Sample Pages from the *DKG in NC* History Book

Each Eta State President from the ten-year period covered in the book has a two-page spread highlighting her presidency.

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**Eta State Presidents**

**2007–2009**

*Carmen Redding*

In 1960 Carmen graduated from Woman’s College of UNC with a Bachelor of Arts degree and in 1970 earned her Master of Education degree from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During her career as an upper elementary teacher, she taught in six school systems. As an upper elementary teacher, her over-arching goal was to develop within each student a love of learning. In 1975 she was recognized as a district winner of the Terry Sanford Award for Creativity and Innovation in Teaching. In 1994, at Greensboro Day School, she was the recipient of the James P. Hendrix Award for Excellence in Teaching.

In 1975 Carmen was initiated into Alpha Chapter. Over the years she served her chapter in a variety of roles. During the 1990–1992 biennium she served as Alpha President. In 1992 she became Region VII Director, thus beginning a range of leadership experiences at the state level. In 1995 she became a graduate of the Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, Texas.

With her biennial theme, “Building Tomorrow Today,” President Carmen emphasized membership, the arts, and the environment. She encouraged members to reach out and connect with one another. She challenged chapters to increase their membership, especially prospective members having 3–10 years’ experience in education and by June 15, 2008, 26 chapters had each initiated eight members. Of these chapters, nine initiated four or more members with 3–10 years’ experience. As Eta State President, she appointed 18 members new to Eta State to serve on state committees. *Eta State News* began being published differently, which allowed more timely coverage for state conventions; reimbursement for travel expenses went from $0.26 a mile to $0.32; scholarships amounts were clarified as being for $4000, and the Professional Affairs Committee was re-structured to include the US Forum Representative (Linda Harlan) and the Covenant for Children Representative (Judy Skroch).

At the 2008 state convention in Hickory, members especially enjoyed the Arts Fair showcasing the visual and musical works of Eta State members and a breathtaking display of the eleven regions of Eta State. At the 2009 convention in Greensboro, members celebrated Eta State’s 75th Anniversary. A life-size figure of Annie Webb Blanton was on display. Members flocked to Annie to have their pictures taken by her side. The 75th Anniversary demonstrated Eta State’s rich history by continuing the Treasured Roses project and preparing a short CD to help members celebrate their Society. The Going Green bags were sold as an environmental focus.

The Leadership Seminar at the Outer Banks, a NC Heritage Retreat at the Uwharrie Mountains, and a Cornetet Grant awarded for Professional Affairs seminar were all successful events during President Carmen’s biennium.

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*Officers for President Carmen’s biennium were (l to r) Linda Little, Second Vice-President; Betty Marshall, First Vice-President; President Carmen Falls Redding; and Helen Willard, Recording Secretary.*

*Image: President Carmen facilitated having Founder Annie Webb Blanton (“Flat Annie”) at the 2009 convention.*
The scholarship chapter highlights the Eta State Scholarships and the leaders some of those honor. Pictures of recent scholarship honorees are included. The names of all scholarship winners, including from International, can be found in the appendix.

3 SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships, in the form of monetary awards, are given to support study or other educational activities. Eta State sponsors two kinds of scholarships: (1) doctoral and sixth year and (2) post-baccalaureate.

Three academic scholarships for members enrolled in doctoral or sixth-year graduate study and who are seeking degrees are: Gilbert–McNaivy, Emmons–Flintom, and Hunter–Moore, each in the amount of $4000.

Scholarships awarded for post-baccalaureate work are in two categories: academic graduate work for obtaining a master's degree and non-degree activities such as special projects, research, special studies and add on certifications, National Board renewal, or similar projects at master's post-baccalaureate level.

The Aman Scholarship

The Aman Scholarship, established in 1985 with a bequest from Upsilon Chapter member Lena Winberry Aman, was dissolved in 2013. With the consent of the Office of the Attorney General, the monies that were left in the account were co-mingled with the funds in the regular Eta State Scholarship account.

Prior to its dissolution, during 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2013, Aman Scholarships were given in the amount of $1,000.

Doctoral or Sixth-Year Graduate Study

Applications for the academic scholarships for doctoral or sixth-year graduate study have been encouraged in recent years since there were no applications in 2015. The increase by members seeking advanced degrees has renewed their popularity.


During 2007–2017, Scholarship Committees have awarded 31 scholarships. The recipients' names are listed in Appendix e.
Detailed articles recap the Seminars and Retreats from the ten-year period.

which creates a glassine finish, usually with a glossy, slightly orange-peel texture. Mike had a variety of small pots ready for retreat participants to complete as face pots or mugs. Our creations went home with Mike to be fired and salt glazed. The finished art work was ready for participants in November.

Saturday evening Scott Walker and Scottie Manring, of the Walker Family Band, shared their musical knowledge and talent. They performed an opening set of Scots-Irish music to emphasize its influence on NC musical tradition. Scott’s video presentation identified the fiddle, a prized possession of the early settlers, and the banjo, brought from America from West Africa, as core instruments in bluegrass music. The final musical set featured fiddle and banjo, guitar and cello in a variety of bluegrass and Scots-Irish tunes.

Sunday morning brought DKG sisters back together for the final session. Thommi Stammer and pianist Donna Long led the group in a selection of inspirational songs. Retreat participants agreed the beautiful setting of the Uwharrie Mountains, the knowledge and talent of presenters, the variety of craft activities, and the company of Delta Kappa Gamma sisters renewed the spirit and reflected the rich heritage of North Carolina.

2010
Fast Tracking into the Future

“Fast Tracking into the Future” was held on October 2, 2010, in Charlotte with over 30 members, representing 17 chapters, attending the retreat. The Personal Growth and Services Committee, chaired by Judy Hefner with committee members Patricia Clark, Amelia Mitchell, Valerie Powers, and Molly Upchurch, met participants at the Hilton Garden Hotel to begin the morning festivities. Participants were given a journal, asked to take notes of highlights of their visit, and encouraged to take pictures.

The first activity consisted of participants choosing a site from four possible venues. Participants could choose to visit the Charlotte Motor Speedway, the NASCAR Museum, the Billy Graham Library or the new Mint Museum in downtown Charlotte for its opening day. Beta Tau members served as guides and drivers for each of the places to be visited.

After a full morning of making the visits, discussing highlights, taking pictures, and fellowshipping with one another, they returned to the hotel to have lunch and begin the second part of the retreat. Amelia Mitchell facilitated this particular activity. In a room with computers set up around it, she presented information on how to convert the information from their visit to the computer. Excitement and some anxiety about learning something new, especially involving technology, filled the room, but participants felt success as they referred to their journal entries and, in some cases their pictures, and converted the information to digital files.

The day had been well spent as they visited local interests which a majority of the participants had never before visited. Comments were most favorable as they felt some success in “fast tracking into the future.”