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From Deb's Desk

Where does the time go? A full year has not passed since I was part of a planning meeting for the ETA State Convention in Hickory, yet so much has happened in that short span of time. The future of the organization is dependent on vibrant leadership and passionate members. The recent presidency of Connie Savell and the current tenure begun by Dr. Theresa Cowan at that convention has excited me with the possibilities for a positive future.

Dr. Cowan announced her theme, "Ready, Set, Grow!" to enthusiastic response upon the passing of the gavel to her by Connie Savell. Excellent leadership continues at every level. There is an impressive number of DKG sisters who nurture the cause of excellence in education for all, keeping the gears of organizational clarity running smoothly throughout every hiccup. Dr. Cowan has the energy and inspiration to lead us forward. Read about her in this month's ETA Data.

Name change alert. The convention assembly voted to change the name of our state organization. Our state chapter is now NC DKG. This will readily identify whom we are. The Greek letters were elegant, but lacked site association. Now our chapter of NC DKG signals immediately our state affiliation.

Gamma Phi sisters truly rose to the challenge of lending a hand during the May Convention. I was thrilled to see so many familiar faces at the events and the capacity for giving seen in all of you.

Susan Fontyn is doing wonderful things with our website, and Claudia Nail will be editing our newsletter starting with the next issue. Thank you to both for your generous and creative efforts. Without the passion of members such as yourself, we could not continue. In July, I was privileged to attend the Arts and Humanities Conference in Asheville. This was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends newly made through meetings and the previous convention. Submission for the Gallery is coming up in August. This is a widely talented group with writers, quilters, and visual artists. Submissions to the gallery open August 15. Check out the Exchange for information.

I have also just learned that teachers, retired as well as currently in the classroom, are able to enjoy a 20% discount from Dollar General until early September. I look forward to seeing all at our first meeting of the year. Until then, Keep sparkling. Keep growing.

Deb



Convention Recap



Cathy Daugherty, International President and our very own Nellie Pruitt at the Convention in May. Cathy has ties to Hickory-be sure to ask Nellie!

**Reminder:
Dues were paid in
April for this
year...so we will
not pay dues again
until SPRING!**

The Observer News Enterprise had a nice article about the Eta State Convention in their May 21st issue. The above photo was included. It reported that there were 344 sisters in attendance celebrating 85 years of existence. On Saturday, 30 different workshops were offered focusing on individual, chapter and state growth. Sunday was the official 85th birthday brunch. For the 85th Birthday Celebration Project, Fund\$ for Florence, members contributed over \$4,000 in gift cards to continue to help DKG-member teachers in counties declared natural disaster areas in Eastern North Carolina following Hurricane Florence.



The New Year begins-please save these dates now!

Sept. 5, Dinner Mtg at Catawba Country Club

4:00/Tea social; 5:00/Mtg; 6:00/Dinner

Nov. 16, Breakfast/Auction Tickets will be given out at First Mtg to sell.

Mar. 7, Joint Luncheon – Our turn to take charge

May 1-3, Convention, Embassy Suites, Greensboro

May 12, Dinner Mtg at Catawba Country Club, 5:30pm



Gamma Phi represented at the state level!

Way to go and thank you, Barbara!

Barbara Piekarski, past Gamma Phi President (2014-2016), was appointed by two NC State DKG presidents to serve on state committees: Finance Committee/President Shelia Groves (2015-2017) and Rules Committee/President Connie Savell (2017-2019). The newly sworn in president, Teresa Cowan, appointed Barbara to serve on the Personnel Committee chaired by Lynne Leatherwood for the 2019-2021 period.

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The NC DKG Fall Executive Board meeting will be held Saturday, September 14, 2019, at the First Presbyterian Church, 508 W. Davis Street, Burlington. Note the new address!

The registration form is online under the Forms tab at

[https:// www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2019fallexecbdregistrati onfill.pdf](https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2019fallexecbdregistrati onfill.pdf)

and is due September 3.

Mail the completed form with check to NC DKG Treasurer Leslie Black, 4715 Little Mountain Road, Catawba, NC 28609 or pay by credit card per the instructions on form.

