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Statement Of Neutrality

Issued by DKG International In response to recent events in politics, DKG International wants to share the Statement of Neutrality. Key points in the statement relate to the difference between speaking as an individual and "speaking" on behalf of our international, non-profit organization. Our DKG Constitution outlines in more detail the need for a thorough understanding of issues involved and use of those issues instead of candidates or political parties. Read the entire Statement of Neutrality on our Eta State NC website at

http://www.ncdkg.org/up-loads/8/0/8/5/80859646/dkg_neutrality_statement.pdf



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Something to think about... Eta State members gathered in Wilmington at the 2017 convention to Ignite the Pride, Ignite the Purpose, Ignite the Power of women educators across the state. Region IV welcomed us with open arms, creating an inviting atmosphere for fellowship, enlightenment, inspiration, and fun! Many thanks to chapter presidents and chapter volunteers who worked throughout the year to make convention an event to remember! Special thanks to Chairmen Thommi Stammer and Judy Busick, Treasurer Connie Marks, Registrar Elizabeth Miars, and Regional Director Mary Ann Styons for their leadership, patience and attention to every detail. Energized by fresh ideas, innovative resources, and genuine fellowship, we leave convention with a new attitude. We dedicate new energy to completing chapter projects and sharing the mission of DKG in our schools and communities. We look to new state officers and personnel for motivation and guidance. Will we also challenge ourselves to accept new roles and seek new opportunities in our Society?

Sheila



President Sheila brought greetings to our chapter from Eta State and took part in the initiation of our six newest members. She shared with new initiates some of the exciting things that membership offers. A welcome dinner was held on Friday night at Lulu's. As a token of thanks to Sheila, several counties in our chapter contributed items such as

handmade soap and jewelry, jellies, local honey, a blown glass ornament, books by local authors and pottery from John C. Campbell Folk School for a wonderful gift basket.- Photo by Crystal White

Southwest Regional Conference in Myrtle Beach



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.

Lobbying Day By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

Public education in North Carolina needs as many supporters as possible during this legislative session. There are powerful efforts to cut education funding in order to give vouchers for private school tuition and to give tax cuts to high income North Carolinians. The Educational Law & Policy Committee encourages all chapter presidents to alert members that on Wednesday, May 31, Delta Kappa Gamma sisters will gather at the North Carolina Legislative building in Raleigh at 9:00 a.m. at the foot of the main staircase just inside the front door. All participating members are urged to make appointments with their House and Senate representatives before going to Raleigh. The goal for the day is to familiarize Legislators with Delta Kappa Gamma and its legislative priorities and to explain to them why greater funding for education is both necessary and wise. Copies of DKG's White Paper will be available that day for distribution to all legislators. There will also be information and statistics about our priorities available to participating sisters. Any member planning to go to Raleigh who would like to receive the White Paper and the information sheets before May 31 can email Susan Phipps phippss@charter.net to request the materials.



New Eta State News Editor Named

The Executive Board selected Carol Bostian as the new editor for Eta State News. Carol will start a six-year term beginning July 1. Carol is a member of Nu Chapter where she currently serves as president and newsletter editor. Her skills will ensure Eta State members continue to receive a quality publication. The Personnel Committee joins all Eta State NC members in expressing appreciation to Sue Roberts for her service the last six years. Her work was a model of quality.

New ETA State Officers Elected at Convention in Wilmington



Connie P. Savell will lead Eta State NC for the 2017-2019 biennium. Elected to serve (R to L) with Connie were Dr. Teresa Cowan, First Vice-President; Elizabeth Miars, Second Vice-President; and Nancy Teague, Secretary. The installation of the new officers took place at the Eta State NC Convention, held April 28-30, in Wilmington.

Convention Highlights– Alpha Iota shines in Wilmington!



The highlight of Friday night's First General Meeting was the announcement of chapter and individual awards. This year, the Communications Committee presented 11 Communications of Excellence Awards, the first time this award has been given, recognizing both website and newsletter excellence plus other areas of communications.

Alpha Iota was recognized as one of the 11 for outstanding achievement in communications. This is due to our diverse forms of communications, such as our web presence with our [Facebook page](#) and [Weebly website](#), which is linked to both State and International Websites. We also have our four issues of *The Rose* published each year. Our chapter brochure is also a great communication tool for recruitment of new members..

The Awards Committee presented 62 Chapter Achievement Awards: 16 Honorable Mentions, 23 Distinctive Certificates, 15 Excellent Certificates, and 8 Superior Certificates. The five top Superior chapters in number of points were awarded the Presidential Award. Our chapter received several of these special recognitions. We were recognized as one of the 8 Superior Achievement Awards! I believe this is a first for us. We have been very blessed to have received the Chapter of Excellence Award for the last several years and have now advanced to the next level of achievement! Our very own Eva Wood was also remembered with a white rose in the Ceremony of Remembrance on Sunday morning. Eva was also remembered at the May meeting with a video tribute as well as personal stories from members. The video can be viewed through this link [Eva's remembrance](#). I thoroughly enjoyed the weekend in Wilmington representing Alpha Iota accompanied by Suzi Cabe and Karen Norton! Thanks to Karen who facilitated my Needle Felted birds workshop on Saturday. Suzi also facilitated a workshop on Saturday as well.

