Educational Foundation Shares Gift Idea

As the holidays approach and your gift-giving ideas need a boost, the NC DKG Educational Foundation invites you to consider making a donation in honor or memory of someone to the Foundation.

The Foundation shared a flyer about the gift giving with chapters earlier this month through the liaisons or presidents, who were asked to share it with all members. The flyer is also on the Foundation website or as a link off the home page http://www.ncdkgef.org.

A variety of gift cards or certificates is available to print out at your convenience to deliver to your honoree(s). Once your donation is received, you will be sent a link to the cards for you to choose and print. (Two samples are at the right; more choices are available.)

The Educational Foundation awarded six grants in November, totaling $1,500. This is $500 more than last year and made possible through donations to the Foundation and raffle ticket purchases at the convention.

Learn more about the six grants on page 2.

International Guest Named for Convention

Linda Navorska, the Southeast Regional Director for The DKG Society International, will be Eta State’s guest at the convention in Wilmington, April 28-30, 2017.

Linda is immediate past South Carolina state organization president and has received the state organization achievement award. She scheduled the first legislative forum at state convention.

Convention session proposals are due January 25, 2017, and hotel registration deadline is March 27. Read more convention details on page 2.

Mark the Dates

Dec. 15  Deadline for submissions to Collegial Exchange
Jan. 1, 2017 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window opens
Jan. 3   International Educational Foundation Project application due
Jan. 10  Eta State News deadline to Editor Sue Roberts
Jan. 10  International Regional Conference breakout session proposals due
Jan. 15  Deadline to apply for Eta State News Editor position; application now online
Jan. 25  Workshop proposals for 2017 Eta State NC Convention are due
Feb. 1   Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards
Feb. 1   Deadline for Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Annual Report
Feb. 1   Scholarship Applications due for both Eta State and DKG International
Feb. 1   Founders Award nominations due to Awards Committee
Mar. 1   Requirements for the Newsletter Excellence, Website Excellence and/or Communications Excellence Awards due to Nancy Tunstall
Mar. 1   Rising Star and Golden Key award nominations are due to Edris Glover
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 Educational Foundation: “Voices of Influence Empowering NC Women Educators”

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Forms Now Online

**Presidents Take Note:**
The very important Chapter President Annual Report and the Chapter Necrology Annual Report will be due February 1, 2017. Both reports are now online on the Forms → Reports page of the International website. You must be logged in to download them.

**Applications for the Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional Development—Individual will be due Feb. 1, 2017.**

Please remember to share with your members the Eta State and International Scholarship forms and the Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards, both due February 1, 2017.

Wilmington Awaits!

The Eta State Convention is taking shape! Proposals are due soon and the hotel is filling up! Make your plans to attend April 28-30, 2017.

Proposals to present a Saturday afternoon session are due January 25, 2017 to First Vice-President Connie Savell at medpms9@ gmail.com or 206 N. Roxford Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Proposals should fall into one of the four focus strands—Technology, Teaching and Learning, Personal Growth, or DKG Society. The proposal form is online on the convention webpage.


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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.

Leadership Development Committee Encourages Participation in Summer Seminar

The Leadership Seminar this coming summer, June 23-25, 2017, will be held at the Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro and will be limited to 30 participants.

The Leadership Development Committee encourages:

♦ Chapters to identify a 3-5 year member of DKG who can “fan the flame” of leadership in your own chapter.
♦ Chapters to select a more veteran member of your chapter who has not yet “stepped up to the plate,” but with encouragement would attend the seminar and come back to your chapter with a willingness to serve in a leadership role.
♦ Chapter members to be on the look-out for those outstanding women educators who have not yet become a member of DKG and attending a seminar such as this be excited about becoming a member.

The goal of the seminar is to perpetuate an ongoing leadership network of educational professionals who have the potential of increasing DKG’s significance in the larger educational arena.

It would be great if chapters would sponsor their identified participant ($60 registration and $15 Strengthsfinders Assessment Fee to be taken prior to seminar attendance) and imagine the return you would have on your investment!

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 precarious position right now and is likely to need voices of support as decisions are made in Raleigh and Washington.

Delta Kappa Gamma’s federal voice is the US Forum. Eta State members wishing to subscribe to the Forum’s FREE newsletter should send a request to the editor Angela O. Bedenbaugh at Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com. 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 Εta Data and Εta State News. To personally follow issues under consideration in Raleigh there are several good sources of information: NC Association of School Administrators (NCASA.org), Public Schools First NC (Publicschoolsfirstnc.org), Raleigh’s The News & Observer (http://www.newsobserver.com/).

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. Eta State’s White Paper on Legislative Issues can be found at our new website (www.ncdkg.org) and click on Leadership, Committees, Educational Law & Policy.

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

Silence is Consent

“I move that we organize a protest against school conditions mandated by the principal at the high school and insist that we meet with the superintendent next week,” Mary Ellen stated.

Jane gasped, thinking this to be an outrageous motion. Believing that this is not only a bad idea, but that it would be strongly undesirable for the motion to even come before the assembly, what can Jane do?

Certainly not stay silent.

Jane can rise immediately, without waiting to be recognized, and address the chair: “Madam President, I object to the consideration of the question.”

The chair will then state “the consideration of the question is being objected to. Shall the question be considered?” If two-thirds of the assembly opposes the consideration of the question, then this motion is dismissed.

This objection to considering the question would be used in an egregious situation, requires no second, allows no debate, and is stated before any debate or amendments on the original motion have been made.
Travel Abroad with DKG

It’s not too late to sign up to join other DKG sisters on a trip to Lisbon, Seville, Madrid & the Basque Country this summer.

Your tour, leaving Friday, June 2, 2017 would include:
- 11 nights in handpicked hotels
- Breakfast daily, 5 three-course dinners with beer or wine, 1 olive oil tasting, 1 wine tasting
- Multilingual Tour Director
- Private deluxe motor coach
- Guided sightseeing and select entrance fees

Highlights of the tour include Remembering the Age of Exploration in Lisbon, the bulls, horses and tapas of Andalusia, Mosaics and Moorish masterpieces in Seville, the extensive collection at Madrid’s Prado Museum, Bilbao’s Gehry-designed modern art museum, and Pintxos in San Sebastian, a new culinary capital.

For more information, visit http://portugalandspaindkg.group toursite.com/ or contact Phyllis Hickey at DKG headquarters at phyllish@dkg.org.

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SER in Myrtle Beach

Proposal forms to present a breakout session or a ten-minute takeaway session (new this year) at the regional conferences are now online. The Southeast Regional Conference will be held this summer, July 19-22 in Myrtle Beach, SC—close enough to drive! Plan to attend and present!

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Convention Dates

**April 23 - 25, 2017** — Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, NC

**July 19 - 22, 2017** — Southeast Regional Conference, Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Myrtle Beach, SC

**April 27 - 29, 2018** — Eta State NC Convention, Charlotte University Hilton, Charlotte, NC (Region VI)

**July 16 - 20, 2018** — DKG International Convention, JW Marriott, Austin, TX

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For comments or questions regarding *Eta Data*, please contact Editor Susan Kuenzel or Eta State NC President Sheila Groves.

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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!

Wishing everyone peace and joy, happiness and laughter, hope and love this holiday season and throughout the new year!

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