Many Deadlines Nearing

President's Report Due February 1

Many reports and forms are due February 1, so mark your calendars! Presidents have a little over two weeks to finish several big reports!

The President’s Report that goes to Eta State NC President Connie Savell is due February 1. This is a Google form and will be completed and submitted online. Click the link above or find it easily using the link on the home page of the Eta State NC website.

The Necrology Report Form 2 is due to Mary Beth Dailey, Membership Chair, by February 1. Download the form from the Forms page of the Eta State NC website. Mary Beth also reminds chapter presidents to submit Form 6 to her and those listed on the form immediately upon the death of a member.

Many of the forms associated with the Eta State NC Convention in May are due on February 1, including nominations for Founders Award, given every other year, and nominations for the 85th Birthday Celebration. See page two for a complete listing.

Convention Project to Benefit DKG Members

Hurricane Florence devastated many schools in eastern NC, and teachers are still trying to rebuild their classrooms and find necessary instructional materials.

Fund$ for Florence, the Eta State NC 2019 Convention Project, will help DKG member-teachers.

Bring gift cards and show your support of our members!

Mark the Dates

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Also check the Eta State NC calendar online at https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html.
**Eta State Vision: “Voices of Influence Empowering NC Women Educators”**

**Let’s Sparkle!**

**2019 Convention Dates and Links**

May 3-5, 2019, Hickory

*Region X invites you to join them at the Eta State NC Convention May 3-5, 2019, in Hickory. Please keep these deadlines in mind while preparing for your convention experience.*

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<td>Leslie Black, Con Treasurer 4715 Little Mountain Road, Catawba, NC 28609 <a href="mailto:2019etastateconvention@gmail.com">2019etastateconvention@gmail.com</a></td>
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**Convention Awards Due Dates**

- **Founders Award** application must be emailed to the Awards Committee at etastateawards@gmail.com by February 1.
- **Chapter Achievement Award** applications must be completed by the chapter president and the electronic copy emailed to the Regional Director by March 1.
- **Rising Star Award and Golden Key Award** must be emailed to the Awards Committee at etastateawards@gmail.com by March 1.
- **Communications Excellence Award** form must be submitted to the Communications and Publicity Committee at etastatecompub@outlook.com by March 1.
- Chapters not trying for the Communications Excellence Award may still qualify for the Newsletter Award, according to criteria in published guidelines. Four newsletters need to be submitted to C&P Chair Deb Christensen at etastatecompub@outlook.com by March 1.
- Websites earning the International compliance seal and meeting the criteria posted online qualify for Website Awards.

Guidelines and applications for the awards given at the convention are located at https://www.ncdkg.org/forms.html.

**The Room Block is Filling Quickly!**

Do not delay in making room reservations for the Eta State NC 2019 Convention to be held at the Crowne Plaza Hickory Hotel May 3-5. The block is filling quickly and the convention is shaping up to be a great one.

Make your reservations now by calling the hotel at 828-323-1000. The rate is $95 plus tax. Remember to ask for the DKG block of rooms and pricing.

**Founders Day at 85th Birthday**

Interested in history? Interested in character acting? Planning to attend the convention in Hickory? Interested in bringing Eta State NC Founders to life?

Contact Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, First VP at drthcowan@gmail.com for more information.

**Scholarship Deadline**

Feb. 1

Eta State NC Scholarship applications for doctoral ($4,000) and Master’s degree ($1,000) candidates are available on the Forms page. Scroll down to find the “2019 State Scholarship Applications” heading. Both are due February 1, 2019, and awards are announced at the convention.

If you have questions, please contact Michelle Benigno, Scholarship Chair, at mtbteacher@gmail.com.
EEC In Action Tip of the Month
Out with the Old, In with the New
By: Dr. Teresa Cowan, Eta State NC First VP, EEC Chair

There’s an old saying, “If you continue to do what you’ve always done, you’ll continue to get what you’ve always gotten.” Consider that for a moment as you move into the new year. EEC of Eta State NC encourages you to Empower, Engage and Create in the year ahead as you jazz it up in 2019. This month EEC efforts focus on stepping out of the “old” and into the “new.”


Engage: Girls Night Out - Chapter meeting held at a local chocolatier (tour, tasting, dinner and fellowship, followed by DKG business meeting)

Create: Work on the Chapter Achievement in teams - design and submit a workshop for convention, create the theme night centerpiece for the Asheville convention, etc.

Session proposals are needed for the Saturday afternoon workshops at the Eta State NC Convention! Share with all your members and encourage them to present! Deadline to apply is Feb. 1!

Legislative Survey Results to be Shared in 2019 White Paper
By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

The Educational Law & Policy Committee has gathered the data from the Legislative Survey conducted in the fall 2018 and is including it in the new 2019 White Paper on Legislative Priorities. The Paper will be placed on the Eta State website (www.ncdkg.org) by January 15, where members can access it and make copies to share with legislative Representatives and Senators. To find it on the website click on “Leadership” on the upper right side of the homepage and choose the Educational Law & Policy Committee from the drop down list of committees.

