# Lambda News



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#### **Lambda Chapter Officers**

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# President's Message



NC DKG has a new slate of officers and a new state initiative. President Cowen's initiative is GROW. I definitely want Lambda Chapter to grow. To grow as a chapter we all need to do our part to help Lambda to thrive. The members present at the September meeting decided to create a closed Facebook page for Lambda members. Our members have many talents that only a few know about. We want all members to celebrate our successes. We also want to be able to seek help when faced with educational challenges. We have many members with a lot of tools in their toolkit that others could use. We need to way to share these strategies and advice with each other. The Educational Excellence program committee members may even use this as a way to develop programs for next year, based on challenges we are facing in education. I am looking forward to learning more about each of you through the Facebook page. To start the congratulations going, Janice Gardner won 2 first place ribbons for basket weaving and pepper jelly and 1 second place ribbon for Fig jelly at the Robeson County Fair. I would not have known this if Jan had not contacted me. So my challenge is to share the good news so we can all celebrate with you. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the December meeting. Christina Wilkins

**DKG** International Theme

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### **DKG News**

#### 2020 International Convention

Convention is being held in Philadelphia July 7-11, 2020. Opening session will be on July 7. Registration, vendor and session proposal forms are online. This would be great opportunity to visit a historically rich city and meet some great women from across the United States.

After the Convention, a New York City tour is being offered with Go Ahead Tours. The tour is July 12-16. The tour plans and pricing can be found on the DKG website.

#### Schools for Africa

Most of us know that the money we donate to Schools for Africa is to help education in Africa, but what exactly is the money used for in Africa? According to UNICEF, the money is used to build and equip classrooms, train teachers, early education development, provide access to clean water, HIV prevention and much more. Our donations may not seem like a lot, but combined with donations from other chapters around the world, we are really making a difference to the children and families in Africa. To learn more and read the Schools for Africa Newsettes visit the website.



#### **DKG** Educational Foundation

Become a <u>DKG Luminary founding</u> member helping to support women educations worldwide. The donations will be used to help members and non-members. To become a founding member donate 1,000.00 between July 1-June 2020 this fiscal year. The Luminary Founders will be recognized at the International Convention in Philadelphia.



Newer members who may not be aware DKG is a charity linked with Amazon Smile. When you use this link <a href="http://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-6066228">http://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-6066228</a> to shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon Smile donates to The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation.



#### Note from Editor

If you have an article, book review, healthy recipe,newsworthy event or pic for the Lambda News please email it to Robin Johnson at teacherbird@gmail.com

# **Eta State News**

# ETA State Vision: "Voices of Influence Empowering NC Women Educators"

# Survey on Website

A new feature on the NC DKG website is a survey so every member has input into decision-making. It's on the top right of the homepage. The current survey question deals with favors at the state convention. Make sure you have answered the question so your voice will be heard in planning for the 2020 state convention. Watch for new questions periodically and let your voice be heard!

### Ready, Set, GROW!

With President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan NC DKG President

See How We GROW! From the Mountains to the Seas From the mountains to the seas, NC DKG members and chapters are "getting their hands dirty."

Let me share examples of Ready, Set, GROW! in action.

See Gamma Delta GROW! Generational Diversity presentation by Dr. Kim Simmons

See Delta Sigma GROW! Plus/Delta Research Instrument used to evaluate the chapter's annual fundraiser

See Delta Rho GROW! Dr. Lisa Chapman accepts Opportunity for Leadership as President of Central Carolina Community College

See Upsilon GROW! Well-Defined chapter fundraising program — organized Shoe Drive in conjunction with Funds2Org

At the executive board meeting, I shared a passage that said it was often hard to "bloom" when no one notices. I promised I would notice! I, and others, will continue to notice but most importantly you will notice. Bloom in your own time and in your own way while never forgetting to do what you were meant to do. Once again a question, "What are you meant to do as you Ready, Set, GROW!?"

#### Celebrate a Teacher

The NC DKG Educational Foundation's 101 Donations Challenge encourages members to celebrate teachers who are making an impact in our schools and our communities by making a donation in their honor. Each NC DKG region is challenged to recognize 101 teachers with a contribution of \$10 each to the NC DKG Educational Foundation. All donations will support the Foundation's Grants Program. All of the information, forms, and Celebration Certificates are available on the Foundation website at http://www.ncdkgef.org/101-challenge.html.

#### **Eta State NC Dates to Remember**

Dec. 1 DKG Ignite (LMS) applications due

Dec. 15 Proposals for changes to NC DKG Standing Rules

Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due

Jan. 3, 2020 DKG Educational Foundation project applications due

Jan. 10 NC DKG News deadline

Jan. 15 Regional Directors annual report due

Names of nominees for new regional directors due to Second V-P Hilda Parlér

Jan.15-Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open

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# http://lambdaeta.weebly.com/

## **Devotion:** Growing in Faith

# Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! — 2 Peter 3:18

God graciously gives us faith to believe in Jesus. And we want to keep going forward in faith and not become stagnant or slide backward.

But we have this assurance in God's Word: just as believing faith in Jesus comes to us as a gracious gift from God through the Holy Spirit, growing in faith also comes to us through God's grace and the Spirit's work.

Now, we can't *make* ourselves grow spiritually, but that doesn't mean we are totally passive either. Somehow we participate with the Holy Spirit in growing spiritually.

In today's verses, Peter urges his readers and us to make every effort to grow. The Spirit works in us to cultivate our faith when we listen to God's Word, through meditating on it and hearing it proclaimed in times of worship. The Spirit works in our hearts when we turn to our Lord and Savior in prayer for our needs and for the needs of our world. The Spirit also constantly works in us to respond to opportunities to show God's love and share our faith with others.

Encouragement to grow in faith can't be said any better than the Spirit has put it through Peter: "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever!"

 $\textbf{Source} \ \underline{\text{https://today.reframemedia.com/devotions/growing-in-faith}}$ 

Author: Kurt Selles Director of Back to God Ministries International

# **Congratulations!**

We applaud quite a few members this fall who have been recognized for their contributions to education and the arts. We are very proud of these dedicated and talented Lambda Sisters.

On September 23, DKG member Leslie Harris successfully passed her comprehensive exams at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She is enrolled there as a doctoral student in the Ed. D. Educational Leadership and Administration program. Upon defending her dissertation, she will graduate in 2020. Harris taught high school social studies in the Public Schools of Robeson County for 10 years and has served as an Assistant Principal in the district for 2 years.



Several of our members have been honored as their school's 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year: Christina Wilkins, Robin Johnson, Cynthia Hayes, and Phyllis King (not pictured). Their dedication to education is evident in their work in Lambda.





Member Nancy Johnson's photography entry, 'Waiting by the Sea', has been accepted into the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts. The unveiling of the new Gallery works is planned for the first week in December. Her work will be displayed on the Gallery for six months, after which it will be archived. The Gallery is considered to be a very important venture for the Society





# **Meeting Dates**

December 7, 2019 Maxton
February 1, 2020 Lumberton
April 4, 2020 St. Pauls
September 26, 2020 Pembroke
December 5, 2020 Lumberton

# Birthdays

### November

17<sup>th</sup>- Nancy Johnson 25<sup>th</sup>-Jan Fields

#### **December**

None



