

Kappa Keynotes



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Region VIII Kappa Chapter-Charlotte-Mecklenburg County*

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The Presidents' Message



'Tis the season for giving,

but Kappa sisters' generosity knows no season. We recall from this September to this holiday time...

- Collecting cartloads of school supplies to support our Beginning Teachers
- Donating \$100 in gift cards at the Eta State Executive Board Meeting for Hurricane Florence-damaged schools
- Donating basketsful of preschool literacy materials to Bright Blessings for their outreach, as well as a \$70 financial donation
- Donating \$500 to the Godfrey-Koesjan Family Graduate Fellowship at the University of Georgia in memory of Barbara Koesjan and B.J. Godfrey, members who passed away this year and were Kappans for a combined 110 years
- Collecting \$500 in donations for Hurricane Florence relief for A.H. Bangert Elementary School in Trent Woods, NC, whose library lost \$25,000 in books. DKG sister Catherine Alligood, Principal, has earmarked our donation for the school library.
- Contributing to the purchase of McAlister's lunches to bolster our Beginning Teachers
- Providing stockings of gifts and goodies for local inner-city children at our Holiday Tea.

We are blessed to be able to care for the future of children and teachers near and far. May your heart be filled with generosity, caring and good will this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year.



Sincerely,

Gloria & Jeannette

Kappa Co-Presidents 2018-2020

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Kappa Holiday Tea

Shared By Jeannette Carofano, Kappa Co-President

Saturday, December 1st

10 a.m. to Noon

Sedgefield United Methodist Church, Charlotte

Join us for “High Tea” in high English style! Wear a “fascinator,” a showpiece hat. Recycle or update a hat you already have or create your own with feathers, bells and ribbons. Put on your “royal” and have a cuppa’ with your Kappa sisters and learn of the many health benefits of tea.

Bring Donations for Stockings

Annual Service Opportunity to be Held at the December Kappa Meeting

We will also be stuffing stockings for Inner-City Children to be distributed by Keeping Hope Alive for 2018 Christmas Outreach. Stocking stuffers needed for boys and girls ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. Items in demand: Socks, mittens/gloves, hats, chapstick, small stuffed animal, gum, small game/toy, activity pad, crayons, comb, brush, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, deodorant, pencils, water bottles. Let’s continue our tradition of sending cheer to children at this time of year.



An Afternoon with Andrew Lloyd Webber Music

Shared By Gloria Jones, Kappa Co-President



In the kickoff of our Wellness Initiative by Martha Tillman, we brainstormed "I Can't Imagine Life Without...." One of our answers was "*music.*" A group of Kappa members attended "The Music of the Night: An Andrew Lloyd Webber Revue" held in Pease Auditorium at CPCC on October 28, 2018. Beginning with melodious “Memories,” followed by “Phantom of the Opera” and many other favorites, and ending with a rousing “Jesus Christ Superstar,” we were mesmerized by the excellence of this performance. We all left with such a good feeling, humming our favorite show tune for days.



Wellness Initiative-Living a Balanced Life

"After all, it is our attitude toward life that brings us joy in living."

-May Rowland, The Magic of the Word

Our wellness initiative was introduced on October 22, 2018 for the meeting at Bright Blessings by first sharing the definition of wellness according to both The World Health Organization and The National Wellness Institute. The common thought in each is that wellness involves our total being-mind, body and soul. Focusing on wellness puts us on a path of less stress, healthier living, and more positive relationships. We then brainstormed and shared some things we could not imagine our lives without after hearing a clip from the song, "Imagine" by John Lennon.

Dimensions of Wellness

1. Physical-displays a variety of healthy behaviors (eating healthy, get rest)
2. Emotional-ability to feel and express emotions (laugh, find a hobby)
3. Spiritual-our faith and beliefs (volunteer for a cause, enjoy nature)
4. Professional-attitude about work and employment (leave work at work, bond with co-workers)
5. Personal-develop a sense of connection (foster friendships, spend time with family)
6. Psychological-relating to your mental state (go to symphony or ballet, join a support group)

I will present an activity on these dimensions more in detail at a later meeting. Ladies, take care of yourselves and ENJOY LIFE!

