

Mu Chapter News

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The President's Corner

Dear Mu Sisters,

I hope everyone is having a great summer, with some rest, relaxation, fun, family and friends; perhaps even some educational enrichment?

In July, Pat Taylor and I attended the DKG Southeast Regional Convention in Savannah, GA. What a wonderful, inspiring opportunity to interact with DKG sisters from across the country. There were over 700 women in attendance. The conference included wonderful sessions with many outstanding speakers. I encourage all members to consider attending the conventions and conferences that are offered to all members.

I am looking forward to our new Mu year. I hope everyone will take a few moments to think about what you would like to see Mu accomplish this year and how. Our Strategic Action Plan is modified each year, reflecting our goals for that coming year. Please share your thoughts with your committee chairman, an officer or myself. We all will be meeting on August 13. It would be wonderful to have your thoughts for that meeting. We will be discussing our new year and need your input. Please share your thoughts so Mu programs and projects will reflect our members' needs and ideas next year.

Mu has had a large number of members who have passed this last year. I know we all will miss them. We can honor their memories by doing some great work, once again, during the 2015-2016 Mu Year.

In Sisterhood,
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Dates to Remember

2015

August 13 Mu Executive Board Meeting
Lakeside Baptist Church,
Board Room, 9:30 am

Dates of meetings for Mu Chapter for the 2015-2016 will be decided soon.

2016

April 22 -24 Eta State Convention,
Winston-Salem, NC

July 5 -9 International Convention
Gaylord Opryland Resort
Convention Center
Nashville, TN

Mu Birthdays

July 13 *Jane White*
Elaine Christianson
14 *Reba Fulghum*
23 *Ann Edge*
Aug 8 *Tunisia Bulluck*
12 *Katherine Collins*
16 *Mandy Bailey*
26 *Sandra Holloman*
28 *Joyce White*
31 *Marianne Matthews*
Sept 6 *Jeannette Pittman*
15 *Ann Bishop*
20 *Hunter Stone*
Katrina Joyner
23 *Barbara Mize*

WELCOME PRESIDENT SHEILA



**President Sheila Groves
2015-2017**

Eta State NC President's Message, July 2015

I am honored to be your Eta State President. I stand on the strong shoulders of all my NC sisters who encouraged, inspired, and even gave me a little push from time to time. I'm delighted to serve along with First Vice-President Connie Savell, Second Vice-President Sharon Frazier, and Secretary Hilda Parler.

A new biennium! A new adventure! It's exciting to be a NC Delta Kappa Gamma member today. I am proud to belong to an organization that values the contributions of women in all roles of society, an organization that promotes self-knowledge and awareness, an organization that encourages networking and genuine fellowship.

NC Delta Kappa Gamma meetings and events not only offer opportunities for personal and professional growth, but they generate meaningful relationships. Our recent state convention and Leadership Development Seminar provided time for members to share information and ideas, to laugh and to enjoy conversations. A highlight for me at both events was the opportunity to talk with some of our youngest members: engaging, informed, and uninhibited. How refreshing!

Dynamic programs and projects offer ways for us to make a difference in our communities, our state, and to reach far beyond, to impact the global society. Our many service-oriented opportunities feed children and families, provide support for

women's shelters, and put books and educational materials in the hands of students. Recent emphasis on beginning teacher support has moved beyond collecting supplies to include mentoring and counseling to help teachers deal with today's classroom challenges.

There's no shortage of complicated legislative issues in NC. Valuable updates and explanations of proposed legislation are available to all members. It's empowering! We are taking more proactive steps - inviting local and state officials into our classrooms and chapter meetings, writing letters, and visiting legislators. We are using our *voices of influence*.

In this biennium we will continue to *live* the Purposes of our Society, seeking new ways to support women, children, and excellence in education.

I challenge you to imagine what we can do as active members of a community seeking solutions to problems that hinder the growth of positive educational programs.

I challenge you to inspire others to join us in the work that will support the wellbeing of our children, the advancement of our schools, and the growth of women leaders.

I challenge you to ignite a passion for programs and initiatives that will meet the goals of Delta Kappa Gamma and keep us *forward moving ever!*

Let's ... Create the future!

Sheila

Please join me in welcoming Sheila Groves as our new Eta State President. Let's all try to fulfill the challenges she has placed in front of us:

**“Create the Future—Imagine,
Inspire, Ignite”**



The NC Delta Kappa Gamma

Educational Foundation **Pledge Collection Begins**

Chapter presidents received letters in late June detailing the collection of pledges made to The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. The letter also included a list of chapter members who had made pledges and their amounts.

