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**Connie Phifer Savell**  
Eta State NC President

**Let's SPARKLE!**

**Goals:**

- Encourage **S**avvy leadership
- Inspire **P**assionately meaningful programs and projects
- Analyze and **A**rticulate current educational issues
- Further **R**espect for diversity in membership
- Promote **K**nowledge through lifelong learning
- Establish and **L**aunch a member wellness initiative
- Advocate **E**xcellence in education

How can Eta State Sparkle in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma? One of the best ways our members can support other members is with donations to the DKG International Emergency Fund. The Emergency Fund provides \$500 for members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wild fires, and other natural disasters.

Based on the number of calls and emails we have received at DKG Headquarters, we want to remind all members that contributions to the DKG Emergency Fund will help members impacted by Hurricane Harvey... as well as those with damage from other natural disasters.

To contribute to the Emergency Fund by credit card, go to [https://www.dkg.org/DKGDONATE/DKGDONATE/Donate\\_to\\_DKG.aspx](https://www.dkg.org/DKGDONATE/DKGDONATE/Donate_to_DKG.aspx) and click on "Emergency Fund."



**Grant Deadline  
September 30**

The NC DKG Educational Foundation is eagerly watching for grant applications as the submission deadline of September 30 approaches. Teachers, schools, and/or chapters are invited to apply. The application is available under the Grants tab on the Foundation website, [www.ncdkgf.org](http://www.ncdkgf.org). Six grants of up to \$250 each will again be offered in the literacy/learning projects and the continuing education categories. Read about past awardees and their projects in the brochure on the Giving page. Remember—Applications are due **September 30**,

**IPP Groves Nominated as Southeast Regional Director**

Eta State NC Immediate Past President Sheila Groves has been nominated as Southeast Regional Director for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The Eta State NC Executive Board voted at their fall meeting last week to endorse Sheila for this position. Dr. Ann Pember, president of Beta Delta, Sheila's chapter, made the motion for the endorsement. Sheila is currently serving as a member of the International Leadership Development Committee and helped conduct the trainings at the regional conferences in Hawaii and South Carolina for the new state organization presidents. She has also served on the International Constitution Committee.



Election of new regional directors occurs at the International Conventions. The 2018 convention will be held in Austin, Texas, July 16-20. I look forward to casting my vote for Sheila in Austin!

## North Carolina to Host International Conference

Eta State NC President Connie Phifer Savell issued a formal invitation to the Southeast Region of DKG Inter-national to attend the 2019 conference in North Carolina.

Her invitation was part of the closing meeting of the Southeast Regional Conference this summer in Myrtle Beach. Eta State members in attendance, wearing sparkly visors, participated by singing an invitation to the tune of *“Nothing Could Be Finer than to be in Carolina.”*

President Savell appointed *Sheila Groves, Elaine McRae, Dr. Teresa Cowan, Dedra Davis and Thommi Stammer* as members of a SERC Steering Committee during the Fall Executive Board meeting September 9. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please let President Savell know. (cps2017eta@gmail.com)

International Headquarters staff chooses the location and date for the regional conference.

Watch for more information when that announcement is made.

Eta State NC last hosted the Southeast Regional Conference in July, 2003, at the Research Tri-



## Headquarters Brick Project Needs a Few More for Free Shipping!

The “Pave the Way for DKG Memories” project to line the walkway at Headquarters is seeking a few more bricks!

With 100 bricks, the shipping for the engraved bricks is free! The project is so close to that goal that the Head-quarters Committee is extending the project in hopes of getting enough bricks for free shipping.

If your chapter has not purchased a brick in honor or memory of someone or to celebrate a chapter achievement, now is a good time. Individuals are also invited to purchase a brick.

The cost per brick is only \$125. They can be engraved with three lines of up to 18 characters per line. More information on the project and forms for purchasing can be found on the Forms tab of Eta State NC website.

Mail the form and payment to Eta State NC Treasurer Ruth Jones at 3607

## Fall *Eta State News* Now Available

The Fall edition of *Eta State News* is posted online at [http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/eta\\_state\\_news\\_-\\_fall\\_2017\\_color\\_final.pdf](http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/eta_state_news_-_fall_2017_color_final.pdf). If your chapter has not shared the newsletter with members without Internet access, please remember to print it and share it with them. There is a short B&W version for printing.

