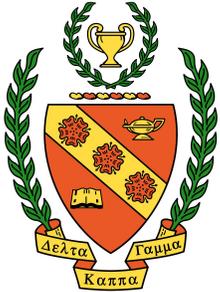




Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Eta State, NC- Gamma Tau Chapter
Region 3- Franklin County, NC
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Upcoming Dates

- 4/1/17 Relay 4 Life Survivor Dinner
- 4/25/17 at 6:00PM- Gamma Tau Meeting at Johnny Bull's Steakhouse
- 4/28/17-4/30/17 ETA State Convention
- 7/19/17-7/22/17 SE Regional Conference

Message from the President

Gamma Tau Sisters,

I want to thank you for another wonderful meeting and fellowship session we had in February. The setting at Long Mill Elementary was wonderful, as well as the food and decorations provided by our hostess team. It was great to have not only our members, but District Leader, Cheryl Wright with us to share what is going on across the region. She also shared the great news of the chapters collecting skilled-based resources for the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. These resources will be a great benefit to the children who live there.

We were also honored to have with us Cindy Miller-Walker, Franklin County Assistant Principal of the Year. Our members are shining and representing our county, region, and state very well. Great collaboration was witnessed as committees met and made plans to move forward with endeavors that will make our chapter stronger.

Please remember to reach out to members who are unable to drive to meetings. Call them and offer them a ride. If a member is willing we can meet in their home to accommodate the needs of those who have given so many years of service to our sisterhood. Honor the female education leaders in our community by nominating them as members. It would be great to gain some members from VGCC, Louisburg College, and other educational institutions.

I look forward to hearing from each of the committees. Please remember committees may meet as often as necessary to accomplish your goals. Our next community event is April 1st at Franklinton High when we will serve cancer survivors at their annual survival dinner. Please arrive by 5:30 as the dinner begins at 6.

I am also looking forward to a wonderful time of celebration when we come together at Johnny Bull's in Louisburg.

In sisterhood,

Linda P. Frederickson

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Gamma Tau Birthdays

January Birthdays

Terry Histon- 22
Teri Aycock- 24
Happy Belated Birthday!

February Birthdays

Tracey May- 22
Peggy Mcghee- 27
Happy Birthday!

March Birthdays

Judy Stover- 15
Happy Birthday!



Gamma Tau Chapter Officers

President- Linda Frederickson
1st Vice President- Trenace Gilmore
2nd Vice President- Monica Headen
Secretary- Kim Leonard
Treasurer- Crystal Williams
Parliamentarian- Fannie Perry

Gamma Tau Creates Math Kits

Elementary Kits

Our chapter is assembling standard-based math kits for students in grades K-2 of the Masonic Children's Home.

Our goal is to create at least twenty kits that children can use to reinforce essential math skills. The kits will contain manipulatives and all needed materials to complete the activities. We are excited to participate in this Region 3 Project that will help more students increase their interest, motivation, and achievement in mathematics.

-Crystal Williams

Middle School Kits

Middle school mathematics kits on different levels are also needed to enhance the skills and concepts learned for students to become academically successful as they grow to become higher order thinkers. The teachers will save a lot of time by using the kits that are already set up and ready for their use. This project could be an annual one for Gamma Tau.

-Hilda Parlér



Committee Updates

During our February meeting, each committee had time to collaborate together. We reviewed the requirements for each committee and developed our next steps. There were many wonderful conversations between veteran and new members of Gamma Tau. Many great ideas were developed during our meeting. I am very excited to see all the wonderful things each committee is planning.

Education Excellence: This committee is hoping to expand our program for helping beginning teachers in Franklin County. They would like to participate in the New Teacher Orientation to help make us more visible for new teachers who would benefit from veteran teachers support. They would like to provide the beginning teachers with names of member who can support them. The committee is also planning to help keep our Gamma Tau sisters informed with new education legislations from the state government.



Education Excellence Committee

Membership/Historian/Scrapbook: This committee would like to help connect our new members with our veteran members of Gamma Tau. They would like to begin giving each new member a mentor. They are also focused on re engaging our members who haven't been attending our meetings. They are planning to send out letters to these members and connecting with them.



Membership/Historian/Scrapbook Committee

Communications/Website/Media/Newsletter: This committee discussed items that we could add to our newsletter to help keep the Gamma Tau sisters informed. The committee wanted to help the sisters get to know each other better. Two things that will be added to the newsletter are Gamma Tau birthdays and Biography section about a member. The committee would also like to create a brochure about our chapter.



Communication/Website/Media/Newsletter Committee

Grant in Aid and World Fellowship: This committee main goal is to enlarge our White Elephant sale we have every December. The profits from our white elephant sale go towards our scholarship we provide for a classified employee. Their goal is to be able to provide a larger scholarship to that recipient.



Grant in Aid and World Fellowship Committee

Awards/Banquet/Hospitality: This committee does an amazing job every meeting decorating and providing food for the members. Their main focus right now is finding nominations for the Eta State Key Awards.



