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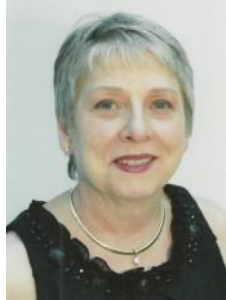
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Connie Phifer Savell
 Eta State NC President

Let's SPARKLE!

Goals:

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

As Eta State President, I have visited 14 chapters and attended two regional activities this fall learning about your involvement in schools and communities around our state. Collectively, we are providing scholarships, grants, and money to support education and Eta State is SPARKLING by making a difference in many lives! In reading chapter newsletters, I continue to learn more about chapters and the programs and projects you support. The reports I have read have given me a glimpse of the heartbeat of the chapters and given me some suggestions on how the state leadership can assist more effectively. I would like to encourage chapter presidents to complete the Chapter Report by February 1. Things to think about.... potential new members, accepting leadership roles, planning for meetings, and attending state and International conventions in the New Year. As you review the past year, remember to embrace challenges with passion and determination because you are making a difference in your communities!

Connie
 Connie Phifer Savell Eta State NC President 2017-2019

Tee Up for Teachers June 11, 2018 - Save the date!

Be part of the fun and the fundraising at the first charity golf tournament to benefit The NC DKG Educational Foundation.

Tee Up for Teachers will be held at one of the top rated public courses in NC, Boone Golf Club, just off US 321. Start planning your getaway to enjoy the beautiful landscape and spectacular scenery of this High Country event. If you are interested in playing or putting a team together, contact Sheila Groves, svgeta97@gmail.com, or Dr. Barbara Leonard, drbleonard0@gmail.com. Even if you aren't a golfer, there are many opportunities for members and friends of the Foundation to show their support as volunteers and sponsors.

2018 Eta State NC Convention Outreach Project

The chapters of Region VI have chosen Hurricane Matthew Aftermath as their Outreach Project for the 2018 Eta State NC Convention. Your helping hands will aid children and their families recovering from the devastation they are still feeling over a year later. Doris Littlejohn, Convention Chair, explained about the project. “Citizens from Robeson County, part of Region VI, suffered the greatest devastation. Presently, most of the families have returned to their homes and have attempted to make their transition back to normalcy. Yet for others, the move back to their residences has been a very slow and grueling process. Some of the families moving back to their homes are experiencing difficulties and are trying to provide the basic necessities to survive. This project will assist displaced families in Robeson County with some of the relief they need. Items such as appliances, furniture, and bedding are big needs. Region VI will be working closely with United Way of Robeson County to make sure all children and their families obtain the items they need. Contributions are desired and will be appreciated.”



How You Can Help with the Convention Project ?

Donations to the Hurricane Matthew Aftermath project can be given in the form of a gift card, certified check, money order, or any other guaranteed currency monetary gift. The committee asks that no cash be given. Checks and money orders may be written to United Way of Robeson County with reference to the Eta State NC Convention Project.

If there are any questions, Doris Littlejohn, Convention Chair, invites you to contact her at dalittlejohn1@bellsouth.net or leave a message at 910-276-8468.



Congratulations to Dr. Kimberly Elliott

The Jackson County Board of Education is pleased to announce that it has chosen Dr. Kimberly Elliott to serve as the new Superintendent of Schools beginning February 2, 2018. Dr. Elliott was one of 4 finalists interviewed for the position by the School Board. According to the Board Chairman, Mr. Ken Henke, “We are blessed to have Dr. Elliott serving at the helm of the Jackson County Public Schools. The School Board conducted a thorough search and ultimately realized that the experience, talent and vision we need from a Superintendent was already sitting in that chair serving as the Interim Superintendent.” He added, “We look forward to working with her to advance the good work being done in the Jackson County Public Schools.”

The oath of office was administered by Cora Fields. Dr. Elliott was accompanied by her daughter Brynn Green and her husband Bill Elliott. Kim became a member of Alpha Iota in 2015. Her daughter Brynn is an upcoming Alpha Iota new member candidate .

Dr. Elliott is completing her fifth year with the Jackson County Public Schools (“JCPS”). She has served JCPS as an Assistant Superintendent, Associate Superintendent and most recently as the Interim Superintendent. Dr. Elliott has been a public school administrator in North Carolina since 1999.

Dr. Elliott has a long history of partnership development, strategic planning, grant management, fiscal management, program evaluation, and most importantly teaching and learning. She is focused on student success and educational interventions partnered with professional learning communities. She is relationship driven and believes strongly in the use of collaboration with families and communities to create school systems of excellence. With regards to her appointment, Dr. Elliott is motivated by student success: “As Superintendent, I intend to foster, support and challenge our educators to surpass recent milestones and to ensure that the best interest of every student is our guiding principle in decision making. I want to thank the Board of Education for their confidence in me and I am humbled to serve the staff, students and families as the Superintendent of the Jackson County Public Schools.”

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DesLauriers’ Painting Graces Catalog Cover



Suzanne DesLauriers is a former art teacher for Cherokee County Schools. Currently she is a watercolor and mixed media instructor at the John C. Campbell Folk School. She is the latest artist to land the cover of the School Catalog. Suzanne and her husband reside in the Brasstown Community of Clay County. Suzy joined Alpha Iota in 2013. She serves on our scholarship committee and has co-presented one of our programs. Each year she generously donates prints of her lovely paintings to our December fundraising auction. The painting on the left, “Welcome Flag” is about the joy and anticipation of coming to the John C. Campbell Folk School for that very special class. This lovely watercolor painting marks the fourth catalog cover Suzanne has had published. Suzanne’s work was also recently published in the International DKG Fine Arts Gallery in the Fall 2017 Online Gallery.

