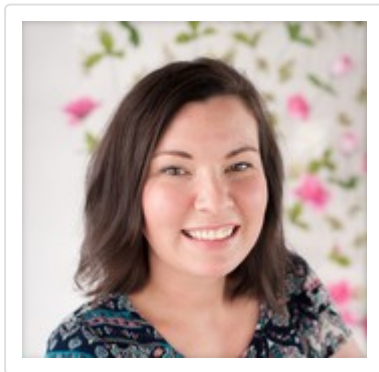


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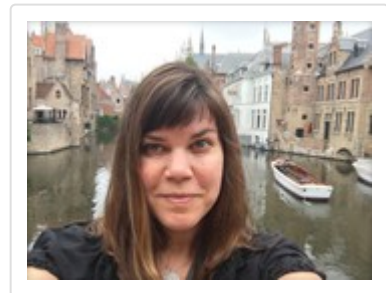
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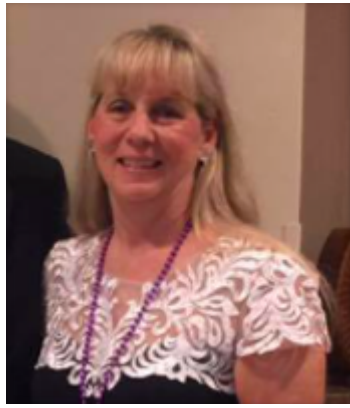
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A Message from President, Kat Noland

Greetings Sisters,

Happy New Year to all of you! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season! This newsletter contains a lot of information and RSVP links. I thank you for reading through the information carefully.

Thank you Anna Goodrum for opening your home to the chapter for our November initiation and business meeting and for sharing your global summer learning experience with us. It was very engaging! Thank you to Jocelyn Bulla for your organization and implementation of a successful initiation. We welcomed two new members to our chapter: Angela Wade and Susan Reid. We also welcomed Christine Faircloth. She is a transfer member from Florida and we are happy to have her! We had a productive meeting with good attendance and enjoyed a lovely brunch.

I would like to thank Dee Skerry and Erin Keener for creating our [chapter website](#)! They will be serving as co-webmasters. This will be a great resource for chapter members and prospective members.

I hope everyone has a wonderful time at the upcoming sisterhood event and I hope to see you all soon! Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions!

Please note:

- Please take a moment and fill out this [survey](#) so that I can complete our chapter achievement application before it is due.
- We have two changes on our calendar. We will be meeting on February 24th at 10am for our community service project at [Note in the Pocket](#) (5100 Lacy Avenue -off

Millbrook Road). Thank you so much to Martha Hayes for coordinating this project! We need at least 10 members present. Please RSVP [HERE](#). On March 24th, interested members will be attending EdCamp Wake as a chapter. The spring session will be held at Carroll Magnet Middle School (4520 Six Forks Road Raleigh). Registration is required and the event fills up fast. You can register [HERE](#). Afterwards, all members will meet at the home of Kathryn Thompson (5208 Quail Meadow Drive Raleigh) at 12:30 for lunch and a business meeting.

- Our next event will be on January 20 at 10am at the University Club. This will be a joint event with Gamma Eta. They have graciously invited us for some fun and fellowship! Please bring your favorite book from 2017 and a blurb about it to share with the group. Brunch will be provided. **An anonymous donor has covered the cost of brunch so please come and enjoy!** We do need everyone to RSVP by tomorrow at the latest using [THIS LINK](#) if you haven't done so yet. As you may know, I teach at a year round school and our make up day for this weeks' snow day was scheduled for January 20th. Unfortunately, I will not be at the meeting along with any other track 1,2, and 3 teachers in our chapter.

Awards

Please consider nominating a member for the [Rising Star Award](#) and for the [Golden Key Award](#). Nominations should be made by February 1st so our Nominations committee can get the paperwork turned in by March 1st.

You can easily make a nomination [HERE](#).

Legislative Updates

It is my hope you have set up the groundwork for action by building relationships with your representatives this fall. **The NCGA's session convenes this Wednesday, January 10th.** I encourage you to meet with Senators and Representatives to discuss issues related to education. Please let me know when you make these contacts and don't forget to use the Eta State 2017 Legislative Priorities (linked below) when speaking on behalf of Delta Kappa Gamma.

One of DKGs top legislative priorities is to **encourage the General Assembly to increase per-pupil funding.** An unfunded mandate by the Legislature caps class sizes in kindergarten through 3rd grade. Without state funding, local Boards of Education must pay for this requirement entirely using local funds appropriated by local County Commissions. Paying for the extra teachers, the additional classroom space and all the teaching materials would all need to come out of already-tight local coffers.

