

VOLUME 22-ISSUE 1

News

Delta Gamma Presidents' Message

Welcome to a new year of learning and growing through Delta Gamma's programs and outreach! The 2010-2012 Delta Kappa Gamma international themes are:

"Go Greener" and "Becoming Voices of Influence"

We plan to help our members become more environmentally conscious and become voices that will influence our community in a variety of ways.

We hope you'll make an effort to attend meetings, contribute to our charitable projects, and invite a friend to one of our programs! We want to put a more public face on who we are - *exemplary educators!*

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings!

Gerry Larson and Judy Jones



Mark Your Calendar for these important dates:

Yearbook pages will offer more details to the programs, but important dates to put on your calendar regarding our chapter's meetings are as follows:

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| Saturday, October 23, 2010 | Healthy Eating Program & Visit to Farmers' Market, Durham |
| Sunday, October 31, 2010 | Dues to Joan East |
| Saturday, December 4, 2010 | Chapter Meeting & Social Weathervane Restaurant, Chapel Hill |
| Saturday, January 22, 2011 | Tour of the "New" NC Museum of Art, Raleigh |
| Tuesday, March 8, 2011 | Book Discussion of <u>Proud Shoes</u>, Gerry's house, Durham |
| Tuesday, April 26, 2011 | Initiation Banquet |
| April 29 – May 1, 2011 | Eta State Convention |

New Officers for 2010-2012!

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| Co-Presidents: | Judy Jones and Gerry Larson |
| Vice President: | Suzanne Payne |
| Secretary: | Elaine Russell Back-up from Dee Gidney |
| Treasurer: | Joan East |
| Newsletter: | Nancy Anderson |

Spotlight



**KEY
WOMEN
EDUCATORS**



**NEW
INITIATION!**

Initiation Banquet May 4, 2010



Jean Waldo, Amie Clark, Elaine Cameron, our Delta Gamma's initiate, and Suzanne Payne, her sponsor!



Elaine Cameron



Amie Clark Grant-in-Aid Student

Pictures by Kim Mayo



Durham Public Schools' Bookmark Project

Our Newest Member! Elaine Cameron

Elaine Cameron is our newest member of our Delta Gamma Chapter. She is a real team player, working with students, faculty, staff, and parents as the media specialist at Duke School. She also has a wide range of interests, as Elaine earned her bachelor's degree in clinical laboratory science from the University of New York at Buffalo, worked as a technology assistant at Frank Porter Graham, and then completed a master's degree in library science, with a concentration as a media specialist, from UNC-Chapel Hill. She is actively involved in square dancing, running, drawing, reading (of course!), and learning the latest with technology and education. She and her husband, Rick, have two grown daughters, both with careers in the science/medical field. See her picture on page 4 (Banquet).

Our newest initiate, Elaine Cameron

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Grant-in-Aid News by Joan East

Amie Clark, Delta Gamma's Grant-in-Aid Recipient: (picture on page 4 ... banquet)

In August the Chapter sent a check for \$400.00 to Amie Clark for first semester as she begins her Junior year.

She wrote:

" I received the scholarship check for Campbell, and I wanted to say thank you for encouraging and supporting me again... I greatly appreciate all of your financial support as I move closer to becoming a teacher!"

**Thank you,
Amie Clark**

Update: Earlier, Amie had written to say that this would be her final semester at Campbell. Her program of study, Program of Family and Consumer Science with Teacher Licensure, is being phased out and would end in 2012 at Campbell. She applied to and was accepted at Meredith and ECU. According to her, both schools have a growing and exciting program with an excellent curriculum in FACS. After thoughtful deliberation and weighing several factors, her decision was to remain at Campbell for the Fall semester and then transfer to ECU for the Spring semester and her senior year.

We will send another \$400.00 check to her in January. She received \$700.00 from the chapter for her Freshman year and \$700.00 for her Sophomore year. By the Society's guidelines, a chapter's award to a nonmember is a Grant-in-Aid award, not a scholarship. The Grant-in-Aid Fund depends on Delta Gamma members' generous support.

**Make your annual contribution to the Recruitment Fund today!
Joan East, 315 Purefoy Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27504.**

Member News

Dr. Theresa Wahome Married on June 26th.

Dr. Theresa Wahome, DKG member , was married on June 26th to Sanders Tate Sr.

Sanders is a retired Durham police officer.

The ceremony took place at Fisher Memorial Church. Theresa's two daughters, Michelle and Elise, and her son Jonathan were members of the wedding party. Elise's young son served as ring bearer. Sanders' granddaughter was the flower girl. Theresa was a radiant bride in a stunning white gown with a sequin edged lace coat. Sanders wore white tails. It was an elegant and joyous occasion.

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Nancy Anderson:

My summer highlight included a celebration of our 47th. Wedding anniversary on August 17th.

