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Leadership Development Seminar Deadline

The deadline to register for the March 22-23, 2019 has been extended until February 15. The cost for the seminar is a \$50 registration fee for a double occupancy room and \$75 for a single occupancy room plus \$10 for the Strength Finders Assessment fee.

If using a credit card there is an additional \$2 charge for the double rate and \$3 for the single rate. There are only 2 single rooms left at this time. Check-in will begin at 3pm on March 22 and the seminar will end at 3pm on March 23.

If you have any questions about the seminar or registration please email Tonya Welch at tpwelch@gtcc.edu.

The form can be accessed at www.ncdkg.org under the forms tab.



Let's SPARKLE!

Goals:

- Encourage Savvy leadership
- Inspire Passionate, meaningful programs and projects
- Analyze and Articulate current educational issues
- Further Respect for diversity in membership
- Promote Knowledge through lifelong learning
- Establish and Launch a member wellness initiative
- Advocate Excellence in education

Happy New Year! A new year brings new opportunities to reevaluate our goals in DKG! In the first year of the biennium one goal was the Wellness Initiative and chapters were encouraged to participate in a water project to help others through the Life Straw Project. In October, Eta State Headquarters water pump stopped doing its job. This year we need a new well drilled and to purchase a new pump. You received a memo about this need. You may be asking why we have a Headquarters? Eta State uses Headquarters for state committee meetings on a regular basis because of the distance across North Carolina. Water is very necessary! Try a day without it and you discover how often you need it. I would like to encourage your support for the well project at Headquarters. We are fortunate to have the resources in the Headquarters Fund to pay for this.

In the next several weeks there are lots of deadlines. Please remember the Chapter President's Report. This information is helpful in determining our goals for the next biennium. I hope that in 2019 all 98 chapters will invite and induct at least two new members. Teachers need DKG!

Let's Sparkle!
Connie

Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
2017-2019

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SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE FEB. 1

Eta State NC Scholarship applications for doctoral (\$4,000) and Master's degree (\$1,000) candidates are available on the Forms page. Scroll down to find the "2019 State Scholarship Applications" heading. Both are due February 1, 2019, and awards are announced at the convention. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Benigno, Scholarship Chair, at mtbteacher@gmail.com.

Update on International Conference Coming to Asheville in June

1. Workshop Proposal forms are due January 15, 2019. Share your expertise and make NC sparkle by having lots of presenters from NC! The proposal form is an easy-to-submit online form on the [Events page](#) of DKG.org

2. Conference Vendors

Vendors are needed for the conference marketplace. If your chapter would like to sell items, you need to submit the following information: Vendor name, what will be sold, state vendor is from, and the email of the contact person. Send this information to Regional Director Elaine Warwick at elainewarwick@att.net. There will be a charge per table.

3. Conference Registration

Registration for the Asheville Conference will be available on the DKG website in the next few days. Because the conference hotel is located outside the city and has only one small restaurant, all conference meals are available for purchase on the registration form. Three of the meals are general sessions with speakers: Friday lunch, Saturday breakfast and Saturday dinner.

4. Hotel Registration

Hotel registration will be available online very soon.

5. Pre-Conference Tours-Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Four pre-conference tours will be offered on Wednesday, June 26. One will be to the Biltmore Estate; another to the River Arts District of Asheville; another will tour the Blue Ridge Parkway with various stops along the way; the last tour will be to the Omni Grove Park Inn, a famous hotel in Asheville. Its history will be shared, along with tours of artisan workshops nearby and lunch at the hotel. All tours will include lunch at a nice restaurant in the area. Watch for more information about these tours soon but mark your calendars now!

Eta State NC Volunteers Needed

Eta State NC Past President Sheila Groves is chair of the conference planning committee and Tobey Worthington, past Region I Director, is volunteer coordinator. They will need hordes of volunteers to make the conference a success. Volunteers will be needed to be airport and hotel lobby greeters; session facilitators; support for registration, first aid room, and properties room; podium decorators; and much more. Eta State NC regional directors are helping sign up volunteers so contact your chapter president or regional director if you are willing to help.



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HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR NC STATE CONFERENCE IN HICKORY

The Eta State NC 2019 Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hickory Hotel May 3-5.

[Registration](#) can be completed with the fillable form. Registration is due to the convention treasurer by April 15, 2019. Banquet and Brunch meal tickets CANNOT be sold after April 15, 2019. Materials may not be available to persons who register after April 15, 2019. No REFUNDS from Eta State after April 15, 2019. If you have questions about registration contact Marilyn Futrelle, Convention Registrar- mfutrelle@bellsouth.net

WORKSHOP PROPOSALS DUE FEBRUARY 1 FOR NC CONVENTION

Share your talents and expertise with DKG. 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](#). Don't be afraid to sparkle and shine! 2019, this is your year!

