Hotel Registration Open for May 2019 Eta State NC Convention

Plans are progressing for the Eta State NC Convention to be held in Hickory May 3-5, 2019. Hotel registration is now open, and the workshop session proposal form and the convention ad form are available online.

Hotel reservations for the convention may be made by calling the Crowne Plaza Hickory Hotel, 1385 Lenoir-Rhyne Blvd., SE, at 828-323-1000. The rate is $95 plus tax. There are a few suites for $129 plus tax. Members should identify themselves as part of Delta Kappa Gamma to get the group rate.

Workshop presenters are needed for Saturday afternoon sessions at the convention in the strands of DKG Society, Professional Growth or Personal Growth. Deadline for submission is February 1, 2019. The downloadable submission form is on the new convention webpage.

The convention ad form is also online. Each chapter is encouraged to place an ad honoring members, activities, projects, or achievements.

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Also check the Eta State NC calendar online at https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html.
Nominations Wanted for Recognition at Birthday Celebration

Who in your chapter has made notable contributions to education or to DKG on the local, state or international levels? Nominate those leaders to be recognized at the Eta State NC 85th Birthday at the 2019 Convention.

President Connie encourages chapters to think outside the box and determine members in your chapter, past or present, who deserve recognition.

A Google form has been set up to collect chapter nominees at goo.gl/forms/ozSOMHGozGad73gN2. The form includes a space for a short biography and a photo.

Leadership Development Seminar Registration Open

Registrations are coming in 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.

Check-in will begin around 3:00 p.m. on Friday, with networking time prior to the evening meal. Meals are included in the registration fee of $50. The seminar will end around 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. (Anyone who is traveling a long distance can request to stay at Headquarters on Saturday night if they don’t want to drive home until Sunday.)

No Beginner’s Luck This Time…

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

The Educational Law & Policy Committee decided to try something new with its annual Educational Issues Survey by distributing an electronic version for chapter presidents to share with their members who use email. As you know by now, there were several glitches and multiple attempts to correct problems. As the committee’s chairman, I do apologize for the inconvenience. It’s “Live and Learn” time and I have definitely learned! The only message members need as they fill out the survey is that “1 = Imperative” and “5 = Not Important.”

In early December you will receive a totally correct follow-up email containing an electronic link to the survey to give your members one last chance to share their opinions, if they have not done so already. With a late December deadline for this round of the survey, it will allow the ELP Committee to publish DKG’s White Paper to share with legislators when they return to Raleigh in January. Thank you for encouraging your members to be heard.

EEC In Action Tip of the Month

Time for Sharing

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

“If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share.” In this time of thanksgiving, this quote by W. Clement Stone makes it pretty basic. EEC of Eta State NC encourages you to Empower, Engage and Create at the local level by being thankful each and every day as you collectively work to share in your communities.

Empower: Members spearhead local outreach projects (Angel Tree, Prison Ministry, ShoeBox Collection, etc.)
Engage: Members gather for “Appetizers & The Arts” - dinner out as a group after singing/visiting at local nursing homes
Create: Members develop relationships with local agencies (nursing homes, childcare centers, hospitals, etc.)

Remember to check out https://www.ncdkg.org/educational-excellence-committee.html for more ideas or click here for EEC program ideas.

Say Cheese!

The planning committee for the 2019 International Conference: Arts & Humanities, Asheville, is looking for someone to take the traditional photographs of each state group attending the event, June 27-29, 2019. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about this assignment, please contact Sheila Groves, committee chair, at svgeta97@gmail.com, or Tobey Worthington, volunteer chair, at toveyv8@aol.com.

Hints to Editors: Please share in your chapter newsletters to help find someone willing to make pictures of state groups at the conference. Encourage a photographer (amateur or professional) in your chapter to volunteer!

Applications for State Treasurer

Applications are open for Eta State NC Treasurer until January 16, 2019. A job description and application form are available on the Forms page of the Eta State NC website and should be emailed to Carolyn Lane, chair of the Personnel Committee, at elane44@ec.rr.com.

Scholarship Forms Online

Eta State NC Scholarships for doctoral and master’s degree candidates are available on the Forms page. Scroll down to find the “2019 State Scholarship Applications” heading and the applicable forms. Both are due February 1, 2019.
Clarification Given on Scholarship Fee

Eta State NC Treasurer Ruth Jones says that clarification appears to be needed on the $1.00 Scholarship Fee. This fee, required of all active and reserve members, should be sent to Ruth with chapter dues.

