



# Tau News



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Please join us at the

### Lilesville Methodist Church

311 Wall Street  
Lilesville, NC

**Thursday September 14, 2017**

**Fellowship at 4:00 p.m.  
Business Meeting at 4:30 p.m.**

#### Directions:

From Wadesboro: Turn left from HWY 74 onto Camden St. beside Lilesville Elementary.

From Rockingham: Turn right from HWY 74 onto Camden Street. Take the first right onto Wall St. at the stop sign. The church will be on your left.

**Hostess Group:** Anson High Dawn Garris, Hostess Chair

Please visit Tau Chapter website  
<http://dkgnctau.weebly.com/>

**Please submit items to be included in the newsletter 3 weeks prior to the meeting.**

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#### Mission Statement

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.**

#### Vision Statement

**Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.**

### Member News

#### Sisters to Remember:

Please remember Dot Synder as her sister passed away and Ginger's husband, Ashleigh, had back surgery in July. Other sisters we need to keep in our prayers are Jane Clark. Nancy Getsinger and Beth Ritter.

Continue to remember all of our Tau Chapter sisters. If you know of anyone that's sick or needs a word of encouragement, please send them a card.

**\*\*Please see important announcements on page 7\*\***

Please visit the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International website at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

## Delta Kappa Gamma Tau Chapter Meeting Highlights

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(Left) McKenzie Ray Henson was awarded the Delta Kappa Gamma Tau Chapter scholarship. McKenzie's family and teacher joined our meeting as we recognized McKenzie and wish her the best on her future endeavours!

(Right) District Leader Jennifer Lampley was our guest speaker for the meeting. She spoke about welcoming the new members and exactly what a DKG sister represents.



(Right) Tau chapter initiated 8 new members: Frederica Haley, Paula York, Cindy Goodman, Leigh Hill and Sadie Shaver. Yolanda Sawyer, Felisia Gullede and Kim LeBerth were unable to attend the ceremony.



**2016-2018 Theme**

***“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”***

Dates to Remember:

Thursday September 14, 2017 Lilesville Methodisht Church – Lilesville, NC 4:30PM  
Anson High – Hostess Group

Thursday November 2, 2017 First Presbyterian – Rockingham, NC 4:30PM  
Richmond High – Hostess Group



**Tau Chapter Birthdays**

**August Birthdays**  
Lynn Clewis – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Melinda Corbett – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Frances Williamson – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Claire Clontz – 28<sup>th</sup>

**September Birthdays**  
Kristin Truett – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Nancy Getsinger – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Jackie Huntley – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Beverly Strayhorn – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Angie Adams – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Libby Harrell – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Rosanna Teal – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Jodi Davis – 30<sup>th</sup>

**October Birthdays**  
Robbie James – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Trudy Watkins – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sylvia Greene – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Betsy Ammons – 27<sup>th</sup>  
Karen Allen – 28<sup>th</sup>  
Leigh Hildreth – 29<sup>th</sup>

**Eta Statz and International News**

- April 27-29, 2018 – Eta State NC Convention at Charlotte University Hilton- Charlotte, NC
- July 16-20, 2018—DKG International Convention, JW Marriott in Austin, Texas

## **Eta State NC President Connie Savell**

As we journey the next two years together, we have a challenge to maintain the integrity of DKG and face change to meet the needs of our diverse membership. Teachers need Delta Kappa Gamma to advocate daily for excellence in education and validate the exceptional work being done in our schools, community colleges, and universities!

What is the “Wellness Initiative for 2017-2019?” One component of the first phase of the initiative is to focus on program topics that raise the level of awareness on taking better care of ourselves. Come to Elon to learn more about the initiative.

Outside speakers or members could discuss the share on a topic such as:

- Nutrition
  - Walking for a healthier your
  - Stress managements
- Sharing parks or walking tracks in your community
  - Why we need physical activity
  - Safety in the home, playground, and parks

If we take good care of ourselves we can sparkle from the inside out!

