



Keynotes for Chi

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GREETINGS CHI SISTERS,

December was a festive month, as it should be. We had the opportunity to celebrate the 100th birthday of our longest living member Dorris Koontz. She was a past president of Chi and teacher of 33 years for the High Point City Schools. She was surprised at her party at River Landing with a rendition of “Happy Birthday” by some of our Chi sisters. If the opportunity ever presents itself to go with other members to visit Dorris, do go. You will come away being the better for time spent with her.

In December, we also enjoyed a festive atmosphere, dined on scrumptious food, delighted in the company of our Chi sisters, and had the opportunity to participate in a Holiday “Giving” for seven women and twelve children from our community whose days are not always so merry and bright. The appreciation we received from the Shelter Services Coordinator was most touching. She said, “We are so grateful for each of you- and for the light that you and your Chapter shines in our community! ... We appreciate that you took the time to remember our families and empathize with their struggles.” You always make me so proud to be a member of Chi Chapter.

The year 2017 came in with all the wonder and excitement that “snow” brings and the anticipation of new beginnings. New Year’s Resolutions: **1. Take better care of myself;** February 4th’s Chapter meeting will get you on your way, as our own Deborah Rosenquist presents a most enlightening program, “Good, Better, & Best of Nutrition”. Don’t forget we’re meeting on a Saturday at 11:00 am. **2. Learn something new;** Phyllis McCoy and her committee have some great facts and a fun project concerning “Schools for Africa”. **3. Share with others;** learn how you might share your love for Chi Chapter and Delta Kappa Gamma as we begin

learning about our new prospective members for 2017.

I’m looking forward to a great 2017, I hope you are too.

Up Coming Dates:

- March 27, 2017, is the reservation deadline for the Eta State NC Convention to be held April 28-30, 2017. Accommodations are at the Hilton Riverside, Wilmington, NC.
- Hotel registration is now open for the Southeast Regional Conference to be held in Myrtle Beach, SC, July 19-22, 2017. The conference will be at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel.
- Leadership Conference open to all chapter members June 23-25, 2017, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, NC. There are limited openings.

Mary B. Gordon, President



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February Meeting

Saturday, February 4th

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The Claddagh Restaurant & Pub

103 E. Parris Ave.

High Point, NC 27262

Chi Sister Debbie Rosenquist will present:
“Good, Better, and Best Nutrition”

Please remember to RSVP to your EVITE invitation!

Treasurer's Report

The bank figures as of January 24, 2017:

Community Checking	\$842.82
Business Money Rate Savings	921.07
11-mo. certificate	1,000.00

Because of the lack of a major fundraising project this year, our checking account balance is lower than it normally would be. The Grant-in-Aid, convention expenses, and miscellaneous spring banquet expenses are yet to be paid. We brought forward \$1550 July 1, 2016 to begin the year; we need to carry forward a similar amount in June 2017.

Please consider ways to increase our checking account balance, and be prepared to discuss them at our next meeting.

Nancy Tucker, Treasurer



Member News

Happy Birthday to:

February:

16 – Mary Jarrell



Martha Alley enjoyed hosting her family from Indiana for Thanksgiving. Her special guests included her daughter, Gretchen, and grandchildren Arno and Ila.

Karen Jobe's daughter, Kristin, is graduating from graduate school in May and just got engaged. Congratulations and best wishes!

Betty and Jim Mayer spent Thanksgiving with their daughter's family in Nashville, TN and Christmas week in Fayetteville, AR with their son's family.

Linda Millen's grandson, James Everette, was born at Rex Hospital in Raleigh on November 3rd. He is doing well and much loved by his family!

Over the holidays **Deborah Rosenquist** traveled to Australia for nine days to visit her cousin Cairns. It was a wonderful trip and happy reunion.

Kathy Smith celebrated the 50th anniversary of her college graduation with a tour of Hendersonville, Asheville, and Boone. She graduated in 1966.

Martha Wade is hoping for good news about her Jamestown house that's on the market. She had an offer and is expecting all to go well.

Tonya Welch's daughter, Savannah, turned 16 in November! What a wonderful, emotional milestone for mother and daughter.

Membership News

Happy New Year DKG sisters! Hope you had a happy, healthy holiday season.

It is time to select new Chi members. In early February each chapter is required to report the number of members they plan to initiate. Prospect Cards for nominees should have already been submitted to the Membership Committee. A list of eligible candidates will be presented at the February meeting for approval. After a chapter vote, an Invitation to Membership letter will be mailed to selected educators. An orientation session will be held in March and new members will be announced in the Chi newsletter.

See you on Saturday, February 4th. We need your vote! Don't forget to wear your pin to qualify for the door prize.

Betty Mayer, Membership



Celebrating Dorris Koontz's 100th Birthday!

Eta State President Sheila Groves



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?

Sheila

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DKG is supporting Schools for Africa

Schools for Africa became the Society's first official international project in 2010. Since that time, members have donated approximately \$324,150 to the project, as of October 2016.

Schools for Africa helps the most disadvantaged children in Africa to get a quality education. Schools for Africa **benefits 5 million children** by increasing access to education in 13 of Africa's neediest countries. Schools for Africa is building and rehabilitating nearly 1,000 schools, training almost 100,000 teachers, providing school supplies, and ensuring that schools have safe

drinking water, as well as separate bathrooms for boys and With DKG's help, Schools for Africa is creating schools that serve as a protective environment for the children who need it most, with a special emphasis on girls, orphans, and children living in extreme poverty. More information on the Schools for Africa program may be found at www.schoolsforafrica.com.

Our fund raising campaign will begin at the Feb 4 chapter meeting with members enjoying a refreshing bottle of vitamin water, “SOME THIRST FOR WATER. SOME THIRST FOR EDUCATION. MANY THIRST FOR BOTH!!! We will have the opportunity to take the bottles home and fill with extra change to be returned at the March 4 membership meeting. An 80/20 raffle Feb 4 will open the fund raising effort. Come prepared to donate and possibly receive a portion of the proceeds.

Together we can support our international project and provide support to our African neighbors.

Phyllis McCoy



Convention Project

Eta State NC President Sheila Groves and the Planning Committee have announced Hope Harbor Home as the 2017 Convention Project. Hope Harbor Home is Brunswick County's only program offering around-the-clock response to victims of domestic violence and their children. Services include a fully staffed safe shelter and crisis hotline, support groups, victim advocacy, meals, clothing, and transportation. Hope Harbor also employs a Community Educator who conducts presentations in schools on issues such as bullying, dating violence, sexual harassment, self-esteem, and other topics aimed at promoting nonviolence among students and throughout the community. During their 30 years of operation, thousands of women and children have found safe shelter and received services through Hope Harbor Home. Eta State NC members can support this organization through donations of gift cards, monetary contributions and items from the “wish list” posted on our state website. Please bring or send your contributions to the 2017 Eta State NC Convention in Wilmington.

Winter Banquet Memories



President Mary Gordon with Chi's Donations for the Shelter



December Pin Winners Mary and Anne

Eta State Upcoming Events

Apr. 28-30, 2017 - Eta State NC Convention,
The Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington, NC

**Jun. 23-25 - Eta State NC Leadership
Development Seminar,** Caraway Conference
Center, Asheboro

**July 19-22, 2017 - Southeast Regional
Conference,** Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention
Center Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC

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2016-2017 Chi Meetings

March 4 Sunrise Grill
"Discover Your Natural Side"

**April 8 Chi Social – Piedmont
Environmental Center**

April 13 High Point Elks Lodge
Spring Banquet

Keynotes for Chi Submissions

Information
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