



# Mu Chapter News

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## The President's Corner

Dear Mu Sisters,

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through another year. So far, the Chapter has feasted on a salads and desserts meal, as well as dinner catered by the Spring Hope Ladies. Members have learned how to manage for retirement through a program on Financial Planning, and how to assist Early Career Educators during a teacher panel discussion.

The Chapter partnered with Barton College to donate books to a school library damaged by the hurricanes. In addition, shoeboxes filled with small gifts were presented to a social worker with the Nash-Rocky Mount School System to be distributed to children who needed them at Christmas. The Chapter inducted a new member, and entertained residents at two nursing facilities with songs.

Chapter members have enjoyed 50/50 and silent auctions while making money in the process. Moreover, the Chapter is about to publish a cookbook. Furthermore, one Chapter member is working on a master's degree, and another has almost completed work for a doctoral degree.

Mu Chapter, we are making history. Therefore, let us make it memorable as did those who came before us. Welcome 2019, and the second half of our year. It is going to be fun, interesting, and productive. In Sisterhood,

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## Important Dates

2019

**Tuesday, Jan 15**-4:45 pm-Executive Board Meeting – Lakeside Baptist Church

**Monday, Feb 11**-4:45 pm – Chapter Meeting – First Christian Church, Setup/Cleanup/Beverages – Community Projects, Educ. Law & Policy, and Fundraising: Potluck supper; Theme-Valentine's Day: Program: Grant-in-Aid & Recognition of Years of Membership: Business meeting, 50/50 drawing: Project – collection of items for Barton student teachers

**Saturday, March 23 – 11am** –Tri-Chapter Meeting/Hosted by Mu Chapter, First Christian Church; Catered by Spring Hope Ladies, \$15 Program: Richard Joyner, *Farmers & Communities*

**Tuesday, May 7- Executive Board Meeting**– Lakeside Baptist Church, **4:45 pm**

**Tuesday, May 14- Chapter Meeting** – First Christian Church, **4:45 pm** Setup/Cleanup/Beverages – Rules, Nurturing Appetizers and desserts; Business Meeting; 50/50 drawing, Program: TBA

**March 22 -23, Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro**

<https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2019dkgleadershipseminarregistration.pdf>

**May 3-5 – Eta State Convention, Hickory, NC**  
<https://www.ncdkg.org/2019-convention.html>

**June 27-29 – SER Conference, Asheville, NC**  
**Arts & Humanities**

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## **Fundraising – Melissa Baker**

- Next meeting is February 11. Bring auction items for Valentine's Day.
- Bring dollars for our 50/50 drawing.
- Cookbook should be ready soon.

## **Finance – Diane Dixon**

- Pam is collecting reservations and money for the Tri-Chapter meeting. Please contact her to make your reservations.

## **Membership – Elaine Christianson and Kim Lehnies**

- We will be honoring members at significant membership years at our Feb meeting, so please join us to celebrate these milestones.



Welcome to our Mu family, Cierra Parvin. Her husband, Josh, was son to our former sister, Jane Parvin. Cierra is now wearing Jane's membership pin. Brooklynn is also shown in the picture.

## **Early Career Educators – Catherine Melle and Eva Bulluck**

- This year we will be supporting the BT's at RMHS and SNHS



Goodie bags given to all Early Career Educators at RMHS and SNHS.

**Tri-Chapter, March 23, 11AM, First Christian Church**  
Mu Chapter is hosting, so all hands are needed to make the Tri-Chapter meeting a success this year.

## **Communications and Marketing – Dr. Jackie Ennis**

- Reminder to update your profile on dkg.org
- Texting reminders, using the Remind app, for meetings are being done by Tobey. Give her your number if you would like a text reminder.
- FB page is up and running. Please check it out.

## **Nurturing – Trish Maxwell**

- Someone from this committee should be your contact person and provide you with information about upcoming events.
- If anyone has information they would like shared about an illness, death, accident, etc., please contact Trish Maxwell.

## **Scholarship – Vicky Deans**

### *Scholarship Forms Online*

Eta State NC Scholarships for doctoral and master's degree candidates are available on the Forms page. Scroll down to find the "2019 State Scholarship Applications" heading and the applicable forms. Both are due February 1, 2019.

<https://www.ncdkg.org/forms.html>

## **Fine Arts Activity - Beth Credle**



Christmas Caroling at Brookdale on Dec. 17, 2018.



Singing Christmas Carols at Spring Arbor of Rocky Mount on Dec. 20, 2018.



BT meeting at Nashville Elementary School

- In December 2018, the committee hosted the Christmas MU chapter sing-along at Brookdale on December 17th and at Spring Arbor on December 20th. Thank you to all the members who came and sang with us! It was great seeing all the residents have fun. Thank you, Ann, for providing the hand-held musical instruments at Spring Arbor! We will have to include those next year! 🎵
- The fine arts committee met with several beginning elementary teachers at Nashville Elementary School on January 14, 2019. Beginning teachers from Bailey Elementary, Nashville Elementary, Swift Creek Elementary, and Williford Elementary attended the meeting led by fine arts members Pat Taylor and Beth Credle. The meeting began with introductions and refreshments. Pat Taylor shared with the group information about Delta Kappa Gamma and then led the teachers in a fun, arts-integrated activity that had everyone moving and singing. Beth Credle reviewed with the group the information discussed at the November 2018 meeting held at Swift Creek Elementary and then introduced the focus of the day's meeting: Classroom Management. Teachers were given the opportunity to collaborate and share best practices for implementing effective classroom management strategies that best meet the needs of the students they teach.
- The next meeting for the group is scheduled for February 25, 2019 at Nashville Elementary School at 4:00pm. Please join us if you can...we will have fun!

