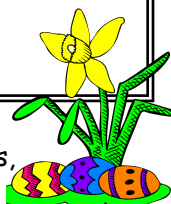


The Key Update

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hello Delta Chi Sisters,

Spring is just around the corner! I'm so happy that we have gone back to daylight savings time...more sunlight (fingers crossed)!

With spring almost here, I am looking forward to the Eta State Convention coming up in April. If you have never been to a convention, I hope you'll consider attending. With it being in Charlotte, you could drive down easily. If you didn't want to attend the entire convention, either Saturday or Sunday would be a great way to catch part of the happenings.

There are lots of fun things to do and opportunities to talk with other DKG sisters from all across the state. I'm even going to sing in the choir this time!

The Ceremony of Remembrance is such a touching experience as we remember our sisters who have passed over the last year. Coleen Hayes and Judith Walsh will be included. If you've never been, it is truly a special tribute to participate in.

I look forward to seeing you all in March!

Susan

Remembering Coleen Fairchild Hayes

It is always sad to say goodbye to one of our own.

Coleen Fairchild Hayes had been a Delta Kappa Gamma member since 1972 and faithfully served Delta Chi Chapter in many ways, including President, 1986–1988.

Coleen taught second grade at Mount Pleasant Elementary School for 40 years and was always a favorite among students. The tribute wall on her obituary contains dozens of comments from former students saying what an impression she made on them, and comments from friends and colleagues who knew and loved her often used the words sweet, kind, and loving.

Coleen passed away Monday, February 12, 2018, at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem. Delta Chi will honor her at our meeting on March 19.



World Fellowship Program in March, Copy Paper Drive for BTs



We give to World Fellowship, but what does that mean? Karen Buhman, immediate past Eta State World Fellowship Representative, will present our March program and share information on World Fellowship, what it is, who it helps, and how our money is used.

Our March meeting will be held Monday, March 19, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central Office.

Also please plan to bring to the meeting packs of copy paper for our support of Wilkes County Beginning Teachers. This was much appreciated last year so we will collect paper to distribute to them this spring. If you will not be at the meeting, please drop off your paper to President Susan at the Central Office.

Elizabeth Thornton will be offering Mary Kay and Norwex products as a fundraiser, with all the profits going to our chapter. She will only be able to take cash or checks.

Our prospective new members will be joining us this month as well. Please make them welcome and introduce yourself. We will be completing their initiation in April during our special initiation, installation ceremony.

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Member News

Elizabeth Thornton: Call me crazy, but I'm back to work 3 days a week until the end of the school year and loving every minute of it! We bought a house in North Wilkesboro in September. I hate to leave my beautiful 122-year old house. We decided to be proactive and look for a house where we could live on the first floor when stairs might be a problem. We found a very nice one on Sunset Drive. I have been painting inside for 5 months to get it ready. When the weather gets a little nicer, we'll move in. Hoping a buyer will come along in the spring for the Wilkesboro house!

Jane Joines and **Brenda Anderson** sent the same news: We are going to the Grand Canyon with our spouses and will be there during the March meeting. We'll miss everyone.



Hannah Peacock: Our little family sure did enjoy the snow back in January. Piper (5) and Price (9 months now) loved building a snowman and exploring all of nature's wonders!

Chris and I just took Piper for Kindergarten Fun Times the other night and can't believe that milestone is right around the corner. Price is walking with a push toy and their love for each other grows daily. We are truly blessed!

Sharron Huffman: I am currently recovering from cataract surgery and will be scheduling my right eye very soon. I am completing my 2nd term on the Wilkes County Board of Education and am in my 2nd term on the North Carolina School Board Association Board of Directors. But I guess my big news is that I am running for my 3rd term on the Wilkes County Board of Education.

Lena Lovette: I broke two bones in my foot in January. Doing well and hope to be out of my boot this week.

