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**2015-2017 Eta State  
President Shelia Groves**

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Honor Unite Advance Initiate Endow Stimulate and Encourage Inform Sound familiar? These are the actions that support the Purposes of our Society, bring our mission to life, and keep us progressing. In the Sep/Oct 2016 edition of the DKG NEWS, International President Carolyn Pittman describes the Butterfly Effect and how we might apply that to the workings of our Society. The actions of DKG members combine to make a difference in our communities, our states, and globally. In the new biennium, President Pittman promises "to focus on making this a thriving, meaningful Society that contributes to a strong future. How we live 'locally' makes a difference 'globally.'" Now is a good time for us to take a look at how we will ensure the future of DKG in NC. A strong state organization encourages chapters to pursue the work of DKG actively and contribute to a "thriving, meaningful Society." Here are some of the things we want to consider to keep our chapters healthy and growing. Find a balance between continuity and change, build a culture that holds onto the best practices but embraces the freedom to explore innovative ideas and new procedures. Be sensitive to the emotions of all members, talk about issues and enjoy the adventure of discovering solutions together. Support training that targets member needs and interests. Develop and inspire emerging leaders. Continue to mentor members serving in leadership positions. Seek new members who offer fresh ideas and new perspectives. Encourage members to pursue Society roles that match their personal skills and interests. Safeguard time and effort, reprioritize and eliminate unnecessary work. Create opportunities for members to take an active part in Society programs and projects. Open communication among chapters through newsletters, websites, and social media. Knowledge of Delta Kappa Gamma, sensitivity to its traditions, and understanding of its most effective procedures give stability to our organization. Innovative ideas, new perspectives, and creative decision making, help to re-energize our organization. The perfect measure of both, keep us forward moving ever. Celebrate being DKG! Shelia



The next DKG  
Gallery of Fine  
Arts  
submission  
window is  
January 1-  
February 1  
[International  
Fine Arts  
Gallery](#)

Contact me if you  
need any help with  
your submissions!

### **Eta State Convention Information**

Our convention is just four months away, and the convention hotel is filling quickly! We have 2 rooms booked. If you are interested in attending please let me know, king size rooms were the only ones left available. The Hilton Wilmington Riverside Hotel is the site of the convention to be held April 28-30, 2017. Deadline for the group rate is March 27, 2017. Presenters are needed for breakout sessions. Do you have a craft or skill you might want to teach others? DKG members and friends are being encouraged to apply to present breakout sessions on Saturday, April 29th in Wilmington. The proposal form can be found online under News—2017 Convention. Please complete the form online, save, and submit it to First Vice-President Connie Savell at [mcdpm59@gmail.com](mailto:mcdpm59@gmail.com) or 206 N. Roxford Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Proposals should fall into one of the four focus strands—Technology, Teaching and Learning, Personal Growth, or DKG Society. Proposals are due January 25.

Individual Professional Development Funds Available Applications for the Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional Development—Individual Applications will be due Feb. 1, 2017. This money can be used for conferences, seminars, national certifications (and renewals) or any non-degree seeking programs. Learn more on the DKG Educational Foundation website.

## Headquarters Needs YOU

By Mary Pickett, Headquarters Committee Chairman



The Headquarters Committee would like to ask all Eta State chapters to contribute \$2.00 per member towards the upkeep of the Eta State Headquarters Building. It is important that we continue to support the maintenance of our Headquarters. As with any home, each month there are bills that have to be paid for the building to be in operation. All chapter contributions for Headquarters are greatly appreciated and needed. Now is the time to take part in the

“Pave the Way for DKG Memories” project. Help celebrate your chapter members or honor the memory of someone by purchasing a paving brick for \$125.00. The engraved bricks will be placed along the front sidewalk of the Eta State NC Headquarters for all to see. Each DKG paving brick can be engraved with three lines of eighteen characters. This is a special project to raise money for the Headquarters building. Would you like to honor Alpha Iota Chapter by buying a brick for the Eta State NC Headquarters project?

## Christmas Auction nets record amounts!

Can I have a drum roll please? Ladies, you outdid yourselves yet again! Here are our fundraising totals for the day's events.

Cake Raffle: \$101

Yard Sale: \$104

Donations \$ 49

Auction \$ 2982

Grand Total \$3236!!!!

Suzi says it is the best we have done since she has been keeping records. It is a reason for celebration! Thank you all for your generous purchases and the fun-filled fellowship. We had some amazing items donated and some very competitive bidders!



### Officer receives grants to further education



Our recording secretary, Rebecca Ensley, has been one busy lady this year. Rebecca is principal at Jackson County Early College (Jackson County Public Schools), and is in her second year as a doctoral candidate in the Educational Leadership Doctorate program at Western Carolina University.

