

The Key Update

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 Region IX of Eta State, North Carolina

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hello Delta Chi Sisters,
 It has been my honor to serve as your president during this biennium. I thank all of you who have participated in our chapter activities and supported the mission of Delta Kappa Gamma. This fine organization not only supports key women educators, but education in general. It is important that we participate in our chapter activities to promote true fellowship and support of teachers young and old, and also to promote the value of education in our community. Thank you to the new officers who have agreed to serve during the next two years, and welcome to our 7 new members. We are excited to have you in our chapter! I am grateful for your friendship and sisterhood, and I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Susan

*You are a DKG member because
 someone thinks you are a key
 woman educator!
 It is an honor to be a member!*

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Delta Chi Initiated Seven New Members, Installed New Officers in April

Seven new members joined Delta Chi Chapter and new officers for the 2018-2020 biennium were installed during the April 16, 2018 meeting held in the Wilkes County School's Board Room.

Initiated were Karyn Church, media coordinator at Millers Creek Elementary; Paula Farmer, media coordinator at Moravian Falls Elementary; Lori Holguin, ESL teacher at C.C. Wright Elementary; Pam Huffman, principal at West Wilkes Middle; Kristine Kennington, principal at Mount Pleasant Elementary; and Belinda Marino, 5th grade teacher at Mulberry Elementary. Heather Pardue, Instructional Specialist at C.B. Eller Elementary, was out of town and will be initiated at a later date. (They are pictured on page 3.)



New officers installed during the April meeting were (l to r) Linda Little, Tamarah Cornette, Heather Williams, Elizabeth Thornton, Andrea Byers, and Susan Kuenzel

Andrea Byers and Susan Kuenzel will serve as co-presidents for the next biennium. Serving with them will be Tamarah Cornette, first vice-president; Elizabeth Thornton, second vice-president; Heather Williams, secretary; Jenny Cockrell, treasurer; and Linda Little, parliamentarian.

Eta State NC President to Join Us

Social is Final Meeting of Year on May 21

Eta State NC President Connie Savell of Kings Mountain will be a special guest at our May meeting. We will gather at Cagney's Restaurant on Central Street on Monday, May 21, at 4:30 p.m. for a social, relaxing evening.

Members will order off the menu, Dutch-treat style, and have time for getting acquainted with our new members, visiting sisters we do not see often, and sharing highlights of the year.

President Susan Blackburn will conduct a short, informal business meeting to share Delta Chi honors from the Eta State NC Convention, held last month in Charlotte.

Hope to see everyone there!

Member News

Lillie Brewer: I spent a lovely evening at The River House in Ashe County with friends and family recently. The food is beyond wonderful.

Martha Glass: The only thing I have done is fall in the yard while weeding the lettuce Tuesday. Nothing broken, just a few bruise spots. Remember old folks lead a quite, slow life.

Linda Little: I am planning to attend International DKG Convention in Austin and hosting grandchildren at different times in the summer.

Andrea Byers: I am excited to be going back to Disney with my children and nephews this summer. While there I will also be attending a Singapore Math Institute to learn more about math strategies.

Sharron Huffman: We are expecting our sixth grandchild in November.

Lori Holguin: My son Caleb will be attending UNC Charlotte beginning this summer. He was accepted into the Engineering program. He has been awarded several grants and scholarships. I have been selected as an National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) scholar and I will travel to New York City for two weeks this summer to attend the Abolition and Women's Suffrage Institute, which is being conducted by the Brooklyn Historical Society and The Museum of the City of New York. I received a \$2100 stipend to attend.

Jenny Cockrell: Our family has a trip planned to the Outer Banks in June.

Jane Joines: I enjoyed four fun days at MerleFest and visiting my DKG sisters in the parking lot. Looking forward to a wonderful summer filled with baby showers for grandchild number 6!

Kaye Lamb: I've been busy traveling most weekends with my eight-year-old granddaughter who is doing competitive gymnastics. We're in Atlanta this coming weekend for Regionals. I love watching her do something she loves and excels at. The whole family makes the trips so it is truly a family affair. I have missed too many DKG meetings and miss seeing everyone. I try to keep up with all the Delta Chi news through the newsletter and Susan's emails. Thanks you sisters for all you do to keep wayward members like me in the loop. I will strive to do better next year. Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful summer.

Belinda Marino: This summer I am leading several professional developments for DPI, beginning teachers, and technology. I am going to take the rest of the summer off and do some traveling and spend some time in Miami with family!



Congratulations To...

Sharron Huffman who won her third term on Wilkes County Board of Education during the elections in May.

Lillie Brewer who was recognized by the Wilkesboro Town Council at their meeting in May for her decades of public service. She was presented with a "key to the city" plaque. Mayor Mike Inscore, in honoring Lillie, shared Lillie's role in establishing what is now Cub Creek Park, starting in the late 1960s. She persuaded the town leaders to turn former cornfields into a well-maintained, welcoming and well-used community space.

Lillie taught school in Wilkes County for 18 years before retiring. Prior to that she was a trauma nurse at Orange County Memorial Hospital. She still works as a legal assistant in her family's law firm, Brewer, Brewer & Sorel PLLC, which was founded by her late husband Joe Brewer and her father, the late T.R. Bryan Sr. Lillie is active in the Wilkesboro Church of Christ, where she teaches Bible classes and serves in other capacities. Lillie has been a DKG member since 1988.



