

# Keynotes for Chi

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## Greetings Chi Sisters!

Our February meeting was such a success! Thanks to Eta State President Pat Taylor for joining us and facilitating a recommitment to DKG. Also, thanks to Barbara Leonard our Region VII Director for updating us on our pledges for the Educational Foundation as well as the plans for a regional event. It was a fun evening with the DKG Jeopardy game as well.

Convention registration is up for the Eta State Convention April 24 through 26 in Chapel Hill. Registration is due by April 3.

Our Spring Banquet will be on Tuesday May 5 at the Thomasville Women's Club and the cost is \$24. Please plan to pay for this at our March 3 meeting.

We will meet on March 3 at 6:30 pm in building H5 room 310 on the High Point Campus of GTCC. This room is on the third floor at the back of the building. I look forward to seeing everyone at our March meeting!

Yours in teaching,

**Tonya Welch, President**

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## Tech Tip

Artsonia is the world's largest kids' art museum with over 31 million pieces of student artwork on display. Uploading images of 2- or 3-D artwork is free and helps boost the self-esteem of students seeing their work online! Friends and family members of the students can view the artwork, join fan clubs and leave personal comments for the artists. Families can purchase custom keepsakes with their child's artwork (mugs, t-shirts, mouse pads, coasters, note cards and more), and schools earn 15% of the purchases! Participation is completely free for teachers, students, and schools. In addition, there are over 5,000 lesson plans online, created by teachers, searchable by keywords, media, subject or grade level. The museum is open for students in grades pre-school through high school and is not just for art teachers! Check it out today at <http://www.artsonia.com>.



## March Meeting

**Tuesday, March 3**

**GTCC High Point Campus**

**H5 Room 310**

**6:30 p.m.**

**"Keeping Classrooms Healthy"**

## Treasurer's Report

The bank figures as of February 2, 2015:

Interest Checking	\$ 2,326.86
Money Market Shares	876.82
Shares	27.35
Share Term Certificate	1,000.00

Please send banquet checks for \$24.00 payable to Chi Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma by March 31, 2015 to:

Nancy Tucker, Chi Treasurer  
4139 Waterview Road  
High Point, NC 27265

**Nancy Tucker, Treasurer**



## Member News

Happy Birthday to:

**March:**

**14 – Helen Sheffield**



**Julia Ebel** has received a Central Piedmont Artist Project Grant for the promotion of her new book *Hansi and the Iceman*.

**Sylvia Eaglin** told stories to the students of the Career Center in Winston Salem, N. C. on January 30th. We offer our condolences to Sylvia on the loss of her older sister, Anita, on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Sylvia traveled to New Orleans to attend her memorial service on January 11th.

**Betty Mayer** is going with a group of friends to Myrtle Beach in late March for a ladies retreat.

**Jessica Miller** will be married in High Point on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!

**Susan Sumpter**, better known as “Nana”, had fun hosting grandson Brock’s 4<sup>th</sup> birthday party at her home this winter. The trike raceway with gas station and car wash was a BIG hit.

**Kay Tucker** enjoyed a January visit from her son, Dan, who lives in Seattle, Washington.

**Crystal White’s** hosted a DKG visitor in her classroom. Betsy Hodge spoke to the students about a Veteran’s Memorial created by her 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. She shared information about what it means to be a veteran and some of the sacrifices made by people in the military. Crystal was thrilled with the interaction with her students.

**Kitty Winklosky** will travel in early March to Alameda, California to visit her son, Ward, and his family. Later in the month she will attend a ladies retreat at Myrtle Beach with a group of friends.

**Judy Gecinger** and her husband will travel to Kissimmee, Florida for a week in early March for a little rest and relaxation.

**Christin Frank’s** son was the only student in his 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class to earn all A’s. He is a student at Trinity Elementary where Christin teaches.

**Dorris Koontz** wants to thank everyone for their nice cards. She misses everyone and wishes she could be with us, but she is not up to it at the moment.

## Member Spotlight



**Susan Sumpter**

**Where were you born and raised?** I was born and raised as a SOUTHERNER in Silver Spring, Maryland (note: officially South of the Mason-Dixon line!)

**Where did you go to school?** GO Blue Devils! No ... not Duke. Springbrook High School in Maryland. GO Purple Panthers! Yes ... I received my degree in Early Childhood Education, K-3, at High Point University, Extraordinaire!

**Who is in your family?** The Sumpter family is just full of BOYS! My husband was one of 3 boys. C.L. and I had 2 sons, Michael & Matt, who married my lovely daughter-in-laws (perfect matches!) Now they each have one son.

**Where have you worked?** I graduated from HPU at just the right time! Because there were no Kindergartens in High Point public schools, the college decided to open a “laboratory school” on campus where students could have practicum with young children, and where parents would be supported with classes in parenting skills. I was handed my diploma then immediately hired to be the Lead Teacher of The Early Experience Center. It was a

wonderful beginning for a new teacher – but not an easy one! I taught K5's in the mornings, then re-set my room for the afternoon session with preschoolers or nursery-aged children, depending on day. College students and parents were involved daily to observe me, so it was like living in a fish bowl. But I cherish those first 5 years.

