



THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL



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## Mark Your Calendars

### An Evening at the Margaret E. Moul Home

Tour and Chapter Meeting  
Wednesday, October 25, 2017  
6:30 PM

### DKG Dues Deadline

October 20 by Mail  
October 25 Brought to Meeting

### DKG Girl Scout Badge Event

Sunday, November 12, 2017  
2:00-4:00 PM  
Aldersgate UM Church  
397 Tyler Run Rd.  
York, PA 17403

### Eta Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 6, 2017  
Out Door Country Club  
6:30 PM

### Christmas Caroling at Normandie Ridge

Monday, December 11, 2017  
6:30 PM

### Eta Fundraiser and Therapy Dog Presentation

Wednesday, February 7, 2018  
4:30 PM Dinner at Isaac's  
6:30 PM- Presentation at Normandie Ridge

### DKG Four Chapter Meeting

Saturday, April 7, 2018  
Time and Place TBA



## A Message from Your President

Dear Sisters,

This is my last year as Eta's president. I think we have scheduled several great programs. One of the benefits of your membership is the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational and supportive experiences with other women like yourself. This year the Girls' Day Out and the gift baskets for early educators have successfully been completed. With the other upcoming events, there are more reasons to participate whenever possible. Certainly, it is also a reason to renew your membership to Sue March by October 25.

I found two articles in the most recent DKG News really helpful to me. They dealt with the degrees of membership involvement. I sometimes think that as president, I should be able to motivate all members to be interested and active in all of Eta's activities. I guess a president needs to think like that. I know that life and responsibilities happen to all of us. These two articles addressed this topic in a positive manner. Membership means different things to different people for a variety of reasons. I am so happy that Eta has the number of members that it has and that together, we are very supportive of the DKG purposes. We have a 75 year history! Many of you have belonged to Eta longer than I have. I respect that. As life presents its challenges, we all need to make adjustments as needed, but we all continue to recognize our loyalty to the teaching profession. Thus, we maintain our membership and do our part. I think that this is part of what bonds us as sisters, and it is what separates our organization from all the others.

In the last issue, I cited two goals for this year. One of them was the baskets. Thank you so much for your financial support of this project. My second goal is to sign at least two new members. I wonder, would you consider inviting a prospective member to the October meeting? It would be a great opportunity for you to share this organization with a friend. I look forward to seeing you soon.

*Hugs, Sisters!*

*Barb*



*Come to experience an evening of hope and inspiration!*

# *Margaret E. Moul Home*

*A Quality Home for Adults with Disabilities  
Founded by the mother of Eta Sister, Nancy Altland*

*Tour and Chapter Meeting  
Wednesday, October 25, 2017*

*6:30 PM*

*2050 Barley Road  
York, PA 17408*

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## **Please Pay Your Dues by October 20, 2017**

For your convenience, we have included the form below.  
Please fill it out and mail your remittance to



Sue March  
1931 Derry Rd.  
York, PA 17408

Sue will also be accepting dues payments at the meeting on October 25.

Please mark the appropriate box below and make your check payable to **Eta Chapter**.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$77 Active Member (\$41 International, \$17 State, \$19 Local)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$44 Reserve Member (\$21-International, \$7 State, \$16 Local)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Beulah Frock \$1,000 Scholarship Winners



The Lebanon Valley Music Scholarship was won by Mt. Wolf resident **Faith Brown**, a graduate of Northeastern High School and a senior Music Education Major at Lebanon Valley College. Faith was one of three student winners for Lebanon Valley College's annual Concerto Aria Competition last spring.

**Breah Koller** is a graduate of York Suburban High School and is a junior at Lebanon Valley College, majoring in Music Education. Breah was named to the Dean's List in the spring semester at LVC, and also received The Writing Award.