Contributed By Martha Tillman on Behalf of the Educational Excellence Committee
Empower-Engage-Create

Manna from Heaven Supporting New Teachers

From Gloria Jones, Kappa Co-president

On October 8, Jeannette Carofano, Marilyn Michue, Jan Myers and Gloria Jones met with our eight Beginning teachers (five returning, three brand new) at Albemarle Road Elementary. As we entered the media center, the media specialist (a second year teacher), began praising our Kappa notebook of 10-minute activities, "Thinking on Your Feet", that we had put together several years ago. "It is manna from Heaven!" she exclaimed. "I have used it over and over."

Ann Doss Helms, The Charlotte Observer Education Reporter, arrived as our guest. After hugs, greetings, and introductions, the teachers completed a form about themselves such as birthdays, favorite snacks, supply needs, etc. They selected a lunch from McAlister's Deli menu for later delivery. We reevaluated last year, gave out notes of encouragement from Kappa members and talked about ideas for in-service.

School supplies collected at our first Kappa meeting were packed in colorful bags and distributed to the delighted teachers. Additionally, Halloween cards with chocolate Halloween lollipop were delivered on Oct. 26.

These teachers are our Passion, and we are trying hard to make their lives in the classroom a little easier. *Thank you for your support of this program!*

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Notes from Elon Executive Board Meeting 10-13-18

Attended by Gloria Jones, Kappa Co-president

- Our \$100 in gift cards were received. Eta State would like to continue with projects to help devastated areas and teachers. I have a sheet with contact info.
- Nancy Tunstall stressed that each chapter should place an ad in the International Convention booklet, to be held in Asheville in June, 2019.
- 1st VP EEC not only stands for Educational Excellence Committee but also Empower, Engage, Create, *and* wants all members to know this.
- 1st VP Wellness Initiative is a local goal; Schools for Africa continues to be the international project.
- May Convention will celebrate 85 years of Eta State. We need to recognize members who have made significant contributions to education and to our chapter. Can submit more than one. Google form and submit. Search your records for submissions.
- Will your chapter do a workshop at the convention?
- All members need to go to International website www.dkg.org and check your profile; update email and other info.
- Use word **induct** instead of **initiate**. You are a member when you pay your dues - do not have to be inducted
- **2 scholarships** from Finance Committee are available: one for doctoral and one for masters. Must apply by Feb. 1, 2019.
- Marilyn Gray Scholarship for music education or elem. ed.; **2 scholarships** of \$2,500 each. Deadline to apply is Nov. 20, 2018.
- Reserve dues have gone from \$2 to \$5. Collegiate dues are \$5. Chapters will now keep \$7.50 of future \$10 induction fees, and \$2.50 will be sent to Eta State NC treasurer. International will no longer receive any of the induction fee. This is an immediate change for chapters reporting 2018-2019 dues and fees collected by Oct. 31st.
- **Beginning with the 2019-2020 year, dues and fees will be collected by June 30, 2019.** They will be sent to Eta State NC treasurer immediately thereafter. This change will allow International and Eta State NC to receive dues by July 1, the beginning of each DKG fiscal year.
- **International Conference-Asheville and Biltmore - June 27-29, 2019, Preconference - June 26-27. Focus on Arts & Humanities**
Bluegrass band and cloggers, pottery bowls, 200 galleries in Asheville and Biltmore. **Each chapter is to make 1 centerpiece from a clear gallon jar.** Fill with items to represent your area. Gloria has direction sheet and sample photos. Attendees at Elon voted to increase the budget by \$15,000 to pay for this conference and hosting.
- Pres. Connie Savelle cried as she announced three chapters are dissolving and two are merging.
- Received \$1,095 in gift cards for hurricane school supplies. We can list this as a contribution on our yearly achievement form.

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Little Tidbits and General Announcements



IT IS AN HONOR

Kappa is Honoring Leaders at Eta State NC 85th Birthday at 2019 Convention

Julia O'Reilly (Kappa Scrapbook Keeper), and Debbie Dryden (Kappa Yearbook Editor) are preparing pieces on outstanding Kappa members, past and present, to be recognized at the May 2019 Convention. If you have a suggestion for this honor, contact Julia or Debbie with your recommendation.