**Community Projects – Reba Fulghum**

- Bring your items for the 16 student teachers at Barton College to the February meeting. (2 are male PE teachers).  
Suggestions: post it notes, pens, pencils, colored pencils, paper for copies, paperclips, binder clips, white board markers, reward stickers, chewing gum, mints, snacks, drinks, and gift cards



Shoeboxes for homeless students in the Nash-Rocky Mount School system were collected and donated at our December meeting.

**Programs – Rhiannon Holloman**

- Please join us at our February meeting where we will be honoring a graduating early career educator from NC Wesleyan College.

**Education, Law and Policy - Malinda Pennington**



February	11	Beth Credle
	14	Tobey Worthington
	18	Ann Davis
March	6	Amy Quigley
	9	Pam Harris
	20	Florine Joyner
	22	Jane Seeger
April	25	Corinne Landis



Happy New Year! A new year brings new opportunities to reevaluate our goals in DKG! In the first year of the biennium one goal was the Wellness Initiative and chapters were encouraged to participate in a water project to help others through the Life Straw Project. In October, Eta State Headquarters water pump stopped doing its job. This year we need a new well drilled and to purchase a new pump. You (Chapter Presidents) received a memo about this need. You may be asking why we have a Headquarters? Eta State uses Headquarters for state committee meetings on a regular basis because of the distance across North Carolina. Water is very necessary! Try a day without it and you discover how often you need it. I would like to encourage your support for the well project at Headquarters. We are fortunate to have the resources in the Headquarters Fund to pay for this.

In the next several weeks there are lots of deadlines. Please remember the Chapter President's Report. This information is helpful in determining our goals for the next biennium. I hope that in 2019 all 98 chapters will invite and induct at least two new members. Teachers need DKG

**Connie Phifer Savell**  
**2017-2019 Eta State NC President**

## **Hotel Registration Open for May 2019 Eta State NC Convention**

Plans are progressing for the Eta State NC Convention to be held in Hickory May 3-5, 2019. Hotel registration is now open, and registration, workshop session proposal form and the convention ad form are available online. Hotel reservations for the convention may be made by calling the Crowne Plaza Hickory Hotel, 1385 Lenoir-Rhyne Blvd., SE, at 828-323-1000. The rate is \$95 plus tax. There are a few suites for \$129 plus tax. Members should identify themselves as part of Delta Kappa Gamma to get the group rate.

Workshop presenters are needed for Saturday afternoon sessions at the convention in the strands of DKG Society, Professional Growth or Personal Growth. Deadline for submission is February 1, 2019. The downloadable submission form is on the new convention webpage.

The convention ad form is also online. Each chapter is encouraged to place an ad honoring members, activities, projects, or achievements.

Registration form is now available at [ncdkg.org](http://ncdkg.org). You can send it in electronically with a credit card payment or mail it to the convention treasurer.

### **Convention Project to Benefit DKG Members**

Hurricane Florence devastated many schools in eastern NC, and teachers are still trying to rebuild their classrooms and find necessary instructional materials. Fund\$ for Florence, the Eta State NC 2019 Convention Project, will help DKG member-teachers. Bring gift cards and show your support of our members!

Note: Mu Chapter Executive Board voted to donate \$25 to this project. We are also sponsoring a raffle at the Tri-Chapter meeting, proceeds going to this project. If individuals want to make donations, please see Pam Harris.



### **Update on International Conference**

Coming to Asheville in June:

1. Workshop Proposal forms are due January 15, 2019. Share your expertise and make NC sparkle by having lots of presenters from NC! The proposal form is an easy to submit online form on the Events page of DKG.org
2. Conference Vendors  
Vendors are needed for the conference marketplace. If your chapter would like to sell items, you need to submit the following information:  
Vendor name, what will be sold, state vendor is from, and the email of the contact person.  
Send this information to Regional Director Elaine Warwick at [elainewarwick@att.net](mailto:elainewarwick@att.net). There will be a charge per table.
3. Conference Registration  
Registration for the Asheville Conference will be available on the DKG website in the next few days. Because the conference hotel is located outside the city and has only one small restaurant, all conference meals are available for purchase on the registration form. Three of the meals are general sessions with speakers: Friday lunch, Saturday breakfast and Saturday dinner.
4. Hotel Registration  
Hotel registration will be available online very soon.
5. Pre-Conference Tours-  
Wednesday, June 26, 2019  
Four preconference tours will be offered on Wednesday, June 26. One will be to the Biltmore Estate; another to the River Arts District of Asheville; another will tour the Blue Ridge Parkway with various stops along the way; the last tour will be to the Omni Grove Park Inn, a famous hotel in Asheville. Its history will be shared,

along with tours of artisan workshops nearby and lunch at the hotel. All tours will include lunch at a nice restaurant in the area. Watch for more information about these tours soon but mark your calendars now!

**Eta State NC Volunteers Needed**

Eta State NC Past President Sheila Groves is chair of the conference planning committee and Tobey Worthington, past Region I Director, is volunteer coordinator. They will need hordes of volunteers to make the conference a success. Volunteers will be needed to be airport and hotel lobby greeters; session facilitators; support for registration, first aid room, and properties room; podium decorators; and much more. Eta State NC regional directors are helping sign up volunteers so contact your chapter president or regional director if you are willing to help.



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

**Vision Statement:** Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

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**Mu Chapter's website**

<http://www.dkg-nc-mu.com/>

**ETA State NC has a website**

<http://www.ncdkg.org/>

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