

The Key Update

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Region IX of Eta State, North Carolina

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THE PRESIDENTS' CORNER



The Co-Presidency and sharing duties

Everyone is busy. We all have too much to do. Working daily—retired or actively teaching; caring for family—young children, grandchildren, aged parents or spouses. So, sharing duties made sense to me.

Andrea and I fell into good sharing roles from the start. With my background on the state level, I know the forms and technical side of doing the work. She's great at organizing and making sure the people-side is covered. We might still duplicate efforts and something might fall through the cracks, but so far, it's working to share the duties.

At the state Executive Board meeting we attended Saturday, we witnessed the dissolution of four chapters. Could it happen to Delta Chi? Are you willing to share the duties so our chapter thrives? Andrea and I will co-lead but we need your active support. We won't ask for much, but you have strengths we need for Delta Chi to make an impact—and that's our goal. Let's work together and share duties to impact education.

Hope to see you Tuesday at Moravian Falls.

Susan K.

Meeting at Moravian Falls Tuesday

Delta Chi's second meeting of the biennium will be Tuesday, October 16, 2018. We will have light refreshments from 4:00 to 4:30 and will begin our meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Our meeting will be held at Moravian Falls Elementary School. We will see their new media center and hear from Paula Farmer about the changes.

Anna Lankford, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, will share information about the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and English as Second Language (ESL). ESSA replaced the No Child Left Behind initiative.

Committees will meet for a few minutes to set goals for the year. (See committee lists on page 2.)

Good Start to the Year

Wilkes County Schools Superintendent Mark Byrd brought Delta Chi members greetings and gave an update on the start of school at Delta Chi's first meeting of the year on September 17, 2018.

Michelle Shepherd shared news on Wilkes Early College High School during the opening Members Shine moment. The high school was the only school in Wilkes to achieve an A on the school report card.

Second Vice-President Elizabeth Thornton presented the program on the goals of the Educational Excellence Committee, focusing on Empower, Engage and Create. Members brainstormed at their tables about ways Delta Chi empowers, engages and creates.

There were 27 of 65 active members present.



Superintendent Mark Byrd spoke at the September meeting.

Dues are Due!



If you have not paid your dues yet, you are asked to do that at the October chapter meeting. Chapter dues, including a \$2 donation to Headquarters, are only \$72. If you will not be at the meeting, please send your dues to Treasurer Jenny Cockrell at 403 Finley Street, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659.

Committee Members

Tentative committee assignments have been made, based as closely as possible to members' survey input. Of the 37 responses, only 4 ladies besides the present officers said yes or maybe to chairing a committee. We hope others will step up if asked! See Andrea Byers or Susan Kuenzel if you would prefer a different committee than assigned.

Calling All DKG Members: Time to "Light a Spark" for NC Education

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, State ELP Committee

The 2018 election is just around the corner and all public school students in North Carolina are counting on US to "Light a Spark" for education by casting our votes for pro-education candidates at all levels of government. For the past decade our schools and teachers have been slowly starved of needed funding. We need to put NC back in its previous position as an exemplary state for high quality education and a well prepared workforce. Our future depends on returning our schools to their former glory. Now is the time to start!

Early voting begins on October 17 and goes through Saturday, November 3rd. In case anyone is not registered to vote, they may register and vote on the same day during early voting. This is called "One-Stop Voting." Call your local Board of Elections to find out where the early voting sites are in your county. You may go to any early voting site you wish. No photo ID is required to register or to vote.

On the official voting day, Tuesday, November 6, voters must vote in their own precinct. Let's all prepare now to spark a North Carolina education comeback in 2018!

