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"In this biennium we will continue to *live* the Purposes of our Society, seeking new ways to support women, children, and excellence in education.

I challenge you to **imagine** what we can do as active members of a community seeking solutions to problems that hinder the growth of positive educational programs.

I challenge you to **inspire** others to join us in the work that will support the wellbeing of our children, the advancement of our schools, and the growth of women leaders.

I challenge you to **ignite** a passion for programs and initiatives that will meet the goals of Delta Kappa Gamma and keep us *forward moving ever!*

Let's...**Create the future!**

Sheila -

[Click for full President's message.](#)

International Arts and Humanities Jury Selection

Submissions to the DKG Fine Arts Gallery closed September 1.

The International Arts and Humanities Jury is busy deliberating over submissions to be accepted and added to the gallery. I am excited to report that I have been selected to serve as the NC liaison to the International Arts and Humanities Jury in the 2015-2017 biennium. You can check out all the great work already online at <https://www.dkg.org/content/dkg-gallery-fine-arts-0>.



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Our NC Delegation was strong at the Regional Conference in Savannah. Fifty-five of 725 registered members were from NC. Several Eta State members presented breakout sessions, including LEROY, with Margaret Church, Ann Demiter, Linda Little, Sheila Groves, Elaine McRae, Dr. Sherry Willis, Emily Weigel and Dr. Mary Cauley; Dr. Angela Kern; Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon; Dedra Davis; Carol Bostian, Amanda Moose and Donna Rudisill; Birgitta McGalliard; and Sheila Groves.



The Fall issue of Eta State News now available online [Eta State News](#)
The September/October Issue of International Newsletter [DKG News](#)

Changes Now Online

The Eta State Bylaws and Standing Rules were amended by the membership assembly at the 2015 Eta State Convention on April 25, 2015. Please visit the Eta State website under the Rules & Bylaws tab or [http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/bylaws% 20&%20rules%20page.htm](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/bylaws%20&%20rules%20page.htm) to view the revised bylaws and standing rules.



International President's Blog

Do you follow Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid's blog? The International President shares her personal thoughts, readings, joys, and concerns about our great Society. She ends that August post by inviting everyone to Nashville for the 2016 International Convention, July 5-9, and shares the [link for her video invitation](#). "Y'all come!" Read the entire post and subscribe to her blog at <http://lynschmid.blogspot.com>

Schools for Africa

The program for our September meeting will focus on this special project. Barbara El-Khouris's sister, Mariam El-Khouris Gerber has lived in Africa for many years. Some of that time was spent working in schools. Her daughter was a teacher in Africa. Mariam will share her experiences and give us better insight into the schools there, since Schools for Africa is a DKG project that we support with our 50-50 raffle. All money goes through UNICEF to improve the schools/quality of life for these children. The pencils we are bringing to the meeting will be donated to a new school built by a missionary, Travis Sawyer, who is originally from Graham County. Mara Christian Academy is in Kenya and five classrooms have been completed thus far.

Grants to Be Awarded from the Foundation !!!



Exciting news from the North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation was announced at the Executive Board meeting in Elon last weekend—the Foundation will be awarding grants this year! Grants totaling \$1,000 will be awarded this spring, up to a maximum of \$250 for each grant. Individuals, teams or chapters may apply. Application forms and submission details are now online on the Foundation's new website, <http://www.ncdkgef.org> under the Grants tab. The Foundation is continuing to accept pledge payments now, and again thanks everyone for their generous support of the 100 Challenge. These funds are making the first grants possible. A brochure about the Foundation is now available. Chapter presidents received the initial copies at Elon and the brochure is available online for downloading.

Region XI Fall retreat-Regional Director Bonnie Golden invites members to attend the upcoming retreat entitled *Celebrating Our Heritage: Hearth, History, Health*.

The event is October 17 from 9:30-2:00 at **North Windy Ridge Intermediate School, North Buncombe County** (very close to I-26). Amy will have registration forms at the meeting and can also email them out. Dress will be casual and the theme of the day is our regional heritage. There will be entertainment from the group Trillium. Breakout sessions will include the following: nature crafting and the "basket ladies" doing ornaments for those that like hands-on crafting; cooking and floral arranging. A regional history presentation, an ethno-botany walk and possibly chair yoga demonstration. Attendees will choose two of the sessions to attend. We will close with a catered lunch, which will be \$15 due with registration.