Rebecca is a recent recipient of Morrill Family Fund for Research in Education (\$4000.00 grant) which promotes desirable research relating to the improvement of teaching at any educational level. This financial source was established by Maurice B. and Anna C. Morrill to facilitate research relating to the advancement of teaching at any educational level. The purpose of this fund is for graduate students to produce and use quality research.

Rebecca also received the Dixie and Miles McGinty Scholarship for SY 2016-17. This scholarship was established in 2009 by Dixie's parents in memory of both Dixie and Miles. It is awarded to an outstanding doctoral student to support research. Dr. McGinty was a professor of Rebecca's when she was pursuing her MSA at WCU. Being the recipient of this scholarship has a special meaning to Rebecca as she was a student of Dr. McGinty's the semester she passed away from her battle with cancer.

Rebecca is also the recipient of an Intentional Learning Travel Grant to support her attendance and presentation at the 2017 Carnegie Summit on Improvement in Education in San Francisco. The focus of the presentation is derived from a chapter Rebecca co-authored with Dr. Robert Crow, Assistant Professor of Educational Research at WCU, on how she utilized Improvement Science methods and frameworks to empower teachers to lead improvement at Jackson County Early College. This national conference is a three-day event that draws more than a thousand of the best minds on the vanguard of improving education by applying innovative approaches to research and development carried out in networks to address real problems of practice. We are very proud of all Rebecca's research and her dedication to education and wish her a great trip as well as an amazing experience as she shares her research at the conference in San Francisco.

### Principals from WNC receive accolades for Graduation rates

DPI News release <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/newsroom/news/2016-17/20161025-01>

#### SCHOOLS HONORED FOR HIGHEST GRADUATION RATES

##### *ATKINSON CITES EFFORTS BY SCHOOLS*

North Carolina districts and schools with the highest graduation rates in 2016 were honored today during an awards luncheon celebrating their performance and the state's 10 years of progress helping more students earn a diploma. The state's 4-year cohort graduation rate has climbed from 68.3 percent in 2006, when North Carolina first adopted the outcome measure, to 85.9 percent in 2016. State Superintendent June Atkinson recognized 12 districts and 70 individual high schools during today's event at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center near Research Triangle Park. The schools and districts are among the state's largest and smallest and stretch from the Tennessee border to the Outer Banks.

#### 100 Percent Club

**This award is given to schools achieving a 4-year cohort graduation rate of 100 percent and have 10 or more students in their cohort.**

Congratulations to two of our very own Alpha Iota members whose schools recognized.

Cherokee County Schools-Tri County Early College-Principal Alissa Cheek

Jackson County Schools-Principal Rebecca Ensley

Alpha Iota Meeting Minutes  
Lambeth Inn, Lake Junaluska  
December 3, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER; GUEST INTRODUCTIONS:** The meeting was called to order by President Dedra Davis, who introduced herself to guests as a 1st term President of the Alpha Iota chapter. The nine guests were individually introduced by their sponsoring Alpha Iota member.

**WELCOME!** President Davis then welcomed everyone to the Alpha Iota Annual Christmas Holiday Auction and explained the new time-saving procedure for participation in the yard sale and live auction. The procedure is as follows:

<b>Yard Sale</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>...tables marked \$1.00, \$3.00, \$5.00 &amp; \$10.00 for placement / set up of items</li> <li>...individually shop and place money in envelopes on respective table or</li> <li>...add cost of item to final tally in individual envelope after the live auction</li> </ul>
<b>Auction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>...envelopes on table; add name to front of it</li> <li>...collect slips with prices of bought items</li> <li>...add up value of slips; place slips in envelopes</li> <li>...add yard sale items (if any)</li> <li>...place slips and check inside envelope</li> <li>...give envelope to Treasurer Suzi Cabe</li> </ul>

**INVOCATION:** Dr. Jeanette Hedrick gave the Invocation entitled *The Essential Message of Christmas* taken from Matthew 1:23. Dr. Hedrick reminded us that, for some, Christmas is not the "most wonderful time of the year." Society often gets caught up in the materialistic side of the Christmas holiday, often forgetting those with have lost loved ones, who are in need, or simply just need encouragement. Christmas celebrates His presence and serves as a reminder of Emmanuel and that God is with us.

**APPROVAL OF SECRETARY'S MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT**

**RECEIVED:** The approval of the emailed minutes and financial report was approved by the members.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership Committee:** Chairwoman, Dr. Beth Lofquist, reminded the membership that *New Member Applications* were sent to each of us via email and

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**December Meeting Minutes continued**

that February 15 is the due date for this process. Dr. Lofquist also reminded us that there will be no Jamaican project this year and that possibly our donations can be used as a "nest egg" in our financial account.

**Fine Arts Gallery Submission Window:** President Dedra Davis explained that the window for this submission is January 1, 2017 and the deadline is February 1, 2017. Original artwork will be accepted as long as it is original by the participant. Examples include art, music, paintings, pottery, quilts, etc.