## *Eta State News* Reminder

The *Eta State News* is published four times a year by sea-season with submission deadlines approximately 3-4 weeks before distribution. Chapter news such as items pertaining to a state committee or project, ideas for fundraising, Beginning Teacher support, Schools for Africa, or member recognitions can be sent any time prior to the announced deadline. Editor Carol Bostian will accept submissions for the Winter *Eta State News* until October 10, 2017. Send news to [etastatenewseditor@gmail.com](mailto:etastatenewseditor@gmail.com).



**Ingles Fundraiser gains approval!** Our finance committee presented the Ingles fundraiser and it was approved at Saturday's meeting.

Finance Committee: Julie Norcross Chair, Pat Cabe and Trish Mathews.

**URGENT!!!**

**Mail your checks to Julie before Oct. 15th so we can order & have them for you at the November meeting!** Julie Norcross 861 HWY 28 Robbinsville, NC 28771.

If you have questions, call or text Julie after school hours @ [828-735-9647](tel:828-735-9647). We need at least \$5,000 worth of cards ordered. We keep 5% of what is purchased. The money raised will go to building up our general fund.

## September Hostesses Sparkle!

**Many thanks to the delicious brunch furnished by our Macon county hostesses.**

**Karen Norton, Suzi Cabe, Pat Davis, Sue Ann Reisdorph, Tracy Hagan, & Margaret Simpson helped with the lovely décor & clean-up.**



## Committee Break-out sessions lead to some exciting new ideas!



**Left: Membership Committee: Dr. Beth Lofquist chair., Kathryn Kantz, Terry Gribble, Margaret Simpson & Dr. Kimberly Elliott.**

Please mail your membership dues to Suzi Cabe if you have not already. Contact Suzi if you have questions, Email address [suzi.cabe@gmail.com](mailto:suzi.cabe@gmail.com)  
**Suzi Cabe**  
 141 Phillips Lane  
 Franklin, NC 28734-7501  
 828-524-4102

**Right: Nominations Committee–  
 Dr. Barbara Capps Chair, Dr. Jeanette Hedrick, Karen Norton, Bobbie Carpenter, Gail Debnam**



**Schools for Africa Committee  
 Barbara El- Khouri– chair.  
 Betsy Garrett, Gigi Turner and  
 Vickie Schwartz.**





Above: **World Fellowship Committee–  
DeAnna Booth Chair**  
Below: **Special Project Committee– Jodi  
Alverson-Chair.**



Chena Flood captivates  
members at the September  
meeting with excerpts  
and advice from her motivational  
book, "Don't be  
a Fat girl anymore"



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Thanks so much to Dr. Tracie Metz,  
for a great debut as the coordinator of  
the Book sale project! This worthwhile  
program raises money all year long for  
our Jamaican Teacher's Project.

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*Eta State of The Delta Kappa Gamma International*  
**“Creative Colors of Fall”**



**You're Invited!!!!**

**Registration  
 Deadline  
 October 20th!**

*Who: Region XI DKG Members*

*What: 2017 Region XI Fall Retreat*

*When: Saturday, October 28, 2017, 9:30-12:30*

*Where: First Baptist Church of Weaverville*

*Why: Fun, Fellowship, Sharing and Learning*

*Cost: \$15 (Lunch)*

*9:30 Registration*

*10:00 General Session*

*10:45 Breakout Session*

*12:00 Lunch*



Mail this form and a \$15 check made out to Gamma Omega Chapter  
 to:

Amelia Tipton, 1185 Greenlee Road, Old Fort, NC 28762

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

## **Tech Savvy**

### **What is a pdf file?**

PDF stands for "*portable document format*". It was introduced to ease the sharing of documents between computers and across operating system platforms when you need to save files that cannot be modified but still need to be easily shared and printed .

Not everyone has Word or the same version of Word that you might have on your computer. When you save a file to share, change the file type to PDF.

PDF readers are free and easy to download to any device. This means everyone can see your document but not make changes to it. It is basically a photo of your document.



September has surely made its presence known this year. I am thankful for the rains. However the hurricane season has wreaked havoc in areas less protected than our lovely mountains. Young lives have been cut short without warning. Times like these can give us a wake up call. Do not waste one day of your time here on this earth! Make each day count. Find something to be thankful for each and every day.

