

Delta Omicron Tidbits

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Martha’s Message

There is something about me writing these Delta Omicron Tidbits and our weather. I have written with the threats of hurricanes, cold snaps, and now snow. Maybe I need to take a hint and pass this job on to someone else.

A new year is upon us. Does looking at your blank calendar for 2017 scare you or inspire you? Knowing that the days will quickly fill up with appointments and “things to do” shows just how fast time can go. But doesn’t it also show you some “what if” days. Most of the days are yours for the taking…do something fun! Go somewhere you have never been before! Keep in touch with your friends that you don’t see as often as you wish you could! And the best thing yet…spread the news of DKG to those around you.

Remember our message on “fanning the flame”? New Year’s Resolutions never really work for me…but let’s just make it a Delta Omicron Resolution to go out there and find some new sisters. Invite them to our next meeting. Encourage them if they are still in the classroom. And if you have some “blank days on your calendar”, go volunteer in a school. The children…and the teachers…would love to have you!

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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Since my newsletter had already gone out in December, I want to take this time to enclose Eta State NC President Sheila Groves message.

***Something to think about…***

“As the final days of this year approach, think about the many ways Delta Kappa Gamma has brightened our lives. We welcomed 2016 with open hearts, embracing beginning teachers, supporting Schools for Africa, enjoying genuine spiritual fellowship. We sought new experiences, launching an Educational Foundation, recognizing twelve members as *Rising Stars*, working with Girl Scout Troops and exploring other untapped collaborations with the community. We actively engaged beyond chapter and state levels, receiving multiple Lucile Cornetet Awards, displaying talents in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, publishing in the *Collegial Exchange*, attending the International Convention in Nashville. This year, DKG experiences encouraged us, energized us, and filled us with the joy that comes from sharing a passion for the work of the Society.”

“During this season of gift-giving, let’s celebrate the gifts we’ve received from DKG. Let’s be proud of the unique gifts we’ve shared with our chapters, our schools, and our communities**. Let’s anticipate *unwrapping* new adventures in 2017!”**

**Post-Election ELP Update**

***By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee***

November 8 brought surprise results in a number of races important to our members. Your Eta State Educational Law & Policy Committee urges all members – both active and retired – to pay close attention to actions by our state and federal lawmakers. Public education is in a pre-carious position right now and is likely to need voices of support.

On the state level your EL&P Committee will carefully monitor events in North Carolina and share issues with the membership through its Chapter Contacts and via *Eta Data* and *Eta State News.*

Now that everyone knows who their NC House and Senate representatives are, this is the best time to contact those individuals to begin a dialogue for the coming long session of the NC General Assembly which starts in late January. Once lawmakers go to Raleigh for the session, it is difficult to find times to meet with them due to many committee meetings. Therefore, it is best to contact them back at home between now and the end of January.

Let us all remain vigilant as the coming year proceeds. Public Education needs our support right now.

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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**

**Jan. 15** – Deadline to apply for *Eta State News* Editor position; application now online

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

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

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

**2018**

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

**International Applications and Due Dates**

**February 1 –** 2017 Scholarship Application

Click the links or access the

International website

[*http://www.DKG.org*](http://www.DKG.org)

Click Forms and then

Click Applications



**Buy A Brick, Pave the Way**

The “Pave the Way for DKG Memories” project to raise funds for Headquarters continues.

Bricks may be engraved with up to three lines of 18 characters each.

The cost per brick is $125.

Forms can be found on the Eta State NC website at <http://www.ncdkg.org>

Mail forms and payments to Eta State NC Treasurer Ruth Jones at

3607 Wyneston Road, Greenville, NC 27858.

**Did You Know?**

**Happy Birthday to…**

Peggy Jones

January 24th

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**By Carolyn Pittman – 2016-2018 International President**

**To move DKG forward, we must be “stubborn on vision.”**

Social changes, generational characteristics, technology advances, educational methods and global reach affect the future of this Society. Fulfilling our vision, *Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*, is the reason members endeavor to take “our journey” as set forth in our Purposes.

To thrive as an organization, we face adventures that demand flexibility. Flex your understanding of our vision by trying the following exercise using the words. Read the words and question their meaning alone and in combinations. The result, I hope, is a realization that our vision is not prescriptive and that there’s more than one correct and productive way to understand it.

***Leading*:** Does it mean “taking charge” or does it mean “significant”? Or both?

***Leading Women*:** Does this mean “those who guide” or “those who are guided”?

***Leading Women Educators*:** Does this mean “giving direction for educators” or “a collection of powerful professionals”?

***Leading Women Educators Impacting*:** Does this mean “WEmake a difference” or “YOU make adifference”? Or both?

***Leading Women Educators Impacting Education*:** Does this mean“DKG members make a differencein classrooms and homes andbusinesses”?

***Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*:** Doesthis mean “DKG members exert forcewith new ideas and practices that have potential to strengthen futures”?