

Keynotes for Chi



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GREETINGS CHI SISTERS,

What a fast year it has been for Chi Chapter and especially for me as I complete my second year as your president.

On April 24, we gathered for the Spring Banquet where we initiated five new Chi Sisters: Gayle Brookbank, Lynn Chandler, Susan Fleenor, Darla Mintz, and Michelle Groome Peterson. Welcome Sisters! It is truly wonderful to have you with us. We're looking forward to getting to know each of you better. We also installed our new officers for 2018-2020. I wish to show my gratitude to Karen Jobe and Kayla Mabe, Co- Presidents; Mary Ann Hart, Vice-President; Sylvia Eaglin, Secretary; and Nancy Tucker, Treasurer for committing themselves to roles of leadership for Chi Chapter. I look forward to working with them as they lead us to a new level of excellence.

April 27-29, seven Chi sisters traveled to Charlotte for the Eta State Convention. While at convention I was honored to receive on your behalf two outstanding awards. The first was the Chapter Achievement Award for Excellence for carrying out the goals of the society. We also achieved Eta State Communications Excellence Award in recognition for superior accomplishments in enhancing chapter communications. This was the highest category given in communications. Thank you, Anne Sheffield and Tonya Welch for your contributions toward this recognition. In addition, our own Betty Mayer received The Golden Key Award for Region VII. Sunday began with the Ceremony of Remembrance when we were called to remember

the life of our Chi sister Geneva Craig.

To each of you a special thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chi President for the past two years. It has been a genuine pleasure.

Help us to continue to “Sparkle” as we “Create the Future”.

Mary B. Gordon, Immediate Past President



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Treasurer's Report

The bank figures as of April 30, 2018:

Community Checking	\$3215.71
Business Money Rate Savings	1322.23

Nancy Tucker, Treasurer



Member News

Happy Birthday to:

(Dates remaining) May:

14 – Chaynel Blake-Nichols

23 – Sylvia Eaglin

30 – Heidi Cadmus

June:

02 – Kayla Renew

03 – Ann Wyche

19 – Alicia Muller

26 – Caryol Forsyth

27 – Dot Kearns



July:

02 – Susan Fleenor

08 – Kayla Mabe

13 – Ann Morris Allred

29 – Karen Hogan

Kay Tucker is retiring from teaching after 38 years! She taught 30 years at Wesley Memorial School, 6 years at High Point City Schools and 2 years at Orange County Schools, Florida. Kay is looking forward to relaxing and traveling. Congratulations, Kay!

Don and **Anne Sheffield** are traveling to Baltimore's Inner Harbor this month. Their daughter Elizabeth is graduating with honors from Johns Hopkins University. Elizabeth will receive a Master of Science in Information Systems Engineering with an emphasis in Software Engineering. She will continue working as a systems solution architect for Cigna Health in Philadelphia.

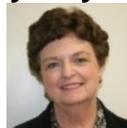
Membership News

Thanks to everyone who supported membership expansion efforts this year. I could not have done it without you.

We are very proud of our five new members: Gayle Brookbank – retired, Lyn Chandler – retired, Susan Fleenor – High Point Central High School, Darla Mintz – Thomasville Primary School, Michelle Petersen – retired. Hopefully you had the opportunity to meet these special ladies at our Spring Banquet in April.

While we take a break for summer and meet new people, please keep recruiting on your mind. Potential new members can represent all areas of education. I challenge each of you to submit the name of one new prospect at our first meeting next fall. It is your collective effort that truly makes a difference. We only grow with your help.

Betty Mayer, Membership



Eta State Leadership Development

The Eta State convention in Charlotte was a huge success! I had the honor of leading a breakout session on how we organized and facilitated the June 2017 Eta State Leadership Launch. A leadership development seminar for Eta State will be held March 22-23, 2019 at the Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro. It will be limited to 32 participants due to space and an overnight stay. More information and a registration form will be available during the Elon Executive Board meeting in September. Please consider participating in this seminar. I look forward to seeing all of the new chapter leaders at the June training in Greensboro!

Tonya Welch, Committee Chair



Spring Banquet 2018



Madison Houser
Alice Armfield Grant-in-Aid



Sheila Groves
Eta State Past President



Our new Chi officers



Sylvia shared memories
of our late sister Geneva Craig



Gayle receives her rose



Mary presents Susan her pin



Our new Chi members



2018 Convention “Let’s Sparkle”

April 27 – 29, 2018

President Connie Savell opened the FRIDAY afternoon annual **Executive Board Meeting** at the Hilton Charlotte University Place to conduct the business of the Society. Assembled were presidents representing 103 chapters from eleven regions, totaling **3053 members**. For her chapter library each president received a copy of the **2007-2017 History Update of Eta State** compiled by Linda Little and Susan Kuenzel. Members may purchase them for fifteen dollars. During the weekend delegates learned the following:

- All of the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules were adopted.
- A new **Eta State treasurer** will be selected for the 2019-2025 term.
- The Southeastern Regional Conference will be in Asheville in June, 2019.
- The Fall Executive Board meeting will be at **Elon University on September 15, 2018**.
- The **2019 convention** will be in Hickory (Region X) the first weekend in May. Most important was the news that the **2020 convention** will be at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro during the first weekend in May (Region VII). Chi Chapter will have the chance to welcome Eta State delegates to our hospitality. At the Elon meeting this fall, *three permanent* sites, east, central, and west (rather than eleven) for conventions will be proposed.
- Delegates brought to convention over \$1555.00 for the convention project: helping in the aftermath of hurricane Matthew in Robeson County. The United Way are helping people without homes.
- Doris Littlejohn, Convention Registrar, reported that **281 delegates** were present during the weekend. Among the delegates were: 29 first timers and 17 members of 40+ years.