Special Thanks To...

Elizabeth Thornton for her generous donation to the chapter funds from the Mary Kay and Norwex sale in March. Thanks also to all the members who purchased something. Elizabeth donated her profits from the sale and gave \$300 to the chapter.

Welcome New Members



Joining Delta Chi are (seated, l to r) Kris Kennington and Belinda Marino; (Standing, l to r) Karyn Church, Paula Farmer, Pam Huffman, Heather Pardue, and Lori Holguin. President Susan Blackburn (standing, far right) is pictured with the new members during an orientation session. Make them feel welcome Monday night during our final meeting of the year and social time.



Delta Chi President Dr. Susan Blackburn, 2nd from left, is pictured with the Eta State NC Membership/Expansion Committee before the Ceremony of Remembrance Sunday morning, April 29, 2018, at the state convention in Charlotte. This special service celebrates the lives of the Eta State NC sisters who passed away during the year. White roses were placed in the vases in memory of Delta Chi members Judith Walsh and Coleen Hayes.

Tee it up for Teachers! Needs Golfers

The NC DKG Educational Foundation's summer fundraiser, *Tee It Up for Teachers*, needs golfers. If you know of a team of four who would participate, let Sheila Groves know immediately.

The event, at the Boone Golf Club, June 11, also needs DKG member-volunteers to help that day. If you are willing to help, contact Dr. Judith Carlson judithb125@gmail.com or Sheila Groves svgeta97@gmail.com. See www.ncdkgef.org for more information.

Meeting Dates

2018-2020 meeting dates have not been set yet. If you have requests, please let [Andrea Byers](#) or [Susan Kuenzel](#) know. We will be sending you a survey for possible day of the week changes. Watch for it and please respond! Your input is important.

Mark the Dates

- May 15 Submission deadline for *Bulletin: Journal*
- June 16 Early registration ends for the International convention
- June 22 New Officer Training in Greensboro
- July 1 2018-2020 Biennium begins
- July 10 Submission deadline for *Eta State News*
- July 15 Form 15 due from chapter treasurers to state
- July 16-20 DKG International Convention, JW Marriott Austin, Austin, TX
- Sept. 15 Fall Executive Board meeting, Elon

DKG State and International News



Delta Chi members Linda Little and Susan Kuenzel authored the book *Delta Kappa Gamma in North Carolina: Eta State 2007-2017*, which was released for sale at the Eta State NC Convention in Charlotte. Copies of the book are available for \$15 each. See Linda or Susan to get yours at the meeting Monday night!

The 2018 book is the third paperback update to the hard-cover history book published in 1989 about Delta Kappa Gamma in North Carolina.



The May/June issue of *Get Connected!* is now online. The topic of this issue is Digital Courtesy on the Internet, focusing on how to be personally and professionally mindful of your digital courtesy with others. Read tips and more on the Publications page under the DKG website's Resources tab. http://www.dkg.org/DKGDocs/Newsletters/2018_Get%20Connected%20-%20May%20June.pdf.

Convention Dates

July 16 - 20, 2018 — DKG International Convention, JW Marriott, Austin, TX

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

June 27 - 29, 2019 — Southeast Regional Conference, Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC

May 1 - 3, 2020 — Eta State NC Convention, Greensboro

NOTE: The 2019 and 2020 state conventions will not be the same weekend as MerleFest and both are nearby! Plan to attend!

Webinars and Videos Provide Help on the Proposed Amendments

International President Carolyn Pittman has been holding webinars to explore the proposed amendments to the Constitution and International Standing Rules. There is one more webinar scheduled—on Saturday, May 19, 11:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time (noon EDT). Members must register to attend a webinar and will view the presentation via computer access. To register or for more information, visit www.dkg.org.

If you cannot make the May 19 webinar with President Carolyn, there are videos available on the International website that explain the “stories” behind the amendments. There is also a series of FAQs. Check them out at http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Resources/2018_Proposed_amendments.aspx. (Look down to the right for a box with links to the six short videos regarding the “stories” about proposals.)

NC Legislature Begins “Short Session”

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

Wednesday, May 16, marks the opening of the short session at the General Assembly and, as many of you know, a very large crowd of public education supporters will be on hand to welcome lawmakers back to Raleigh on this “Day of Advocacy.” A number of DKG members will be in attendance as well to show support and respect for educators and to encourage legislators to increase school funding to address the needs of students and schools.

At the recent Eta State NC Convention, Sen. Jeff Tarte encouraged DKG members at the Educational Law & Policy Committee’s workshop to go speak to lawmakers at every opportunity and to take many facts about what is happening in our schools and also ideas about what needs to happen. Always tell them the benefits that will be derived from support for strong schools. He reminded members that “we are the experts.”

The short session is held to review the 2-year state budget that was developed last year. News reports reveal that the state has taken in 3 to 4 hundred million dollars more than budgeted, so supporters need to request that these funds be used for educational needs.

DKG’s Legislative Days are June 6, 13 and 20 when members are encouraged to meet in the front lobby of the legislative building on Jones Street in Raleigh at 9:00 a.m. and then visit their Representatives and Senators. Make appointments ahead of time, share DKG’s White Paper (on the DKG website) of school needs, and be sure to wear your pin. See you there!