LEGISLATIVE SURVEY RESULTS TO BE SHARED IN 2019 WHITE PAPER

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

The Educational Law & Policy Committee has gathered the data from the Legislative Survey conducted in the fall 2018 and is including it in the new [2019 White Paper on Legislative Priorities](#). For those members who live close to Raleigh, the legislature begins its work near the end of January. Delivering the paper in person to members in the General Assembly is, by far, the most impactful thing to do. Meeting with lawmakers back home and personally sharing the document is also most effective. The Educational Law & Policy Committee urges all members to disseminate our priorities to anyone who can possibly help us achieve our goals. Won't you do your part? Our students are counting on us.

JACKSON COUNTY- MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to our new 2nd Vice-President, Dr. Kimberly Elliott. Kim was selected to receive The Paul Harris Fellows Award by the Sylva Rotary Club. This award is to recognize service above self. Dr. Elliott accepted the award on January 10, 2019 and said she was “humbled and honored” to be the recipient. Kim, we are very proud of you leadership role in your community and our chapter.

Shout out to new member Brynn Green, who has received 100 percent licensure scores and excellent ratings for the Pre-K program and After-school program at Smokey Mountain Elementary. She received a perfect 7 out of 7 for her interactions with students. Way to set the bar Brynn!

Congratulations also go out to Dr. Tracie Metz who was selected to participate in a distinguished principals program for the state of N.C. She was also tapped to serve on a newly formed regional principals’ council. Tracie, we are so proud of your leadership and service to Alpha Iota!



Kudos to new member Angie Dills who has recently been honored with the 2018-19 Steve Jones Servant Leadership Award for Jackson County Public Schools. Keep up the great work Angie!



GRAHAM COUNTY: BEGINNING TEACHER SUPPORT

Graham county has 3 beginning teachers this year. Our DKG members gave each 1st year teacher a gift bag with a \$10 Ingles card and gifts from Wehrloom honey. They were so appreciative! Each of these ladies have been long time assistants and are now classroom teachers. Julie says, “Great ladies I am proud to call co-workers.” Thank you to Julie and the rest of the Graham county delegation for presenting this gift on behalf of our chapter.





A few years ago, I made a New Years resolution to find more time to create my own art. Honoring it has been quite challenging. Most of my career as an art teacher, I have felt like I had to push my own artwork to the back burner in order to have time to plan exciting lessons and create art samples and demonstrations for my students. Rarely did I have time to even complete these before it was time to move on to the next. Accepting the invitation to do the quarterly art show for the Andrews Public Library, gave me permission to take the time to create what I wanted to without feeling like I was being selfish with my time. What a luxury that has been! What a shame I let myself feel that way for so long! My friends, life is short! Take time to find a way to do what you want in 2019! Take some risks along the way. Go out on a limb for something you believe in. Don't let yourself get in a rut or burnt out! Don't be afraid to Sparkle!

Furthermore, as I am putting myself out there on display in my art show, I am opening myself up to judgment on a personal level. To help me overcome any worry or doubt, I look forward to seeking wisdom and guidance from our Lord in Sara Young's "*Jesus Calling*" devotional book. One passage from this week is the inspiration for my message to you. "***Strive to trust Me in more and more areas of your life. Anything that tends to make you anxious is a growth opportunity. Instead of running away from these challenges, embrace them, eager to gain all the blessings I have hidden in the difficulties. If you believe that I am sovereign over every aspect of your life, it is possible to trust me in all situations. Don't waste energy regretting the way things are or thinking about what might have been.***"

This experience also puts me back in touch with how my students must feel when talking about their work in front of class or entering their artwork in shows and contests and risking failure or rejection. Many of our students experience self-doubt and rejection both at school and at home on a regular basis. We all know life can be a little scary for our students. Children and teens today are dealing with and working through so much. If as teachers, we do our very best to provide an environment where they **all** feel safe, accepted, cared for, important and treated fairly, then we should feel successful no matter what test scores may say! Yes our curriculum is important as well, but so are life skills and learning to function as a kind, compassionate, contributing members of society. Thank you for all you do daily to make schools a safe place where all students feel accepted and free to take some risks without fear of failure.

One last note regarding growth opportunities; I do plan to submit some of my artwork from the show to the [DKG Fine Arts Gallery](#). It's not too late for you to enter as well. The deadline is Feb. 15th ! Keep your fingers crossed that I get it done in time and get accepted! See you in Andrews for our fun and exciting March 2 meeting. (Watercolor and line dancing, Oh my!)

As always – keep smiling,
Dedra

Mark the Dates

- 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
- Jan. 17 Executive Board members due date for voting on Headquarters' budget
- 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
- Mar. 1 Chapter Achievement Awards, Golden Key Award, Rising Star Award, and Communications Excellence Award forms due (see page 2)
- Mar. 1 *Bulletin: Journal* 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



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

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