If you know of an illness or death or a celebration of a member, please share it with us. Kaye Lamb (kayelamb77@yahoo.com) is sending cards so let her or President Susan (blackbusu@wilkes.k12.nc.us) know when someone needs remembering!

Etta Idol from Sharon Oxford: My news about Etta Idol is she is truly a miracle lady. She has successfully recovered from her latest hip replacement and is able to go out to lunch and short trips. We have been to Boone and visited her church this past week. She is actively participating in the singings, bingo and other activities at Vienna Village. I have attached her latest creation—a tussie mussie she made in flower class. She has truly enjoyed the cards and sweet notes from her DKG sisters. A sincere thank you!



Beverly Story: I don't have much to report, but I would like to say that I miss seeing the ladies of Delta Chi! I am trying to do something for myself and learn something new, so I have been taking a hand building pottery class at the Wilkes Art Gallery. Unfortunately it is at 4:00 on Mondays, so I can't attend most of our meetings. I have learned a lot and I love doing it; however, I do not see myself with a second career as a potter! My best to everyone!



Heather Williams, pictured right with President Susan, got a donation for the Educational Foundation's Community Challenge and her name has been entered into a drawing for a free convention registration. The donation will be used as part of the funds to awards grants to teachers.

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Mark Your Calendar

2017-18 Meeting Dates

Mark these dates for Delta Chi Chapter meetings. All meetings will be held in the Board Room at the Wilkes County School's Central Office and will begin at 4:30 p.m.

April 16—Installation and Initiation Ceremony

May 21—Social Event

New Officer Nominees

Officers for the 2018–2020 biennium have been nominated and will be voted upon at the March Delta Chi Chapter meeting on March 19. They are:

- Co-Presidents—Andrea Byers and Susan Kuenzel
- First Vice-President—Tamarah Cornette
- Second Vice-President—Elizabeth Thornton
- Secretary—Heather Williams

The Treasurer is a selected position, not elected, because the nature of the role needs continuity. Jenny Cockrell has agreed to remain treasurer.

The Parliamentarian, appointed by the president, is chapter-related personnel and serves as an ex-officio member without vote on the chapter executive board. Linda Little has agreed to be parliamentarian.

New Initiates

President Dr. Susan Blackburn conducted a new member orientation on February 19, 2018. The seven educators invited for membership attended. They have been invited as guests at the March meeting and will be initiated in April.



MerleFest Project Needs Workers

It is time to sign up to work at MerleFest!

Our annual parking lot project nets the chapter \$1500, which pays for our 20th Century Scholar through Communities in Schools and our grant-in-aid to a teacher assistant working on a teaching degree.

Sharon Guenther will have the schedule at the March 19 meeting, or you may call her or email her to sign up. Her email is spguenther@embargmail.com. Thank you in advance for supporting our MerleFest project!



2018 Eta State Convention April 27-29, Charlotte

Theme: *Let's Sparkle!*

Convention Registration Open

Have you registered for the 2018 Eta State Convention? The early bird deadline is April 1 and the registration fee will increase \$10 after the deadline. The registration form is online at <https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2018conventionregform.pdf>.

Remember to purchase your tickets for Saturday evening's Presidents Banquet and for the Birthday Brunch on Sunday when registering.

Society Name Change Among Constitutional Amendments Proposed for Vote at Convention

Do you think changes in the Constitution at the International Convention are not of interest to you? Then, you need to read your Mar/Apr 2018 *DKG News*. One of the proposals up for adoption is a change in the name from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to Women Educators International (DKG). State organizations will be named by geographical areas and each chapter will be named by the state organization.

These changes and more are part of a rebranding of the organization proposed to allow the organization to promote itself based on who we are, not who we were, while honoring our past. Read all the changes in the *DKG News* or online at http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Publications/NEWS-Print_Issue.aspx. There is an interactive pdf for downloading at the same link.



