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Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, and Swain Counties



The most challenging thing Eta State NC is facing right now is supporting teachers in the 30 DKG Chapters in the 28 counties that have been declared disaster areas by FEMA! Some schools in these counties have been damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Florence and classroom materials and supplies ruined.

I would like to encourage members of the Executive Board (chapter presidents, committee chairs and past presidents) to set the example and bring gift cards to the Fall Executive Board meeting to support our sisters in the eastern part of the state who teach in one of these schools. Right now, they may not know what they need or where they will finish the year, so gift cards of any kind will give them a little start for whatever they need to reestablish their classrooms when they are ready. Other ideas and ways your chapter can help our members will be shared at the Fall Executive Board meeting. I have been amazed at the interest from other DKG state organizations who wish to assist our members who have damage in NC. That's DKG!

Let's Sparkle and show our support for our members in eastern North Carolina!

Let's Sparkle!
 Connie

Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
 2017-2019

**PLEASE LET YOUR VOICE
 COUNT FOR EDUCATION**

VOTE

Update MyDKG Profile

MyDKG on the International website has some important information, including a link to the Emergency Fund for secure donations. Members may update their profile and download their membership card. (Did your treasurer tell you this is the last year cards will be printed for you?) A searchable directory of members is also available but is only as accurate as the information members supply, so update your email and address on the secure membership server through MyDKG. **You must be logged in to see the link on the right side of the menu bar.**

New Scholarship Grant Opportunities from the Educational Foundation

The NC DKG Educational Foundation is awarding two \$2,500 Marilyn F. Grinwis Gray Scholarship Grants this fall. These new awards are being made for spring semester 2019 from an endowment through Theta Chapter. Scholarships are available for degree work in Music Education or Elementary Education. Applicants may be enrolled in Baccalaureate, Master's, or Doctoral study in either of these areas of education. Applications are open to everyone. The proposal form is available on the Educational Foundation website (www.ncdkgef.org). Proposals are due **November 20, 2018**, so apply now! Awards will be made by December 5, 2018, in time for spring semester.

International Constitution and Standing Rules Amended at Convention

After much lively discussion for and against changing the name of the Society, the name will remain The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Other proposed amendments, however, did pass at the International Convention July 16-20 in Austin. Among the proposed amendments that passed is to change the name of the state organizations to geographic locations and omit the Greek name references. The proposal retained that states shall name the chapters. Although amendments take effect immediately upon passing at the convention, the name change will be gradual as the International Constitution Committee works through all the changes this month. Another change is to allow education majors to become collegiate members of DKG. The new addition to the membership section outlines qualifications and dues. See the DKG website for [all adopted amendments](#).

NC has a strong showing in Austin at International Convention



Dr. Gwen Simmons is the recipient of the 2018 International Achievement Award. She received the recognition for her service to the Society during the Impacting Education Worldwide Luncheon at the 2018 International Convention. Carolyn Pittman, 2016-2018 international President, presented the award. Simmons, International parliamentarian for two biennia. She is a North Carolina past state organization president and editor and has been recognized as a Woman of Distinction.

At the international level she has presented numerous workshops, keynote addresses, and inspirational moments, and is an author for Society publications. She has been member and/or chair of the Membership Committee, the Constitution Committee, Constitution Revision Committee, the Constitution Interpretation Committee, Focus 2000, the International Executive Board, and the Administrative Board. Simmons, described as a risk taker, motivator, communicator, and visionary, conceived and organized the state organization editors and webmasters camp. She is preparing a similar seminar regarding effective meetings and parliamentary procedure. -Credit The DKG Society International www.dkg.org



North Carolina delegation at International this July in Austin Texas



The program for our November 3rd meeting brings the International and State Support of Schools for Africa a step closer to home for our corner of WNC. Unicef is the official DKG partner for the Schools for Africa outreach. Click here for a [Program overview](#). Our new project is a local connection, Mara Christian Academy, which was founded by Travis and Laura Sawyer of Graham County in 2014. It is a primary school that started with 3 classrooms and 33 children and today it has reached 7 classes and 200 children. When completed it will have 9 classrooms and 250 children. The primary focus is

giving the children in the local community a good education and a biblical foundation. Teachers at the school make a mere \$100 per month. They have many needs.

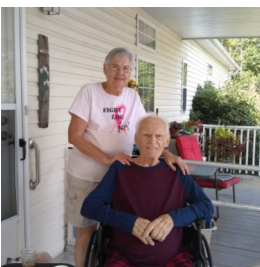
Click below to read more about the Sawyer's great work in Africa.

<https://www.facebook.com/thesawyerscoop/>.

Members need our prayers and support



Terry Stamey of Macon county was welcomed back to work this week after some unexpected health issues. She has had a pacemaker implanted. We are happy you are feeling better Terry!



