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Reach out an invite that special educator you have noticed and share an application for membership with her. Check your emails for a copy from Beth Lofquist or email her for another copy.



Leadership Seminar,

June 23-25 Registration continues for the Leadership Seminar this summer at Caraway Conference Center. The registration form is available on the Forms page of the Eta State NC website. Deadline for registration and payment is May 1.



2015-2017 Eta State President Sheila Groves

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Something to think about... Happy New Year! It's time to put the old year behind us and celebrate a new year of possibilities. It's time to make new resolutions...or maybe not. My list of 2017 resolutions looks just like 2016: eat healthier, exercise more, get organized, and learn to use my iphone. I truly wanted to do all of those things, so what happened? I had the best of intentions, put lots of thought into it, read and researched, made To Do lists, but didn't check off even one of those 2016 resolutions. What kept me from realizing my goals? I think I found the answer while reading a recent reflection by Mary Anne Perrone entitled 2017 New Year's Revolution For All: No Longer Waiting.

Now I have only one resolution for 2017 – lose "wait!"

- I'm not going to wait until I have time; I'm going to make time now.
- I'm not going to wait for someone to ask me to get involved; I'm going to volunteer.
- I'm not going to wait until I know it all; I'm going to learn on the job.
- I'm not going to wait for every "i" to be dotted and every "t" crossed; I'm going to take a risk.
- I'm not going to wait for acknowledgement; I'm going to celebrate my strengths.
- I'm not going to wait and be paralyzed by indecision; I'm going to take action! If we wait for the time to be right, the outcome to be ensured, the path to be clear, and the response to be guaranteed, we miss the adventure of the journey! Will there be mistakes along the way? Sure, but those missteps provide opportunities to learn and grow. I'm excited about my resolution for 2017. Will you lose "wait" with me this year?

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Alpha Iota has booked two rooms at The Hilton Wilmington Riverside Hotel. Each has one king size bed (all that was left in December) . The convention dates are April 28-30, 2017.

Who wants to go to Wilmington??? Let me know. Convention Registration – Mail completed registration form and check made payable to Eta State Convention to Connie Marks, Convention Treasurer, 12548 US Hwy 117 S, Rocky Point, NC 28457. Registration by credit card can be sent by email to etastatetreasurer2017@gmail.com Everyone must register, including those who are assisting during the convention. NO REFUNDS from Eta State after April 1, 2017.

Convention Details

Project for Eta State



Eta State NC President Sheila Groves and the Planning Committee have announced Hope Harbor Home as the 2017 Convention Project. Hope Harbor Home is Brunswick County's only program offering around-the-clock response to victims of domestic violence and their children. Services include a fully staffed safe shelter and crisis hotline, support groups, victim advocacy, meals, clothing, and transportation. Hope Harbor also employs a Community Educator who conducts presentations in schools on issues such as bullying, dating violence, sexual harassment, self-esteem, and other topics aimed at promoting nonviolence among students and throughout the community. During their 30 years of operation, thousands of women and children have found safe shelter and received services through Hope Harbor Home. Eta State NC members can support this organization through donations of gift cards, monetary contributions and items from the "wish list" posted on our state website. Please bring or send your contributions to the 2017 Eta State NC Convention in Wilmington.

Southwest Regional Conference in Myrtle Beach

SER Hotel Registration Now Open The Southeast Regional Conference will be held in Myrtle Beach this summer, July 19-22, 2017. Hotel registration is now open. The conference venue will be the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel. Group rate will be available until June 26, 2017, or until the block is filled. Book now for the best room selection. Reservations may be made online.

Educational Foundation Launching Major Three-Year Campaign

Watch for more information soon from the NC DKG Educational Foundation about a major fund-raising effort to raise \$150,000 over three years. Dr. Judith Carlson, Chair of the Foundation Board, and Dr. Barbara Leonard, Chair of the Fundraising Committee, are finalizing plans with the Board. In conjunction with the capital campaign, efforts are underway to establish policies and procedures that would allow chapters to set up endowments with the Foundation. Alpha Nu Chapter in Region X is piloting such a project with huge success at the moment and will share more information about their project at the Eta State NC Convention in April. Plan to attend the Second Annual Meeting of the Foundation at the convention in April. Donations may be made anytime to the Educational Foundation to Treasurer Betty Marshall at 6212 Dresden Lane, Raleigh, NC 27612. Letters of acknowledgement will be sent for donations in honor or memory of someone.

Alpha Iota March 4th Meeting in Franklin

Remember to send regrets to hostesses if you cannot attend this most interesting meeting in Franklin. The Boiler Room Restaurant is located at the Fun Factory. Lead Hostess Katherine Parker has requested the fireplace room which is a larger room at the restaurant and will give us room for our book sale. Watch your email for more information containing the menu, directions and email addresses to send regrets if you cannot join us for lunch. We will have a special Legislative issues panel discussion as our program. I look forward to seeing all of you there.