~ Thank you ~

Bunco is where the **Kappa** party is at & if you're not there, you're really missing out!

Bunco is fun, however, the fellowship is a priceless joy!

NOTICE: JANUARY BUNCO to be held at the home of Rachel Goodgame **11405 Lemmond Acres Drive, Mint Hill**

Bring \$10 to play, \$1 for snacks, AND \$5 for Lunch with **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Bring Boxed Tissues & Hand Sanitizer for Kappa Donation to Our Beginning Teachers

Kappa Can Help You, Too!

In addition to DKG and Eta State funding, Kappa offers support to our teaching members as well. The Kappa Scholarship Committee can assist with fees for workshops, professional development courses, National Board expenses and classroom projects. Scholarship application can be found on our website, <https://kappacharlottenc.weebly.com> in the Archives/Forms section.

Looking Ahead ~ Let's Get Connected with Future Members

Whom among your colleagues and connections would you love to see added to the ranks of Kappa Chapter?

Let's begin to share about DKG, involve them, and invite them so that they may be prepared with application for initiation.

Continue to collect and bring in box tops, tabs, and books for the book exchange, and prepare your brag stories for our customary fundraising activities at each meeting.

Please email Melinda Willison with Announcements and Committee Updates for the next newsletter. Everyone is invited to contribute! THANK YOU!

2017-2019 THEME: "Let's S.P.A.R.K.L.E."



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We're Thinking of YOU! Happy Birthday!



...to those celebrating this fall:

December 2nd Debbie Dryden
4th Reatha Andrew
4th Wilma Miller
7th Elizabeth Pratt
20th Sandy Watkins
20th Melinda Willison
26th Martha Tillman
January 11th Lynne Nadel
11th Maggie Smith DiPietro
15th Sally Nicholson

*Please notify Melinda if your birthday is missing.

Keep In Your Prayers



With Love and Concern...

- ♥ Good Health for all Kappa Sisters and their families;
- ♥ Happy & Safe season;
- ♥ ...love & care to all those in distress!
- ♥ PLEASE MESSAGE

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WITH ANY SPECIAL NEEDS TO BE ADDED TO THIS LIST.

Throughout the Year Keep Checking in on
<http://kappacharlottenc.weebly.com>
for KAPPA updates!

SHARE GREAT HAPPENINGS

Please share things you're doing with your class, for others in the classroom, and volunteer activities that we can feature in the newsletter or on our website.
Send updates to Melinda.Willison@gmail.com



CALENDAR of EVENTS

Saturday December 1, 2018
Kappa Meeting & Service Opportunity
10p-12p at **Sedgefield United Methodist Church**
2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte
"Holiday Tea" wearing Fascinators
Bring Donations & Pack Gift Packages

Saturday 01/05/19 — BUNCO/Board (snacks/lunch)
At the home of Rachel Goodgame from **10a – 2p**
11405 Lemmond Acres Drive, Mint Hill
\$10 to play, \$1 for snacks, & \$5 lunch
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday February 12, 2019
Kappa Meeting & WORLD FELLOWSHIP
6p-7:30p at **Matthews Public Library Community Room**
230 Matthews Station Street, Matthews
Guest Speaker: Dr. Farhad Javidi
Refreshments Served ; Bring Donation Check for WF

Saturday March 2nd — BUNCO (snacks)
At the home of Rachel Goodgame from **10a – 12p**
\$10 to play, \$1 for snacks

Saturday April 13, 2019
Induction Ceremony
10a-12:30p at Trio Restaurant
10709 McMullen Creek Parkway & Rt 51, Charlotte
with Guest Speaker: Mr. Bobbie Kavnar
Preorder Meal Choice TBA

May 3-5, 2019 — Eta State Convention,
Crowne Plaza, Hickory, NC

Saturday 5/18/19 — Meeting (Kappa Picnic)
Squirrel Lake Park from **10a – 12:30p**
Program: EOY Wrap-Up, "Mystery Bags" Silent Auction
All Members Bring a Potluck Dish to Share

Thursday 6/13/19 — BUNCO/Board (snacks/lunch)
At the home of Rachel Goodgame from **10a – 2p**
\$10 to play, \$1 for snacks, & \$5 lunch
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

For more event details, visit the events page
on our chapter website:

<http://kappacharlottenc.weebly.com/events.html>



Eta STATE NEWS

May 3-5, 2019

Eta State NC Convention, Crowne Plaza, Hickory, Region X

Eta Data News, November 15 2018

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.

