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Greetings...

Diane Childress, President

Dear Sisters,

As I begin my spring break and sit down to write my last President's newsletter, I am reflecting on this chapter in my own personal story. Two years ago, when I received that phone call from Lynda Wood, I was anxious to agree to the presidency, but took it on as a challenge and plunged forward. The executive board and I created a survey to get feedback; what members really enjoyed about the meetings and ways our chapter could be enhanced. Two years went by quickly and as I'm ready to pass the torch to Jodie and her new executive board, I'm pleased with where we are.

None of it however, could have been done alone! I am grateful to Jodie, Dawn, Debbie, Susan and Nancy for all of your emails, texts, notes, reminders and questions along the way! I am also grateful to our chapter members who communicated, offered help, attended meetings, and volunteered. The hardest part of being president is worrying about making mistakes, and many I made, but here's the catch! We are 60 + members strong! In a group that large, it's difficult to lead and please everyone. It's difficult to hold onto tradition, but evolve into new. It's difficult to keep our meetings to a reasonable time, yet get everything done. Regardless of all of this, the last two years have given me the opportunity to get to know everyone in our chapter a little bit more, and for that, I'm grateful...and more willing to be vulnerable.

There's no doubt that our chapter is the strongest one in our region. Let's continue to better our best and make a difference in the lives of students, teachers, women and each other!

In sisterhood,
Diane

Chapter Highlights

2018 Spelling Bee

An amazing night of fun and competition took place at our Tenth Annual Spelling Bee on March 19th. A record number of seventeen teams participated in the event. As always, a tremendous amount of sister planning and participation made the evening a huge success.

Congratulations to the Identify Yourself Spellunkers, champions for the third year in a row!



Get Ready for Relay

Our chapter will again be involved in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life by sponsoring a campsite. The event will be held Saturday May 5 at FFHS. This year's theme is: "Roundup A Cure For Cancer." The County Committee is planning for a fun family festival! Entertainment will include pirate boat choruses and bands from high schools along with local musicians. The opening ceremony and release of the doves is at noon. (Doves can be purchased for a donation.) After the Survivor's Walk and the Caregiver's Walk, kids will walk from 3-5 with a \$15 entry fee and will receive t-shirts, games and half-price coupons for food. There will be a Silent Auction and a Spirit Sash competition. Closing Ceremony is at 9:30 and the event ends at 10pm. Please contact Rendy King (rendy.math@gmail.com) if you would like to be involved or purchase an honorary luminary.

Schedule of events:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=88741&pg=informational&sid=212807&name=event-details

Congratulations

President-elect **Jodie Mitchum** was recently awarded a doctorate in Educational Leadership. We are lucky to have as our president-elect someone who is such an effective role model for lifelong learning. Congratulations Dr. Mitchum!

Margaret Lawler has "thrown her hat in the ring" for re-election to the school board. **Tess Judge** is running for NC State House. Let's show our support for sister civic engagement!



Nags Head Elementary, winners of the 2018 Spirit Award



Chapter president Diane Childress presents Elizabeth Silverthorne of the Dare Education Foundation with a check for \$425.00

Tee it up for Teachers!

Golf in Boone in June

Golf, prizes, food, and fun! DKG members, family, and friends are invited to be part of the first NC DKG Educational Foundation Charity Golf Tournament.

Registration for a team is \$500 and includes entry fee, cart, raffle ticket, golfer goody bag, breakfast biscuit and hotdog/hamburger lunch for four people. Individual registration is \$125. A portion of your entry fee is tax deductible.

Look for registration information soon on the Foundation web site www.ncdkgef.org or contact Sheila Groves, svgeta97@gmail.com.

Make plans to be at the Boone Golf Club, Monday June 11, 8:00 a.m. to Tee It Up for Teachers!



DKG International

One of the proposals up for adoption at the upcoming convention is a change in the name from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to Women Educators International (DKG). State organizations will be named by geographical areas and each chapter will be named by the state organization. These changes and more are part of a rebranding of the organization proposed to allow the organization to promote itself based on who we are, not who we were, while honoring our past.

Read all the changes in the DKG News or online at:

http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Publications/NEWSPrint_Issue.aspx

ETA State

The State Educational Law & Policy Committee urges all chapter members to complete the Legislative Opinion Survey that was sent out last month. Members can complete the survey online at <https://goo.gl/forms/hZIRoeOO7hR7vmXA3> or go to Eta State's website (ncdkg.org) and under "Leadership" click Educational Law and Policy Committee. Surveys should be completed and submitted by April 23. Results will be used to formulate the 2018 Legislative Priorities White Paper for legislators.

On Saturday afternoon, April 28, EL&P will present a legislative workshop at the Eta State convention focusing on the latest education legislation. Also, there will be 3 days designated as "Legislative Days" when DKG members will be visiting the legislature in Raleigh to share our educational expertise and educational opinions with lawmakers. Choose the day that best fits your schedule and meet ELP hostesses in the front lobby at the base of the red carpet staircase at 9:00 a.m. Dates include: June 6, Jun 13 and June 20.

ETA State Convention Project

All members, whether attending the 2018 Eta State NC convention or not, can participate in the convention project. Monetary donations in the forms of gift cards, certified checks or money orders will help meet the needs of Region VI (Puerto Rico) students and families still feeling the effects of Hurricane Matthew. Make checks and money orders payable to United Way of Robeson County and denote for Eta State NC Convention Project. For more information, see last month's Eta Data.

April Recommendations

Eat: Looking for healthy takeout options after a long day? Don't forget Ladles at MP10 in Kill Devil Hills. Call ahead and pick up at the drive through window for the ultimate in convenience! Menus can be viewed here:

<http://www.ladlessoups.com/daily-menu/>

Read: *Make it Stick: The Science of Successful Learning* by Peter C. Brown, Henry Roediger and Mark McDaniel. This easy to read book uses the latest in cognitive research to identify the most effective ways to learn. Great for teachers and all of us lifelong learners!

Watch: *The Crown* on Netflix. If you haven't watched yet, this is a BINGEWORTHY series. Great acting and historically accurate plotlines make for extremely engaging television. If you have watched and your inner anglophile is still unsatisfied, try *Elizabeth at 90*, also on Netflix. This is a charming documentary that has us watching home movies with the royals!

Upcoming Calendar

- April 21, 2018 - DKG meeting at Manteo Baptist Church, 10:00 am. New member Initiation and Installation of 2018-20 biennium officers.
- May 5, 2018 - Relay for Life at First Flight High School in Kill Devil Hills, NC
- April 27-29, 2018 - ETA State Convention at the University Hilton in Charlotte, NC
- July 16-20, 2018 - DKG International Convention at the JW Marriott in Austin, TX

At our March 2018 meeting, the membership elected a new slate of officers for the next Biennium:

Jodie Mitchum - President

Beth Rooks - 1st VP

Anna Thomas - 2nd VP

Lee Beasley - Recording Secretary

Jen Smith - Corresponding Secretary

Nancy Griffin - Treasurer

Thank you to Rendy King and Freda Ballard for their amazing work and commitment to the Delta Zeta Review!

Delta Zeta Website

<http://tinyurl.com/DZnews>

April is National Poetry Month
(this one speaks to us)

Risk
*And then the day came,
when the risk
to remain tight
in a bud
was more painful
than the risk
it took
to blossom.*

Anaïs Nin

