

Keynotes for Chi

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GREETINGS CHI SISTERS,

I cannot believe that it is already time for another semester/year to be over. As teachers are giving finals and end of grade testing, students are getting excited at the prospect of summer vacation.

Eta State Convention was a wonderful experience this year. Several of our Chi sisters were in attendance for the Saturday sessions and Sylvia was a wonderful addition to the Convention Chorus. We won Newsletter Excellence and Website Excellence as well as the Excellent Level Chapter Achievement Award. I was also honored at the Sunday Brunch with one of 12 Rising Star Awards. I really appreciate the nomination and the honor of the award.

The breakout sessions at convention were phenomenal this year and I was able to attend one on the use of different apps in the classroom. Dr. Leonard and I presented on our event planning of the Regional Women in Print Event from October. I also presented with Linda Little on Leadership. Please consider plans for attending the state convention next year in Wilmington.

As the year is coming to a close and we are in the process of leadership changes I challenge all of you to think about projects and ideas that we can work on in the new biennium. To succeed as a chapter we need contributions from each and every one of our members so that we stay current and engage our next generation of leaders in education.

Yours in teaching,

Tonya Welch, President

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Eta State President Sheila Groves



Something to think about...

Dedicated, supportive, progressive, life-long learners – These are words presidents use to describe their chapters. It seems we might also use those same words to describe our presidents. As we approach the end of another chapter biennium, we celebrate the positive progress we've made and imagine the ways we can impact education in the future. We express our many thanks to chapter presidents! Their effective leadership is reflected in the successes of our programs and projects. Eta State recognizes the time and talent our presidents share to ensure members are informed and engaged. We applaud their dedication and appreciate their enthusiasm for the work of the Society. On Saturday, April 23, we will honor our chapter presidents at the 2016 state convention. Join me that evening at the reception and banquet to fellowship with our NC chapter presidents and recognize them for their service this biennium.

Thank You Presidents, you are the heart-beat of our chapters.

Sheila

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Treasurer's Report

The bank figures as of May 6, 2016:

Community Checking	\$1692.14
Business Money Rate Savings	917.80
Savings Certificate	1,000.00

Nancy Tucker, Treasurer



Member News

Happy Birthday to:

(Dates remaining) May:

23 – Sylvia Eaglin

26 – Carmen Cotton-Suggs

June:

03 – Ann Wyche

23 – Kellie Sharpe

27 – Dot Kearns

July:

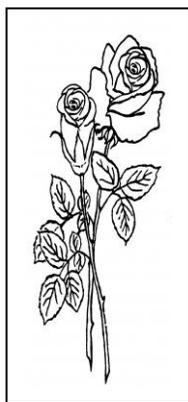
08 – Kayla Mabe

13 – Ann Morris Allred

14 – Geneva Craig

23 – Erica Blakely

29 – Karen Hogan



Anne Sheffield, her husband, and her daughter will be heading to Maryland this month to see her son, Zack, presented with a Master of Computer Science degree from Johns Hopkins University.

Spring Banquet Photos



Our newest Chi sisters
Connie Cagle & Cindy Bullard



Co-VP Karen Jobe & Secretary Kayla Mabe were installed.



The Head Table



Chi Sisters enjoying the evening

Scholarship Awarded



Lucy Kennedy

The Spring Banquet held on Tuesday, April 12th at Green Street Baptist Church was an enjoyable evening! We were proud to have Sara Finch recognize Lucy Kennedy as the Alice Armfield Grant-in-Aid Recipient. She is a rising senior at High Point University where she is applying to the Masters in Education Program. Lucy maintains a 4.0 while busy working two jobs. She lives with her mother in the nearby community of Jamestown. Lucy says she feels like teaching is her calling in life. At High Point University, Lucy's professors call her a superstar and a model student! Congratulations to Lucy Kennedy for being selected to receive the Alice Armfield Grant-in-Aid. We wish her continued success with her studies!

Linda Millen, Scholarship



Eta State Convention

“Create the Future: IMAGINE” – April 22 – 24, 2016

The Pre-Convention Conference was a guided tour of the Reynolda House and Gardens. The featured exhibit of the Museum of American Art was *Ansel Adams: Eloquent Light*.

