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### International Conference Workshop Proposals Due

The January 15, 2019, is the deadline to submit workshop (45 minutes) and takeaway (10 minutes) proposals to regional directors is approaching. Proposals tied to the theme of the conference are encouraged, these proposals are not limited to the theme itself. Expect to find Society business topics, educational practices and other relevant presentations on the programs at each conference.

*"For it is in  
Giving  
that we  
Receive."*

*St. Francis  
of Assisi*

**The Southeast International Conference: Arts & Humanities will be held in Asheville, June 27-29, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza Resort**  
Watch for more information about volunteering and mark your calendars now to save the dates.



December is a time of excitement and anticipation in the eyes of children. As a retired third grade teacher, I always loved reading Christmas stories and sharing holiday traditions with them. One tradition was making dough ornaments. The process was tedious and having time to complete them by Christmas break was tight. The ornaments would air dry for several days; then we would paint the ornaments allowing time to let them dry, add ribbon to hang them, and wrap them. Many times it seemed like there was not enough time in the day to get everything done so I allowed stress to take the joy out of the activity with my class.

As you approach the holidays, remember to enjoy the small tasks and not get caught up in the things that take the joy away from your heart. In your joy, remember that everyone does not feel the same excitement of the season. Try to be a source of comfort to those who are sad!

As we **SPARKLE** at Christmas in DKG, let's think of the letters in the word **Sparkle**.

- ♦ **S**hare the gift of your time with someone who is lonely
- ♦ **P**repare something special for your family—your favorite cookies or cakes
- ♦ **A**rrange for special family time
- ♦ **R**espect others who feel differently from you during the holidays
- ♦ **K**indness shines to everyone you are around
- ♦ **L**ight up the room when you enter it
- ♦ **E**xcitement felt for the Christmas Season

**Let's Sparkle!**  
*Connie*

**Connie Phifer Savell**  
Eta State NC President  
2017-2019

Column from Eta Data December 2018



## International President to Attend Eta State NC Convention

International President Cathy Daugherty of Virginia will be Eta State NC's Society Representative at the May 2019 convention in Hickory. In expressing her excitement about coming to North Carolina, President Daugherty said, "What better way for me to celebrate the biennium as international president than to serve as the Society representative to my home state of North Carolina and my hometown of Hickory! My educational journey will come full circle with this visit in my current DKG role and in this location where I first decided to become an educator."

President Daugherty, a retired Latin instructor, has been a Society member since 1988. She received the 2016 DKG Achievement Award while she was international first vice president. She serves as Virginia's parliamentarian and chapter webmaster.

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## Workshop Proposals Due February 1 for NC Convention

The Saturday afternoon sessions are always a popular part of the convention and afford learning and sharing opportunities. Strands for topics include DKG Society, Professional Growth, and Personal Growth. Deadline for proposals is February 1, 2019. The downloadable submission form is on the [convention webpage](#).

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## Hotel Reservations Open, Encouraged

The Eta State NC 2019 Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hickory Hotel May 3-5. Hotel rooms fill quickly so make your reservations now by calling the hotel at 828-323-1000. The rate is \$95 plus tax. Remember to ask for the DKG block of rooms and pricing.



## Convention Project Will Benefit Members

The 2019 Eta State NC Convention project will benefit teacher-members in schools damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Florence. Recovery will be long and hard for those schools, so donations of gift cards to various places will help those teachers rebuild their classrooms. Watch for more info soon!

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## A Leadership Quest: Discovering How YOU Sparkle!

The registration deadline is quickly approaching for the Leadership Development Seminar to be held March 22- 23, 2019, at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro. The registration form is available via a link on the Forms page of the Eta State NC website or on this direct link. Single room registration will be \$75.

Registrants paying by credit card will be charged a \$3 processing fee. There is a limited number of spaces remaining so register soon. If you have questions, feel free to email Tonya Welch, Leadership Development Committee Chair, at [tpwelch@gtcc.edu](mailto:tpwelch@gtcc.edu).

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## Members in the Spotlight



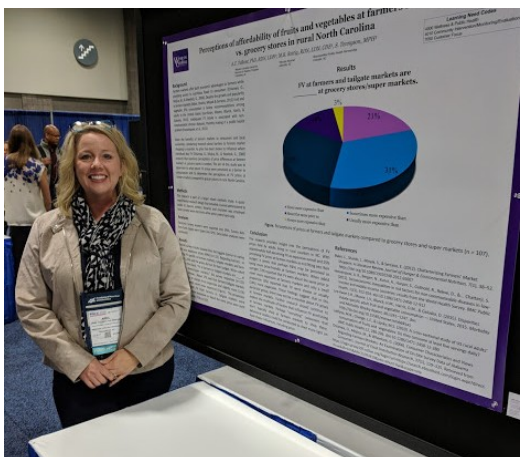
### Macon County– Kathy Parker

Alpha Iota is fortunate to have active members! Kathy Parker, is one of those members! Former Alpha Iota President and active Macon County member, Kathy has raised over \$300 for Alpha Iota this year raffling off her beautiful handmade quilt. The winner, Jackson County member Monica Miller, was so excited to have the winning ticket! Kathy has been very busy on behalf of Alpha Iota this month also in delivering the beginning teacher gift cards for the Macon county first year teachers. Her hard work and dedication is appreciated. Thanks also to our Macon County teachers for scheduling delivery just in time for Christmas!