Our perspectives on matters are certainly subjective and our individual preferences sometimes sway our way of thinking. For instance, I absolutely adore autumn! The cool nights, and kaleidoscope colored foliage warm my very soul. Yes, I look forward to getting back into the groove of a new school year too. Helping my art students to tap into their creativity is energizing and invigorating for me. On the contrary, my dear grandmother, dreads seeing her long summer days fade away. Autumn saddens her as the cool evenings turn into the chilling bleak nights of winter. Her precious flower and vegetable gardens begin to wither away and die. At ninety-two she planted, hoed, picked and canned over 100 quarts of green beans alone this summer! She loves doing this! It gives her joy and purpose. As Suzi shared in her devotional at our September meeting, find what makes you happy and do it! Let us also consider heeding Chena's advice and find a "travel buddy" to keep us active and eating healthy! Maybe you've never tried your hand at growing your own organic vegetables. What better time than this coming spring give it a go. Surely, we can all find something in each magnificent season to enjoy! Why dread the winter, when it means we get to watch the beauty of a new fallen snow? Make a snowman! Knit a scarf for your grandchildren's snowman! Not that crafty? - then make some hot cocoa or tea and just enjoy the quietness. If you don't like the heat of summer, dip your feet into Deep Creek after a walk though the shady forest trails. Find a way to make the most of what you've been given, each day, each season, each year.

I am thankful for the open-minded attitudes you displayed in approving a modified meeting format and the Ingles card fundraising project. I'd say as a chapter, we are making the most of what we have and more! You, my friends, continually impress me with your generosity, work ethic, intelligence, compassion, creativity and your heartfelt support of one another and our mission.

I am so excited by the work of the Alpha Iota executive board in planning relevant and exciting programs for the upcoming year. Please see the calendar on the back page and add each date to your personal calendar and invite a travel buddy or two to ride with you to the meetings. You will be glad you did. Plan to participate and contribute to our chapter with your input at the November meeting. County break-out sessions will follow our Art Make and Take program in Bryson City. You will not want to miss this. If you are creative or want to be, register to attend the Region XI Colors of Fall Workshop in Weaverville. We will be carpooling so let me know if you plan to go! Be ready for an exciting day.

Keep Smiling,  
Dedra Davis

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## Mark the Dates Chapter Meetings

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

**Location:** Bryson City Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

**Hostesses:** Lead: DeAnna Booth-Refreshment : Mary Brogan, Julie Norcross, Nancy Norcross,

**Invocation:** Crystal White

**Program:** Arts Make & Take with Tracy & Dedra : Accessory sale , 50/50 & Book Sale

**Date: December 2, 2017 Arrival Time: 9:30 (to set up auction items)**

**Location:** Balsam Mountain Inn- Haywood County

**Hostesses:** Lead Hostess : Sandra Marr; Collections: Jenna West & Crystal Jefferies

**Invocation:** Trish Matthews

**Program:** Auction (Beth Lofquist, Sandra Marr )

**Date: March 3, 2018 Time: 10:00**

**Location:** Andrews United Methodist Church Family Life Center- Cherokee County

**Lead Hostess-** Sue Ledford; Refreshments: Gigi Turner, Terry Gribble, Barbara El-Khouri, Victoria Schwartz, .Invocation -Betsy Garrett

**Program:** John C Campbell Folk School Campbell Garland Dancers , 50/50 & Book Sale

**Date: May 19, 2018 Time: 9:30**

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

**Lead Hostess-**Beth Tyson Lofquist, Collections : Kathryn Kantz & Monica Miller, Invocation :Amanda Chapman

**Program:** Jamaican Teacher Project Initiation, Installation of Officers-Founders Day Member Recognition, 50/50 & Book Sale

## Mark the Dates

Sept. 15 Nominations/applications for International Officers due

Sept. 30 Submission deadline for Chapter Visit Request Form

Sept. 30 Deadline to apply for NC DKG Educational Foundation grant

Oct. 5 World Teacher Appreciation Day

Oct. 10 *Eta State News* deadline

Oct. 15 Deadline to submit C/ISR amendment proposals to International Constitution Committee

Oct. 27 Official birthday of Eta State NC. Happy 83rd birthday, Eta State!

Oct. 31 Deadline for chapter members to submit dues to chapter treasurer

Oct. 31 Input for ELP Member Survey due to Susan Phipps (see page 2)

Nov. 1 Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Award

Nov. 10 Deadline for chapter treasurers to submit Report of Dues and Fees to state treasurer

Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS

Dec. 1 Deadline to apply for Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar

Dec. 15 Submission deadline for *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*

**Eta State Website:**

<http://www.ncdkg.org>



**International Website:**

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

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