Committee	Communications and Marketing	Finance	Educational Excellence
Description	newsletter, website, social media, marketing, cards	budget, fundraising, collection of dues, MerleFest	Ed Law & Policy, World Fellowship, Schools for Africa, state initiatives
Chair(s)	Heather Williams Dannette Hinchey?	Jane Joines, Phyllis Clay?	Elizabeth Thornton
Members	Kaye Lamb Brenda Gee Kris Kennington Lena Lovette Vickie Dancy Heather Pardue Peggy Martin Jeannie Jernigan #10	Jenny Cockrell Pam Huffman Brenda Anderson Linda Bentley Norma Jean Burnette Peggy Martin Betty Winslow Susan Blackburn #10	Tina Johnson Pat Mazza Carol Pardue Frances Tharpe Sandra McLain Lois Bentley Sharon Guenther Janet Sink Billie Jo Scott #10
Committee	Community Outreach, Chapter	Leadership Development	Membership
Description	local projects, (BT Support, CIS, Dreams & Kitestrings) and chapter	scholarships, grants in aid, developing leadership, prof growth, chapter involvement	recruiting, retaining, promoting membership, nominations
Chair(s)	Ramona Hemric, Rosanna Bare	Linda Little	Tamarah Cornette
Members	Amber Bryant Sandra Burchette Paula Farmer Wanda Hutchinson Christy Jolly Belinda Marino Donna Cotton Etta Idol #10	Martha Glass Anna Lankford Lori Holguin Jammie Jolly Kim Parsons Beverly Story Linda Wellborn Pam Scott Essie Hayes #10	Karyn Church Sharron Huffman Lisa Joines Michelle Shepherd Suzanne Bare Linda Greene Hannah Peacock Judy Nofrey Pauletta Parker #10



Bazaar and Covered Dish Meal in November

It's the return of our fun Fall Bazaar. Plan to bring canned goods, baked items, gently used treasures, crocheted or knitted items, handmade crafts, or whatever goodies you think would sell! We'll set it up and invite Administrative Office personnel to purchase too! This will help fund our three BT awards.

We'll also have a covered dish meal to share the fellowship and thanksgiving of membership on November 19, 2018.

Mark the Dates

- Oct. 31 Membership dues due to chapter treasurers—we don't want to lose you!
- Nov. 10 Chapter dues due to state treasurer
- Nov. 15 Deadline to submit [nomination form](#) for state officers for the 2019-2021 biennium
- Nov. 19 Delta Chi Chapter meeting, Bazaar and covered dish meal
- Nov. 20 Applications due for **New** scholarship grants from [NC DKG Educational Foundation](#)
- Dec. 15 *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* [submissions](#) due
- Jan. 3, 2019 DKG Educational Foundation (not NC) [project applications](#) due
- Mar. 26 Delta Chi Chapter meeting. Mt. Pleasant School
- Apr. 29 Delta Chi Chapter meeting. Board Room, Central Office
- May 20 Delta Chi Chapter meeting. Social.



Member News



Etta Idol and **Mary Belle Greene** (left to right) attended the Greene family reunion known as Granny's Pot Luck in June. This is held at the Greene's homesite in Stoney Fork.

Both have been attending for many years. They had a great time together.

Elizabeth Thornton: Greg and I are celebrating our 43rd anniversary this month. We are going to pamper ourselves at The Inn at Biltmore for 3 days and 2 nights.

Susan Blackburn: This mama bird now has empty nest! I have two boys who went off to college this fall! Andrew is attending Wake Forest University and Matthew is attend Campbell University. Matthew will be in the marching band, so left in early August. I was not ready!! Andrew had orientation and moved in later in August. I know many of you have faced this same challenge before. If you have any words of wisdom I'll gladly take them! I appreciate prayers and support! My daughter, Anna, works for the Red Cross, so she is in and out. I won't be totally alone ALL the time. :)

Andrea Byers: My daughters, Isabelle and Adelaide, were both on the 10 All Star team this summer. We went to Shelby for the state tournament. My son Riker turned 7 and he is excited about his birthday and getting back to cub scouts. We all had a great family time at Disney World with my nephews.

Heather Pardue: I returned to work on August 1st after 9 months at home with my sweet babies, Sawyer & Maggie. We had a super fun summer filled with many play dates with friends and spending as much time as possible together as a family. Becoming a Mommy has become my greatest accomplishment and I am loving every minute of it.

