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DUES Change!

International has realigned the collection of annual dues with the fiscal year. Chapter Treasurers will now need dues in by June 15 each year instead of October.

This will require paying our dues at the May meeting. Please plan accordingly.



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

One of the questions on the 2018 President's Report is have you inducted members this past year? Out of 90 reports, 22 chapters did not induct members. The question does not tell the story of what is happening in our chapters but it causes me to wonder why?

Are you afraid they will not have the same commitment to attend meetings and get involved? Did you base your decision not to invite members on the lack of commitment of others in the past? Do you believe you have something to offer new members? Did you invite teachers to join who cannot join at this time due to finances, children, family responsibilities?

Whatever the reason, Eta State NC has lost members this past year and it is important that every DKG member consider how we can impact our membership.

As we reflect, what is it that makes us love DKG? What inspires us to want to attend meetings? How can we share this passion, grow our membership, and encourage teachers? Let's Sparkle and invite others to become members in our organization.

Let's Sparkle!

Connie

Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
2017-2019



Registration Open for International Conference in Asheville Conference registration is open for the International Arts and Humanities Conference to be held in Asheville, June 27-29, 2019. Register online at https://www.dkg.org/dkgcon_se. (You must be logged in.) Once you have completed the registration form, an email receipt will be forwarded to you. Note that 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. For preconference activities and tours, visit the SE Conference Events page of the DKG website.

Fun on the Lawn

Artisans! Games! Fellowship! What fun! Plan to be in Asheville Thursday, June 27, 5-6:30 p.m., for Fun on the Lawn. There will be artisan demonstrations, games, and time to visit with DKG friends from many different states. A box meal option is available on the conference registration. The conference committee is seeking additional artisans for this night. If you are willing to demonstrate your craft, contact Dedra Davis at dedraann@gmail.com

Musicians and Performers Needed

Members interested in performing at the International Conference in Asheville or singing in the chorus are asked to contact Past Eta State NC President Patricia Taylor at eta1315pt@gmail.com. Please include your name, email address, type of talent, and/or the part you sing (soprano, alto, or tenor). They also need ladies to accompany soloists on piano and/or sing duets, trios, or to bring their chapter or state ensembles.

International Website Chat Feature!

Members should be sure to update their email addresses on their online profile. To access, log in, then go to MyDKG and then to My Account. Click on the pencil above the phone number(s) to make changes. Members can also update their address and change their password from this screen. Be sure to check out the Chat feature. Thank you for using the chat feature on the website. Membership specialists have answered over 1,700 chats since September. Please continue to remind members of this feature available to them. Chats can be answered during Headquarters business hours, Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.



What Is World Fellowship?

The DKG World Fellowship Committee encourages chapters and members to provide moral support to recipients studying in your region. These non-member women from many countries are seeking a masters or doctorate degree and plan to return to their country to make a difference in our world.

This heartwarming and meaningful DKG project has supported over 975 women in 120 countries and given \$3,439,600 in grants since 1960.

To learn more about recipients in your region, sign in on www.dkg.org and go to:

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Resources/Brochures_Flyers.aspx

For ideas on fundraising go to:

http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Resources/Marketing/Fundraising_Ideas.aspx

As we strive to be Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide, will you help us spread our influence and meet our purposes by supporting World Fellowship?

Convention Project to Help Teachers

The annual convention project usually benefits a cause in the sponsoring region. Region X is expanding its project to the schools in eastern NC affected by Hurricane Florence, a generous and thoughtful outreach.

Fund\$ for Florence will help DKG member-teachers in counties declared natural disaster areas. Bring



gift cards and show your support of our members.

[FAST NC](#) reports funds have helped replace instructional rugs, PE equipment, STEM materials, art supplies, library books, laptops and more. Round 8 applications will be received from Feb. 23-March 8 and Round 9 from March 9-22. To secure an application form, go to the [FAST NC](#) website and click on the "Apply Now" link.

Centerpiece for International Conference of Arts and Humanities in Asheville



Eta State NC chapters are also being invited to join in the fun of being part of the International Conference in Asheville. Chapters may design one centerpiece that showcases your area of North Carolina. The centerpieces will debut at NC Theme Night, the International Conference opening event, and will be used throughout the weekend. These unique pieces will be sold at the conclusion of the conference with proceeds going to Eta State NC. A few simple guidelines are listed below to keep the size of the centerpieces consistent. If anyone wants to volunteer for their county to make one for me to deliver, please let me know!