A visit from my granddaughters, Alexandria and Emma. We did our annual shopping for school clothes and then our "School Fashion Show" all documented on a DVD that they take home and share! We practiced their favorite chicken recipe which they helped prepare for 8 people! We did make a mess in the kitchen! But their parents were proud of them and enjoyed the meal!

Here it is...low fat recipe: Chicken legs and breasts, skin the pieces of chicken, dip the pieces in yogurt mixture, then shake in a bag of crushed rice krispies, place in a baking dish and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour, more or less.



My primary goal this summer has been to stay cool and I have been fairly successful. Dewey and I were excited to go Seattle in August to spend a week with our older son and his wife. The four of us went out to the San Juan Islands and enjoyed beautiful scenery and delightful weather. A visit to a lavender farm gave us the opportunity to taste lavender ice cream and shortbread. All sorts of creams and lotions were also available. What a lovely sight to see field after field of lavender. While on the island we also visited an alpaca farm. What cute animals they are and they come in gray, tan , black brown and white . The only thing we DIDN'T see was Orcas. I was really disappointed about that but we enjoyed our time spent looking for them.

When we returned from the San Juans to Seattle Durham's weather caught up with us and the temperature reached 96 ! A record for Seattle and Jonathan and Susan's house has no AC. A couple of days after we returned to Durham our AC died. See why my goal has been to stay cool !

Babysitting the grandsons for 5 days in Arlington was lots of fun for Dewey and me. At 2 1/2 and 1 they are a handful , but we love every minute of it. A beach trip is planned with the grandsons and their parents in October.

One book I read this summer that was especially good and I recommend it . *The Invisible Bridge* by Julie Orringer is a story about a young Hungarian architectural student who goes to Paris to study in the years leading up to World War Two. There he meets Klara , who has an interesting story of her own. We are given vivid pictures of what Hungarian Jews went through in labor camps and throughout Hungary during the war. This is a thick book but well worth the time it takes to read it.

And now.... to the routines of Fall !

Bet Lawson

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Member News

Hi, Nancy!

My big news is that our two sons made major moves. Alan, now 25, moved from D.C. to Atlanta, where he just started law school at Emory.

David, now 21, made the hard decision to leave West Point, as he was undecided if the Army was the right career path for him, and he is now happy and settled at Rice University in Houston.

I attended my 40th high school reunion, and I was pleasantly surprised at how much I enjoyed the parties. My high school was full of cliques, and I tended to blend in with the walls of the buildings. But everyone has matured, and I truly enjoyed hearing everyone's life stories. Now I'm looking forward to our next reunion!

I am also involved in researching my family history and my husband's family history. My research has led me to the churches and cemeteries in Randolph County, NC, and my husband's history is leading me to the hills of Kentucky this fall.

I hope your summer was fun and relaxing---but I have the feeling that you never really relax. You always have so many projects!

Suzanne Payne

I have found a great mom and pop restaurant on Hillsborough Rd called Bergamma's. Across from Wendy's. It serves Mediterranean and American food and it is fabulous and affordable. Mama is the cook. Better hurry. The word is out.

Here is a good link:

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/bergama-restaurant-durham>

Summer Solace

In the heat of every summer I have an epiphany moment when it hits me "Oh yes, it's the dog days of summer! No wonder I feel like this: dogged by heat and humidity and parched earth is the norm for all of us who live in the south." But this summer was different. I never was beset by dog days. It has been hot and dry but my spirits have remained cool and fresh. It started in June with a fun family beach week at Holden Beach with 16 of us sharing a seven bedroom house with ocean waves washing up almost to our front door. Ten of the 16 live out west so naturally they loved swimming and riding waves and building sand castles despite occasional jellyfish stings. Everyone had fun and enjoyed being together.

For the July 4th weekend, I volunteered at the Eno Festival at the Friends of State Parks exhibit along with other FSP board members and friends. In July, I went to Carolina Beach to visit more family and attend a Turtle Restoration Project presentation at Carolina Beach State Park.

A week at Montreat was one to savor where I visited a friend and discovered two new restaurants in Asheville—12 Bones Smokehouse where I had ribs flavored with chipotle blueberry sauce—and the Corner Kitchen in Biltmore Village and both I would highly recommend.. That week ended with an ascent in the fog, to the top of Mt Mitchell, by automobile, of course, although there were bikers along the way.

Those are some highlights of my summer. I hope you had fun too.

Dorothy Graham

PS: Please read the article on the next page and help out with the card distribution!

The Child Outside from Dorothy Graham

“Last Child in the Woods ...Take a Child Outside... No Child Left Inside”-- these three phrases share a common image of a child outside but have different origins and are intended to inform and motivate parents, educators, and policy makers in different ways.

Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder is a book by Richard Louv published in 2005. “This book explores the increasing divide between the young and the natural world, and the environmental, social, psychological, and spiritual implications of that change. It also describes the accumulating research that reveals the necessity of contact with nature for healthy child—and adult—development.” (From the “Introduction)

Last Child in the Woods has been read extensively and inspired many to action. Liz Baird, Director of School Programs for the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences, was so moved by the book she worked in partnership with Richard Louv to spearhead what has become a national initiative, “*Take a Child Outside*” (TACO), designed to help break down obstacles that keep children from discovering their natural world. September 24-30, 2010 has been designated “*Take a Child Outside Week*.”

The *No Child Left Inside Act* would amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (No Child Left Behind) to include environmental education for the first time. The *No Child Left Inside (NCLI) coalition* was founded in 2007 to alert Congress and the public to the need for our schools to devote more resources and attention to environmental education. The coalition is comprised of environmental, educational and public health organizations, businesses, civic organizations, and other public enterprises. Individuals may also be members.

These are related concepts all sending a similar message—that time spent outside in contact with the natural world can offer a growing child tremendous benefits and that we as adults have a vital and urgent role to play in fostering this connection. Obviously our state parks are an important resource to families and teachers and a wonderful place for today’s children.

Again, September 24-30 is “Take a Child Outside Week.” I hope you can!

I NEED HELP and/or SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS:

I am chairing the Friends of State Parks Junior Ranger Committee. We have just printed a large quantity of rack cards to promote participation of young people ages 6 to 12 in the Junior Ranger program which is available in all our state parks. I would love your ideas or Delta Gamma members ideas for distributing the cards in places where parents of kids this age might already be going that I could follow up with when I'm back here at the end of September.

Member News

Summer Highlight

For the first time in years, Ray and I spent 5 weeks at our cabin on Lake Michigamme in Upper Michigan. Surrounded by white birch trees and cooler (than NC!) temperatures, we tackled long overdue maintenance projects: powerwashing and watersealing the deck and painting the exterior of the log cabin.

We took a break from home improvement projects to visit beautiful, rugged Isle Royale national Park. This island in Lake Superior is accessible only by ferry (3 hours from Copper Harbor) or seaplane. The delicate balance of the isolated wolf/moose populations on the island has generated the longest ongoing predator/prey mammal study (50 years).

We encountered a female moose and her calf on an isolated trail, heard the haunting calls of the loons, and enjoyed local lake trout or whitefish dinners in the lodge each evening. From the Greenstone Ridge trail, running the 45 mile length of the island, we could see both Canada and the United States! Gerry Larson

News from SUE PRESTON in Wisconsin!

Please (if there's room) let my fellow members know I looked for a local Wisconsin chapter to transfer to, but didn't find one here that had very many members still in teaching or much contact with active teachers. So... I have decided to remain an active (if absent) member of Delta Gamma. I still feel so close to all my friends in Durham, this feels like the right decision. And who knows, I may make a flying visit one day and attend a meeting. I'd love to see everyone again!

My snail address is 6302 Mineral Point Rd., #112, Madison, WI 53705.

Visitors are welcome, if anyone's "up" this way for any reason. I will show off grand daughters for any occasion! Sue Preston

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OK, Nancy, you asked for it! Sue...
First photo shows my younger son, Ben, being attacked by his little daughter Malia. I love this photo!



Second photo is of the younger of the 2 sisters here in Madison, Amelia (whom I call Molly).



And the third photo is of our Catie, the older. A classic beauty -- from her mom's genes. And truly a strong woman. She's all recovered from her 6th surgery on her feet/legs/hip now, and currently back at the Nemours Clinic being assessed for whatever comes next. I'm hoping it won't be surgery again soon, but whatever it is, she'll be ready.

Thanks, Nancy!

Sue



News from Barabara Fish:

I had two highlights this summer: My last day of chemo was on June 11 and I spent a happy August week at Pawleys Island, SC, with my children, their spouses, my grandchildren, my sister, and, of course, my husband.

On June 12, a group of my friends took part in the Race for the Cure in Raleigh. I am delighted to say that Barbara's Team raised more than \$1000 for cancer research and support for cancer patients in the Triangle. Next June, I hope to participate as a survivor.

On August 23, I began radiation treatments, the next step in making as sure as possible that I have no recurrence of my breast cancer. The treatments last only about five minutes, but I will have them for six weeks, five days a week. The major side effect for me is sleepiness, not every day, not all day, but from time to time. On my awake days, I feel very close to "normal," a good thing.

I thank all of you for your good thoughts and messages of support during this challenging time.

Barbara Fish

Happy Occasion Cards: \$ 3.00 each

“On this special day love and joy to someone who has taught me many wonderful things! This card is acknowledgement that a contribution has been made to Delta Kappa Gamma to assist a young person who is studying to become a teacher.”