Next, I was hired by the Director of Wesley Memorial School. I remained in the K5 classroom for 6 more years until Jean Bowman asked me to step out to assist her with our growing program for infants through age 5. I served as Assistant Director for 15 years; and now have been the Director for 17 years – total 38 years at Wesley Memorial! My induction into Delta Kappa Gamma in 1985 has been one of my greatest career honors.

**What drives my work in education? What is my passion?** Simply put -- I believe in the value of children. Jesus taught us that “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.” My passion is to honor God by supporting His developmental pathways for growth and learning in the lives of young children. Each child is successful when we respect and CELEBRATE God’s plan for his/her uniqueness.

**What 2 people have influenced you most?** My mom and dad, whom I name as ONE because they had a unified approach to parenting. Together they gifted me with an incredibly nurturing childhood. They blessed me by role-modeling the values of FAITH, LOVE OF FAMILY, IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION, and SERVICE TO OTHERS. My parents were life-long learners who were always reading and enrolling in classes at the local colleges or at church to learn new things and to grow spiritually. I also credit Mrs. Stack, my own Kindergarten teacher, for seeing the half-raised hand of a VERY SHY little girl – and choosing ME, yes ME, to play Goldilocks when everyone could plainly see that my hair wasn’t blond. She gave me my 1<sup>st</sup> lesson in following your dreams to become anything you want to be. And so I grew up wanting to be a K5 teacher like Mrs. Stack ... a teacher who would be caring enough to motivate those half-raised hands.

**How do you spend your free time?** Pretending to be Ginger Rogers on the dance floor! I have participated in 3 Ballroom Dance Showcases, including “Dancing with the High Point Stars” for Communities In Schools. I also enjoy being one of the “ding-a-lings” with the Chancel Handbell Choir at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church.

**What has your experience taught you?** I have faced some challenging times. A 5-year illness of my husband C.L. presented me with caregiving tasks until his death in 2010. We had been married 39 years. Soon followed a tornado causing severe damage to my home; my Dad’s diagnosis of Alzheimer’s; my own battle with breast cancer. However, we ALL face hardships if we live long enough, and so I choose to focus on the positive and live with GRATITUDE. I begin each new day by thanking

God for the JOYS of my life: a wonderfully-full career in education surrounded by the amazing love of (hundreds!) of children and families; my staff and colleagues in education who are my closest friends; and my growing family of 2 beautiful grandchildren + one more on the way! This educator has been **richly blessed!**

## **U.S. FORUM CONNECTION #133, JANUARY 2015**

This publication is intended for your information about issues important to education, women and children. How you choose to use the information included here is up to you. This free newsletter is sponsored by the United States Forum of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

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### **NEW U.S. FORUM WEB SITE**

The U.S. Forum has a new web site which is <http://www.usforumdkg.org/>. The site has some information about the next National Legislative Seminar which will be held in 2016. In the future the registration form and other information about the seminar can be found there.

### **FORUM FACEBOOK PAGE LINK**

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**FORUM WEBSITE:** <http://www.usforumdkg.org/>  
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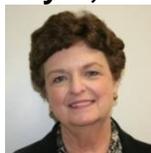
**Kay Tucker, Education Law and Policy, US Forum**



## Membership News

Invitation to membership letters will be mailed soon to 5 deserving educators: Anne Manor, Kelli Sharpe, Stephanie Shore, Amy Steinbruegge, and Ann Wyche. I would like to recognize Vickie Hayes for personally recruiting 3 of these prospective new members. We look forward to welcoming these professional women as Chi sisters. Initiation will be held at our Spring Banquet, Tuesday, May 5 at the Thomasville Woman's Club. Please plan to meet our new members.

### Betty Mayer, Membership



## February Meeting



Linda and Phyllis were the February Pin Winners.



Eta State President  
Pat Taylor  
And  
Chi Chapter President  
Tonya Welch

Region VII Director  
Dr. Barbara Leonard  
reminded us to complete  
the  
form in the  
[100 Challenge Brochure](#).



## Convention Updates

Convention registration forms are online and should be printed and mailed with payment to Dr. Joan East, 315 Purefoy Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Early bird registration ends April 3.

There are still spaces available in the PreConference on leadership for women with Jo Ann Norris. Deadline for registering is April 3. The registration form is online.

[Eta State Convention Website](#)

## Eta State News

Eta State News is online at  
<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNSpring2015.pdf>

## Eta State Upcoming Events

**April 24 - 26, 2015** — Eta State Convention, Chapel Hill Sheraton, Chapel Hill, NC

**June 17-20, 2015** — Eta State Leadership Seminar Peace University, Raleigh, NC

**July 15 - 18, 2015** — Southeast Regional Conference, Westin Harbor Resort, Savannah, GA

**July 5 - 9, 2016** — International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN

## Contacts

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## 2014-2015 Chi Meetings

March 3 GTCC  
May 5 Spring Banquet –  
Thomasville Woman's Club

### Keynotes for Chi Submissions

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