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President Pat's Message

“Life Changing Power”

In her President's Message this month, President Pat talks about the excitement, anticipation, and energy she's been



a part of in recent visits to chapters and at the state convention. She says, “Every gathering with our DKG sisters is an opportunity to experience this same energy! After all, at each Delta Kappa Gamma event, we are networking with key women educators, some of the most highly educated and recognized women in the field of education. How often does this

happen? As a result, some life changing opportunities can arise.” She lists some specific examples and challenges us to always let our light of sisterhood and leadership shine.

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

International at Work Collegial Exchange will make it's debut this fall. The submission deadline is August 1, 2015, Unlike the journal, the magazine will not have predetermined themes. The list of types of submissions and the criteria are posted on the DKG website (<https://www.dkg.org/editorial-board>). Also, don't forget to submit your research-related articles to the DKG journal, now published only online.



2015-17 Eta State Officers

Sheila Groves, President; Connie Savell, First Vice President; Sharon Frazier, Second Vice President; and Hilda Parlér, Recording Secretary.



Conference attendees: Barbara El-Khoury, Amy Hobbs, Terry Gribble and Dedra Davis Alpha Iota was awarded a certificate for Chapter of Excellence, Newsletter of Excellence and Website of Excellence.

Over 300 attendees enjoyed the fellowship and events of the 2015 Eta State Convention in Chapel Hill, April 24 - 26. **Highlights included:**

Installation of the new state officers (ON PAGE 1)

Presentation of the Founder's Award to Dr. June Atkinson, State Superintendent of NC Public Schools and Alpha Omicron member (I was thrilled to get a photo op!)

Recognition of chapter achievements, Golden Key recipients & chapter presidents

The lively discussion and voting on changes in the Bylaws and Standing Rules

Announcement of the approval of the Educational Foundation's tax exempt status

Presentation of gifts to Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

Celebration of life in the special Ceremony of Remembrance



Grant-in-Aid recipient

Haley Duncan, recent graduate from Tri-County Early College is presented her Grant-in-aid award by principal and new Alpha Iota member Alissa Cheek and member Suzanne DesLauriers.



Nancy Norcross received an award from Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte . The award is "given to a woman who, by her personal sacrifice, exemplified for others the reality that a dream for a better life is not only possible but also achievable." The dream fulfilled was the construction of a playground at Stecoah Valley Center. We are proud of you Nancy! A true "Boomer" with eternal optimism!

Celebrating Our Successes



Margaret Simpson of Franklin High School was recently featured on WLOS in the weekly series "Thanks to Teachers" which highlights the best **teachers** in our area! Congratulations Margaret! She was also selected as Franklin High School's Teacher of the Year! So proud to have this Baby Boomer as a part of Alpha Iota!



De Anna Booth, Language Arts Teacher at Swain County Middle School was selected as Teacher of the Year! We are proud of you De Anna! You represent The Gen-Xer's of Alpha Iota well!



Erica Anderson Sawyer, Alpha Iota member since 2013, was just named as Robbinsville High School's Teacher of the Year! Erica will graduate in August with her Masters in Administration. We are so very proud of your accomplishments Erica! You are our up and coming Gen Y leader in Alpha Iota!



Susann West was awarded a "Dedication and Service Award" by TCCC. Tri-County met the state Performance Measure for the GED Pass Rate under College and Career Readiness. Susann is the director for this program and was honored with the award. Congratulations Suzi on your success! Another Baby Boomer making a difference!



President Amy's Summer Message

Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later. - Og Mandino

President Amy Hobbs

Sisters,

As summer has arrived, I know many of you are engaged in some type of gardening - vegetables, flowers, or both. There is nothing quite as satisfying as harvesting what you planted and cultivated. It strikes me that as educators, our "gardening" extends to people as well - our students, colleagues, and sisters in the Society. We sow seeds of encouragement, kindness, and knowledge, cultivate them, and wait to draw some measure of satisfaction from the harvest. All of you, by doing your best and nurturing the students you have taught, have indeed helped to produce a bountiful harvest. You have also successfully mentored our younger educators by taking time to help them grow into master teachers. As Delta Kappa Gamma members, we have countless opportunities to sow seeds of sisterhood and cultivate personal and professional relationships within the Society. We just had the privilege of welcoming a record number of outstanding women educators to Alpha Iota Chapter. Let us all take time to nurture them in the work of the Society and offer them opportunities for continued growth in the profession.

I look forward to seeing each of you in the fall, and in the meantime, happy gardening!

In sisterhood,

Amy



Dedra's Tech Tips

Lego Movie Maker

Help your students bring their imaginations to life with the LEGO Movie Maker App. Simple tools and guides make it easy to shoot, edit, and even score their movie with music! I used this to help reinforce science concepts of force and motion but imagine using it for a digital storytelling lesson. The possibilities are endless. Students can animate anything, from drawings to clay figures and of course action figures or Legos! AND it's a free app.



Welcome to our new members! May 2015 Initiates

Front. L-R Alissa Cheek, Patricia Davis, Karla Jones, Delaine MacDonald
Back: L-R Dr. Kim Elliott, Rebecca Ensley, Dr. Chená T. Flood, Elizabeth Garrett

Mark the Dates

- **June 15 Deadline for contributions to Society**
- **June 15 Early bird registration deadline for SE Regional**
- **June 17-20 Eta State Leadership Development Seminar**
- **July 10 Eta State News deadline for news**
- **July 15-18 Southeast Regional Conference**
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- **August Alpha Iota Executive Board meeting**
- **2016**
- **July 5-9 International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, Tennessee**

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