessings. Sometimes we get a little too caught up in our everyday worries and forget just how many wonderful things there are in our lives. So, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all the many things you do every day to enrich the lives of others. You are truly inspirations! During our September meeting when the Hospice House was discussed, I was so moved by your immediate response to the need for financial assistance to help make the project a reality. Your willingness to share to aid this cause was wonderful. I am looking forward to our meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Lake Junaluska! The silent and regular auctions are such fun as well as being our main fundraisers for the grant-in-aids and now our support of Hospice House of WNC. I hope to see many of you there and remember that you can bring guests!

I am so very thankful to belong to such a dedicated group of leading women educators!

Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Iota Chapter you rock!!!

Have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving

### Mark the Dates

**November 15: 990-N ePostcard due to IRS and acceptance confirmation to Eta State Treasurer Ruth Jones**

**November 15 :Deadline to submit an application for a \$1,000 Education Foundation grant award**

**November 15 :Deadline for chapter presidents to submit the results of the Eta State Preference Survey**

**November 20 :Deadline for members to complete the Eta State Educational Law & Policy Legislative Survey**

**December 15 :Proposed amendments to Eta State Bylaws and Standing Rules due to Dr. Teresa Cowan**

**January 2, 2014 :DKG International Convention workshop proposals due (DKG website link)**

**January 15: Regional Director recommendations for 2014-16 due to Connie Savell**

**January 25: Eta State Convention workshop proposals due (Eta State Website link)**

**February 1: Biennial Reports due**

**February 1 :Scholarship applications due for both Eta State and DKG International**

The Educational Law and Policy Legislative Survey deadline has been extended until December 30, 2013. This survey is located on the Eta State website or access the survey directly by going to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15tGE1r74GkzDWHuX8AjRzfEfN1wokDaz9AT4MdQO6S0/viewform> If you have not yet completed this survey, all members need to do so. Paper copies were distributed at the last meeting. You can complete online.

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