International President to Attend Eta State NC Convention in May

International President Cathy Daugherty of Virginia will be Eta State NC’s Society Representative at the May 2019 convention in Hickory.

In expressing her excitement about coming to North Carolina, President Daugherty said, “What better way for me to celebrate the biennium as international president than to serve as the Society Representative to my home state of North Carolina and my hometown of Hickory! My educational journey will come full circle with this visit in my current DKG role and in this location where I first decided to become an educator.”

President Daugherty, a retired Latin instructor, has been a Society member since 1988. She received the 2016 DKG Achievement Award while she was international first vice president. She serves as Virginia’s parliamentarian and chapter webmaster.

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Also check the Eta State NC calendar online at [https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html](https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html).
Convention Project Will Benefit Members
The 2019 Eta State NC Convention project will benefit teacher-members in schools damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Florence. Recovery will be long and hard for those schools, so donations of gift cards to various places will help those teachers rebuild their classrooms. Watch for more info soon!

Nominate Members for Recognition
Chapter presidents received an email last week encouraging them to nominate members for recognition at the 85th Birthday Celebration at the state convention in May.
Submit nominations on the Google form at https://goo.gl/forms/qzSOMHGoZGad73gN2. The form includes a space for a short biography and a photo. Deadline is February 1, 2019.

Special Session at Convention for Chapter Treasurers
Because of the new dues process beginning in 2019, all chapter treasurers are being asked to attend the Eta State NC Convention in Hickory May 3-5, 2019. The International Representative will provide training on the new process for submitting dues so treasurers should bring a laptop computer with them. The new procedure is expected to be used for 2019-2020 dues, which will be collected by June 30, 2019. Information on the time of the workshop will be given when it becomes available.

Presidents Take Note: Share this information with your treasurer now and ensure her attendance at this important training.

Workshop Proposals Due February 1
The Saturday afternoon sessions are always a popular part of the convention and afford learning and sharing opportunities. Strands for topics include DKG Society, Professional Growth, and Personal Growth.
Deadline for proposals is February 1, 2019. The downloadable submission form is on the convention webpage.

Convention Ad for Program
Want to submit an ad for your chapter but not sure how to do it or what it should say? Program editor Nancy Tunstall is there for you! Contact Nancy at nancytunstall@gmail.com or see the ad form for more information.

Convention Awards Reminders
- Founders Award application must be emailed to the Awards Committee at etastateawards@gmail.com by February 1, 2019.
- Chapter Achievement Award applications must be completed by the chapter president and the electronic copy emailed to the Regional Director by March 1, 2019.
- Rising Star Award and Golden Key Award must be emailed to the Awards Committee at etastateawards@gmail.com by March 1, 2019.
Guidelines and applications for the awards given at the convention are located at https://www.ncdkg.org/forms.html.
Please email your questions to Awards Committee Chair Donna Rudisill at etastateawards@gmail.com.

Finance Committee Recommending Dues Rate for Collegiate Members
Among the proposals to be voted on at the state convention will be the dues rate for the new collegiate membership level added last summer at the International Convention and a dues increase for reserve members.

The Finance Committee is proposing that state dues for reserve members increase from $2.00 to $5.00 and that collegiate dues be $5.00. By having both collegiate and reserve member state dues the same amount, they will be consistent with International.

“IT is the desire of the Finance Committee for collegiate members to value membership at the state level; therefore we need to charge dues,” stated Debra Clayton, chair of the Finance Committee. “Five dollars is one-third of the active dues on the state level; whereas, on the international level, collegiate dues are one-half of active dues,” she explained.

These proposals will be voted on at the Eta State NC Convention in May 2019.
Educational Foundation Awards
Two Scholarships

The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation recently awarded two Mary Grinwis Gray Scholarships for Elementary Education and for Music Education.

Winners, announced by the Foundation Board, are Megan Laws, who received the scholarship for elementary education, and Nyi Nyi Myin, who received the scholarship for music education.

Megan, a senior at Appalachian State University, is an elementary education major who will continue her education with a Master’s in reading. Nyi Nyi is a senior at Wingate University and will begin his student teaching internship Spring Semester.

The Gray Scholarship is made possible through an endowment from Theta Chapter in Wilmington. From 33 applicants for the Elementary Education Scholarship and eight for the Music Education Scholarship, the Grants Committee of the NCDKGGEF selected applicants who were outstanding in scholarship, expressed a passion for teaching, and indicated some need.

EEC In Action
Tip of the Month

Tis the Season
By: Dr. Teresa Cowan, Eta State NC First VP, EEC Chair

Tis the season for sure. But the season for what? Cooking, shopping, wrapping, spending, etc. Is that what this season is all about? EEC of Eta State NC encourages you to Empower, Engage and Create this holiday season as you embody the motto of Thomas S. Monson, “Christmas is the spirit of giving without the thought of getting.” And, this month, let’s focus our EEC efforts on our members.