Public Schools 1st NC is holding an old fashioned Advocacy Day Wednesday, January 10, 2018 from 9AM to 1PM. Come visit your elected representatives to ask them to fully fund the K-3 class size mandate and to delay the impending fiasco caused by its current form. Ask them to restore the ratios used in the original HB13 and allow hardship waivers for school districts that cannot provide the additional teachers, classroom space, or financial resources beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Our schools must have enhancement

(or specials) teachers FULLY funded in January to allow time for budgeting. Join us in asking our legislators to RESTORE CAPS to Grades 4 and 5 that they removed in 2013!

[Click here for 2017 legislative priorities](#)

Rally to Stop Class Size Chaos

Kat and Jocelyn enjoyed a motivating Rally on Saturday, January 6th held by Save Our Schools-NC Parents Parents for Public Schooling and Public Schools First NC.



Who Am I?

In each newsletter, we highlight two "Mystery Sisters". See if you can guess who! (Scroll down for the answers)

Mystery Sister # 1 *I am the biggest Michael Buble' fan in the world.*

Mystery Sister # 2 *I started out college as a music major.*

Gamma Theta Important Dates

- **January 10** Advocacy Day
- **January 20, 2018 10 am-12pm**
- Bagels and Books with Gamma Eta-University Club (200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh)
- **February 24, 2018 10am-12pm**
Note in the Pocket community service project (5100 Lacy Ave, Raleigh)
- **March 24, 2018 8am-12pm**
EdCamp Wake-Carroll Magnet Middle School 4520 Six Forks Road Raleigh (attended by interested members)
- **March 24, 2018 12:30-1:30**
- Business Meeting and lunch at the home of Kathryn Thompson (5208 Quail Meadow Drive Raleigh)
- **April 14, 2018 10 am-12pm**
Business Meeting at the home Betty Marshall (6212 Dresden Lane Raleigh)
- **April 27-29, 2018**
Eta State Convention University Hilton Charlotte, NC

- **May 5, 2018 10am-12pm**
Initiation and Sisterhood Event
Bond Park (801 High House Rd, Cary)

Would You Like to Present at the Eta State Convention?

We have a lot of knowledge and gifts to be shared in our chapter! If you are interested in presenting at the Eta State Convention visit the link below for the submission form.

- Breakout Session Proposal Form Submission Deadline is **January 26, 2018**
- One-Hour Long, Afternoon Sessions on Saturday, April 28
- Strands of Focus: *DKG Society Business, Personal Growth and Professional Growth*
- Visit <http://www.ncdkg.org/> to find the submission form. There is a link to the form on the home page.

2017-2018 Goals and Progress

Mission and Purpose

Goal 1: We will continue to uphold the mission and 7 purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma by holding well planned meetings, quality programs, and meaningful fellowship.

Progress: We met on September 30 to discuss the business of the chapter. Many members met up at EdCamp Wake in October. Additionally, we met at the home of Anna Goodrum in November, enjoyed brunch and learned about her recent global learning experience.

Goal 2: We will grow our scholarship fund through 2 fundraisers.

Progress: We held our first fundraiser of the year and made \$42 and donated \$21 worth of books to Wake up and Read.

Goal 3: We will support beginning teachers in our region with one classroom supply drive project and through time spent mentoring.

Progress: Please click [HERE](#) to report your mentor hours (official and unofficial)

Membership

Goal 1: We will grow our chapter by focusing on the recruitment of key women educators utilizing International's revised recruitment procedures.

Progress: We initiated 2 women in November and welcomed 1 transfer member to our chapter.

Awards

Goal 1: We will work towards earning the "excellent" status through the Chapter Achievement Awards.

Progress: We continue on the path to excellence!

Goal 2: Our communications committee will work toward earning the newsletter excellence award again this year.

Progress: We continue on the path to excellence!

Goal 3:Our communications committee will launch Gamma Theta's website, gain society website certification and work toward earning the website excellence award.

Progress: Dee Skerry designed and launched our chapter website!

<http://dkggammatheta.weebly.com>

Goal 4:We will nominate a member for the [Rising Star Award](#) and for the [Golden Key Award](#).

Progress: Please consider making a nomination [HERE](#).

Eta State NC Website

Let's Sparkle!

Joyeux Noel, Frohe Weihnachten, Vrolijk Kerstfeest, Buon Natale, Feliz Navidad, Merry Christmas!

Christmas Greetings DKG Sisters! The month of December was one of my favorite times teaching third graders because I spent a month teaching them about the diversity of Christmas traditions from around the world. The children loved learning about the symbols and cultures of other countries. Two special activities we did every year were making dough ornaments to adorn their Christmas trees and reading my favorite Christmas stories to them. It seemed like there was never enough time to read all the stories I loved.

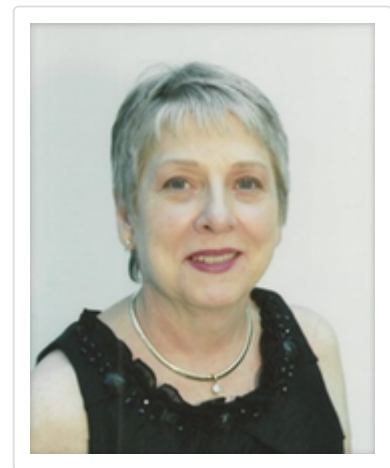
In DKG we are a very diverse group of women who may or may not celebrate this season! Educators around the world continually teach students to value the importance of understanding others! Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the children you teach!