Special Amendments Edition

Editor's note: This edition of DKG NEWS is devoted almost entirely to the proposed amendments to the Constitution and International Standing Rules. International asks you listed. Members accepted the challenge of examining our governing documents, and the result is found in the proposed amendments presented in this issue. Discussion of and voting on the proposals will be the major business conducted at the 2018 International Convention in Austin, Texas, July 16-20.

From the president to each member:

Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody seems to do anything about it." This quote often attributed to Mark Twain, applies to DKG. Members sometimes open the "the rules" require chapters to follow procedures that are not beneficial to the chapters membership by the information Society representatives will take to state organization meetings this spring and early summer. To know and understand the proposals is important. A reasoned reaction to proposals is more professional and productive than an emotional reaction.

Also read President Carolyn Pittman's article on page one and note her comments, "To know and understand the proposals is important. A reasoned reaction to proposals is more professional and productive than an emotional reaction."

DKG State and International News

Tee it up for Teachers! in Boone in June

The NC DKG Educational Foundation is excited about the summer fundraiser, *Tee It Up for Teachers*, and about the ways chapters can help!

The event, at the Boone Golf Club, June 11, needs everyone's support. They recommend our chapter can help by contributing items to goody bags for golfers. The

Foundation will collect goodies or gift cards to help purchase items at the convention. Region IX, of which Delta Chi is part, has been asked to provide small packages of crackers. The Foundation suggests chapters may want to attach a "donated by" label with chapter name and location.



Even if you aren't playing golf, you can still be part of this event by donating items or volunteering your time.

Registration for golfers and sponsor opportunities are available on the Foundation website, www.ncdkgef.org, or by contacting Judy Carlson judithb125@gmail.com, Barbara Leonard drbleonard0@gmail.com, or Sheila Groves svgeta97@gmail.com.

New DKG App Available

A new DKG app is available! Delete your old app and download the new one!

The new app will have two parts—an everyday app (called the 365) with news and updates you'd normally find on the website but in a format easier to use on your mobile devices, and the convention app with maps, schedules, speakers and more, specifically about the convention. The 365 portion is ready now. Click on the graphic to go to the DKG website to learn more and find links to the downloads. You must be logged in to see it.



Convention Chorus Singers Needed

Lend your voice to the Eta State NC Convention Chorus in Charlotte. Dr. Sara Massey, Music Representative, invites everyone to join the fun.

Rehearsal times will be Friday 9:00–9:45 p.m., Saturday 4:30–5:30 p.m., and Sunday 7:30–8:00 a.m. Check the convention program for places. Email Sara at smmasse2@gmail.com if you'd like to download rehearsal music before the convention.

Convention Project

The chapters of Region VI have chosen Hurricane Matthew Aftermath as their Outreach Project for the 2018 Eta State NC Convention. Your helping hands will aid children and their families recovering from the devastation they are still feeling over a year later.

Doris Littlejohn, Convention Chair, explained about the project. "Citizens from Robeson County, part of Region VI, suffered the greatest devastation. Presently, most of the families have returned to their homes and have attempted to make their transition back to normalcy. Yet for others, the move back to their residences has been a very slow and grueling process. Some of the families moving back to their homes are experiencing difficulties and are trying to provide the basic necessities to survive. This project will assist displaced families in Robeson County with some of the relief they need. Items such as appliances, furniture, and bedding are big needs. Region VI will be working closely with United Way of Robeson County to make sure all children and their families obtain the items they need.

Contributions are desired and will be appreciated."



Donations to the Hurricane Matthew Aftermath project can be given in the form of a gift card, certified check, money order, or any other guaranteed currency monetary gift. The committee asks that no cash be given. Checks and money orders may be written to United Way of Robeson County with reference to the Eta State NC Convention Project.

Mark the Dates

- Apr. 1 Early bird registration for Eta State NC Convention ends
- Apr. 10 Submission deadline for *Eta State News*
- Apr. 27-29 Eta State NC Convention, Hilton Charlotte University Place, Charlotte, NC (Region VI hosts)
- May 1 Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards
- July 16-20 DKG International Convention, JW Marriott, Austin, TX