

Delta Omicron Tidbits

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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



The Delta Kappa Gamma

Society International

North Carolina, Eta State

Organization

Delta Omicron Chapter

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Martha’s Message

Carol Whitehead came by my house yesterday and dropped off an article from the *DKG News –* March/April 2016 edition. It was titled, “Celebrate our Founders? Yes!” The article mentioned the 87th anniversary of the founding of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society. It mentioned names like Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, Lalla Odom, and Lela Lee Williams. As we think about the positive difference that these women made in education, let us strive to be role models, too. We have a heritage that we need to be proud of and support.

As stated in the article, “Yes, we need to be reminded that there is a power within us to be heard, to force progress, to NOT “go quietly into the night” by changing professions, taking early retirement, or surviving on stress medication. So let’s celebrate our Society Founders, our state organizational founders, and our own chapter charter members. Celebrate those who paved the way for us, and celebrate those of us who are speaking up, stepping up, and standing out to pave the way for educators and educational excellence, now and in the future. That’s a “tribute” we can all enjoy.”

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on Thursday, Sept. 15th as we “Create the Future…Inspire”. We will also discuss which projects our society wants to sponsor this year. Come with ideas and thoughts.

Martha

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Are we ready to *Create the Future*?

I always look forward to what Sheila has to say in her president’s message in our *Eta* *State News*. This was part of her message from our Fall 2016 edition. As we think about “being inspired”, let’s focus on these words from her message.

“Are we ready to take the lead in supporting women, children, and excellence in education?

*Born ready!*

Are we ready to reach out to the community to collaborate with others to improve educational programs?

*Born ready!*

Are we ready to ignite the power of our *voices of influence* for positive legislation that prepares all students for success in school and in life?

*Born ready!”*

*Born ready!*

**Membership Focus**

Every year we talk about membership. The same questions always come up. “What can we do to attract new members?” “What can we do to keep members?” As we strive to make Delta Omicron a stronger and more vibrant society, we need to step back and take a good look at ourselves. Are we putting 100% into our society? Are we willing to step up and take on a leadership position and spread the news about Delta Omicron?

This thought was submitted by Patricia Taylor, Eta State NC Immediate Past President, in our Eta State Fall 2016 edition.

“Accepting membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International brings numerous life-changing opportunities and rewards. Our membership is more than saying “yes” to membership in an organization. It includes saying “yes” to chapter positions on committees and/or chapter leadership positions that result in unforgettable service to women educators, students, and community.”

As we start out new biennium, let’s start it with gusto! Come to the meetings and be an active participant…not a seat warmer.

Mark These Dates on Your Calendar

Important Dates for North Carolina Eta State

2017

April 28 - 30 Eta State Convention, Wilmington, NC

Region IV June 23 - 25 Eta State Leadership Development Seminar, Camp Caroway Asheboro, NC

July 19 - 22 SE Regional Conference Myrtle Beach, SC

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April 27 - 29 Eta State Convention University Hilton Charlotte, NC Region VI

International Applications and

Due Dates

Deadline September 15

*International Speakers Fund*

*Speaker's Application*

(Microsoft Word Document)

Deadline September 30

Educational Foundation grant applications due

Deadline February 1

*2017 Scholarship Application*

(Microsoft Word Document)

Click the links or access the

International website

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

Click Forms and then

Click Applications

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Meet our new Regional VI Director – Jennifer Lampley

Jennifer is a member of Phi Chapter, where she is currently the treasurer. She graduated from Campbell University with a BA and Masters in Education. Jennifer will be beginning her 20th year of teaching. She is an exceptional Children’s Resource Teacher at North Harnett Primary School in Angier. Jennifer can be reached at [jlampley@embarqmail.com](mailto:jlampley@embarqmail.com)

I hope to have Jennifer at one of our meetings next year.

**Did You Know?**



**Birthdays in September:**

Laura Horne

September 9

[jalh@roadrunner.com](mailto:jalh@roadrunner.com)

Kim Brown

Sept. 20

[robertandkimbrown@gmail.com](mailto:robertandkimbrown@gmail.com)

Our Grant-in-Aid recipient, **Ashlyn Dial,** is getting settled in at St. Andrews.

I am sorry but I missed getting you her birthday information on time for this year. It is August 21st for future reference.

Her email address is [dialag@sa.edu](mailto:dialag@sa.edu)

Her mailing address is Ashlyn Dial. 11580 Azalea Dr. Laurinburg, NC 28352

When you send her an email, put Delta Omicron on the subject line.

Let’s remember her throughout the year with cards of encouragement and maybe even a goody box or two.