Empower: Give members recognition to empower their progress (membership years, award nominations, spotlight accomplishments, etc.)

Engage: Give members support to enhance their engagement (encourage participation in events, make outreach/contact efforts, etc.)

Create: Give members opportunities to be creative (paint night, cardmaking session, guided hikes, etc.)

“Getting to Know You...”
By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

That familiar tune needs to be our theme song between now and January 9 when the 2019 NC Legislative session begins.

There will be a number of new faces in the House and Senate next year. It will be important for each of us to contact our respective legislators, especially the new ones, and let them know how important quality public education is to us all and for the future of our fair state.

Perhaps a small group of your chapter members could arrange to have lunch with your representatives over the holidays. If not that, how about making an appointment at your representative's office to get acquainted? It is always wise to invite your representatives, whether local, state or national, to attend a chapter meeting to allow members to share important issues.

Can we count on you to take action?

Next Round of Funding from FAST NC is Open Now

Eta State NC continues to partner with FAST NC (Florence Aid to Students and Teachers of North Carolina). So far, FAST NC has collected over $78,000 — that’s a $20,000-plus jump since the last update!

The next round of applications will be accepted from Dec. 15 – Jan. 11. To secure an application form, go to the FAST NC website and click on the “Apply Now” link.

A Leadership Quest: Discovering How YOU Sparkle!

The registration deadline is quickly approaching for the Leadership Development Seminar to be held March 22-23, 2019, at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro. The registration form is available via a link on the Forms page of the Eta State NC website or on this direct link.

Single room registration will be $75. Registrants paying by credit card will be charged a $3 processing fee. There is a limited number of spaces remaining so register soon.

If you have questions, feel free to email Tonya Welch, Leadership Development Committee Chair, at tpwelch@gtcc.edu.
December is a time of excitement and anticipation in the eyes of children. As a retired third grade teacher, I always loved reading Christmas stories and sharing holiday traditions with them. One tradition was making dough ornaments. The process was tedious and having time to complete them by Christmas break was tight. The ornaments would air dry for several days; then we would paint the ornaments allowing time to let them dry, add ribbon to hang them, and wrap them. Many times it seemed like there was not enough time in the day to get everything done so I allowed stress to take the joy out of the activity with my class.

As you approach the holidays, remember to enjoy the small tasks and not get caught up in the things that take the joy away from your heart. In your joy, remember that everyone does not feel the same excitement of the season. Try to be a source of comfort to those who are sad!

As we SPARKLE at Christmas in DKG, let’s think of the letters in the word Sparkle.

- Share the gift of your time with someone who is lonely
- Prepare something special for your family—your favorite cookies or cakes
- Arrange for special family time
- Respect others who feel differently from you during the holidays
- Kindness shines to everyone you are around
- Light up the room when you enter it
- Excitement felt for the Christmas Season

Let’s Sparkle!
Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
2017-2019

A Special Honor for a Special Lady at International Headquarters

The International Executive Board voted honorary membership to Mary P. Sanchez upon her 50th work anniversary at Society Headquarters in Austin. She has been and continues to be a “go-to” person when questions arise in Austin. Sanchez will be inducted at the May 2019 meeting of the DKG Administrative Board when it meets in Austin. Congratulations to Mary and thanks to her for her faithful service to DKG.

International Conference Workshop Proposals Due Jan. 15

The January 15, 2019, deadline to submit workshop (45 minutes) and takeaway (10 minutes) proposals to regional directors is fast approaching. While proposals tied to the theme of the conference where the presentation will occur are encouraged, these proposals are not limited to the theme itself. Expect to find Society business topics, educational practices and other relevant presentations on the programs at each conference.

The International Conference: Arts & Humanities will be held in Asheville, June 27-29, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza Resort. Proposal forms to present can be found on the events tab of the International DKG website.

Remember, too, that as host for the event, Eta State NC will need volunteers to help. Watch for more information about volunteering and mark your calendars now to save the dates.

Hints to Editors: Please share the link to the proposal form and encourage your members to present a workshop or takeaway session at the International Conference. Let’s show NC’s Sparkle!

Convention Dates

March 22 - 23, 2019 — Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro
May 3 - 5, 2019 — Eta State NC Convention, Crowne Plaza, Hickory, Region X
June 27 - 29, 2019 — International Conference, Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC
May 1 - 3, 2020 — Eta State NC Convention, Embassy Suites, Greensboro, Region VII
July 7 - 11, 2020 — International Convention, Philadelphia, PA

The Membership Committee reminds presidents to submit Form 6 upon the death of a member.

International Website: https://www.dkg.org
Eta State NC Website: https://www.ncdkg.org

For comments or questions regarding Eta Data, please contact Editor Susan Kuenzel or Eta State NC President Connie Savell.