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Let's SPARKLE!

Goals:

- Encourage **S**avvy leadership
- Inspire **P**assionatE, 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

Christmas Greetings DKG Sisters!

The month of December was one of my favorite times teaching third graders because I spent a month teaching them about the diversity of Christmas traditions from around the world. The children loved learning about the symbols and cultures of other countries. Two special activities we did every year were making dough ornaments to adorn their Christmas trees and reading my favorite Christmas stories to them. It seemed like there was never enough time to read all the stories I loved. In DKG we are a very diverse group of women who may or may not celebrate this season! Educators around the world continually teach students to value the importance of understanding others! Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the children you teach! The holiday spirit is in the air around us: in the malls we hear the sounds of Christmas music; we smell the cinnamon as we enter the grocery stores; we smell the aroma of the freshly cut Christmas trees; and we all feel the stress of getting everything done, so remember to take time to smell the roses and take time for you! In visiting Eta State Chapters I am amazed at the spirit of giving all year round. Thank you for the difference you make in North Carolina. Keep SPARKLING!

Merry Christmas! Connie Phifer Savell

Summer Leaders' Training 2018

Summer Leaders' Training for new chapter officers - Tuesday, June 26 at Christmont in Black Mountain

PLEASE LET OUR REPRESENTATIVES KNOW YOUR STANCE ON EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION. PLEASE SEND ME COPIES OF YOUR CORRESPONDENCES FOR OUR RECORDS. THANK YOU !



We are deeply saddened by the loss of our dear Dr. Barbara Capps. Services to be held on Jan. 13th. in Sylva at 11 am. More details will be emailed as received.



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!

General Assembly to Convene January 10

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, Educational Law & Policy Committee

The General Assembly will be convened on January 10 for a special session. On January 9th & 10th, education advocates hope to impress upon lawmakers the impending crisis they have created for all local school budgets. A new unfunded mandate by the Legislature caps class sizes in kindergarten through 3rd grade.

Without state funding, local Boards of Education must pay for this requirement entirely using local funds appropriated by local County Commissions. Paying for the extra teachers, the additional classroom space and all the teaching materials would all need to come out of already -tight local coffers. Members are urged to contact their Senators and Representatives before and during this special session. Those who live close to Raleigh are also encouraged to join other education advocates at the General Assembly on January 10 in front of the legislative building to go visit Legislators. Together we can make a difference!

Nita Scott Named New Executive Director



Nita Scott will become the new Executive Director of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in Austin, Texas, on January 1, 2018. Scott is currently the DKG Membership Services Administrator and brings both a strong knowledge of the Society and a background in education, business, and marketing to her new role. She is a former mathematics and business teacher in Tennessee and Arkansas. She was initiated into DKG in 2005 and is active in a chapter in Texas. Scott lives outside Austin with husband James, five horses, four dogs, a cat and a small herd of cattle.

Headquarters Brick Project Needs a Few More for Free Shipping!

Deadline Extended Through April Convention



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 Headquarters 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.



Fall Retreat attended by Alpha Iota!

The Creative Colors of Fall Retreat was a lovely success and such an inspiring day! Thank you to our wonderful regional director Suzi Cabe and all those involved in arranging the events of the day! Six Alpha Iota members came out despite the long rainy drive to bond with our region. Eta State President Connie Savell attended my workshop on creating Needle Felted

Christmas ornaments! (And of course she made a sparkling star!)

Pictured: Back: Barbara El-Khoury, Julie Norcross, Amy Hobbs , Karen Norton ,
Front: Dedra Davis, Connie Savell and Suzi Cabe.

Ingles Fundraiser is an amazing success!

Our first foray into the Ingles Card fundraising effort was a resounding success. We exceeded our goal of selling \$5,000 worth of cards. Amazingly we sold over \$8,000 in gift cards. This gave us a profit of over \$400 for our general fund. The finance committee plans to do another card sale in the Spring. Thank you to Ingles and our finance committee: Julie Norcross-chair, Pat Cabe and Trish Mathews.

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Dedra's Tech Tips– Be Tech Savvy

Do you need Technology C.E.U's? Or maybe you want to learn how to use Google Drive? Keep an eye out in your email for a brief survey on what type of technology workshop you would be interested in as a program for next year.



November provides opportunities to create for Arts Awareness



Pat Cabe & Gigi Turner enjoy embossed card-making with Tracy Hagan



Members learn to make needle felted ornaments with Dedra Davis

December at Balsam Mountain Inn –Our fundraising Auction



For our December meeting, we happily returned to the historic Balsam Mountain Inn for the first time in several years. A great time was had by all. We certainly missed those who could not join us. We were thrilled to have four new member candidates attend. The venue was perfect. We made more than enough

to award two \$1,000 Grant in Aid Awards to future educators this Spring. Our final total was \$2823.00. Thank you to all for your generosity. Special thanks to our lead hostess Sandra Marr who did double duty as an auctioneer as well and to co-auctioneer Beth Lofquist. Many thanks to the floor crew of Barbara El-Khoury and Chena Flood. Also thanks to Beth Lofquist and Mary Brogan for the cakes that brought in almost \$200 in raffle ticket sales.



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December 2, 2017



As I began to compose my message to you, I had a week of classes left and now as I am finishing the December issue of *The Rose*, my Christmas break is half over! I journeyed up north to Michigan, just south of Detroit, to visit my husband's father who is battling cancer. We delighted in a white Christmas with our dear Davis family from the north! It has become increasingly more difficult to distance ourselves from the commercialism surrounding this most special season. However, our gifts pale in comparison to the gift of our savior, Jesus Christ! My family likes to celebrate with giving of ourselves in some way -such as home-made gifts, deeds or services from the heart. Gifts involving time spent together are a favorite as well. As my grandmother turned 92 yesterday, I am so very aware that we must cherish each precious moment with our loved ones. The holidays can be a difficult time for many and my thoughts and prayers go out to many of you who are missing loved ones who are no longer with you.

I hope you all realize how special you are to me. I have grown to know and care about you all so much over these two years as your President. Many of you have stepped up and accepted leadership roles as committee chairs and offered valuable input in the chapter's mission and growth. We are continuing on in a definite upward motion, adding new members each year for the last several years. Our fundraising efforts have expanded in order to help support future teachers, new teachers locally and teachers from Jamaica and Africa where resources are scarce. Our contributions to Headquarters have increased as we share our growth.

I have had some great feedback from many of you appreciating the variety of our recent programs. This chapter is filled with women of great ideas and talents! Our annual auction is a great opportunity to showcase some of those talents you all possess! I can't wait to see all the wonderful items at next year's auction. I have already told Balsam Mountain Inn that we wished to return there in 2018!

As 2017 comes to a close, I am extremely excited to have already submitted the annual President's report online. Our Eta State leadership is continually streamlining and simplifying reporting and cutting down on the amount of paperwork that presidents need to complete annually. If you feel you have the skills, talents and ability to be a potential leader in any way and have not been asked to do so, please let me know how you would like to better serve our chapter. There are numerous ways in which you can fulfill needed roles. Why not attend the state conference for the first time! Maybe you can attend again, for the first time in a long time. How about singing in the choir! Just ask Terry and Julie; it is very rewarding. Better yet, volunteer to facilitate a workshop or better yet lead a workshop? Just let me know. I will be happy to help you to get registered! What will 2018 hold for you as a vibrant member of Alpha Iota Chapter of DKG?

Keep shining,
Dedra Davis

Mark the Dates Chapter Meetings

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-Khoury, 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 Hinds 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 –Eta State and International

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

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

June 27-29, 2019 — Southeast Regional Conference, Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC



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