

May 2017

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, May 9— Dinner Meeting, Program: Closing the Year/Report from State Convention, location and time TBD

Thursday, May 11 — Founders Day

Wednesday, May 31 — Deadline for Headquarters Brick Sale submissions Form here.

Lobbying Day in Raleigh More info on page 2.

July 19 - 22 — Southeast Regional Conference, Myrtle Beach, Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center

September 9 — Fall Executive Board Meeting

April 27 - 29 — 2018 Convention, Charlotte, University Hilton Vol. 38, No. 5

President's Message

Dear Beta Beta Sisters,

I feel as though the first year of this biennium as your President has flown by! I have received so much encouragement from our members, and my excitement about DKG and what this organization means to me grew tenfold at this year's convention. The Executive Board and Committee Chairs and I have a great deal of work to do this summer in preparation for another year of fellowship and fun. I will be calling on several of you as we tweak the directory, add to the webpage, and build additional communication tools. We will need your ideas for programs and outings and fundraising (oh my!). Internationally, DKG membership is declining. While there are a number of reasons, we will focus on those that are within our power to change. As this school year draws to an end, think about that colleague you have come to know well this year. What about your child's teacher with whom you have connected? Tell them about our group. Remember that initiate from a few years ago? Reconnect with her, ask if her reasons for not renewing remain. Obviously, membership is a major concern for the Society, and with that comes recognition of members for accomplishments and contributions. So join me in welcoming our two newest members, Kate Cruze and Summer Hunter, as well as our Grant-in-Aid recipient, Robin Shakir, at the May meeting.

In Sisterhood, Sharon Bulletin Items: Sharon Sullivan, President, Editor <u>ssullivan218@aol.com</u>

Beta Beta Website: <u>deltakappagammabetabeta.weebly.com</u>

Eta State Website: <u>www.ncdkg.org</u> International Website: <u>www.dkg.org</u>

For the DKG website login information, including password, email Sharon.

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Member Updates

Jane Chandra has just returned from Cuba, Venice, and Croatia and Slovania! We can't wait to hear about your latest travels!!

Congratulations to Beta Gamma's **Nancy Teague** on her election as Eta State's Recording Secretary! We know she will do a fantastic job!

Want to Get Involved?

Consider Serving on a State Committee!

Take your leadership to the next level—consider volunteering to serve on a state committee! Connie Savell, our new Eta State NC President, 2017-19, invites you to apply for the state committee of your choice. <u>Apply here!</u>

The 2017 DKG Lobbying Day in Raleigh is scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, from 11:00 to 2:00, at the Legislative Building at 16 West Jones Street, Raleigh. Please let Sharon know if you are planning to participate.

Submission window for the next Gallery of Fine Arts will open in August—so plan ahead now!

News from Convention

Did you know the North Carolina DKG Educational Foundation gives mini-grants for members to attend professional development or implement programs to improve literacy? Several other Eta State chapters and regions are banding together to form their own Foundations and benefit teachers and students across the. Start thinking about what you could do with \$250 for PD or literacy. Consider spearheading an endowment project in our area. The possibilities are endless! Check out the NCDKGEF website or their Facebook page for more information. Former State Superintendent and DKG Sister, Dr. June Atkinson led the first breakout session during which she spoke about the impact of our General Assembly members introducing bills just to say they introduced x-bill even though it has no hope of passing. She spoke of the lack of commitment to early childhood education, and she elaborated on the GA's long-range plan of funding vouchers and the disparities in regulation of charter and religious schools versus public schools. Her advice: follow the money.

News from Eta State

Watch for news this fall about the North Carolina Eta State Beginning Teacher Award!

The 2019 Eta State Convention will be held in Hickory at the Crowne Plaza.

The *Eta State News* will be completely electronic, and chapters will be responsible for providing members without access to the web version printed copies.

Remember the Butterfly Effect. Small changes can have major effects.