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President Pat's Message



"Re-Solutions" for the New Year

"Happy New Year! It dawned on me recently that the word 'resolution,' which is on the tip of *many tongues this time of year*, is a definition within itself. Looking at this word as 're-solution' is exciting for me. I know there are challenges in my life that would benefit from 're-solutions.'"

President Pat continues her monthly message by talking about ways to explore "re-solutions" for preparing members for future roles in leadership and exploring opportunities for networking and professional development.

Read the entire message at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/Presidents%20page.htm>

ETA State News

Proposed Amendments, New Officer Nominations in Eta State News

In the last print edition of [Eta State News](#) contained important convention information, including new officer nominations and proposed amendments to the Eta State Standing Rules and Bylaws. Read them carefully and be ready to give your president input before the vote on the proposed changes.

2015 Convention Project Announced

The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford (MHCO), located in Oxford, NC, will benefit from the generosity of Eta State members this year. The Convention Arrangements Committee has announced that donations to the home will be the convention project. MHCO's goal is to help children who need a stable, caring and loving home. There are currently 53 residents, ranging from 3 years to college age. You can find more information about the home by going to www.mhc-oxford.org. Stories from the residents on each page will warm your heart. Watch for a list of needed supplies and possible donation items to be added to their website in early February. Convention attendees may donate items by bringing them to the registration area. The committee appreciates your support of this worthwhile project to support children in the community.

International News

Current Arts & Humanities submissions application period is open until Feb. 1. Learn more at <https://www.dkg.org/content/arts-and-humanities-gallerysubmission>. Please browse the categories and consider submitting your work!
<https://www.dkg.org/content/arts-and-humanities-submission-procedures>
<https://www.dkg.org/content/arts-humanities-gallery-application-word>

International Representative at Eta State Convention Becky Sadowski, the current SE Regional Director, will be Eta State's special guest from the International Society for the 2015 Eta State Convention in April. Learn more about Becky in the next Eta State News .

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Becky Sadowski
SE Regional Director

Regional Director Will Attend Alpha Iota May Meeting



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Meet our Region XI Director! Bonnie Golden is a member of Alpha Phi. She retired as a middle school teacher who taught all classes and grade levels. The last ten years of her career Bonnie taught AIG. Her favorite part of her job was relating to students in a personal way and watching them mature throughout middle school. The beach is her favorite vacation spot. Bonnie enjoys reading, water aerobics, and sewing. She has served Alpha Phi as chapter President, Past President for two terms, Personal and Professional Growth Chair and is currently Communications Chairman. Something you might not know about her is that she will celebrate her 45th wedding anniversary this year.



Charitable Community Work Runs in Family

Barbara El-Khoury of Andrews, NC has been following in her father's footsteps. Joe, a volunteer and community leader, was especially known for his service to the local Lions Club Food Bank. Barbara recently received an award from the Lions Club at the Fall Lions Convention. She was recognized for many community service projects and numerous fund raisers and for "always finding ways help children in need." Barbara also served as the grand marshal for the Andrews Christmas parade this December.

Beginning Teacher Showers

At the July Executive Board meeting, it was suggested that a "New Teacher Shower" given mid-year would be a nice way to show support to these teachers. So in December, members donated items to be given to the first year teachers in our seven counties. In total there are **81** first year teachers. Many thanks to Graham County teachers Crystal White and Erica Sawyer and their students, for dividing up the materials and creating the bags for each county representative to distribute. Pictured below are Cherokee County members Barbara El-Khoury and Dedra Davis who distributed the gift bags along with Alpha Iota brochures at the monthly BT meeting. Refreshments were also furnished for the teachers. A brief overview was provided, featuring DKG's mission to support new teachers as well as highlighting our other community projects and the benefits of membership. The teachers were very appreciative of the show of support. Please share photos of your county's "new teacher shower" to be featured in the next newsletter or on our website.



Winter Executive Board Meeting -Committee Re-

*Communications & Publicity: Dedra Davis stated that the website has been certified through 2016 with Delta Kappa Gamma International. She requested that other counties please make sure to send in their newspaper articles. Also, the digital yearbook is updated regularly. The updated Alpha Iota brochure is finalized and ready to be printed. Various options will be checked to determine the best way to proceed with color printing.

*Membership: Beth Lofquist is teaching in Jamaica and was unable to attend. New member applications are due by FEBRUARY 15 to Membership Chair Beth Lofquist. Her address is 10 Haven Hollow, Sylva, NC 28779; email is bethlofquist@gmail.com. If you did not get a hard copy at the December meeting, the application is available on the state website as well as our Alpha Iota webpage. Please get your nominations application in soon!