For those members who live close to Raleigh, the legislature begins its work near the end of January. Delivering the Paper in person to members in the General Assembly is, by far, the most impactful thing to do. Meeting with lawmakers back home and personally sharing the document is also most effective. The EL&P Committee urges all members to disseminate our priorities to anyone who can possibly help us achieve our goals. Won’t you do your part? Our students are counting on us.

Link to Eta State NC Chapter President's Report Due February 1

Chapter Presidents may fill out the form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIDdeOpaA1YjJDKx6aTgebyZaIq7dwOysuVayvYA5BF8G4bQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1

Remembering Eta State NC Star Margaret Church

Tributes are pouring in from across NC, remembering with love Eta State NC’s Margaret Church who passed away suddenly January 3, 2019. Margaret is being remembered mostly for her keen sense of humor and her dedication to Delta Kappa Gamma and our projects.

Margaret was honored with the Star of the Southeast Award in 2012, the second time it was given. The award recognizes “women who often prefer to serve behind the scenes rather than in the spotlight.” While Margaret was known for her sense of humor and bright smiles, emceeing events and attending activities, fewer knew of Margaret’s generous, giving nature, which was the way she wanted it. She would put her creative ideas into action by funding projects herself but would do it anonymously, shying away from the credit. For example, LEROY, the leadership guy, was a brainchild of Margaret’s when she was on the Leadership Committee.

Margaret chaired the state membership committee and was on several others, served on the NC Educational Foundation Board of Directors, designed the Golden Key Award pin and the past presidents’ pin, and was responsible for initiating “The Order of the Dogwood” to honor past presidents of Eta State NC.

Margaret leaves a void in her chapter where she was an active leader, spearheading the Alpha Nu Girls Scouts initiative, driving donations to World Fellowship and Schools for Africa, and mentoring new officers. She served two terms as president and was parliamentary for 15 years.

Approximately 40 Eta State NC members attended Margaret's funeral to show their respect for a beloved "sister." It was not unusual to hear friends say, "Everyone needs a Margaret Church in their lives."
Happy New Year! A new year brings new opportunities to reevaluate our goals in DKG! In the first year of the biennium one goal was the Wellness Initiative and chapters were encouraged to participate in a water project to help others through the Life Straw Project. In October, Eta State Headquarters water pump stopped doing its job. This year we need a new well drilled and to purchase a new pump. You received a memo about this need. You may be asking why we have a Headquarters? Eta State uses Headquarters for state committee meetings on a regular basis because of the distance across North Carolina. Water is very necessary! Try a day without it and you discover how often you need it. I would like to encourage your support for the well project at Headquarters. We are fortunate to have the resources in the Headquarters Fund to pay for this.

In the next several weeks there are lots of deadlines. Please remember the Chapter President’s Report. This information is helpful in determining our goals for the next biennium. I hope that in 2019 all 98 chapters will invite and induct at least two new members. Teachers need DKG!

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

Update on International Conference Coming to Asheville in June

   Share your expertise and make NC sparkle by having lots of presenters from NC! The proposal form is an easy-to-submit online form on the Events page of DKG.org

2. Conference Vendors
   Vendors are needed for the conference marketplace. If your chapter would like to sell items, you need to submit the following information: Vendor name, what will be sold, state vendor is from, and the email of the contact person. Send this information to Regional Director Elaine Warwick at elainewarwick@att.net. There will be a charge per table.

3. Conference Registration
   Registration for the Asheville Conference will be available on the DKG website in the next few days. Because the conference hotel is located outside the city and has only one small restaurant, all conference meals are available for purchase on the registration form. Three of the meals are general sessions with speakers: Friday lunch, Saturday breakfast and Saturday dinner.

4. Hotel Registration
   Hotel registration will be available online very soon.

5. Pre-Conference Tours—Wednesday, June 26, 2019
   Four pre-conference tours will be offered on Wednesday, June 26. One will be to the Biltmore Estate; another to the River Arts District of Asheville; another will tour the Blue Ridge Parkway with various stops along the way; the last tour will be to the Omni Grove Park Inn, a famous hotel in Asheville. Its history will be shared, along with tours of artisan workshops nearby and lunch at the hotel. All tours will include lunch at a nice restaurant in the area. Watch for more information about these tours soon but mark your calendars now!

Eta State NC Volunteers Needed
Eta State NC Past President Sheila Groves is chair of the conference planning committee and Tobey Worthington, past Region I Director, is volunteer coordinator. They will need hordes of volunteers to make the conference a success. Volunteers will be needed to be airport and hotel lobby greeters; session facilitators; support for registration, first aid room, and properties room; podium decorators; and much more. Eta State NC regional directors are helping sign up volunteers so contact your chapter president or regional director if you are willing to help.

Hints to Editors: Please continue to share information about the International Conference so Eta State NC members are informed and excited about hosting this major event. Let’s show NC’s Sparkle!