

**Delta Omicron Tidbits**

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Martha’s Message

I just don’t know where the time goes. Well…yes I do…but I won’t go into that right now. Here it is already May. My daylilies are starting to bloom and there are beautiful pansies in yards around town. Hopefully most of the pollen is gone and everyone is breathing better.

For those of us that are still teaching, it is crunch time before the EOGs. Seems like most of our days are spent reviewing standards and working on test taking skills. I was talking to a fellow teacher about “the good old days”…when we had time to do projects and actually spent time on making things in our classrooms. Oh well, those are great memories. Speaking of EOGs, if you have time to volunteer during testing days, I am sure there are schools that can use some help. Call a school and volunteer☺! Teachers, good luck with the EOGs. I am sure your students will **strive for a 5!**

For those of you that were not able to make our April meeting, you were missed. We had a great time sharing and just being together. The goodies that we shared were delicious! Even though this change happened out of a necessity, it was a good change, and one we might think about for next year.

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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In the latest copy of ***DKG NEWS,*** our International President, Carolyn Pittman, wrote a very “eye opening” column. The title was, *Are you a “*Yes, and…” or “Yes, but...” person?

Carolyn wrote…

“Carol Cole was my favorite college advisor. She repeatedly emphasized the need for more thought with “Good paperwork makes good people work,” a mantra that drives me when I want to stop developing a meeting agenda, reading messages, writing a column. From Miss Cole I learned that I cannot do the work of the people (for the people) without doing the paper work.

Beyond the literal meaning of “paper work,” she taught me to think about intent, purposeful ownership of my responsibilities, and how and why to shape my organizational environment.

Good paperwork makes good people work” applies to all DKG members. When we are aware of membership purposes, responsibilities, and benefits, we better serve one another and ourselves. We teach and learn from what we know.

Knowing our Purposes makes us mindful of whom we want this organization to represent and of what we want OUR organization to BE. Of course, we have life arenas other than DKG (family, career, leisure, study), yet, if we are aware of the Purposes to Unite, Honor, Advance, Initiate, Endow, Stimulate, and Inform, we behave in ways that reflect them, ways that make us be strong world citizens, be **Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide**. Awareness of our Purposes is our “paperwork.”

Now this is where it all came together.

“What does that have to do with DKG membership? As summer approaches, chapters formally and informally, collectively and individually, consciously and unconsciously, evaluate the DKG “year.” We consider member invitations, the benefits of programs we have experienced, relationships we have won (and lost), and the physical and fiscal costs of membership commitments. This is the time we choose “Yes, and…kind of person.

One aspect that connects “good paperwork/people work” and “yes, but…” is illustrated by how we retain members. Does someone in your chapter alwayscontact a member before she is dropped for non-payment of dues? Does someone check on absent members? Do YOU speak to new and potential members to make them welcome? Are you attentive to the proceedings of the meeting, ask questions and enter discussion appropriately?

The “paper work” of membership could be explained as knowing WHY you are a DKG member and the “people work” could be explained by HOW you are a DKG member. A positive approach to WHY and HOW makes you a “Yes, and…” kind of person.”

I want to be a “Yes, and…” kind of person.” How about you?

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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**

**May 31** Lobbying Day in Raleigh (see page 3)

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

**July 19 – 22** SE Regional Conference, Sheraton Convention Center Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC

**2018**

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

**International Important Dates**

**2018**

**July 16 – 20**  DKG International Convention, JW Marriott, Austin, TX

WANTED Description:

For DKGNext! 2016-2018 • A diverse group of up to 10 members to examine DKG and its future.

• Members of various ages, experiences, years of membership, and careers for a Think Tank event at Society Headquarters, September 29 -30, 2017.

Be one of many good women shaping DKG’s future!

Apply at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) before the August 11 deadline!



**Did You Know?**

**Happy Birthday to…**

Hattie Wilson

May 5th

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



**Give Five, Read Five**

Our collection of books is looking better. 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 still in need of more books for this year. We want to give the Kindergarten students at North Laurinburg a “bag full of books” like we did last year. As of now, we have 128 books. There is still time to get books to me. Please feel free to bring them by my house May 31st.