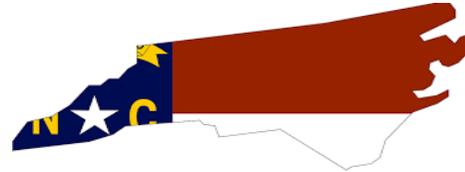
The rate is \$95 plus tax. There are a few suites for \$129 plus tax. Members should identify themselves as part of Delta Kappa Gamma to get the group rate. Workshop presenters are needed for Saturday afternoon sessions at the convention in the strands of DKG Society, Professional Growth or Personal Growth. **Deadline for submission is February 1, 2019.** The downloadable submission form is on the new convention webpage.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Year-End Giving Options Available

As the end of 2018 approaches, members may be looking for places to make tax-deductible donations. 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 NCDKGEF 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.

<http://www.ncdkgef.org>



Upcoming Convention Dates

March 22-23, 2019 —

Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar,
Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro

May 3-5, 2019 —

Eta State Convention,
Crowne Plaza, Hickory, Region X

June 27-29, 2019 —

Southeast Regional Conference,
Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC

May 1-3, 2020 —

Eta State NC Convention,
Embassy Suites, Greensboro, Region VII

July 2020

International Convention,
Philadelphia, PA

Eta State Hosts

2019 International Conference

From Eta Data, November 15, 2018

- ☞ Volunteers needed June 27-29, 2019 at the International Conference to be held at the Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC
- ☞ Eta State really wants to showcase North Carolina Hospitality.
- ☞ Amateur and Professional Photographers within our ranks are requested to take photos of state groups.
- ☞ To Volunteer, contact Sheila Groves, committee chair, at svgeta97@gmail.com or Tobey Worthington, volunteer chair at tobeyv8@aol.com.

Scholarship Forms Online

Eta Data, November 15 2018

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.

Eta State NC Website: www.ncdkg.org

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On the International
Scene with DKG

A NOTE of INSPIRATION



“Technology will not replace great teachers, but technology in the hands of great teachers can be transformational.” ~ George Couros

DKG Website – New Password Required

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 the sign in page and then “forgot password” to reset it using the new guidelines. You may also click the chat feature for help.

~ Eta Data November 15, 2018

DKG News - Online

Check out the newest issues now available...

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Sign_In.aspx?WebsiteKey=f2a9f9b2-97e4-46ea-a2f2-6b3771b0cb9d&LoginRedirect=true&returnurl=%2F

This online-only edition features more graphics in the new design and is available as a PDF or flipbook version. Members must be logged in to see it. Keep in the loop with DKG news.

“Let’s Chat” – a new feature for you

As shared in Eta State Data November 15, 2018:

The new chat box is now pinned at the bottom right of the website www.dkg.org. It will be available during normal business hours for from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 pm CST. If answer quick question about passwords, forms, etc they are there to help!

Need \$\$\$ for PD?

Want to attend a workshop or convention? Need funds to cover the PD
~ Eta State News Winter 2018

The DKG Cornet Individual Awards for Professional Development have what you need! These funds can be used for Conference/seminar expenses, for National Board certification, Online courses, Workshops & other non-degree programs Awards may also fund travel, lodging, meals, pay for substitutes, registration fees, etc. Awards may not be used for already completed activities, to pursue a degree program, or to fund an educational project. Awards are available to employed educators for up to \$2,000. Award cycles for 2019 - February 1 & May 1.

DKG International Keeping You Informed!

<http://www.dkg.org>

Connect

on the State Level at
<http://www.ncdkg.org>

& on the International Level at
<https://www.dkg.org>

Join the conversations on social media:

 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EtaState/>

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