

# Lambda News

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Lambda Chapter – Robeson County – Region VI Eta State, North Carolina

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This time of year we all think about the things in our life we are thankful for and the traditions we share with family and friends. This year in particular is one where I am thankful for the bless-

ings in my life. As we shared traditions and memories at our Lambda chapter meeting, I noticed we mentioned we have similar traditions during the holiday season. Tradition is important, but we must also incorporate new people and begin new traditions if we want to grow and continue to keep our traditions going. This is also true of Lambda Chapter. We want to continue our traditions, but build new traditions also. I feel we are moving forward with growing in Lambda Chapter with our new initiatives. We have sent out congratulations notes to Teachers of the Year, encouraging notes to some of the new teachers in the district, and we are starting a new literacy project with Story Walk. Thank You for all your hard work the committees have done this year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. ~Christina Wilkins Contact: tinawilkins09@gmail.com 910-610-7230

## Save the Dates

Lambda Meeting Dec 5, 2020; Submit to the DKG Fine Arts Gallery: January 15-February 15

**FALL 2020** 

## **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

The regional conferences for 2021 are in Portland, Oregon (July 7-10): and San Antonio, Texas (July 21- 24). The theme the Oregon and Texas Conferences are "DKG: Opportunities, Contributions, and Impact" and "DKG:A World of Opportunities, Contributions, and Impact". The conference scheduled for 2021 in Tampere, Finland has been rescheduled for 2023. Visit the International DKG site for more information on the upcoming conferences.

### LAMBDA NEWS ARTICLE

Lambda chapter has received the new digital badge for chapter achievement. We also received a badge for Website excellence. Both badges have been placed on the Lambda Chapter website.





## YOU NEVER KNOW HOW GOD CAN USE YOU WHEN YOU ARE



#### WILLING TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP

What started out as a booklet of recipes and a few family memories, grew into a published book, **Our Cake Lady**. Growing up the youngest of five girls, many of our family gatherings were made special by Mama, **Our Cake Lady**. She was known for delicious meals and mouthwatering desserts. However, she was much more than a great cook. She showed unconditional love and shared her words of wisdom. In addition to recipes, I also share lessons my Mama taught me. Some of them include: "Act like a lady" and Show Respect; The Importance of Reputation; and Having a Spirit of Gratitude.

I never aspired to become an author. I never considered myself to be a writer. However, I must admit I have come to enjoy journaling. It has become a way for me to put my thoughts, hopes, dreams, blessings, and concerns on paper.

I was strongly encouraged by a good friend and my sister-in-law to publish my homemade booklet. I initially laughed it off but came to realize I did have something to share with others. I expanded the homemade booklet into "**Our Cake Lady**." I must admit I had more questions than answers about how to proceed with such a large project. Once I decided to take the first step, fear came. When I started moving, I reached out to others who had already published and frequently asked God to Lead Me. As I took more steps, the book slowly came together. There were setbacks along the way such as the illness and eventual deaths of my sister and dad. I had thoughts of quitting and not completing the book, but I pressed forward.

I have learned a lot about myself throughout the process of writing my book. One of the greatest lessons being "You Never Know How God Will Use You, When You Are Willing to Take the First Step." You may be dealing with something you want to do, or God is nudging you about doing something. It may not be writing a book, but something else. I say, "Activate Your Faith, Move Pass Fear and Just Do It!"

**Our Cake Lady** is available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Pamela also has books available for purchase and maybe contacted at 910-474-6225 or by email at <u>pteelwright@gmail.com.</u>

Pamela has been a member of Lambda Chapter since 2002. She has served as Region VI – Regional Director; Lambda President 2012-2016; Second Vice-President (Educational Excellence/Programs) 2008-2012; and currently serves as Chair of Personal Growth & Services Committee -2020-2022.

#### **MEMBERS PROFILE**

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#### **Membership Committee**

Moving forward to continue to do the great work of encouraging membership this year we sent cards of encouragement to several new teachers at the beginning of the school year in the Robeson County. We know DKG members are an asset to education and together we can make a significant contribution to education worldwide while growing professionally.

#### HOW DO WE LEND A HAND?

With COVID cases increasing, many chapters may not be having face-to-face meetings yet. So, how do we celebrate each other and lend a hand to those in need? Maybe your chapter can do an activity that would benefit homeless families, children without families, nursing home residents, or anyone who requires help. Once your chapter does an activity, please share it with me so I can include it on our EEC page. By: Tobey DKG Worthington, NC First Vice-President

#### The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation

The North Carolina Delta kappa Gamma Educational Simmons-Longest Endowment Grant Professional/Personal Growth Proposal Form I wanted to remind you of the following grant opportunities. These grants may be awarded to individuals or to projects offering professional growth, personal development or self-care, and/or skill development in leadership of self and/ or others. Active and retired NC DKG educators in state Region VI may apply for support with educational activities such as attendance at conferences or seminars, participation in independent studies, or educational travel. Proposals must indicate the anticipated impact of the activity on the participant(s) and on others who may also benefit as a result of the participant(s) engagement in the activity. One grant, up to \$500 may be awarded in spring of 2021. Proposal due January 31, 2021. For more information.https:// www.ncdkgef.org/simmons-longestendowment-grant.html