

Mu Chapter News

Mu Chapter, Rocky Mount, NC
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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The President's Corner

Dear Mu Sisters,

I cannot believe it is October and Mu Chapter has already had two meetings. As I look at our chapter and all that we have accomplished and plan to do, I am extremely proud. Our committees have some wonderful programs, projects, and plans for us this year.

We are looking forward to hearing Lynn Ragsdale, member of the Eta State Education Law & Policy Committee, explain some of the highlights of the Final Education Budget 2013-2014 at our October 22, 2013 meeting. Also, at this meeting, we will vote on the women educators that have been nominated for membership in Mu Chapter this year.

Initiation will be on December 12th. Please reserve the date on your calendar for this special day. We will have holiday festivities, a delicious meal by the Spring Hope Ladies, and our initiation.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Fall season.

Sincerely,

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Mu Chapter Meetings

October 22, 2013 Lakeside Baptist Church

4:45 PM – Business Meeting and Voting
Refreshments (International Projects, Rules)

5:30 PM- Program- Speaker: Lynn Ragsdale,
Eta State Education, Law, and Policy

November 5, 2013 Orientation for New
Members

5:00 PM First Christian Church

December 12, 2013 First Christian Church

4:00 PM (Setup/Cleanup – Leadership
Development)

4:30 PM – Initiation

5:00 PM Dinner by the Spring Hope Ladies

Program – Fine Arts, New Teacher Shopping,
Shoebboxes, Logs for T.H.A.T., and Fundraising

Mission Statement

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society
International promotes professional and
personal growth of women educators and
excellence in education.**

DKG – Mu Chapter Updates

Check on the updates at the Mu Chapter Website! We have added pictures, this year's calendar, committees, newsletter as well as information on scholarship opportunities.

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-mu/index.htm>

Members' Business Corner

Suzanne Downs and her sister-in-law, Bonnie, have started selling their beautiful, handcrafted, knitted wear. They have a booth at the Bel Air Artisans Center (the building across from Bullock's downtown Rocky Mount) on the first Sundays beginning October 6. They are open from 1-4 PM. Also, they will have a table at both the Telegram Arts and Crafts show (this year at the Gateway Convention Center) on November 23 and the Rock Creek Baptist Church bazaar on Dec. 7.

Patios in Bloom, co-owned by Mu sister Diane Dixon, is open Monday-Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4, closed on Sunday. It is located at 3803 Dortches Blvd, Rocky Mount. They specialize in outdoor accessories and have plenty of fall products for you to look at.

Diane Day is a Pampered Chef Consultant. Give her a call if you need any products or would like to book a party. Her number is 252-452-8780.

Beth Wingfield makes the most wonderful knitted and crocheted accessories imaginable. She will have her wears at the Telegram Arts and Crafts show on November 23 and the Rock Creek Baptist Church bazaar on Dec. 7.

Enjoy shopping with Mu Sisters.

Eta State Preference Survey

Members are encouraged to complete this survey, found on the Eta State website, as soon as possible. Use the following link for access.

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/PrefSurvey.doc> Also, complete the Eta State Legislative Survey once it is available.

Ongoing Projects

We are still collecting aluminum cans for the 2013-2014 DKG year. Please contact Marianne Matthews or bring cans to any meeting.

M&M's - Remember "Mentor Members (M&Ms)" by doing a kind deed for a chapter member. When they do this, they are encouraged to write what they did and take a picture (if possible) and give it to our Mu Chapter President, Tobey Worthington. This activity will count towards points in the Chapter Achievement Award. The pictures will be shown at the Eta State

Convention in April in Greenville, NC! Do a kind deed for DKG!

Calling All Cooks . . .

We are asking for volunteer chefs, or cooks, to provide some casseroles or soup for the fundraising project in February. Call, or email, Jane Parvin at 442-8962 or parvinjane@aol.com.