- Clear Gallon Jar (pickle, Ball, or other clear container of that size)
- Fill the jar with items that represent your area of NC -Candles must be battery operated.
(sea shells, peanuts, acorns, cotton balls, photographs, memorabilia, etc.)
- Remember this decorator tip: a filler, a spiller, and a thriller, make an interesting centerpiece.
- Provide a piece of burlap (approximately 18" x 18") and a wooden round on which the jar will be placed.
- Bring or send your centerpiece to the Crowne Plaza Resort, Asheville, by Thursday, June 27.



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

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS! That time of year is upon us! Our Executive board meets Feb. 23 to tally up our points for the year. Please share any publications you have had this year from March 1-2018– Feb. 23 2019. Also please share newspaper articles where DKG members are featured for our scrap-book . The CAA are now being done electronically so you can send me the article title and the date it was published and which newspaper it was published in. If you could also forward copies of any correspondences you have sent on behalf of education to our legislators in the last year.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Please discuss Alpha Iota with a prospective member explaining such things as our purpose, fellowship, major projects, meeting schedule and dues. If she would like to join, please get her to complete and sign the applications sent to you via email. As sponsor, please list your name, Alpha Iota/Eta State, and the date you discussed our organization with the applicant (also known as "the prospect meeting".) Send Beth Lofquist the completed application by Friday, February 22nd.

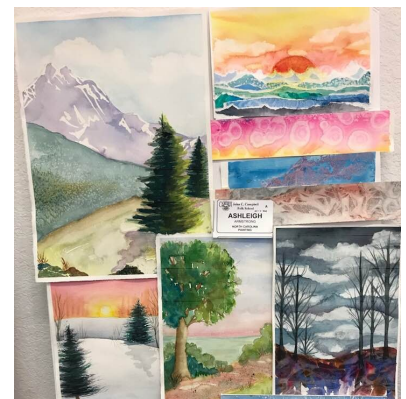
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MARCH 2 MEETING IN ANDREWS NC

I am excited to have Patty Higgins, our Regional Director for Region XI join us as our special guest at our March meeting. Please help me make her feel welcome. Patty is in for such a treat, as we have a fun and exciting program yet again. March is "Youth Art Month" and "Music in our Schools" month and we will celebrate both!

Members may choose to participate in interactive mini sessions in either dance or watercolors! Our mini watercolor session will be led by retired art teacher and Clay County member Suzanne DesLauriers. Suzy teaches watercolor classes at John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC . She also travels across the country sharing her talents in various classes and workshops. This year, Suzy is sponsoring prospective new member and fellow retired art teacher Reba Beck of Clay county. Our dance mini session will be led by our very own Terry Gribble and Lana Parker along with fellow fitness enthusiasts from TLC. They are a great inspiration in fun and fitness and love moving to the music!

Also please remember to bring your change jars to the March meeting for the Scholarship Committees change collection drive.



Art by a recent student of Suzy's at JCCFS

CHEROKEE COUNTY- MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

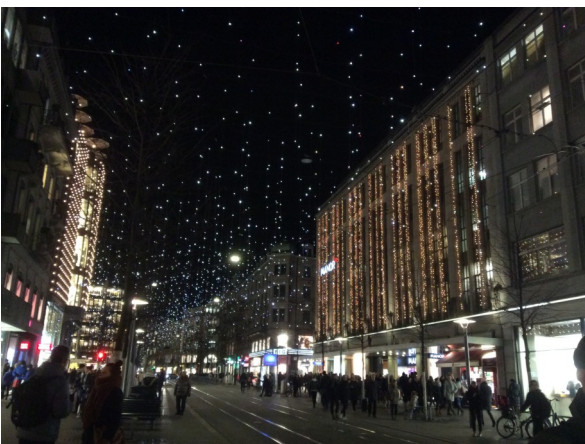


Chapter members from Cherokee and Macon Counties braved the cold night on January 25th and came out in support of their Alpha Iota sister Dedra Davis's Art Reception at the Andrews Public library. Many thanks to Tracy Hagan, Barbara El-Khoury, Rita Hubbs, Kathy Parker and Dr. Jeanette Hedrick– (not pictured). What a welcome surprise! Dedra's exhibit, "Textures, Traditions and Taboos" will be on exhibit through the end of March at the Andrews Public Library as part of their Artist of the quarter series. 25% of all art sales benefit the Friends of the Library. Some are planning a side trip to view the exhibit after the March meeting.

Member Travel Spotlight

This is a new spotlight feature for our newsletter. We have so many members that enjoy travelling to exciting destinations that I thought it would be nice to invite members to share on a regular basis. Sandra Marr appreciates a great many wonderful things in this world. She and husband JR are great adventurers! I am thrilled to have Sandra share with us some of her favorite memories of their recent Christmas trip to Zurich. Thank you for sharing Sandra!


