

January 2018

Upcoming Events:

**Thursday, January 4** — Breakfast (at Night) Meeting, Program: Taking Care of You, IHOP Battleground/Westover, 6pm

**Thursday, March 15** — Initiation Rehearsal (for Escorts), First Baptist Church, 5pm

**Thursday, April 12** — New Member Initiation, First Baptist Church, 7pm

**April 27 - 29** — Eta State Convention, Charlotte, University Hilton \*book your room early!

Monday, May 7 — Dinner Meeting and New Member Welcome, restaurant TBD, 6pm

July 16-20 — International Convention Austin, TX

June 27-29, 2019 — Southeast Regional Conference, Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC

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President's Message

Dear Beta Beta Sisters,

Happy New Year!!! 2017 brought many changes to our community, our nation, and our world. We continue to see our chapter and DKG as a society change as well. Without vou, our Sisters, there is no organization. It's so easy to get caught up in our own worlds and only check in with people via text message or social media that we forget how much we need to gather and to speak and to hug. As one of our sisters said last month at Art Nite, "thanks for getting me out of the house." It's too easy to stay home instead of meeting friends. We're exhausted from interacting with other people all day in the classroom or in our support roles. We have a thousand things that need to be done at home. We just want to put our feet up and be done for the day. For all of these reasons, our program for this month's meeting is all about taking care of ourselves. When anyone else needs to be taken care of, we focus on them. As caregivers, that's what we do. However, far too often, we forget to take care of ourselves. I look forward to seeing each of you at our January meeting and starting the year with fellowship, friends, and, of course, hugs.

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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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*Firt Nite Fundraiser* 

Thank you to all who supported our second Art Nite Fundraiser! We raised \$220 for our Grant-in-Aid! A special thank-you to our host, **Nancy Travis**, and our instructor, **Catherine Deaton**. The night would not have been such a smashing success without the both of you.

New Executive Director

Nita Scott became the new Executive Director of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on January 1, 2018. Scott was the DKG Membership Services Administrator and a former mathematics and business teacher in Tennessee and Arkansas. She was initiated into DKG in 2005 and is active in a chapter in Texas. Welcome, Nita!

Eta State Convention

The 2018 Eta State Convention is rapidly approaching. Book your room now, or consider attending for the afternoon. Breakout sessions offer CEUs! It's also not too late to submit

workshop proposals!

Educational Law & Policy

Committee Special Announcement

The full General Assembly will be convened on January 10 for a special session. On January 9 and 10 education advocates hope to impress upon lawmakers the impending crisis they have created for all local school budgets. A new unfunded mandate by the Legislature caps class sizes in kindergarten through 3rd grade. Without state funding, local Boards of Education must pay for this requirement entirely using local funds appropriated by local County Commissions. Paying for the extra teachers, the additional classroom space and all the teaching materials would all need to come out of already-tight local coffers. Members are urged to contact their Senators and Representatives before and during this special session. Those who live close to Raleigh are also encouraged to join other education advocates at the General Assembly on January 10 in front of the legislative building to go visit Legislators. Together we can make a difference!

News from Eta State

- The International website has undergone another revision. General information is on the public page, and member-specific information requires login. For login information, please contact Sharon.
- The Summer Leadership Training dates and locations have been announced. June 22 is here in Greensboro. New chapter officers should plan to attend.
- Nominate a Rising Star or Golden Key Award recipient! Visit the Eta State website (ncdkg.org) and look under Forms.
- It's not too late to apply for scholarships! On the Eta State site—Forms.