Erica Anderson Sawyer, teacher at Robbinsville High School and Alpha Iota member since 2013, graduated in August with her **Masters in Administration from WCU!**



Susann West recently retired from her teaching position at Tri-County Community College. Congratulations Susie!

Tracy Hagan is at home recuperating from back surgery and will miss the first part of the school year. Let us wish Tracy a full and speedy recovery.

Our Regional Director , Bonnie Golden, will have double knee replacement surgery Oct. 5. Please remember her. I sure she will find lots to keep her busy while she recovers.

Grant-in-Aid Memorials- In honor of Janice Henson's mother and Susan Jones's mother; Suzi Cabe has written checks from our regular account to the grant-in-aid account as memorials .

Beginning Teacher Support- Crystal White from Robbinsville High will be organizing “Survival Kits” for the nearly 100 first year teachers in our region. Please bring your items to the September Meeting so they can be assembled and distributed in a timely fashion. Check your email for lists.



Suzi Cabe has been once again appointed as Eta State Personnel Chair . We are so honored to have such a hard-working member as Suzi as a big part of our chapter. Thank you for your service and dedication.



I hope everyone is settling into a new school year as we start to experience our first taste of autumn. This is also the time of year that signals a new beginning in Alpha Iota Chapter as we start this second year of the biennium. As educators, we all know that you begin with the end in mind - as you put up the "welcome back" bulletin boards, you are also planning and setting goals for your students to achieve by the end of the year. The same is true in Delta Kappa Gamma - we plan with goals and end results in mind. Your Executive Board has worked diligently in our summer session to plan programs, projects, and initiatives to make this a rewarding year for all the membership. Along with the Region XI Director and other chapter presidents, I have helped to organize a regional retreat in October that promises to be a day of fun and fellowship for our WNC sisters (see the related article). Suzi Cabe and I just returned from the Eta State Executive Board Meeting, and I look forward to sharing information with you at our meeting concerning opportunities involving grants, scholarships, and legislative input. On each level, these opportunities are created with the goal of helping members grow personally and professionally. As we begin this year, it is my hope that we continue our commitment and support of one another and the Society by attending the meetings, seeking to bring new members into Alpha Iota, and supporting ALL educational efforts, from our beginning teachers in the respective counties to schools in Jamaica and Africa. Let's have a great year in Delta Kappa Gamma together!



Dedra's Tech Tips Bringing it home... to NC

Amazing local resources available at your fingertips at [NCLIVE](#). Hundreds of databases used by universities and colleges.

[ARTNC](#) is a link which allows you to design concept maps through drag and drop using works of art or your own images coupled with literary themes. Set up your free accounts and start using these great resources to make NC exciting for you and your students!

Alpha Iota Meeting Calendar 2015-2016

September 19, 2015 - Swain County : Nantahala Village 10:00

November 7, 2015 - Cherokee County : Blue Mountain Grill 10:00

December 5, 2015- Haywood County: Lake Junaluska: Lambuth Inn
10:00 (arrive in order to have auction items on tables by 9:30)

March 5, 2016 - Macon County : The Boiler Room 10:00

May 14, 2016 - Jackson County : WCU Student Center 10:00 (arrive
9:30 for packing Jamaican Teacher bags)

Mark the Dates

Oct. 1 International Standing Rules amendment proposals due

Oct. 10 News deadline to Editor Sue Roberts for Winter Eta State News

Oct. 15 Deadline to apply for a 2016 international officer position

October 17 Region XI Fall Retreat 9:30-2pm

Oct. 31 Chapter dues due to chapter treasurer (or as set by chapter)

Nov. 10 Forms 18 and 18A due to Eta State Treasurer Ruth Jones, with dues

Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS, acceptance email to Ruth Jones

Nov. 20 NC DKG Educational Foundation grant applications due

Dec. 1 Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar applications due

Jan. 3, 2016 DKG Educational Foundation project applications due

Feb. 1 Biennial Reports due

April 22 - 24 Eta State Convention, Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX)

July 5-9 International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort &
Convention Center, Nashville, Tennessee

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