### Clay County- Suzanne DesLauriers

Just this week Suzanne presented Christmas goodie bags as a gift from our chapter to first year teachers Meghan and Alexis of Hayesville Elementary School. Each year for our Christmas auction Suzanne donates several prints of her gorgeous watercolor paintings! Members are in for a special treat this March. Suzanne will be presenting a watercolor session for Alpha Iota members at the meeting in Andrews. Suzanne, you are so talented and generous! Thank you also for reaching out and recruiting for DKG in your county!



### Graham County:-Dr. April Tallant

Congratulations to April who presented her peer-reviewed poster in Washington DC in late October. We are very proud of your work and hope you will consider presenting at one of our conferences in the near future!

**Tallant, A., Rettig, M., & Tennyson, S. (2018).** Perceptions of affordability of fruits and vegetables at farmers markets vs. grocery stores in rural North Carolina. Poster Presentation, 2018 Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo (FNCE), Washington, D.C., October 20-23.

## Auction fun!

**Wow! Ladies, you have outdone yourselves this year! Our December Auction raised over \$3000! Thanks also for donations from members who were unable to attend! The yard sale tables alone brought in \$430. Thank you to 1st VP Kathryn Kantz and Lead Hostess Beth Lofquist for the great work in securing the lovely facility and the delicious catering. The fabulous auction team of Sandra Marr, Beth Lofquist, Tracie Metz and Barbara El-Khoury, entertained and delivered the goods! Members, your hard work and generosity for our annual grant-in-aid fundraiser always amazes me! Please thank all your guests and invite them to join us again next year as they always add so much! Enjoy the photos!**

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Photo credit, Terry Gribble







As I read *December's Eta Data ~ Updates for Chapter Presidents and Editors*, I was astounded at all the work that goes into our organization. The research, creativity and labor, all for the love of education and the belief that what we do as an organization can make a difference. We do all this to promote our noble profession and to help others. The message from our state President Connie Phifer Savell shares a special heartfelt Christmas message and a holiday reminder to always Sparkle. Dr. Teresa Cowan, Eta State NC First VP, and Educational Excellence Committee Chair, contributed this piece to *Eta Data*. As I read her message it resonated with me.

*“Tis the season for sure.  
But the season for what? Cooking, shopping, wrapping, spending, etc. Is that what this season is all about? EEC of Eta State NC encourages you to Empower, Engage and Create this holiday season as you embody the motto of Thomas S. Monson, ‘Christmas is the spirit of giving without the thought of getting.’”*

What each of you do for our chapter and the far-reaching impact that your work and the contributions of your time, energy and finances have on the future of a child, exemplifies this selfless motto. As teachers you give and give to your students on a daily basis. As wives, mothers, daughters, sisters and sometimes caregivers, you do the same for your family. As colleagues and friends, you gladly give of yourselves to comfort and encourage those around you, no matter how tired you may be during this busy time of year. Volunteerism in your communities and churches is yet another way you embrace the true meaning of Christmas on a continual basis, not just during this one season. Mother Teresa, in her wisdom shared these simple words, *“If you judge people, you have no time to love them. Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. Peace begins with a smile.”*

May you find peace, joy and happiness in all you do this Christmas!

As always – keep smiling,  
Dedra

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### Mark the Dates

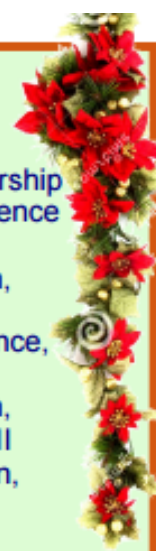
- Dec. 15 *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* submissions due
- Jan. 3, 2019 DKG Educational Foundation (not NC) project applications due
- Jan. 7 International Conference hotel blocks open for reservations/registration
- Jan.10 *Eta State News* deadline
- Jan. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission period opens
- Jan. 15 Regional Directors annual report due
- Jan. 15 International Conference workshop and takeaway proposals due
- Jan. 16 Eta State NC Treasurer's applications due
- Feb. 1 Nominations for Founders Award due
- Feb. 1 85th Birthday Celebration Recognition nominations due
- Feb. 1 Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Award applications due
- Feb. 1 Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Annual Report due
- Feb. 1 Scholarship applications due for Eta State and DKG International
- Feb. 1 Eta State NC Convention Workshop Session proposal forms due
- Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submissions due



Also check the Eta State NC calendar online at <https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html>.

### Convention Dates

- March 22 - 23, 2019** — Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro
- May 3 - 5, 2019** — Eta State NC Convention, Crowne Plaza, Hickory, Region X
- June 27 - 29, 2019** — International Conference, Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC
- May 1 - 3, 2020** — Eta State NC Convention, Embassy Suites, Greensboro, Region VII
- July 7 - 11, 2020** — International Convention, Philadelphia, PA



Eta State Website:  
<https://www.ncdkg.org>



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

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