If a chapter maintains a Scholarship Fund, then $0.20 should be sent to the state. Such Scholarship Funds can only be used for scholarships and not for the general operation of the chapter.

Although many members confuse the terms, a scholarship is not the same as a grant-in-aid in “Delta Kappa Gamma language.” Grants-in-aid are given to college students, and scholarships must be given to Delta Kappa Gamma members.

Please contact Ruth at rjonesdkg@gmail.com with any questions.

Presidents Take Note: Please share this information with your treasurer to ensure she submits the correct amount.

New Password Rule for DKG Website

As of November 6, your password for logging into the member side of the DKG website must be at least seven characters long and contain at least one number. The rotator directs you to click on sign in page and then “forgot password” to reset it using the new guidelines. You may also click the chat feature for help.

Year-End Giving Options Available for the Educational Foundation

As the end of 2018 approaches, members may be looking for places to make tax-deductible donations. Please encourage them to remember the NC DKG Educational Foundation. The Educational Foundation works hard to offer grants to our state’s classroom teachers and our chapters. These grants are not possible without donations.

The Educational Foundation website makes donating easy. Donors are given the options of using Pay Pal accounts or preferred credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. If donors would like to mail donations, checks should be made out to the NC DKG Educational Foundation and mailed to Treasurer Betty Marshall, 6212 Dresden Lane, Raleigh, NC 27612.

All of the donations made to the Foundation are approved by the IRS as the Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Judith Carlson, judithb125@gmail.com.

FAST NC Supporting Affected Schools

As a partner with FAST NC (Florence Aid to Students and Teachers of North Carolina), Eta State NC, through President Connie Savell, received this update from Drew Elliot at DPI: We’ve been raising funds and we’ve collected almost $45,000 for FAST NC. Thanks for helping us get the word out!

Please share the website information with your network and encourage folks to donate. FAST NC can accept donations by check and credit card. The website is http://www.ncpublicschools.org/fastnc/.

The FAST NC application for assistance is now available at http://www.ncpublicschools.org/fastnc/apply/. Applications will be considered in cycles, and the first round of applications will be due on or before Nov. 16, 2018. The application will also be announced to the 28 counties declared federal disaster areas and will be announced in electronic mailings of the Department of Public Instruction to district superintendents and charter schools.

In addition to the funds we’ve raised, our partners are doing incredible things. For example, NC MAST is donating 2,160 scientific calculators for schools in the impacted areas and an elementary school in La Jolla, California, sent a box of school supplies, ample, NC MAST is donating 2,160 scientific calculators for schools in the impacted areas and will be announced in electronic mailings of the Department of Public Instruction to district superintendents and charter schools.

DKG Members Help

President Connie received calls from several states immediately following Florence offering assistance. Mississippi, Alabama, and Virginia have asked how they can help, and another state sent money directly to an impacted county. One piedmont NC chapter sent around $500 to two schools. DKG—engaging and supporting!

New Chat Feature on DKG Website

If you need an answer to a question quickly, try the new chat feature on the DKG website!

The chat box, pinned on the bottom right of the website, is available during Headquarter’s business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. CST. Leave a message at other times and someone will respond the next business day.

Originally intended to unlock accounts, members have also asked questions about scholarships, forms, passwords, and more. Chat monitors responded to over 550 requests in a little over a month! They are there to help you!
In the last few weeks we have witnessed fall in the coolness of the air and the changes of the colors of the leaves on the trees. In DKG, we are experiencing changes in membership, International conferences, and training for our incoming officers by the International level. As leaders we know with change, we experience new opportunities. Our DKG International Constitution allows chapters to induct collegiate members. They must be in an institution offering an education degree, have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education, and be enrolled in the last two years of their undergraduate education degree or in a graduate program. If your chapter wishes to invite collegiate members, you will need to change your chapter rules to address this change.

Did you notice I used the word induct? DKG will induct members rather than initiate in an effort to be more professional. Inductees become members of DKG at the time of paying dues.

In 2019, regional conferences, such as the Southeast Regional Conference, will now be called International Conferences and have a theme. In June Eta State NC will host the International Conference for Arts and Humanities in Asheville, NC, June 27-29, 2019. The International Conference: Leadership will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, July 10-12, 2019.

Who will be trained in Iowa from NC? Training is for the 2019-2021 state president, the EEC chair who is NC’s first vice-president, the Membership Chair that is appointed by the incoming state president and the Treasurer who will be appointed in May. Nomination deadline for Eta State NC officers is November 15 and Treasurer January 16, 2019.

Embrace change and let’s strengthen DKG in North Carolina. Wishing your family a Happy Thanksgiving!