**Communications:** Corresponding Secretary, Terry Gribble, complimented the membership on their expertise in dealing with the emails and attachments in a timely fashion. She also announced that for 2017, she plans to recognize members birthdays through ecards.

**PROGRAM:** The live auction ensued, with the membership and guests generously purchasing from a myriad of items that are all appreciated during the approaching Christmas season. A "good time was had by all!"

**COLLECT:**

Before lunch, the collect was recited in unison by the congregation, reminding us of the high ideals and purposes of Alpha Iota.

**BRAG & PAY:** Several members payed a dollar and bragged about positive happenings in their lives.

**ADJOURNMENT & LUNCH:** President Dedra Davis adjourned the meeting and the membership enjoyed a lunch of Chicken Caesar Salad, Croissants, Dessert, and Drinks.

**HOSPICE HOUSE:** Pat Cabe, although not on the agenda, graciously explained how Hospice House is progressing. Pat explained that the board had secured grant monies for \$75,000 and \$50,000 and are waiting to hear on a \$300,000 grant. She stated that when they hear from the last grant, the board will "break out shovels" and Pat will email President Dedra Davis to notify us of future plans.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Gribble  
Corresponding Secretary  
Alpha Iota

Corresponding secretary Terry Gribble filling in for recording secretary Rebecca Ensley

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**Just a note to say that Eva Wood fell and broke her hip a week ago and underwent surgery on Thursday of last week She seems to be doing well. She might appreciate some cards from our DKG members.**

**Her address is PO Box 2606 Andrews, NC 28901**

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The generosity and fellowship exhibited at our Christmas auction really warmed my heart. For those of you that missed it, please make every effort to join us both at our next meeting in March and at the Christmas Auction next year! Mark your calendar now for 12/2!/17. I hope each of you has had a memorable holiday and managed to find some quiet moments to sit still and reflect on that most precious gift we were each given all those centuries ago in Bethlehem. It is often too easy to get so caught up in all the hustle and bustle of our holiday traditions that we can forget that each and every day we should celebrate our Lord's birth. To help with this, I'd like to leave you with a poem my 91 year old grandmother recites to us each Christmas. She learned it as a child and has taught it to each of her children and grandchildren. May 2017 bring good tidings and great joy for you and your loved ones.



A star

is on our Christmas tree,

do you know why it's there?

It happened many years ago, upon a night quite fair.

While shepherds abiding in their fields were awakened from their sleep-

to watch a shining lovely star-across the heavens creep.

They followed it until it stopped –above the stable door. They tip-toed in and saw a babe, and followed it no more. For Jesus in the manger slept -the star had shown the way. And that is why we

have a star on our tree,

on every

Christmas

day.

Keep smiling,  
Dedra Davis– President  
dedraann@hotmail.com

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### Dedra's Tech Tips

**How to create a Christmas tree shaped poem. Lesson plan below!**

[http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_lesson/00-2/lp2256.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/00-2/lp2256.shtml)

More Google tips-

[Create a word cloud in Google Document!](#)

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## Mark the Dates

### Alpha Iota Meeting Dates

Date: **March 4, 2017 Time: 10:00**

Location: The Boiler Room-Macon County:

Hostesses: Lead Hostess- Katherine Parker, Collections: Terry Stamey & Rita Hubbs

Invocation: Margaret Simpson

Program: *Legislative Issues*

Date: **May 20, 2017 Time: 10:00**

Location: Western Carolina University, AK Kinds University Center -Jackson County

Hostesses: Lead Hostess-Beth Tyson Lofquist, Collections: Kathryn Kantz & Dr. Kim Elliott.

Invocation: *Chena Flood*

Program: *Initiation-Founders Day Archives*

### Convention Dates

April 28 - 30, 2017 — Eta State NC Convention, Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington, NC (Region IV)

June 23 - 25, 2017 — Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, NC

July 19 - 22, 2017 — Southeast Regional Conference, Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Myrtle Beach, SC

April 27 - 29, 2018 — Eta State NC Convention, Charlotte University Hilton, Charlotte, NC (Region VI)

July 16 - 20, 2018 — DKG International Convention, JW Marriott, Austin, TX

### Deadlines

Dec. 15 Deadline for submissions to Collegial Exchange

Jan. 1, 2017 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window opens (be preparing now!)

Jan. 3 International Educational Foundation Project application due

Jan. 10 Eta State News deadline

Jan. 10 International Regional Conference breakout session proposals due

Jan. 15 Deadline to apply for Eta State News Editor position; application now online

Jan. 25 Workshop proposals for 2017 Eta State NC Convention are due

Feb. 1 Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards

Feb. 1 Deadline for Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Annual Report

Feb. 1 Scholarship Applications due for both Eta State and DKG International

Feb. 1 Founders Award nominations due to Awards Committee

Feb. 1 2017-Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window Closes.

Eta State Website:  
<http://www.ncdkg.org>



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

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