Sympathy Cards: \$ 5.00 each

“Because your loved one cherished the joy of watching children learn and flourish in our world, a contribution to Delta Kappa Gamma has been made in memory of _____ to assist a young person who is studying to become a teacher.”

All money raised from the sale of the cards goes to the Recruitment Fund!

News of Interest from NCDPI:

Meet the Real George Washington - That's right! President and Mrs. Washington are arriving in Raleigh in September for an extended visit, and they want to make sure your students get to see them.

“Discover the Real George Washington: New Views from Mount Vernon,”

organized by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, will be on view at the North Carolina Museum of History from Sept. 10-Jan. 21, 2011. Students will see more than 100 original artifacts associated with George Washington, including the only surviving complete set of his dentures! The N.C. Museum of History is the only venue in the Southeast on the exhibition's tour. There is no admission fee for school groups to tour this exhibit.

Thanks to the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, schools may also qualify for grant money to pay students' transportation to Raleigh. For more information on how to apply for a transportation grant, contact Debra Nichols at 919-807-7986 .

debra.nichols@ncdcr.gov.

Registration for group tours will begin Aug. 1st.

To schedule tours for groups of 10 or more call Capital Area Visitor Services at:

919-807-7950 or

toll free at 866-724-8687

■ Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. For more information, visit the museum's Web site:

www.ncmuseumofhistory.org.



Delta Gamma Chapter

Proposed Operating Budget for 2010 – 2011

Estimated Receipts

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| 25 Active Dues @ \$79.00 | \$1975.00 |
| 4 Reserve Dues @ \$34.00 | \$136.00 |

Total Estimated Receipts **\$2111.00**

Estimated Expenses

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| International Dues 25 @ \$40, 4 @ \$20 | \$1080.00 |
| State Dues 25 @ \$15, 4 @ \$2 | \$383.00 |
| State Scholarship Fee 29 @ \$1.00 | \$29.00 |
| Total International and State Dues | \$1492.00 |

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| Yearbook, Postage, Supplies | \$100.00 |
| Programs | \$75.00 |
| Convention, Leadership Training | \$275.00 |
| Banquet/ Initiation Expenses | \$75.00 |
| Contributions | \$50.00 |
| Special Project | \$25.00 |
| Flowers, Miscellaneous | \$19.00 |

Total Estimated Expenses **\$2111.00**

The chapter keeps \$23 of the Active \$79 dues (\$56 is sent to International and State) and \$11 of the Reserve \$34 dues (\$23 is sent to International and State.) In this proposed budget, the chapter's portion of dues gives us \$619.00 for our Operating Fund.

The deadline for paying dues is October 31. It makes my job a little easier if you get them in sooner. Active is \$79; Reserve is \$34. Make checks payable to "Delta Gamma Chapter". If you want to include a contribution for the Grant-in-Aid Fund at this time, you can do it in the same check or 2 separate checks.

Also, please check your address on your new membership card. If there is an error, let me know ASAP. Returned mailing, due to incorrect addresses, are costing both State and International big sums of postage due money.

Thanks, Joan East 315 Purefoy Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27504.

**Delta Gamma Financial Statement
July 1, 2010 – September 7, 2010**

General Fund, BB&T Checking Account

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| Beginning Balance | <u>\$678.70</u> |
| Receipts: | |
| Dues, 2 active, 1 reserve | \$192.00 |
| Grant-in-Aid Fund Contribution | \$17.00 |
| Total Receipts: | <u>\$209.00</u> |
| Disbursements: | |
| SECU, open Share Account | \$25.00 |
| SECU, open Money Market Account, Reserve Fund | \$543.00 |
| Service Fee | \$4.00 |
| Check to Joan East, transferred to GIA Fund | \$17.00 |
| Total Disbursements: | <u>\$589.00</u> |
| Balance in Checking: | <u>\$298.70</u> |

*A 13 month CD of \$1000.00 @ 1.00% matures on October 24, 2010

SECU ACCOUNTS, opened July 15, 2010

Share Account

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| Opening Balance | <u>\$25.00</u> |
| Interest, July and August | \$00.05 |
| Balance | <u>\$25.05</u> |

Reserve Fund, Money Market Account

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| Opening Balance | <u>\$543.00</u> |
| Dividend, July and August | \$1.16 |
| Balance | <u>\$544.16</u> |

Grant-in-Aid Fund (Recruitment), Money Market Account

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| Opening Balance, July 15, 2010 | <u>\$2672.74</u> |
| Transferred from BB&T checking Account | |

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| Receipts: | |
| Dividend, July and August | \$ 5.30 |
| Contributions | \$77.00 |
| Total Receipts: | <u>\$82.30</u> |

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| Disbursements: | |
| Amie Clark | \$400.00 |
| Total Disbursements: | <u>\$400.00</u> |
| Balance | <u>\$2355.04</u> |