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Eta State President Pat Taylor's Summer message



"June is busting out all over!" (from the musical "Carousel") This phrase is relevant to many things: the flowers in my flower beds, the numerous hummingbirds around our feeders, the beautiful sunshine that is finally appearing more often, my waistline as I continually strive to fight the battle of the bulge from Winter (it seems Spring only lasted a week here in the eastern part of NC), and in Eta State as preparations are underway for the 2014-2015 year. The new chapter leaders will soon be meeting together for June training, the new Eta State Regional Directors will be receiving their training, and the current chapter presidents are busy gathering materials and sharing information with the new, incoming chapter presidents. Eta State is, indeed, "busting out all over!" Some of our Eta State chapters are "busting out all over" with new strategies in place for rejuvenating membership in Eta State! The son of an Eta State member commented that he hoped he had an opportunity to return to the chapter meeting with his mom because the "babysitter" was an excellent tutor and helped him receive an "A" on his math paper! This young man was "busting out all over" with happiness! Some retired members of an Eta State chapter are meeting with active teachers one Saturday a month to help with lesson plans and anything else that is needed. A chapter leader shared strategies, at the recent Eta State convention, for utilizing a "Chapter Excellence Award" in their own chapter. Chapter members receive points for chapter service and are recognized by their chapter members, much like the Eta State Chapter Achievement Award recognition by the state. Several chapters are utilizing past chapter presidents to serve as mentors for incoming chapter presidents and other officers for one year. The second year, the new officers lead with a new confidence! Nita Scott, International Membership Services Administrator, talks about strengthening chapter membership in her blog this month. This is what she says:

"Most of the chapters I know that are finding success in membership have changed processes and thought patterns - like offering young teachers professional development during the meeting (...perhaps sponsor a state or district speaker about the evaluation processes... have bulletin board make-and-takes instead of scrap booking...have chapter members help with lesson plans and classroom management...). If meeting times are a problem, then vary those days and times. Ask local high school honor society members (who will need community service hours) to provide babysitting (tutoring) during meetings while young teachers who have small children attend the meeting. Offer installments prior to the October dues deadline to help with economic challenges." ...the Chi State (California) website has a great video on the home page where you will hear six young DKG members share about their (membership) experience." I am very proud to be a member and representative of Eta State and to know that chapters in NC are utilizing new, exciting membership strategies and are continuing to offer a variety of opportunities to our members. An international leader shared, recently, that she has been inspired by the projects and activities in NC chapters. She read about them in the Eta State News! Hats off to you, Eta State! Keep "busting out all over!" We are having a positive impact worldwide!



The May issue of **DKG@UN** has been uploaded to the **DKG/UN Relationship/World Fellowship Committee page** on the Eta State website. Read about the **65th Annual United Nations DPI/NGO Conference to be held at UN Headquarters in New York in August—and lots more.**

[DKG Society International](#)

New member is Teacher of the Year



New initiate Lana Parker was named 2014 Teacher of the year for Marble Elementary School where she teaches Title I reading. Lana has had experience in teaching pre-k, 1st, 4th and 5th grades, Title 1 and lead coordinator of Brain Based Instruction in her school. “She’s amazing at helping teachers integrate the arts through our Brain Based Academies, whether it is helping students with pottery, making bread, or teaching a dance. She has also been instrumental as our Title 1 teacher at our school, working with small groups of children improving reading skills. Lana took it upon herself this past school year to create a central area for our teachers to house our book sets, called 'The Book Nook' so they are easily accessible for all.” -Jenna West , MES colleague. We are so proud to have you as a new member of Alpha Iota.

New Officers Attend Leadership Training



Grant us peace give us courage. President Pat Taylor energetically led us in a fun rendition along with scarves and dance as we sang at the end of a great day of training in Black Mountain last week. The song , contained a combination of English and Swahili text: "As we travel down this weary road, amani utupe na ustawi , (Grant us peace give us courage).

Amy Hobbs- President, Dedra Davis- 1st vice-president & EEC chair along with Terry Gribble- corresponding secretary and designee for Beth Tyson as membership committee chair, attended the day long sessions held in Black Mountain. There was a great deal of information shared in each session. We look forward to sharing it all with you as “together we are stronger!”