Awards/Banquet/Hospitality

Investing in Bright Futures!
Franklin County Education Foundation

The Franklin County business community and many Delta Kappa Gamma educators came together to brainstorm ways to raise money to support the public school teachers in Franklin County. This endeavor was begun in January of 2016. In a year's time they have become a 501 C organization, and have been busy planning many fundraisers and grant opportunities for the teachers.

Their mission statement states: To partner with our community to enrich the academic lives of all students in the Franklin County Public School Schools through initiatives that impact student success and funding innovative incentives for the recruitment and retention of highly qualified educators.

The vision: To support excellence in education for Franklin County Public Schools.

The Purpose: The purpose for which Franklin County Education Foundation is being formed is to provide support for Franklin County Public Schools, their faculty, volunteers, and students, and to promote, sponsor, and carry out educational objectives with Franklin County Public Schools as so designated by the goals determined by the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

Their short-term goals are to establish an Adopt-A-School Program, recognize a Teacher of the Month and a Classified Worker of the Month and provide rewards for those staff selected, send the Teacher of the year to a National Conference, and provide a gift card to each teacher to help purchase classroom supplies.

The long-term goals are to create an endowment, establish a teacher grant process, affordable housing for teachers, and supplement teacher salaries.

The Franklin County Education Foundation has set up guidelines and organized community sponsors for each school and the alternative program. These partnerships provide the schools with local businesses and residents who are vested in making Franklin County better. The Adopt-A-School guidelines and required commitments are: have an initial meeting with principal and PTO leader, introduction at beginning of school, first week of students do something for the staff, proctor for testing, volunteer at events, complete background check guidelines for FC Schools. Optional commitments are: to be a lunch buddy, read to classes, tutor, supplement classroom instruction, provide students with career information, and/or provides small treats to staff on special occasions.

On April 8th their first main fundraiser is planned at Louisburg College. It is a FCEF Fundraising Extravaganza, including a dinner and a live and silent auction. In the future a golf tournament and other varied fundraisers are being planned for 2016-2018.

The hope of the Franklin County Education Foundation is to recruit and retain excellent educators for the students attending Franklin County Public Schools!

-Dr. Judy Stover

SISTERS NEEDED FOR SURVIVOR DINNER

Franklin County's Relay 4 Life will be hosting their Survivor Dinner on April 1, 2017. Relay 4 Life hosts this dinner every year to celebrate cancer survivors. The dinner will be held at Franklinton High School starting at 6:00PM. Gamma Tau sisters are needed to help with setup and serving dinner. If you are able to help, please let Linda Frederickson know. We will need you to arrive at the high school between 5-5:30. Please wear your DKG polo shirts or our colors. We hope that many of you can come help at this wonderful event!

The Region III Skill Kit Project

At the Region III President's meeting at Elon College, it was decided that each chapter would devise a skills kit for the students at the Masonic Children's Home to use as a homework reinforcement tool.

The kit is to consist of materials that the students can use at home to reinforce selected skills – math, reading, writing, and other core skills. Left to the discretion and creativity of the chapter, kits can consist of web tools, manipulatives, handouts, videos, sound bites, scaffolding skills, and/or other learning tools. The kits can contain a variety of learning style skills for one or more subjects and /or grade levels.

-Cheryl Wright, ETA State NC Region III Director



Our very own Gamma Tau sister, Cheryl Wright is the ETA State NC Region III Director. This picture was taken at the Region III president's dinner. She is pictured with Anne Joyner. Anne Joyner is the president of the XI chapter in Vance County. XI Chapter was chartered on October 16 1943 and is celebrating 73 years. Gamma Tau, celebrating 35 years, was chartered on September 26th 1981 and is an offspring of the XI chapter.

2017 Eta State Convention

The 2017 Eta State Convention will be held Friday, April 28-Sunday, April 30 in Wilmington, NC. If you plan to attend, please register by April 1, 2017. You can find the registration form at the below link. The Wilmington Hilton's rooms are full. However, the TownPlace Suites has rooms available for DKG members at \$119 plus taxes. Please book your room by March 27th. For more information, please visit Eta State website and click on the 2017 convention link on the homepage.

<http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2017conventionregistrationform.pdf>

Message from the International President

In the Jan/Feb 2017 DKG News, Carolyn Pittman, 2016-2018 International President presented us with some questions that she would like us to ponder to help move DKG forward.

1. Is “the way we’ve always done it” an impediment to forward movement?
2. Is a ritual more significant than substance?
3. Are our practices/traditions/customs enhancements of our vision, our mission, our purposes, our key message?
4. Are there ways we SIMPLIFY our Society culture and structure to make them more supportive to enable each to be an engaged member?
5. Do we know WHY rules (chapter, state, organization, international) require what they do? Do they help us to be *Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*?

As leaders our organization needs to impact education worldwide. Let’s “be stubborn on vision and flexible on journey.”



Carolyn Pittman

Technology Tip

Did you know that Discovery Education is compatible with Google? This means that you can place videos and other DE learning tools in Google Classroom and/or Google Docs. How cool is that!

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