

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society
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I hope the new year is treating all of you well. Epsilon Chapter of DKG started off the year with a meeting last Thursday, January 9, 2009 in the Media Center at Southeast Middle School. The food prepared by the hostesses was delicious and Cindy Misenheimer, principal for the Rowan-Salisbury Early College, made a wonderful and enthusiastic presentation. She told us that students who attend the Rowan County Early College earn a high school diploma and up to two years of tuition-free college credit. It is designed for students who are often under-represented at four-year colleges, including those who would be first-generation college students. Cindy talked about how important it was to have students who were willing to accept rigorous course work, have leadership potential, and have the ability to form and grow productive relationships with teachers and their fellow students. This year is the first year for the College and Cindy said the teachers and principal have really learned a lot. They meet constantly to discuss new ideas, their students, and their materials. I was really impressed with the presentation and the program. It made me think about how nice it would be to work there! The camaraderie and the relationship you develop with the students sounds like an ideal situation and one all of us strive for at our respective schools.

We also received our REAL inserts for the red books at Thursday's meeting so everyone should be back on track for the rest of this year. I promise that next year's book will be on time. It was a real learning curve for us this year. For those of you who did not get the notice about the meeting or didn't have the chance to come to our meeting, we will send you the inserts through the courier, through fellow members, or if all else fails, we will mail you the inserts before the next meeting – which is March 5, 2009 at China Grove Elementary School. **April Williamson, the RSS Teacher of the Year**, will have a program for us on "*Teaching In A 21st Century Classroom*." It should be excellent and especially interesting to see how technology is

changing in the classroom. Those of you who have been out of the classroom for a few years will be amazed.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the agenda for the spring includes nominating and installing new members so I need all of you to think about potential new members to consider for DKG and nominate them. For those who did not pick up a form at the meeting, you can download a form from the Eta State website at this address: <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/membership.pdf> We have lost some members with the dues increase and with people moving, so I would really like to have a large group of new members to join our wonderful organization. I am always impressed when we meet and I have a chance to talk with our current members and

would love to share that with others. I sometimes feel we are a best-kept secret! We need to tell people about Delta Kappa Gamma and encourage others to join us! Members who do not have access to email will have a copy of the membership nomination form included with this newsletter. Forms need to be mailed to Jennifer Lentz as soon as possible so she can compile a list for us to consider at the March meeting. We have asked that you try to have your suggestions for new members to Jennifer by February 5, 2009. This does not give you much turn-around time, but that way you will go ahead and fill out the form and send it to Jennifer as soon as you get this letter! Jennifer's address is: 315 Docks Drive, China Grove, NC 28023. Her email address is lentzjh@rss.k12.nc.us She is the Assistant Principal at Southeast Middle School if you want to send her the information through the courier.

Each meeting I ask for email updates and news about our members. Your fellow members have responded with the following: **Carol Miller** retired in 2004 and has "double-dipped" several times since then. For the past 2 ½ years, she has been a Reading Assistant at Knollwood. This year, she was "demoted" to Kindergarten, which is her love! **Marsha Wood** has also retired after 38 years!! She is currently enjoying her grandchildren and volunteering at North Rowan Elementary. **Martha West** will have knee replacement surgery on February 2nd, please keep her in your prayers. According to Betsy Rich, she is also planning a Scandinavian trip in August. **Cindy Pope** announced that she has changed schools from Corriher-Lipe to Southeast Middle. (Your inserts for the red book are corrected already!) She and her husband celebrated their 39th anniversary in August and had a wonderful time traveling throughout the US this past summer for four and a half weeks. Wow. **Elaine Stiller**, our awesome

treasurer, said she just enjoys doing whatever comes along, spending time with grandchildren, and playing bridge. **Lovetta Moore** had a great Christmas with both daughters at home. **Karen Foster** will celebrate her 25th anniversary in education on January 20th. Her son, Zach, is engaged to be married in June and Karen says they adore Amber, their future daughter-in-law. **Jane Britt** announced that her daughter, Catherine, graduated from Catawba College in May 2008 and her daughter, Anna, will graduate from Meredith College in May 2009. To conclude, her son, Alex, is a freshman at Mars Hill College and is playing baseball for them.

Don't forget that the *Eta State Convention is April 24-26, 2009* in Greensboro. I would really love for a group from Epsilon to attend. They have great workshops on Saturday during the day and a nice dinner to finish the day off. You do not have to spend the night and can just go for the day on Saturday, if you'd like. Let me know so we can make reservations. Also, don't forget that the Eta State Project this year is "*Going Green With Delta Kappa Gamma*". Let us know what YOU are doing to "go green".

Feb 5, 2009 - DUE DATE FOR NOMINATIONS for NEW MEMBERS!!! Send the form to Jennifer Lentz - 315 Docks Drive, China Grove, NC 28023.

See you Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 3:30 at China Grove Elementary Media Center!!! We will vote on potential new members then, so please make plans to attend!!!