School Supplies Project Update

With all the great sales going on, NOW is the time to pick up supplies for our Chapter project. This year, we will be collecting them now, while they are on sale, and distributing them later in the year.

Greatest needs are for glue sticks, pencils, crayons (16 or 24), colored pencils (12), composition books, spiral notebooks, filler paper-college and wide ruled, pens, flash drives, scissors, 2 pocket folders-vinyl or cardstock, pencil pouches, binders-1 inch or larger. Or anything else you might find useful!

You may bring them to the first meeting, if you've purchased them by then. Money contributions are also welcomed! Checks should be made out to Alfreida Bowman. Alfreida will then make a list of names and contributions and give them to the Treasurer for our Chapter records. Those contributions can be mailed to: Alfreida Bowman 1537 Old Conover Startown Rd. Newton, NC 28658-8668. Contact Alfreida at 828-464-5872 (home) or 828-310-6915 (cell) with any questions.



Scholarships

Two Delta Kappa Gamma members have received scholarships for Leadership and Professional Development. Thalia Matthews received a scholarship to further her professional knowledge. Nellie Pruitt received a scholarship to help defray costs to the DKG International Convention in Austin, Texas.

DKG awards scholarships to education students at Lenoir-Rhyne University—the Virginia Abee Scholarship and the Hattie R. Fowler Scholarship. Virginia Abee was an active and longtime member of Gamma Phi. The Virginia Abee Scholarship is for a rising junior or senior with financial need and majoring in education. Hattie R. Fowler was the founder of Delta Kappa Gamma in Catawba County. The Hattie Fowler Scholarship is for a senior student majoring in elementary education with the highest GPA.

DKG also grants scholarships at Caldwell Community College and Catawba Valley Community College to students who plan to major in education. Selection of students is based on merit and need.

Gamma Phi members provide funds for these scholarships and grants from our auction in the fall. Members may get further information about our scholarships and the application forms by contacting Angela Vandett at amvandett@gmail.com or 828-267-2541.

Speaking of our fabulous Breakfast / Auction...

The aromas of coffee, bacon and biscuits welcome me into the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in Newton. Women are bustling about, hugging and chatting, placing baskets and arranging an amazing display of homemade goodies. It's a happening place! **It's the Gamma Phi Auction and Breakfast!**

Each year on a Saturday (this year, **Nov. 16th**), we gather for a lavish breakfast to celebrate friendships forged from a shared love for children and to support women who desire to become educators. Teams of two or three collaborate on baskets. Will I bid on the "New Year's Eve" basket? Or the "Gardening Basket"? My sister-in-law really needs new gloves and those look great! The one with the bottle of wine and chocolates looks like the perfect gift for the new neighbors! The options are endless and creative! Then... the "Home Made table"...WOW! There are Nellie's jars of chow-chow, Deb's pickles, Corinne's chocolate pie, Nancy's chicken pies, Kathleen's embroidered towels, and Margaret's knitted dish cloths! The list goes on... and on... You get the picture! It's truly a treasure trove! My Thanksgiving table has always held a few "goodies" from The Auction that I had no time to bake. Gifts for birthdays and new babies that, again, I had no time to make. Perhaps you, or someone you know, is in that same situation. Invite them to join you this year. It will restore their spirit! And it's all for a good cause: **The Scholarship Fund!**

Like the little drummer boy, we bring our gifts to ultimately benefit children. It's our calling! Come join us, relax, and be refreshed! **See you on Nov. 16 at 9:00 in the First Pres Newton Fellowship Hall!**



Book Club

Amy Krum would like to start a book club. She has suggested The Orchard as our first title followed up by a trip to an orchard in the fall. More details about this to follow. Thank you Amy!

A few last thoughts...

- ENJOY every last minute of your wonderful summers!
- Come to our first meeting thinking about ideas to share for our auction and homemade items and thoughts on who to invite!
- Aug. 15-Sept. 15 is the submission period for the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts

Send information and ideas for our newsletter to Gamma Phi Gazette Editor, Claudia Nail (chnail@embarqmail.com)



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