Region VII had the third largest delegation. Chi Chapter was represented by **Gayle Brookbank, Sylvia Eaglin, Mary Gordon, Karen Jobe, Kayla Mabe, Betty Mayer, and Tonya Welch**.

On FRIDAY NIGHT Chi Chapter’s **Betty Mayer** received **The Golden Key Award**, along with other outstanding women from their regions.



Chi Chapter received the Communications Certificate of **Excellence**. Within the list of Chapter Achievement Awards, Chi Chapter made the **excellent** level (one of 21 in the state) requiring 475 points. Twelve chapters earned the superior level, and five earned the Presidential Achievement Award (the top chapter earned 715 points).

On SATURDAY MORNING the NC DKG Educational Foundation held its third annual meeting. Funds are over \$89,000.00. Grant-awarding and fund-raising continue. A newsletter editor, webmaster, and historian have been added. The Headquarters Committee’s annual tradition of “Passing the House” netted \$1163.66, according to Mary Ann Styron. Many chapters in the state budget three dollars per member every year to help with these expenses that are NOT part of the Eta State budget. **Chi Chapter** does this. The Fund is in great need of donations at this time.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON was filled with twenty-seven workshops. Chi Chapter had two presenters, **Tonya Welch**, “Leadership Using the Great American Leaders Model” about the 2017 Leadership Seminar, and **Sylvia Eaglin**, “Once Upon a Time,” about the just published Eta history volume. Chi delegates attended a variety of workshop opportunities.



Dr. Schmid, Immediate Past International President, Tonya Welch, and Sheila Groves, Immediate Past Eta State President

On SATURDAY NIGHT **Mary Gordon** was recognized as one of the chapter presidents. There were two scholarship winners for 2018, Wendy Bryant (masters) and Patricia Fecher (doctorate). **Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid**, Past International President, celebrated the past and present accomplishments of our state organization (she cited the many Eta members on international committees, 29 Golden Gift members, 63 International scholarships totaling \$353,000.00, 40 Cornet winners totaling \$123,000.00, 14 World Fellowship winners located in NC. Overall, DKG awarded \$1,700,000 in 2016-2017. She reported that \$90,000 in emergency funds have been distributed in North Carolina. She invited the delegates in July to International Convention in Austin, Texas, where this organization began.

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 49 women, including **Geneva Craig (Chi)**.

At the SUNDAY CELEBRATION BRUNCH Edna Thayer, left her hearers helpless with laughter as she spoke on "Humor for the Health of it."

The facilities and hotel staff were so helpful and the music of the large convention chorus (**two were Chi members**) was delightful. Delegates left for home with much to think about and re-enjoy.



Switching Gears from Words to Action

By: *Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee*

This spring seems to be filled with bold action by teachers across the country who are standing up for children and quality education. North Carolina is no different. The DKG Educational Law and Policy Committee has designated June 6, 13, and 20 as Legislative Days when teachers past and present journey to Raleigh to meet with lawmakers to discuss the state of education in North Carolina and what needs to be done to return our state to the shining example it used to be in support of quality education for all. Additionally, NCAE has designated May 16 as a "Day of Advocacy" when friends of education demonstrate their support for our schools and teachers by visiting the General Assembly in Raleigh to talk with lawmakers. All DKG members are encouraged to let your voices be heard this spring. Keep in mind, it is an election year and legislators are more likely to budget more money for education than in previous years if they hear from constituents that this is an important priority. Be a voice for your students!



International C&P Offers Facebook Help

Frustrated with Facebook for releasing your information and not sure what to do? The International Communications and Publicity Committee offers some helpful suggestions in their recent blog post on the DKGSI uniblog.

The blog post reminds you that apps you've connected to through Facebook also allows them to access your personal information. It gives a link to a short video that tells, in simple terms, how to fix this problem fairly easily. It also tells you how to turn off ads that might pull your information without you knowing it. Their suggestions do not cover all the privacy areas but give you a good starting point.

Login to the DKG web-site and check out the blog at <https://dkgsi.blogspot.com/>.

Eta State Upcoming Events

June 22, 2018 - Summer Leaders' Training (for incoming president, EEC, membership chair, and treasurer) Greensboro

July 16-20, 2018 – DKG International Convention, JW Marriott, Austin, TX

March 22-23, 2019 - Leadership Conference, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, NC- open to all members

June 27-29, 2019 - Southeast Regional Conference, Asheville, NC

May 2-4, 2019 - Eta State Convention, Hickory

May 1-3, 2020 - Region VII will host the Eta State Convention, Greensboro

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Keynotes for Chi Submissions

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