Don't forget to check out President Pat's Letter☺

http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/Presidents_page.htm

Member Information Changes

Vicky Deans' email is deans525@gmail.com

Margie Holt's phone number is 252-903-5709

Martha Johnson's email is tuckerjohn@hotmail.com

DKG Scholarship Opportunities

I hope to honor Jess McBride's legacy with this article, so I will begin with a brief introduction to this very special Mu Chapter member. Jess was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Key Women Educators for 47 years. She began her membership in a chapter in Mu State, in Florida, and served as the Mu State President from 1983-1985. When she moved to North Carolina, she became a member of Mu Chapter, where she served our chapter in many capacities, including serving as treasurer and the chair of the publicity committee for many years. She was honored as a "Treasured Rose" by Mu Chapter in 2007. Mu Chapter was very blessed to benefit from the many ways Jess contributed to our chapter until her death in December 2011. Her influence continues to be seen beyond Mu Chapter and Eta State, as Dr. Beverly Helms, International President of Delta Kappa Gamma, acknowledges Jess as a special person who helped to encourage her as a DKG member.

I owe Jess and our Delta Kappa Gamma sisters much because I received 4 scholarships from this organization. In each case, it was Jess who provided the motivation I needed to apply for the scholarships. Thus, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage my Mu sisters who are seeking advanced degrees at the Master's or Doctoral level to apply for scholarships. Jess brought me paper application forms for scholarship opportunities. The organization now provides electronic copies of the applications, so I am bringing e-copies to you. Following Jess' example, I am encouraging you to complete the forms if you are seeking a degree!

This link will provide the application for the Ora VanBuskirk Scholarship, given by Mu Chapter.
http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-mu/App_Ora_VanBuskirk.doc

This link has information about the Eta State scholarship application.
<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/scholarship.htm>

This link has information about scholarships at the international level. (I was pleasantly surprised to learn that Barbara Perry-Sheldon, who was a member of Mu Chapter for many years when she lived in Rocky Mount, is on this scholarship committee!)

<http://www.dkg.org/category/committee/scholarship>

Here is a helpful note I found on the Eta State scholarship page.

Note: Eta State members may apply for both an Eta State and an International Scholarship within a given year. The membership requirement for International applicants is three (3) years and for Eta State applicants is two (2) calendar years.

Please take this opportunity to honor Jess' memory by completing a scholarship application or by encouraging another sister who is seeking a degree. Your action will help me to express my gratitude to Jess and to all sisters in the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Key Women Educators. As I close, I want to acknowledge the support of another very special sister, Dr. Barbara Mize, who nominated me and sponsored me as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma 16 years ago, and to thank, once again, all DKG sisters for the support, guidance, and encouragement I have received through the 16 years of membership in this very special society.

In sisterhood,

Jackie Ennis

Newsletter Submission Deadlines

Winter Issue – January 6, 2013



DKG, Mu Past Presidents and Current Officers

Sitting (Past Presidents): Katherine Collins, Jeannette Pittman, and Pat Taylor (Current Eta State President).

Standing Ann Davis, Secretary; Tobey Worthington, President; Reba Fulghum, 1st Vice President; Margie Parker Brantley, 2nd Vice President. Not pictured – Marianne Matthews, Treasurer.

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Eta State Education Law and Policy Committee

Protocol for Political Contacts

Participation in the political process is both a right and a responsibility. As Eta State seeks to influence legislative decisions at local, state, and national levels, it is important that we acknowledge the purposes of our Society and the dignity of our profession. With this purpose in mind, members are asked respectfully to remember the following guidelines:

- All Eta State communications with legislators and staff will be cordial and professional
- When we are representing DKG, we will confine our remarks to the issues identified by the membership. Other issues may be addressed at a different time and as individuals or members of another group.

- We will educate ourselves on the specific legislation/policy to be addressed as well as appropriate background to support our position.
- All Letters to the Editor addressed to local newspapers/news sources will be submitted after the approval of the local chapter.

*We suggest all letters be reviewed by an additional reader.

*In order to reassure members, chapters may prefer all letters to the editor be signed by retired members.

*Copies of all Letters to the Editor will be sent to the Eta State President prior to being sent to newspapers.

- When attending meetings with office holders either locally or in their legislative offices, members will wear their membership pins.

All emails regarding political activity will be sent to members' personal email addresses and not to email associated with a school system or state agency.

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