Eta Scholarship committee chair Paula Trayer, scholarship winner Breah Koller and Eta President Barbara Heilman



## Eta Sisters Experience Annual Girls' Day Out

July 27<sup>th</sup> marked a special summer event with an opportunity for Eta members to enjoy a day in downtown York. The group began the day with a visit and informative tour of the **Goodridge Freedom Center**, which was part of the Civil War's Underground Railroad. Our tour guide, Carol Kauffman shared her knowledge of the history of William C. Goodridge, his wide diversity of business involvements as an entrepreneur, how he acquired his stately home, and a lively description of his many contributions to the establishment of York as a thriving community and clandestine haven for runaway slaves. A donation of \$40 from Eta Chapter was made.

The tour was followed by a visit to Central market, where Eta Sister Gayle Brass led us to her daughter's business known as **Gigi's Crepes**, where we were treated to some delicious free samples. There was then time to visit the outdoor music concert at Cherry Lane, or to stroll through the boutiques and galleries..The afternoon culminated in a fabulous lunch at **The Rockfish Public House** on George Street, where everyone ordered from a wide variety of menu choices, and lively conversation was enjoyed.

"We need women who are so strong they can be gentle, so educated they can be humble, so fierce they can be compassionate, so passionate they can be rational, and so disciplined they can be free." — Kavita Ramdas

## Eta Book Club News

The next meeting of Eta Book Club will offer everyone an opportunity to share a book of her own choosing. Even if you can't attend the meetings, the book suggestions are a fun way to discover some great titles for your reading pleasure. There is no formal membership of the book club, and you are free to come whenever you can. The group will meet on Wednesday, October 11 at 9:00 AM at the Lyndon Diner on Rt. 30 near Kenneth Road. Come to enjoy breakfast, fellowship and great sharing of ideas and impressions. Call Betzie O'Connor, 225-0200 or Barb Heilman, 266-5928 for more information. Hope to see you there!

"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book."

-J.K. Rowling



*Best Wishes for good health and continued recovery to*

*Ruth Althouse!*

*Ruth had knee replacement surgery on July 25. We love you, Ruth, and hope to see you soon!*

## Eta Generously Supports Early Educator Service Project

Ten York City beginning teachers were recently presented with baskets loaded with supplies ranging from everyday practical items like post-it notes and markers, to little snacks for energy and stamina. Of particular interest was Pam Wible's preparation of bags complete with a card for each, with a clever play on words to encourage the recipients.

Eta chapter members gathered on August 24 at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Manchester to assemble the items that were donated by individual members. There were plenty of items that filled ten baskets to the brim, and were sure to delight and encourage teachers just starting out in education.

Additionally, the gift baskets contained pamphlets informing the recipients about Delta Kappa Gamma and its mission.

As an added feature of the evening, Nicole Braswell, niece of Barbara Heilman, shared her firsthand experiences as a homeschool teacher with us. Through Nicole's presentation, attendees were able to catch a glimpse of the particular challenges, advantages, and successes that a dedicated homeschool parent faces each day. With the obvious positive outcomes that her children have

gained, including college athletic scholarships, athletic opportunities to excel in partnership with her local school district, and broad exposure to a world of learning through membership in peer organizations, Nicole could be a "Poster Mom" for homeschool education.

It was interesting to note that many of the challenges that public school educators face are shared by parents who choose to educate their children at home. State standards must be met, and demonstrated to an independent evaluator in order for the students to be promoted to the next level. There is abundant paperwork that is intended to serve as evidence that individual goals have been set and achieved, and parents must choose from a menu of options for standardized testing. Motivation is another key element in keeping home schooled students actively engaged. Similar to public school students, those who learn at home have "good days and bad days". Nicole stays on top of it with a deep sense of honor for the individual needs and talents of her six children, a consistent routine, and has loved teaching them well! The proof has been in their abundant success.

[Sue March and Barbara Heilman present York City beginning teacher Mace E. Grafton with an Eta Gift Basket.](#)



Zonda Himes, Sue March, Mary Goodwillie, Terri Stetler, Barbara Heilman, and Susan Martin pause to admire the finished gift baskets they assembled from chapter donations.

