

**Delta Omicron Tidbits**

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Martha’s Message

Spring is in the air! There is something about these brisk mornings and warm afternoons that make everything feel “just right”. The flowers are blooming, trees are budding, and pollen is everywhere. But we need to have the pollen to have our beautiful scenery.

As this first year of our biennium is winding down, I can’t help but think about one of my goals that we did not meet. I am disappointed that we did not have a member induction ceremony this year. I hope that will change next year! Not only is this an important aspect of our society, but it promises a future for Delta Omicron.

I am also in a tizzy about our dinner meeting. Since the schools will be on Spring Break, the Bagpiper will not be open. I was hoping to put the information about our next meeting in this newsletter, but I want to go ahead and get it out. So be on the lookout for the “when and where” of our next meeting. I will ask in advance that you respond back ASAP to the email as soon as you receive it.

For those that are still teaching…hang in there!! Spring Break is just around the corner.

Martha

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**Meetings will be held at Saint Luke United Methodist Church at 4:00 p.m.**

Sept. 15, 2016

Nov. 17, 2016

Feb. 16, 2017

April 20, 2017



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We are always talking about ways we can be of assistance to our new educators. I found this article very informative. Check it out and then we can talk about some of these suggestions.

**SEE- Support for Early Career Educators**

In order to share the vision, Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide, and strengthen our Society, the Educational Excellence Committee established Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) as its second international project during the 2012 International Convention in New York City.  
  
**Why is our support needed?**  
  
Education is a challenging career, and retaining quality teachers is an issue worldwide. According to Richard Ingersoll, the rate in U.S. of beginning teachers leaving the profession in the first year is a little more than 10%; with 33% leaving by Year 3 and 46% by Year 5. In addition, around 15% of U.S. teachers overall leave the profession each year. ([Is There Really a Teacher Shortage](https://depts.washington.edu/ctpmail/PDFs/Shortage-RI-09-2003.pdf), Ingersoll, 2003, p. 14)  
  
Schools that have depended on a core of veteran teachers are seeing those teachers retire. As much is expected of a new teacher on the first day of school as is expected of a 30-year veteran. Teachers supporting teachers is crucial. Of the first year teachers assigned a mentor in 2007 – 2008, around 8% left the profession in 2008 – 2009. Of the first year teachers not assigned a mentor in the same years, about 16% were not teaching in 2008-2009 and about 23% were no longer teaching in 2009 – 2010. ([Beginning Teacher Attrition and Mobility](http://www.dkg.org/DKGDocs/EEC_Beginning_%20Teacher_Attrition.pdf), Institute of Education Science, 2011, p. 3)  
  
John F. Kennedy said, “In each one of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefits for everyone and a greater strength for our nations.”  
  
**We truly can make a difference with our support.**  
  
SEE encourages members/chapters to be creative in support of early-career educators with a variety of strategies, such as  
  
• giving support for phone calls and visits,   
• helping with lesson plans and bulletin board ideas,  
• offering advice on classroom management and parent-teacher relations; and   
• providing support in appropriate and practical ways.  
  
  
Start supporting early-career educators in your community today! Get a list of new teachers/educators from your local school district and list of student teachers in your area to support.

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**“See” other dates on the following websites**

**International Website:** [**https://www.dkg.org**](https://www.dkg.org)

**Eta State NC Website:** [**www.ncdkg.org**](http://www.ncdkg.org)

**Important Dates for North Carolina Eta State**

**2017**

**April 28 - 30** – Eta State Convention, Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington, NC

**July 19 - 22–** SE Regional Conference Myrtle Beach, SC

**June 23 - 25–** Eta State Leadership Development Seminar, Asheboro, NC

**2018**

**April 27 - 29–** Eta State Convention, Charlotte University Hilton Charlotte, NC

**International Important Dates**

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

**The slate of officers for 2017 – 2019 is as follows:**

President – Connie Savell

First VP – Dr. Teresa Cowan

Second VP – Elizabeth Miars

Secretary – Nancy Teague

Thank you for your willingness to serve in these leadership positions.

**Did You Know?**

**Happy Birthday to…**

Shirley Godfrey

April 2nd

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Shirley, sorry this is getting sent after your big day. Hope you had a good celebration!



**Give Five, Read Five**

Our collection of books looks slim. Clara has been helping us out by bringing books to our meetings that we are able to buy. But even with this help, we are low this year. We want to give the Kindergarten students at North Laurinburg a “bag full of books” like we did last year. Please make every effort to bring books, or money to buy books from Clara, to our next meeting. If you will not be there, you are welcomed to bring them by my house by the end of May.



**Happy Easter, Happy Spring**

**Happy, Happy Everything!!!**