*Finance: Suzi Cabe reported that the silent and regular auctions held during the December meeting raised \$2445.70. Everyone agreed that this was fantastic news.

*Nominations: Dr. Capps indicated that this committee is inactive until fall, when they will begin working on the slate of officers for the next biennium. She urged all officers present to consider serving another term.

*Rules: Sandra Marr was unable to attend. We have to submit a rules review each biennium. The executive board reviewed the rules and recommendations will be sent out to the chapter members in the form of an email for them to vote on. Terry Gribble will send the email with the specifics of the recommendations.

*Leadership Development: Lana Parker will look into the Leadership Development Seminar to be held at Peace College. She will also send items encouraging members to develop their leadership skills to Dedra for inclusion in the newsletter.

*Special Projects: Jane Greaves will talk to Beth about what is needed for the Jamaican Teacher Project. Members will be asked to either make a \$20.00 donation or bring in items, as has been done in the past few years. Our Accessory sale, which was planned for the November meeting, will be conducted at the March meeting. We are on track with our Hospice House donations.

*Educational Excellence: Dedra is planning to submit an application to be a presenter at the Eta State Convention in Chapel Hill this spring and thanks to encouragement from Dr. Capps and the rest of the board, she also submitted to present at the Southeast Regional Conference in Savannah. If approved, she will ask for Terry Gribble to be her facilitator for both events.

*Schools for Africa: Barbara El-Khoury reported that her sister, Mariam, will be available to present at a future meeting on her experiences doing relief work in Africa. The chapter will continue with the 50/50 raffle at each meeting to raise money for the Schools for Africa project.

*Beginning Teacher Support: Crystal White reported that the bags for the first year teacher "shower" are ready to be distributed to each county. There are a total of 81 first year teachers in the seven counties. She brought the bags with her for members to take back to their respective counties.

*World Fellowship: Erica Sawyer was unable to attend. A total of \$137.00 was raised this past year with Brag & Pay and the dog biscuits auctioned in December.

*Legislative Issues: Susie West was unable to attend. Amy will ask her to give an update in March.

*Scholarship/Grant-in-Aid: Karen Lail was unable to attend. Amy reported that Karen is on track with the timetable for the grants-in-aid.

President Amy's Winter Message



As I am writing this message, it seems significant that today is the designated day to honor Martin Luther King, Jr., one of my personal heroes. His words have always resonated with me, and I find many quotes that speak to all facets of life. King said in regard to service, "Life's most urgent and persistent question is, what are you doing for others?"

This is a question we can ask of ourselves individually, as a Chapter, and as a Society. As I complete the year end reports for Eta State and process the information from our recent board meeting, I am filled with great pride in all that Alpha Iota Chapter is doing for others. We reach out globally through Schools for Africa, World Fellowship, and our own longstanding project for Jamaican teachers. In our region, we seek to make a difference with our two annual grants-in-aid to aspiring teachers and our three year pledge of \$1000 per year to the area Hospice House. We also continue to add activities for our various counties' beginning teachers. The last question on the President's Annual Report asks, "What does your chapter do that makes you most proud of it and its members?" My response begins with these words: "Alpha Iota members are some of the most compassionate and committed ladies I know."

Thank you, sisters, for all you do for others, not just in our chapter, but in your schools, churches, and civic organizations.

Amy Hobbs



Dedra's Tech Tips

I used Kahoot to review for my final exams and my students begged for more!

Kahoot! | Game-based blended learning & classroom
<https://getkahoot.com/> [Tutorial How to use in your classroom](#)

<http://blog.getkahoot.com/tagged/video>

Dates to Remember in 2015

Alpha Iota Meeting Calendar

Save the Dates

March 7, 2015 - Macon County

May 16, 2015 - Jackson County/WCU

Mark the Dates

- 2015
- **Feb :15 Alpha Iota New Member Applications due to Beth Lofquist**
- Mar. 1 Golden Key Award nominations due (see page 2)
- Mar. 1 All chapter newsletters due to qualify for award at convention (see page 2)
- Mar. 15 Pledges for the 100 Challenge due to regional directors
- Mar. 15 Chapter Achievement Award forms due
- Mar. 15 Convention ads due
- Mar. 31 Convention vendor forms due
- Apr. 3 Deadline for early bird convention registration
- Apr. 3 Convention hotel registration deadline
- Apr. 24-26 Eta State Convention in Chapel Hill
- July 15-18 Southeast Regional Conference, Savannah, Georgia
- 2016
- July 5-9 International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, Tennessee

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