**NC Eta State President Connie Phifer Savell**

**[https://www.facebook.com/ groups/EtaState/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/EtaState/)**

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*A message from our Presidents...*

Dear Tau Sisters,

It's hard to believe summer is almost over and fall is in the air! Children are heading back to school and most teachers are already working. It is almost time for our September meeting and we have lots of good things planned. We hope each of you will make a real effort to attend the meetings this year. Improved attendance is one of our goals and we need you! Call a friend or co-worker and remind them of the meeting and offer to ride together.

We have eight new members this year and our veteran members need to be there to both greet them and to show them the way an active member is involved. Our handbooks will be updated at the September meeting so be sure to bring yours with you. We will also have an extended social time so that each of us can speak to new members and reconnect with other members.

The theme for DKG for the 2017-2019 Biennium is "Let's Sparkle". The focus of the theme is members influencing positive changes in attitudes toward education as we communicate with others what is happening in our chapters, schools, and communities. In the words of our state president, Connie Savell, "We have a challenge to maintain the integrity of DKG and face change to meet the needs of our diverse membership. Teachers need Delta Kappa Gamma to advocate daily for excellence in education." Each member is special and sparkles and shines in our society and in the community. Let us make a commitment to make this the best year ever with success in our projects, an increase in attendance and improved fellowship with all members.

The challenge has been issued so "Let's Sparkel!"

Cathey and Ginger

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## *Scholarships*

To My Tau Sisters:

When I applied for admission into UNC-Wilmington's EdD Educational Leadership program in 2014, I had no idea how I would fund my educational expenses, but I believed that I was embarking upon the right career move for me, so I applied. Who knew that the organization that I had recently joined would play such a huge role in helping me pursue my dreams!

I am grateful for the local, state, and international scholarships that have been awarded to me from Delta Kappa Gamma because they have been instrumental in me furthering my education and participating in international opportunities that may have not happened otherwise. Through these scholarships, I have been able to travel to Belize for two summers, providing professional development to both teachers and administrators on developing student-focused lessons and interning with the Ministry of Education in San Pedro to better learn how the organization functions, while providing assistance in developing an online curriculum resource center that aims to provide sustainability to the professional development received there.

When I became a member of this wonderful educational organization, our Tau sister, Polly Cobb told me that Delta Kappa Gamma would be what I would make it. And, I have found that to be true. In my quest to further my studies and develop professionally, I have found support from all levels of Delta Kappa Gamma, and for that I will be eternally grateful.

I encourage you to apply for the scholarships that our organization has to offer. Trudy Watkins can provide assistance in applying for our local scholarship. For both Eta State and the International Chapter, applications can be found online. The deadline for the state and international scholarships are February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Remember scholarships can be used to pursue National Board certification, master's and doctoral level studies.

This biennium I will be serving on Eta State's Scholarship Committee. If I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Yours in Education,  
Libby

## *Things to Know...*

\*If you haven't already, please bring \$2 to the September meeting for Maintenance at Headquarters in Asheboro.

\*New Teacher Supplies: Please bring **new** teacher supplies to the Sept. meeting as well as gift bags for these supplies. These supplies will be distributed to new teachers in both Anson and Richmond counties.

\*Please come to the September meeting prepared to pay your \$90 dues.

\*The following people will need to have their picture made at the Sept. meeting for our yearbook:

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| -Angie Adams        | -Genevra Kelly     |
| -Irene Aiken        | -Mary Beth Kiser   |
| -Betsy Ammons       | -Marcia Lambeth    |
| -Carolyn Bridgman   | -Kim LeBerth       |
| -Mary Claire Clonts | -Gail Litaker      |
| -Margaret Goins     | -Brenda Mitchell   |
| -Cindy Goodman      | -Yolanda Sawyer    |
| -Felisia Gullede    | -Sadie Shaver      |
| -Ricki Haley        | -Cindy Springer    |
| -Leigh Hill         | -Beverly Strayhorn |
| -Lora Wyatt         |                    |