In her letter, Dr. Judith B. Carlson, chairman of the Foundation Board of Directors, asked chapters to collect the money pledged and any additional monies others might want to contribute and to bring those to the Elon Executive Board meeting on September 12. These are tax deductible donations, so checks are preferred. Make checks payable to The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. In addition to bringing checks to the Elon board meeting, checks can also be mailed to Board Treasurer Betty Marshall at 6212 Dresden Lane, Raleigh, NC 27612. Please direct any questions to Betty at bettymarshall6751@gmail.com.

The Educational Foundation Board of Directors thank you for supporting The 100 Challenge.

**I will be collecting the pledges and bringing them to the Eta State board meeting on Sept. 12. Please make arrangements with me to collect your donation.
Thank you, Tobey**

Eta State Convention Project: Masonic Home for Children, Oxford



Chris Richardson of the Masonic Home for Children accepted the gifts from Eta State Members. The children at the home were so grateful for the donations made which totaled over \$5,000 in gift cards and monetary donations. They sent hand-made cards to us telling us how much they appreciated our generosity.

Mu would like to help!

If you are currently working and need supplies for your classroom, please let us know so we can collect items for you. We have already has a request for markers, colored pencils, regular pencils, liquid hand soap, paper towels and masking tape.



SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The SE Regional was held at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa, July 15-18, 2015.



Eta State President Sheila Groves and International President Dr. Lyn Schmid share a moment at SERC.

Southeast Regional Conference Well Attended

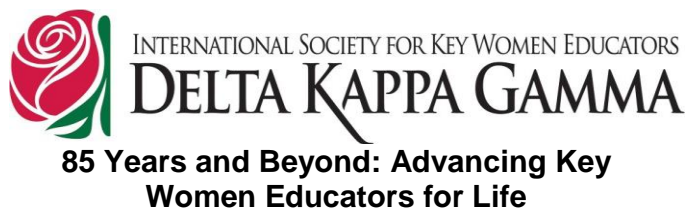
North Carolina and Eta State were well represented at the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International's Southeast Regional Conference in mid-July in Savannah. NC's 55-member delegation was part of the 725 registered attendees.

The theme of the conference was "85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators For Life," which is also International President Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid's theme for this biennium.

Highlights included the presentation of the state flags and 2015-17 state presidents, including Eta

State's President Sheila Groves; the celebration luncheon, where Eta State Immediate Past President Patricia Taylor played the prelude and postlude as well as served as accompanist for the SE Regional Chorus, and Dr. Barbara Day, International President, 2006-08, recognized scholarship awardees; a panel discussion, "Perspectives and Possibilities," about the present and future of DKG, which included Dr. Gwen Simmons, Eta State member and International Parliamentarian; and the "Celebration of Possibilities" banquet on Saturday night, keynoted by President Dr. Schmid. Several Eta State members presented breakout sessions, including LEROY, with Margaret Church, Ann Demiter, Linda Little, Sheila Groves, Elaine McRae, Dr. Sherry Willis, Emily Weigel and Dr. Mary Cauley; Dr. Angela Kern; Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon; Dedra Davis; Carol Bostian, Amanda Moose and Donna Rudisill; Birgitta McGalliard; and Sheila Groves.

Thursday night of conference week, many in the NC delegation dined at The Pirate's House in genuine spiritual fellowship. The Pirate's House is one of the most historic buildings in Georgia, boasting the first experimental garden in America and many tales of shanghaied sailors, drugged and kidnapped to serve on pirate ships. On Sunday, Dr. Schmid issued a special invitation to attend the 2016 International Convention in Nashville, TN. Watch for more information and pictures in the fall issue of *Eta State News*.



Remembering and honoring our mission and purposes that we pledged to.

Mission

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

Purposes (updated 9/18/2010)

- *TO UNITE* women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
- *TO HONOR* women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
- *TO ADVANCE* the professional interest and position of women in education
- *TO INITIATE, ENDORSE AND SUPPORT* desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
- *TO ENDOW* scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.
- *TO STIMULATE* the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
- *TO INFORM* the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

Take a moment to explore the International, State and Chapter webpages. There is so much valuable information to be found on these resources. Here are the links:

International Website <https://www.dkg.org/>

Eta State Website

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/>

Mu Chapter Website

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

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