What drew us there was the famous Christmas markets. The largest market is in the three level train station, where the Swarovski Crystal Christmas tree is located. Outside, you can follow old brick streets, which lead to other smaller neighborhood markets. These markets sell, scents, candles, all manner of handmade textiles, paper art, Christmas decorations, cheeses, meats, candies, cookies, fancy breads, handmade jewelry etc. Yes, I brought home a few trinkets. During the day we visited two very large churches named Fraumunster and Grossmunster which played a large role in the Reformation. Martin Luther and Ulrich Zwingli were both active in bringing about the Protestant Reformation and Zurich was an active center. Several other churches, such as St. Peter's Reform Church and The Protestant Church were involved as well. We were at the Zurich Opera House which had a large Christmas Market in front, including an ice skating rink. This market specialized in foods it seems.



In the evening we enjoyed walking on Bahnhofstrasse Street and seeing the "Lucy in the sky" lights, named from the Beetle's song "Lucy in the sky with diamonds in her eyes." Just beautiful!!! See picture. Other side streets had different arrangements of overhead lights which were beautiful and set a wonderful ambience. No street lights necessary. We walked these streets every night. There was a live "Singing Christmas Tree" featuring different groups of school children each night. We attended when the K and 1st graders sang. They were a riot!! Each one was trying to out sing the other. Very serious about their performance. They each wore red toboggans, red scarf, and red mittens and of course sang in German, their native language. This country is

serious about afternoon hot chocolate/tea and their sweets. Every afternoon people flock to the Tea Rooms for "out of this world chocolate delicacies"-- including us. You know, like the old saying "when in Rome, do as the Romans do" well we did. (We) Had a wonderful trip and would recommend it to anyone."



Love, we say it everyday, often multiple times. We click  's on Facebook pages-without a second thought. But what are we really saying? The word love has become so trivialized it seems to have lost it's impact. With Valentines Day on our minds this week, I felt led to reflect on the four letter word. In researching the topic, I identified several different types of love.

I am reminded of this passage from 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 that is often heard in wedding vows: *“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.”* The focus in my message to you this month will explore the four ancient Greek words for love that are that are identified in the Bible and in Psychology.

- Eros- passionate, sensual or sexual form of love, and is the type most akin to our modern construct of romantic love....alas, our traditional Valentine version with Cupid depicted as a blindfolded child. Many are often preoccupied with romantic love, so much so that they risk overlooking other types of love that are more stable and fulfilling.
- Philia- is a hallmark of friendship, or shared goodwill. Some call this brotherly love. Aristotle believed that a person can bear goodwill to another for one of three reasons: “that he is useful; that he is pleasant; and, above all, that he is good.”
- Storge-familial love, pertaining to the love between parents and their children. Having a natural or instinctual affection.
- Agape-*Agape* is universal love, such as the love for strangers, nature, or God. Also called charity by Christian thinkers, *agape* shows unselfish concern for the welfare of others.

As I continue to work to be a better me in 2019, I am constantly in prayer for help from the Father to be the best daughter, wife, teacher, sister, and friend that I can be that day. I depend on God to guide me one day at a time. As I approach each day, I need the Lord to help me see past my own comfortable boundaries and to help me show love and kindness to everyone-my students, colleagues, parents, the broken-hearted, down-trodden, impoverished, addicted, and mentally-ill. When we talk about loving as Jesus loved, we are talking about Agape love. It extends beyond just our emotions, feeling or sentiments. Agape love is pure and is the highest form of love. It is active, demonstrating love through actions. It is so much easier to stay in my safe little happy place than it is to take action.

So I leave you and myself with a challenge.

“To have made even one person's life a little better, that is to succeed”-Henry David Thoreau

As always – keep smiling,
Dedra

Mark the Dates

- Feb. 15 Deadline for registering for Leadership Development Seminar
- Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submissions due
- Mar. 1 Chapter Achievement Award, Golden Key Award, Rising Star Award, and Communications Excellence Award forms due (see page 2)
- Mar. 1 *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due
- Mar. 22-23 Leadership Development Seminar, Asheboro
- Apr. 1 Deadline for submitting names for Ceremony of Remembrance
- Apr. 3 Hotel registration at block rate ends
- Apr. 10 Legislative Day in Raleigh
- Apr. 10 *Eta State News* deadline
- Apr. 15 Early bird registration ends for Eta State NC Convention
- May 1 Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornet Individual PD Awards
- May 3-5 Eta State NC Convention, Crowne Plaza, Hickory
- May 11 DKG Founders Day
- May 15 New Initiates forms and fees due to state treasurer
- May 15 *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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