Leslie Beaster wanted to let her DKG sisters and friends know that Sheldon is home. Please keep their family in your thoughts and prayers as Sheldon has been diagnosed with advanced liver failure. He is getting Hospice Care from Four Seasons.

Sisters in the Spotlight

Cherokee County Schools Sparkle!



OFFICIAL NEWS! October has been kind to Superintendent Dr. Jeana Conley and Cherokee County Schools. Congratulations for being the recipient of a \$15,000,000 grant! State Superintendent Mark Johnson stated, "CCS had an impressive application and the need is strong. The funds will be used to build a new school that will serve a lot of students.

JUST RELEASED

Out of 115 NC Public School Districts - Cherokee County Schools ranked in the **Top 10** for highest graduation rate AND in the **Top 20** for highest student performance on End of Grade testing! BE PROUD CCS students and families!

WCU Faculty Shines



Congratulations to new member, Dr. April Tallant, Associate Dean Honors College at WCU. April was published in a peer reviewed journal last month. She also presented a poster at the NC Public Health Fall Education Conference in Charlotte, NC.

Tallant, A., Rettig, M., & Tennyson, S. (2018). Barriers and facilitators for fruit and vegetable consumption among adults in rural counties. *Family & Consumer Sciences Research Journal*, 47(1), 87-100. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/fcsr.12275>

NC Public Health Association Fall Education Meeting in Charlotte: Tallant, A. & Rettig, M. (2018). Fruits and veggies: making it easy. Poster presentation at the North Carolina Public Health Association Fall Educational Conference, September 19-21, Charlotte, NC.

Fall Ingles Fundraiser

Our third campaign in the Ingles Card fundraising effort was another resounding success with \$8,475 in gift cards purchased. Thanks to everyone for their orders! The cards will be distributed to members at the November meeting. The funds from this effort will go into our general fund. The spring campaign provides funds for our Beginning Teacher Support program.

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September Meeting highlights in Macon County!





How is it Halloween already! The trick is on me. It does not seem possible that the first nine weeks of school have flown by so incredibly fast. It seems as if I just returned from Austin and the International Convention! Like many of you, a new school year means new things are happening in my life both personally and professionally. It has been exciting, exhausting and emotionally draining at times!

It seems I am working more than ever these days. I do not think I could survive without my Google calendar! Last month, the long drive to Michigan with my husband for his Dad's funeral gave me ample time to "*consider the lilies.*" Unlike some, I have never thought of fall as harbinger for the impending cold weather. I welcome autumn, reveling in it's beauty, the chill in the air, cool evenings and glorious colors. Autumn has always represented a time of reflection and renewal for me.

I am incredibly grateful for this year I have been living! I am so fortunate to have a career where I am continually learning new things, touching new lives, making new friends and creating new art. I am thankful I can still ignite the love for art in my students, helping them discover how to express themselves.

I urge you to focus on living in the moment and not just going through the motions on auto-pilot. Instead of jumping right into the day to get it over with, give yourself a few minutes in the morning to slow down and take in the day and savor it! My morning devotional readings assist me in being still and appreciative of God's hand in my day. Realize the impact that each moment you spend with someone can make. Each word you say can build up a child's self esteem or send it crashing down. When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind!

Keep smiling,
Dedra Davis

Mark the Dates Chapter Meetings

Date: November 3, 2018 Time: 10:00 Location: *United Methodist Church-Graham County Hostesses: Lead: Amy Hobbs -*

Invocation: Julie Norcross Program: Mara Project/Schools for Africa , Ingles cards 50/50 & Book Sale

Date: December 1, 2018 Arrival Time: **9:30** (to set up auction items) Location: *Sylva First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall*

669 West Main St. Sylva, NC. 28779 - Jackson County Hostesses: Lead Hostess :Kathryn Kantz; Collections: Betsy Garrett, Lana Parker Invocation: Sue Ledford Program: Auction (Beth Lofquist, Sandra Marr)

Date: March 2, 2019 Time: 10:00 Location: *Andrews United Methodist Church Family Life Center- Cherokee County*

Lead Hostess-Terry Gribble- Invocation: Nenia Thompson Program: Line Dancing &/or Watercolors , 50/50 & Book Sale

Date: May 18, 2019 Time: 10:00 Location: *Western Carolina University, AK Kinds University Center -Jackson County*

Lead Hostess-Kim Elliott, Collections: Invocation : Dr. Tracie Metz Program: Induction,-Founders Day ,Scrapbook, Member Recognition, 50/50 & Book Sale

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March 22-23 Eta State Leadership Seminar Caraway Conference Center

May 3-5 Eta State NC Convention Crowne Plaza Hickory, NC

June 25-27 Southeast Regional Conference Crowne Plaza Tennis & Golf Resort Asheville, NC

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