Control of NC Public Education Still in Flux

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee As of this writing, the fate of NC's public education system is still in the hands of the courts. During the 5th "Special Session" of the NC General Assembly, called after Gov. Roy Cooper's election, lawmakers stripped the constitutional powers of the State Board of Education and placed them in the hands of newly-elected Superintendent of Public Instruction Mark Johnson, who defeated our own June Atkinson in November. This dramatic change has sparked a lawsuit questioning its constitutionality. A restraining order has been placed on the law until a 3-judge panel can consider its merits. Until this issue is resolved, the NC School Board and State Superintendent will continue to operate under the previous law. More information will be forthcoming. The newly-elected NC House of Representatives and Senate convene in Raleigh on January 11 for their "long" session. Among other actions during this 6-month session, a new two-year budget will be developed. DKG members are encouraged to contact their Representatives and Senators urging them to fully fund public education and to curb spending on school vouchers for private schools. To find one's representatives, go to www.ncleg.net and click on "Who Represents Me?" near the top of the page. Stay tuned.

**Please send your new member applications to
Beth Lofquist by
Feb. 15th @ bethlofquist@gmail.com**



We will miss our dear longtime and faithful friend, and member
Eva Wood.

She passed on Sunday evening,
February 5th, 2017 at the age of 94.

The picture on the left is Eva at our
May 2016 meeting, receiving her roses
and Certificate of Recognition for 42
years of dedicated service to the Alpha
Iota Chapter of
DKG Society International!

Arrangements

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday, February 9, 2017 in the Andrews First Baptist Church with Revs. Calvin Bobo and Al Hood officiating. Interment will be in the Valleytown Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Deacons of the Andrews First Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends from 12-1:45 Thursday afternoon at the Andrews First Baptist Church prior to the services. Ivie Funeral Home, Andrews in charge of all arrangements.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made in loving memory of Eva Higdon Wood to the Cherokee County Food Bank, c/o Andrews Lion Club, PO Box 843, Andrews, NC 28901.



At a state and national level, teachers and education are taking hits from every angle. With all the negativity swirling around, teachers are feeling more torn and divided than I can ever remember. I will admit that it is sometimes difficult to not feel unappreciated. In my career, I have had many blessings. I have had the opportunity to teach something that I dearly love for almost 30 years. Focusing my thoughts on my blessings and showing gratitude for each of them, no matter how big or small, helps to keep me in a calm and peaceful state of mind. Our thoughts affect our reality around us, reshaping and coloring it with bright and vivid colors. So by practicing gratefulness we teach our minds to be focused on what really matters – positive things. Our students also need positivity in their lives-some much more than others. Instead of losing our patience with that child in need of constant attention, let us make every effort to make that child feel thankful for the kindness we show to them even on the most difficult days. Our friends and colleagues may struggle with battling negativity and may be given hope when they see us smile in spite of our challenges. I am thankful for my wonderful group of colleagues and administrators who support me and recognize my contributions. I am grateful that I was asked to be a member of DKG. This amazing organization has helped me to grow and further my education through the Annie Webb Blanton International Scholarship. Being a member of DKG has impacted my career by allowing me to share my passion on another level by presenting at state, regional and international conferences. DKG is a place of positive energy for me. I am so blessed by the relationships I have formed with you all over my eleven years as a member. Once we create a cycle of positivity and thankfulness, it can become contagious and is it not much more pleasant to be in the midst of positive energy, instead of all the name calling and hatred that seems to saturate our world right now. To build on President Sheila's message, Don't "wait" for good things to happen in 2017-make them happen! Take action! Positive Action!

Keep smiling,
Dedra

Dedra's Tech Tips

Work smarter, not harder with Google forms self-grading quizzes!

I created this short 5 minute video to help you avoid grading stacks of tests & quizzes. Provide instant feedback on individualized content area and specific vocabulary. With this tool you can create short or long quizzes or as digital exit slips that provide instant feedback to the student and data charts to guide your instruction.

<https://www.screencast.com/t/L4O0wjl4Uz>

Mark the Dates

Convention Dates

April 28 -30, 2017-Eta State NC Convention, Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington, NC

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 , SC

April 27 - 29, 2018 — Eta State NC Convention, Charlotte University Hilton, Charlotte, NC

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

Mar. 1 Communication, Newsletter, Website Awards due to Nancy Tunstall

Mar. 1 Rising Star and Golden Key award nominations are due to Edris Glover

Mar. 1 Chapter Achievement Award form due to your regional director

Mar. 24 Vendor form for Eta State NC Convention due to Jean Yelverton

Mar. 27 Deadline for hotel registration for the convention rate (if not filled already)

Mar. 31 Deadline for Convention Ad to Nancy Tunstall

Meeting Dates

Location: The Boiler Room Franklin -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 Hinds University Center -Jackson County

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

Program: Initiation–Founders Day celebration of 60 years –Chapter Scrapbooks from WCU special Collections Archive

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<http://www.ncdkg.org>



International Website:

www.dkg.org

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