President Sheila Groves opened the FRIDAY afternoon annual **Executive Board Meeting** at the Marriott/Embassy Suites, Winston-Salem, to conduct the business of the Society. Assembled were presidents representing 104 chapters from eleven regions, totaling over 4000 members. During the weekend the following announcements were made:

- The **Eta State News** is now a fully electronic publication, and the process will be reviewed for any needed details. The state website has been refreshed but will be fully re-worked in the coming year.
- The Fall Executive Board meeting will be at **Elon University on September 10, 2016**.
- The **2017 convention** will be at the Wilmington Hilton on April 28-30 (Region IV); 2018 in Charlotte.
- The **Leadership Development Seminar** will be at Caraway Conference Center (near Sophia, Asheboro) June 22-24, 2017. The number of participants is limited to forty.
- **Barbara Whiting**, International Society Representative, celebrated the accomplishments of our state organization (International scholarships totaling over \$400,000 in the last ten years). She invited the delegates to the International Convention in Nashville, TN on July 5-9, 2016.
- New Regional Directors for 2016-2018 were announced and **Mary Beth Dailey** of Beta Omicron was named as our leader for Region VII.
- Delegates brought 200 books and \$2000 cash and checks to the “Dream and Kite Strings” Project.

On FRIDAY NIGHT delegates were completely entertained by the Winston-Salem State University Choir. Rachel Scott received the Golden Key Award from Region VII. **Chi Chapter** received certificates of excellence for the newsletter and for the website. Within the list of **Chapter Achievement Awards**, **Beta Xi Chapter** received the **distinctive level** (one of twenty-six in the state), **Beta Omicron** and **Chi Chapters** made the **excellent level** (two of the 12 in the state), and three chapters earned the superior level, the Presidential Achievement Award: Nu, Alpha Lambda, and Alpha Phi.

Dr. Susan Blackburn and Tina Higgins, Convention Co-Chairmen, reported that over 300 delegates were present during the weekend. Among the delegates were: 40 first timers, 13 past Eta Presidents, 19 members of 40+ years, and

29 NBCT's. Chi Chapter had ten members in attendance: **Martha Alley, Pat Davis, Sylvia Eaglin, Julia Ebel, Sarah Finch, Mary Gordon, Betsy Hodge, Betty Mayer, Anne Sheffield, and Tonya Welch**.

On SATURDAY MORNING the Headquarters Committee's annual tradition of “Passing the House” netted \$1607.00, according to **Mary Pickett**, Chairman. Chapters are asked to contribute three dollars per member every year to help with these expenses that are NOT part of the Eta State budget. **Chi Chapter** does this. This was an unusually short business session, but ended with the performance of The Steel Magnolias, a female quartet of DKG members.

Following the Business Session, the Educational Foundation had its first official meeting. From eleven applications four grant winners received \$250.00 each for projects. The convention raffle created much excitement. Look for the acorn symbol in announcements about a capital campaign.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON was filled with 26 workshops divided into 60 minute sessions. Chi Chapter sold thirty-eight quilted badge holders for a total of **\$380.00 for scholarships**, the end of a four-year project considered a great success.

On SATURDAY NIGHT **Tonya Welch** was recognized as one of the chapter presidents. This year there was a full roster of scholarship winners for 2016 – all four had recipients! Dr. Greg Little, Mount Airy City Schools Superintendent, spoke about the opportunities education can provide for all children, but his humorous stories about his parents kept his hearers intrigued and entertained.

On SUNDAY MORNING at the Ceremony of Remembrance service, a white rose and a tribute were placed in the honorary bouquet and the Book of Remembrance respectively for each of 54 women, including **Kathleen Killebrew (Chi)**. Hand bells by **Marcia Wooten**, Beta Delta Chapter of Greensboro, were a beautiful and inspirational addition to the service.

At the SUNDAY CELEBRATION BRUNCH **Carol Andrews**, veteran television news anchor and now author and speaker, spoke about EQR: to embrace, question, and re-tool each situation as we encounter life intervals. **Tonya Welch** was named one of twelve 2016 Rising Stars recipients, a new recognition of young members who are potential state leaders.

Because of the excellent facilities and hotel staff, the inspiring music of the entertainers and the convention chorus, and the efficient convention schedule, delegates left for home with much to think about and re-enjoy.



Sylvia Eaglin

Convention Photos



Chi Attendees



Prize Winners!



Tonya Welch – 2016 Rising Star



Enjoying the conference

Eta State Upcoming Events

June 25, 2016 – New Chapter Officer Training, Asheboro

July 5 – 9, 2016 — International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, Tennessee

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Chapter Excellence Award



Newsletter Excellence & Website Excellence

Keynotes for Chi Submissions

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