Peggy Martin Halsch: This summer Garrin and I spent 16 days in Sioux Lockout, Ontario. Garrin fished and I read 6 books, worked 120 crossword puzzles, shopped, and watched TV. It was interesting and relaxing. If I couldn't live in North Carolina, I would like to live in Ontario, but only in the summer. It is one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen.

Brenda Anderson: In July, Larry, Christopher, his girlfriend Jessica and I spent a week at our favorite vacation spot, Kiawah Island. We enjoyed the beach, guys golfed, we rode bikes, went to Charleston one day and ate lots of delicious food!

Susan Kuenzel: I am chairing the International Communications and Marketing Committee this biennium, after serving as a member of the committee last year. Other members are from California, Washington, Illinois and Sweden. Victor Trisnadi, Director of Technology at Headquarters in Austin, is our committee liaison. It's keeping me busy, planning for GoToMeetings, facilitating discussions about marketing the Society, writing for Society publications, and working on conference sessions for this summer.

Our thoughts are with...

Lillie Brewer who fell and fractured her pelvis in early September.

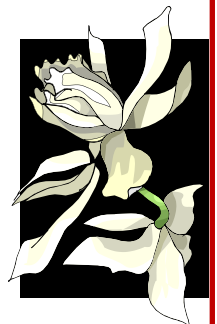
Jean Tugman who also fell recently and is recovering in rehab.

Etta Idol who has had a couple hip surgeries in recent months. She continues to rehab well.

Lois Bentley whose husband Charles is in the hospital.

Jammie Jolly whose father had a heart attack last Friday.

Michelle Shepherd who has taken a medical leave of absence.



Congratulations and Best Wishes
to **Etta Idol** on her
96th birthday in June!



Dendrobium

If you know of an illness or death or a celebration of a member, please share it with us. Kaye Lamb is sending cards for the chapter. Let [Andrea Byers](#) or [Susan Kuenzel](#) know if someone needs remembering!

Member News

Paula Farmer: I wrote several grants last year and raised \$110,000 for an additional playground at Moravian Falls ES. This playground is located near the 3-5 building, and was designed and installed by Beanstalk Builders of Morganton. It is a non-traditional playground space, featuring ropes course type activities and slides from a mini-tower. Installation began this summer and it opened for students on the first day back to school. Students had a blast trying to work their way through all the balance activities on their first day out!



Sharon Guenther shared this in the summer: My mother had a very bad fall and has cracked her pelvis. It was also discovered that she has a severe case of pneumonia in her right lung. I took her to the doctor, then he sent us straight to the hospital emergency room in Gboro. She was there for a day and a half, then transferred to Moses Cone Hospital (also in Gboro). She has been in intensive care, on a breathing machine, had a drain placed in the lung to drain the fluid and infection out. It is working well and last night she came off of oxygen and was eating for the first time in days. While this has been going on, my father in law had a heart attack and is also at Moses Cone Hospital awaiting open heart surgery for triple by-pass surgery on Wednesday of this week. I have been running myself ragged between both of them.

I ask for prayers for both Margaret Pettit, my mother, and Clint Guenther, my father-in-law. Hopefully things will be better for both soon. Day by day!

Update: Clint (my father-in-law) was sent home this afternoon one week after quadruple by-pass surgery. He seems to be doing very well. He will have some in-home therapy and some help with bathing for a few days. And, they got him a lift chair that was also delivered today.

Margaret (my mother) was released and sent to a rehab facility just 6 minutes away from her home and my sister's home. She will probably be there for about 20 days and we will reassess how she is doing re-learning some independent living skills. I got her settled in with some of her own clothes, and blankets etc. about 8:30 this evening. I will go back tomorrow morning to learn the routine of the place and to help with an assessment of what she can do and what to expect with rehab. She has a long way to go before being able to live alone again which is her goal.

Continued prayers please.

