

Delta Omicron Tidbits

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Martha’s Message

It’s February…and love is in the air. So are a lot of unwanted germs. Several of our sisters are down with “flu type” symptoms, stomach bugs, and this editor has double ear infections and perforated eardrums. Let me just tell you that I have missed a whole week of school. So you know how sick I am. I think most of us teach even when we should be in bed; but we persevere.

And since I am home, I got to watch as Punxsutawney Phil came out of his burrow and saw his shadow. If you are a believer in these things, keep out your winter coats. My question is how did he see his shadow? It was a very overcast day! Anyway, I am going to keep my flip flops handy and pray for spring to come on QUICKLY!

At our meeting on Thursday, February 16th, we are going to make sure that everyone can login to the DKG Website. So bring a tablet, iphone, or laptop and we will get everyone logged in. We will “search our site” and see what changes have been made.

So stay warm and try to stay well. I hope to see all of you at our next meeting.

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**Meetings will be held at Saint Luke United Methodist Church at 4:00 p.m.**

Sept. 15, 2016

Nov. 17, 2016

Feb. 16, 2017

April 20, 2017



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In the latest *Eta Data Newsletter*, Eta State NC President Sheila Groves shared the following in her *something to think about* column.

Happy New Year! It’s time to put the old year behind us and celebrate a new year of possibilities. It’s time to make new resolutions…or *maybe not*. My list of 2017 resolutions looks just like 2016: eat healthier, exercise more, get organized, and learn to use my iphone. I truly wanted to do all of those things, so what happened? I had the best of intentions, put lots of thought into it, read and researched, made To Do lists, but didn’t check off even one of those 2016 resolutions. What kept me from realizing my goals? I think I found the answer while reading a recent reflection by Mary Anne Perrone entitled *2017 New Year’s Revolution for All: No Longer Waiting*.

Now I have only one resolution for 2017 – lose “wait!”

* I’m not going to *wait* until I have time; I’m going to make time now.
* I’m not going to *wait* for someone to ask me to get involved; I’m going to volunteer.
* I’m not going to *wait* until I know it all; I’m going to learn on the job.
* I’m not going to *wait* for every “i” to be dotted and every “t” crossed; I’m going to take a risk.
* I’m not going to *wait* for acknowledgement; I’m going to celebrate my strengths.
* I’m not going to *wait* and be paralyzed by indecision; I’m going to take action!

If we wait for the time to be right, the outcome to be ensured, the path to be clear, and the response to be guaranteed, we miss the adventure of the journey! Will there be mistakes along the way? Sure, but those missteps provide opportunities to learn and grow. I’m excited about my resolution for 2017.

Will you lose “wait” with me this year?

I challenge all of us to focus on one particular “wait” to lose. Let’s all **not** **wait** for another sister to invite someone new to our meetings or to join our chapter. Go out there and find someone! Remember, **Delta Kappa Gamma** promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



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**“See” other dates on the following websites**

**International Website:** [**https://www.dkg.org**](https://www.dkg.org)

**Eta State NC Website:** [**www.ncdkg.org**](http://www.ncdkg.org)

**Important Dates for North Carolina Eta State**

**2017**

**March 1** – Rising Star and Golden Key award nominations are due to Edris Glover

**April 28 - 30** – Eta State Convention, Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington, NC

**Region IV June 23 - 25** **–** Eta State Leadership Development Seminar, Asheboro, NC

**2018**

**April 27 - 29** **–** Eta State Convention, Charlotte University Hilton Charlotte, NC

**July 19 - 22** **–** SE Regional Conference Myrtle Beach, SC

**International Important Dates**

**July 16 - 20, 2018** — DKG International Convention, JW Marriott, Austin, TX

**Control of NC Public Education Still in Flux**

*By: Susan Phipps, ELP Committee Chair*

As of this writing, the fate of NC’s public education system is still in the hands of the courts. During the 5th “Special Session” of the NC General Assembly, called after Gov. Roy Cooper’s election, lawmakers stripped the constitutional powers of the State Board of Education and placed them in the hands of newly-elected Superintendent of Public Instruction Mark Johnson, who defeated our own June Atkinson in November. This dramatic change has sparked a lawsuit questioning its constitutionality. A restraining order has been placed on the law until a 3-judge panel can consider its merits. Until this issue is resolved, the NC School Board and State Superintendent will continue to operate under the previous law. More information will be forthcoming.

The newly-elected NC House of Representatives and Senate convene in Raleigh on January 11 for their “long” session. Among other actions during this 6-month session, a new two-year budget will be developed. DKG members are encouraged to contact their Representatives and Senators urging them to fully fund public education and to curb spending on school vouchers for private schools.

**Did You Know?**

**Happy Birthday to…**

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Feb. 16th



# 70 years of World Fellowships impact education worldwide

The World Fellowship Program began at the 1946 National Convention in San Francisco. Four German women educators received funds from Delta Kappa Gamma to spend eight weeks of study and visitation in Sweden in the spring of 1948.

In 1952, the World Fellowship Program began an alliance with UNESCO to provide special help for Korean women. From an initial award of $2,500 in 1960, based on $11,528 in contributions, the program has grown through the 2016–2017 academic year to impressive totals:

* $91,200 awarded for the 2016-2017 academic year
* 21 awards of $4,000 each
* 9 extensions of $800 each
* 941 women in 122 countries awarded $3,433,100 since 1960
* $3,944,876.30 in contributions and bequests (through June 2016)

This program relies on contributions and bequests from members. When searching for a cause to support, consider donating to the World Fellowship Fund. Donations to the fund are tax deductible in the U.S. and some other countries.