Alpha Iota Member selected for Governor’s Teacher Network



Dedra Davis, Alpha Iota First Vice president and NBCT art teacher from Cherokee County, has been selected to participate in the Governor’s Teacher Network. A Race to the Top-funded initiative operated in partnership by the Office of the Governor and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. The (GTN) initiative, will provide a statewide platform for teachers to share their best work around instruction and professional development and help advance Race to the Top (RttT) funded educational remodeling efforts across the state. Approximately 450 teachers from across North Carolina will serve for one year as instructional and professional development coaches and facilitators for GTN. Network Teachers remain in their current roles but will also work to gain a deeper understanding of the State’s RttT-funded work in one of two “pathways,” both related to the establishment of Home Base. Network teachers were selected through a rigorous application process. They will receive specialized training related to their projects, support from NCDPI staff over the course of the year, and will be paid \$10,000 for their work, which will take place from summer 2014 through spring 2015.



President Amy's first message

I hope this newsletter finds all of you enjoying those "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer." You, like me, are more than likely embracing the crazy more than the lazy, though! As educators, we are accustomed to constant planning (no free time!) and multi-tasking. Thus, we all have our "to do" lists we have been mentally creating for months - the projects we want to accomplish coupled with vacations, family time, gardening, and - in just a matter of weeks - preparing for a new school year.

As you work through your summer "to do" list and eventually begin anticipating and preparing for the fall, I hope you will include Delta Kappa Gamma among your priorities. As we begin a new biennium, we need to focus on supporting Alpha Iota Chapter by growing our membership and continuing to work toward our many projects, including Schools for Africa, Beginning Teacher Support, Jamaican Teachers' Project, and our newest endeavor, the WNC Hospice House. With each of these and our annual grants-in-aid, we have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others, which is a primary reason we chose to become educators.

I am excited to serve as your president for this biennium and to work with the group of outstanding officers you elected along with me. I will be contacting the officers and committee chairs soon concerning a possible date and location for our first executive board meeting, which I hope to schedule the first week of August. Dedra, our very efficient editor, is including the dates and general locations of our meetings for the upcoming year in this edition of the newsletter so that they can go on your "to do" list. Please mark your calendars and commit to our chapter this year - we need you! Remember the Eta State slogan: "Together we are stronger!" Thank you for your commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma, and here's hoping you DO find time to enjoy some "lazy days" this summer as well.

Amy Hobbs

Dedra's Tech Tips



ChatterPix – Create Talking Pictures on Your iPad

[ChatterPix Kids](#) is a free iPad app that you and your students can use to turn pictures into talking pictures. To create a talking picture just snap a picture with your iPad or import a picture from your iPad's camera roll. After taking the picture just draw in a face and tap the record button to make your picture talk. Your recording can be up to thirty seconds in length. Before publishing your talking picture you can add fun stickers, text, and frames to your picture. Finished Chatter Pix projects are saved to your camera roll and from there you can export it to a number of services including YouTube.

2014-2016 Officers Installed at May meeting



Pictured Left to Right are:
 Corresponding Secretary-Terry Gribble
 Recording Secretary-Crystal Cody
 2nd vice president-Jane Greaves
 1st Vice president-Dedra Davis
 President- Amy Hobbs
 Appointed: Not pictured-
 Treasurer-Suzi Cabe.
 Parliamentarian-Jeanette Hedrick

New Members Initiated



Five new members are initiated into Alpha Iota . L-R: Lana Lunsford Parker, (Cherokee) Dr. Regina Mathis, (Jackson) Pam Knott, (Graham) Wanda Arrowood, (Cherokee) Ginger Cody (Graham). New members helped to pack bags for our Jamaican Teachers project and were welcomed to our organization at the May meeting at WCU.

Dr. Capps has influenced many members



Dr. Barbara Capps surrounded by former WCU education students at May meeting.

Dates to Remember in 2014-2015**Alpha Iota Meeting calendar****Save the dates****September 13, 2014 - Graham County****November 1, 2014 - Cherokee County****December 6, 2014 - Lake Junaluska****March 7, 2015 - Macon County****May 16, 2015 - Jackson County/WCU**

- **July 10 Eta State News deadline**
- **July 28-Aug.1 International Convention, JW Marriott, Indianapolis**
- **Nov 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS**
- **2015**
- **April 24-26 Eta State Convention, Chapel Hill Sheraton, Chapel Hill**

- **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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