The holiday spirit is in the air around us: in the malls we hear the sounds of Christmas music; we smell the cinnamon as we enter the grocery stores; we smell the aroma of the freshly cut Christmas trees; and we all feel the stress of getting everything done, so remember to take time to smell the roses and take time for you!

In visiting Eta State Chapters I am amazed at the spirit of giving all year round. Thank you for the difference you make in North Carolina. Keep SPARKLING! Merry Christmas!

Connie

Connie Phifer Savell Eta State NC President 2017-2019



T'is the Season for Giving Give the Gift of Clean Water! By: Dr. Teresa Cowan, Chair, EEC



How can a **gift** of clean **water** make a difference? Eta State sisters are reminded to visit

Lifestraw at <http://lifestraw.com/follow-the-liters/> to watch the "Follow the Liters" video. See the difference the **gift** of clean **water** can make. Ready to give the **gift** of clean **water**, literally and figuratively? Buy a LifeStraw (<http://lifestraw.com/>) as a **gift** for someone you love. Donate to the cause in honor or memory of someone you love. This is a **gift** that keeps on **giving**. The EEC wishes the sisters of Eta State Health and Wellness through this Holiday Season!



The NC Educational Foundation's Community Challenge Ending

The deadline for the Community Challenge is December 15. Hopefully you have collected ticket stubs from members and are ready to send those in to Dr. Barbara Leonard at 2190 Midway School Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27107 and any community contributions collected by a member to Betty Marshall at 6212 Dresden Lane, Raleigh, NC 27612. Judith B. Carlson, Chair of The NC DKG Educational Foundation Board of Directors, adds this message to the challenge info:

With the Community Challenge as the focus of the Educational Foundation this year, let's encourage community business contacts to make a donation as an end-of-year tax deduction! What an opportunity we have to share our mission & win their support. The potential Limited Endowment Fund established by chapters assured that funds will be returned to be used for local educational needs! Please let us guide you and respond to your concerns & questions at judithb125@gmail.com. Thank you to all who participated in the Community Challenge to help fund grants for members, chapters and the community.

Remember all donations to the Foundation are tax deductible!

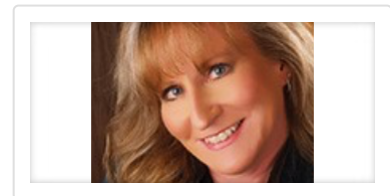
Professional Development Grant Applications Online

November 1, 2017: The Cornetet Seminar for Professional Development Award is granted to organizations within The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to sponsor professional development seminars open to all educators.

January 3, 2018: Up to \$10,000 may be awarded to groups or individuals for projects that not only benefit children and education but also encourage intercultural understanding and educational excellence.

February 1, 2018: Members and nonmembers can apply for Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards to participate in events and activities that occur between March 15, 2018 and October 15, 2018

Nita Scott Named New Executive Director



Nita Scott will become the new Executive Director of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in Austin, Texas, on January 1, 2018. Scott is currently the DKG Membership Services Administrator and brings both a strong knowledge of the Society and a background in education, business, and marketing to her new role. She is a former mathematics and business teacher in Tennessee and Arkansas. She was initiated into DKG in 2005 and is active in a chapter in Texas. Scott lives outside Austin with husband James, five horses, four dogs, a cat and a small herd of cattle.



Convention Dates

April 27 - 29, 2018 — Eta State NC Convention, Hilton Charlotte University Place, Charlotte, NC (Region VI)
The Hilton Charlotte University Place is taking reservations for the 2018 Eta State NC Convention, which begins Friday, April 27, 2018, and ends on Sunday, April 29. The rate of \$115 plus taxes is available until **April 3 or until the block is filled.**

Registration may be made [online](#) or by calling 704-547-7444. Ask for the DKG room block.

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

Eta State Important Dates

Jan. 10 Advocacy Day in Raleigh

Jan. 26 Proposals to present a session at the convention are due

Feb. 1 Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards

Feb. 1 Chapter President Annual Report online survey due-(completed!)

Feb. 1 Scholarship Applications due for both Eta State NC and DKG International

Feb. 1 Deadline for DKG Gallery of Fine Arts submissions

March 1 Forms due for convention awards

April 27 - 29, 2018 — Eta State NC Convention, Hilton Charlotte University Place, Charlotte, NC (Region VI)

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

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

International Website

Who Am I Answers

Mystery Sister # 1 Kat Noland *I am the biggest Michael Buble' fan in the world.*

Mystery Sister # 2 Becky Baylor *I started out college as a music major.*



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