Sisters in the Spotlight



Our Alpha Iota Rising Star Leader for 2017— This chapter award is given by the President to a member with under 10 years of membership that shows true leadership and commitment to our chapter. This year's recipient is **Terry Gribble**—Initiated in 2011, it did not take long for Terry to share her leadership skills. Despite battling breast cancer during her first years of membership, Terry devotedly attended meetings. In 2014 she took over the role of Historian, creating several stunning scrapbooks which were added to our archives this past May. Next she accepted the role as Corresponding Secretary in 2016. She has agreed to accept the nomination to serve in this role again in 2018. Acting in this office, she sends out correspondences on the chapter's behalf, including cards, birthday greetings and beautifully designed meeting notices. In addition she has covered the role of recording secretary, taking meticulous minutes for most all of our meetings. She has traveled to trainings and conferences across the state and has garnered points for our chapter by joining the Eta State Convention Chorus! Terry has facilitated workshops at the State level and presented at a local level. She delivered a wonderful kickoff program to our chapter on aerobic workouts for our focus on Health and Wellness. She is a go-getter, a mover and shaker and we are fortunate and blessed to call her a sister.



Honoring our Dedicated Milestone Members!

Alpha Iota would like to recognize Suzi Cabe as 2017 marked 25 years with DKG. Suzi has led at the chapter level as a previous past President in 2010-2012. She is the current Regional Director for Region XI. Additionally Suzi has held various positions on state committees. She is currently a member of the ETA state personnel committee. In the previous biennium she was the chair of the ETA State Planning committee. Suzi has attended numerous State and Regional conventions where she participated in a leadership role. Pictured above, AdvancED recently recognized Suzi for Excellence in Education Award for the state of NC at the state convention. Suzi's hard-working, soft-spoken leadership style is respected and admired by all. Our membership is grateful for her commitment to Alpha Iota. She is a great mentor and role model for new leaders in our Society.

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Spring Ingles Fundraiser

Our first foray into the Ingles Card fundraising effort was a resounding success. We are ready to exceed that success with a spring campaign goal of selling 10,000 worth of cards. This is not an unattainable target, since on our first attempt we sold over \$8,000 in gift cards. Consider offering your colleagues the option of purchasing cards with a sign up sheet. Or as many of you did, extend the offer and ask family and church members to support your efforts in helping us raise funds. When they know how it works, they will be likely to offer their support. The spring campaign will help us to start a Beginning Teacher Support fund.

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Dr. Capps helped to pave the way for a strong DKG presence in WNC!

Several of Dr. Capps' former students have expressed interest in honoring her memory and by purchasing a brick for ETA State Headquarters in her honor. The Paving the Way Project ends May 5. The engraved paving bricks are to line the front walk at Eta State NC Headquarters. Bricks are \$125.00 each. Any member (not just her former students) who is interested in helping to purchase a brick to honor our Golden Key Recipient, please be prepared to donate by writing a check to Alpha Iota at the March meeting. Any funds collected over the \$125 brick purchase price will be donated to the Capps Family Scholarship that she established at WCU.



Dr. Barbara Capps is pictured with former WCU students and fellow Alpha Iota sisters



I thought things were supposed to slow down during winter months? I have been one busy lady lately. I am sure many of you are feeling the same way. As I am preparing for the winter executive board meeting, I look forward to gathering with our officers and committee chairs to reflect and plan for Alpha Iota. This board has done a fantastic job of embracing the mission and vision of the chapter and helping to fulfill the goals of our Strategic Action Plan. If you think you would be interested in chairing a committee, we are always looking to encourage new leadership. I will re-visit committee assignments this summer, as we will have new members to place. Please let me know if you feel led to take on some committee responsibility.

The year has ended on a very sad note for us, as we lost our dear Dr. Capps on New Year's Eve. Beloved former member Mary Ashley passed away on New Year's Eve as well. Dr. Sara Madison and Eva Wood both crossed over earlier in 2017. These fine ladies left their mark on education and in our hearts. They will certainly be missed.

Nevertheless, we also have much to celebrate about 2017. On December 28, new member Amanda Bell Chapman gave birth to Brodie Zane Chapman, 8 pounds, 10 ounces. Amanda and Brodie are doing great! Our Christmas Auction was quite successful as we raised enough to once again provide two grant-in-aids to young women going into the field of education. We finally took the leap to attempt the Ingles fundraising effort we had been considering for years. We had such fantastic results that another round of the Ingles campaign is planned for this spring. Alpha Iota reached a milestone as we celebrated our 60th birthday in 2017! At last April's Eta State convention, our chapter was awarded its very first Superior Chapter Achievement Award and Communication Excellence Award. Once the final tally is counted at the winter executive board meeting, it appears we are in the running to receive both of those awards again at this year. Thanks to all of you for your contributions and efforts to make our organization so amazing. Please do remember to celebrate your accomplishments and service to the community throughout 2018 with me. I would like to leave you with a quote," *Whether you think you can or think you can't – you are right.*" - Henry Ford

See you in March!

Keep smiling,

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 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

Submission deadline for Eta State News Apr. 10

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

Summer Leaders Conference in Black Mountain-June 26 at Christmont

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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www.dkg.org

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