New Members Initiated

Dr. Lisa Bloom, Patricia Mathews, Jenna West ,Crystal Jefferies Ware, Amanda Chapman, and Monica Miller were initiated on Saturday May 20th 2017 into the Alpha Iota Chapter DKG International. We are so blessed to have these amazing ladies to join our outstanding organization. Please make sure to make them feel welcome!– Photo by Crystal White



Thanks so much to Sue Ann Reisdorph for her dedication and service to the chapter via the book sale program. Sue Ann passed the books on to Dr. Tracie Metz at the May meeting. Tracie, thank you for volunteering to spearhead this worthwhile program for our Jamaican Teacher's Project. We appreciate you both!



Prayers Still Needed

Please keep Mary Brogan in your prayers as she is in the midst of a health crisis. Please send her your love. Things are looking up as far as treatment goes and we will keep you posted via email as we receive updates. Mary will find out next week if radiation is needed.

Grant-in-Aid Awarded to Two Outstanding Future Educators!

Alissa Cheek, chair of our Scholarship committee, reported the recipients of our two awards for the 2017 school year at the May meeting. She stated that both young women were outstanding candidates with high class rank, letters of recommendation and strong essays. Several very good applications were received. However, the two awards go to Allison Merrell of Pisgah High School and Ashlee O'Dwyer of Blue Ridge Early College. Allison will attend Montreat College and is part of the Honors program. Ashlee will attend Western Carolina University.



Executive Board Meeting- Officers and Committee chairs- Please make sure you have July 31st @ 11:00 marked on your calendars for our Summer planning session. We will plan our meetings and programs for the year along with our Strategic Action Plan and other important business. Your input is valuable and needed, so please plan to join us in Cullowhee. We will send out directions to Beth's cabin and a sign up for every two people to bring a dish for a pot luck lunch as the date approaches.

Sixty years of memories! Our May meeting celebrated our chapter's rich history. Members Karen Norton and Dr. Barbara Capps examine the original scrapbooks from 1957. These beautiful artifacts were on display at WCU. It was such a treat to reflect upon the grace and elegance of those early years. We also had the pleasure of perusing the scrapbooks lovingly kept by previous historian Eva Wood. We are especially appreciative of the foresight of our chapter's past leaders who elected to preserve these artifacts through the Hunter Library's Special Collections. Historians over the decades have taken care to preserve momentous events and news from each biennium. Current historian Terry Gribble added several beautiful new volumes to the archives. These new scrapbooks are an amazingly detailed documentation of our chapter's most recent history.



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To honor the 60th birthday of Alpha Iota, we purchased a brick in the “Pave the Way for DKG Memories” project to support Headquarters.

Our brick will say

“Alpha Iota

1957-2017

Honoring 60 years”





My heart is so full after this past week. I have had much so on my plate trying to make sure everything ran smoothly for our last meeting of the year. Needless to say, things were a wee bit stressful. So whenever I started to worry or feel stressed, I found peace and was reminded to “be strong and courageous” because I was not alone. So many of you are to be thanked. Beth Lofquist always does an amazing job coordinating everything for our May meetings from the food and facilities to initiation! It was so exhilarating to celebrate our six amazing new members being initiated. Sharing our chapter's birthday with President Sheila Groves was a special moment and I thank those of you who were able to contribute a handmade gift from your county as a welcome gift and to those who attended the welcome dinner on Friday night. To those that were unable to attend the meeting Saturday, you were truly missed. Each of you has contributed to the greatness of this chapter with your unique talents and your dedication to education. Many thanks to the unbelievable talent and dedication of my dear friend, Terry Gribble for her selfless investment of time, talent and funds in making our newest scrapbooks so incredible! We viewed our very first scrapbook from 1956-57, along with all the other archived scrapbooks and much more. I also want to extend my gratitude to the delightful and gracious Liz Skene for not only her timely presentation and all the resources available but her willingness to transport and exhibit our collection for viewing. Liz can be contacted at emskene@email.wcu.edu. She has offered to bring the scrapbooks to the May meeting again next year as well. Kudos to Dr. Barbara Capps for initiating contact with Liz. What an opportune program Ms. Skene shared with us on this momentous occasion!

Keep smiling,

Dedra

Dedra's Tech Tips

[Hunter Library's Special Collections](#) Digital Collections <http://digitalhumanities.wcu.edu/>

[Omeka](#)- designed with non-IT specialists in mind, allowing users to focus on content and interpretation rather than programming. It brings Web 2.0 technologies and approaches to academic and cultural websites to foster user interaction and participation..

Mark the Dates

May 31 Lobbying Day in Raleigh

July 31st Alpha Iota Executive Board meeting-Cullowhee at Beth's cabin 11 am

Aug. 1 Deadline to submit to the Bulletin: Collegial Exchange

Sept 1-Sept. 30 Fall Submission to Fine Arts Gallery

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



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International Website:
www.dkg.org

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