Sharon sent this update this week: My mother is doing much, much better. After her 16 day stay in the hospital and 18 days in Rehab, she was able to go back home and stay by herself again. She is continuing to do exercises each day and some light housework.

My father in law is recovering slowly from his quadruple bypass surgery this summer. He is beginning out patient rehab 3 days a week, and is beginning to gain some energy back. It has taken much longer to bounce back to normal than he had anticipated.

Thanks so much for everyone's prayers. It was definitely a summer to remember, and would I would like to forget and not repeat.



Beginning Teacher Support

- August 3 Beginning Teacher Lunch (Quarter 1)
- December 5 Bring Kleenex and Hand Sanitizer (Quarter 2)
- February 6 Bring dry erase markers, Kleenex, Post its, binder clips, pens (Quarter 3)
- April 29 Bring packs of paper, notes of encouragement (Quarter 4)

Delta Chi members visit with BTs during the luncheon August 3. Thanks to everyone who helped with food and serving.



DKG State and International News

EEC In Action *Tip of the Month*

Ideas to Help Sisters Impacted by Hurricane Florence

By: Dr. Teresa Cowan, Eta State First VP, EEC Chair

[EEC](#) of Eta State NC encourages you to *Empower, Engage and Create* at the chapter level by supporting your DKG sisters that were impacted by the horrendous weather in September.

Empower: Collect books (old or new), have members distribute to schools; great multi-chapter activity

Engage: Make yourself available to help at a local school - you might be the source of someone's joy

Create: Fill plastic tubs with school supplies and donate to affected schools

How can Delta Chi help to schools and DKG members who have been impacted?

Announcing New Scholarship Grant Opportunities

The NC DKG Educational Foundation is awarding two \$2,500 Marilyn F. Grinwis Gray Scholarship Grants this fall. These new awards are being made for spring semester 2019 from an endowment through Theta Chapter.

Scholarships are available for degree work in Music Education or Elementary Education. Applicants may be enrolled in Baccalaureate, Master's, or Doctoral study in either of these areas of education. Applications are open to everyone.

The proposal form is available on the Educational Foundation website (www.ncdkgef.org). Proposals are due **November 20, 2018**, so apply now! Awards will be made by December 5, 2018, in time for spring semester.

Membership Changes Adopted at Convention

At the International Convention in Austin in July, several changes concerning membership occurred.

1. We now use the word "induct" rather than the word "initiate." (Constitution III.A.1&2)
2. A new member becomes a member of the International Society in addition to a state organization and/or a chapter. (Constitution III.A.1) 3
3. An individual becomes a member of the Society when she pays her dues rather than when she is inducted. (Constitution III.A.1.&2)
4. The requirement of being initiated within one year of paying dues is no longer valid. (Standing Rules 3.01)
5. Membership is open not only to active and retired educators but also to anyone who has ever taught. (Constitution III.B.1)
6. Add "Collegiate Members" to the types of membership. Collegiate members must be in last two years of undergraduate work or have graduate standing. When a collegiate member starts her career as a paid educator, she will pay active member dues and become an active member. If a collegiate member does not pursue a career in education or drops from an educational degree program, her membership expires. International dues will be \$20. A collegiate member may participate in all activities of the Society except holding an elected office. (Constitution III.B.4, Standing Rules 3.4 and 4.11)
7. Chapters may select candidates for members by the method determined by the chapter. However, the method must be established by the chapter rules. (Constitution III.C.1)

Payment Due Date to Change

Another amendment adopted at the Convention pertained to payments of dues and fees:

"The membership year is July 1 - June 30. A member shall pay annual dues and fees no later than June 30 for the following fiscal year."

This change will take effect in 2019, so members will want to make note of it and plan to pay dues before the end of the school year this coming summer. Delta Chi will take payments if members would rather break up the dues amount.

Convention Dates

May 3 - 5, 2019 — Eta State NC Convention,
Crowne Plaza, Hickory

June 27 - 29, 2019 — International 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!

