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A Message from Your President

Thank you, Sisters, for making my first four months as Eta Chapter President a very positive experience. I have sincerely appreciated the love and support you have shown me. It began when 22 of you attended the April Four Chapter Meeting when I was installed as President. Then, just days later my mother passed away on the 28th of April. Your compassion and sympathy for me at that time overwhelmed me. All of you corresponded with me in your own way. I will always remember thinking that God knew I would need you guys when this happened, and He had given me just enough time in the chapter to get to know you. When you supported me at this difficult time, I realized just how blessed I was to belong to such a supportive group of women. In June I enjoyed my President's Training at Penn State and the opportunity to celebrate the successes of the past year with Susan, Terri, Jean, and Ruth. The anticipation and excitement for this year were apparent as I mingled with the sisters from other chapters across the state. Soon several of you helped me finalize our programs for the year. I think we have an exciting year planned, and I hope each of you can participate in these opportunities.

Eta chapter has completed two projects this summer. The Scholarship Committee notified their chosen recipients. The Early Educator gifts have been delivered. In both cases Delta Kappa Gamma made an impact on the lives of others in education. It has been an excellent start.

Personally, I feel as though I have gotten to know each of you better. That is one of my goals. I recognized immediately after joining Eta that I was going to enjoy your company and that I would learn many new things from each of you. I love that! I really enjoyed when eleven of us went to Kitchen Kettle in June. Then in August thirteen members attended Book Club! I look forward to more good times with my sisters at our future events and projects. Until then...

Hugs
Barb



Mark Your Calendars

An Evening of History with Jim McClure

Thursday, October 16, 2014
 York daily Record
 6:00 PM
Meeting to Follow

DKG Dues Deadline

October 17, 2014

Eta Christmas Party

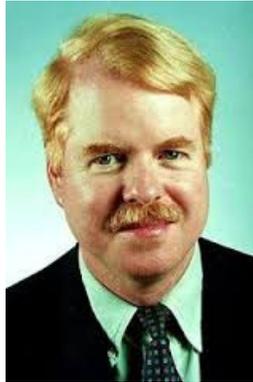
Tuesday, December 9, 2014
 The Paddock on Market
 6:00 PM

Tour of The Lehman Center

Wednesday, February 4, 2015
 6:00 PM
Meeting to Follow

An Evening of History with Jim McClure

October 16, 2014
York Daily Record Building
1891 Loucks Road
York, PA 17408
6:00 pm



Come to listen and learn from Jim McClure, brother of Eta sister Margaret Ramage. Jim is the Editor of the York Daily Record/York Sunday News and associated digital products since May 2004. Before that, he was the managing editor of the York Daily Record for 15 years. In 2012, he was named [East Region Editor for the YDR's parent Digital First Media](#), with oversight for 24 daily newsrooms and 50 or more weeklies. In that capacity, he was a senior editor on DFM on-site teams that covered the school shootings in Newtown, Conn., and the Boston Marathon bombing.

Jim is the author or coauthor of seven books on York County history — “Never to be Forgotten, A Year-By-Year Look at York County’s Past,” “Nine Months in York Town, American Revolutionaries Labor on Pennsylvania’s Frontier,” “Almost Forgotten, A Glimpse at Black History in York County, Pa.,” “East of Gettysburg, A Gray Shadow Crosses York County, Pa.” and “In the Thick of the Fight, York County, Pa., Counters the Axis Threat in WWII.” I co-authored “Civil War Voices From York County” and “Echoing Still: More Civil War Voices from York County.” (**For sale at www.yorkheritage.org and www.barnesandnoble.com.*) He writes daily entries, or posts, in his York County journalism/history blog, [York Town Square](#).

In addition, Jim holds a master’s degree in American Studies from Penn State Harrisburg, where his research focus was on York County journalism history. He is past president of Pennsylvania Associated Press Managing Editors and past president of the Pennsylvania Society of Newspaper Editors. Don’t miss this exciting Eta event!

Meet your Eta sisters for dinner at 4:00 at nearby restaurant, details TBA

Annual Dues Information

It’s that time of year again! Please fill out the form below with your name and appropriate box and bring it with your check made payable to **Eta Chapter** to the meeting on October 16, or send both to **Sue March, 1931 Derry Road, York, PA 17408 by October 17.**

Name _____

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

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

_____ **Total**



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Eta Announces 2014 Scholarship Recipient

This year's Beulah Frock Music Education scholarship was awarded to three students. The Lebanon Valley College recipient is **Rachel Yeater** from Cornwall, PA. Rachel is a French horn player, a singer in the Concert Choir, and has outstanding grades. The York County Awards were once again won by Susquehanna University junior **Jamie Marrs** who is a graduate of Northeastern High School. Both of Jamie's parents are York County teachers! The third recipient is once again Indiana University of Pennsylvania junior **Noah Rick**. Noah sent Eta sister Mildred Kahley a detailed letter in which he expressed warm gratitude for our chapter's "generous support". Included in his letter was an official academic transcript showing his grade point average of 4.0, and naming him as a Robert E. Cook Honors College Student. Our sincere congratulations to all three of these outstanding music students! We wish them well in their academic pursuits, and we are proud to support them.

2014 International Convention Highlights from Indianapolis, IN

Submitted by Susan Martin

The Convention provided an opportunity to meet and network with other international women educators and leaders from the 17 member countries in fulfilling our mission of promoting professional and personal growth of educators and excellence in education worldwide.

Keynote Speakers The five day event included some very dynamic keynote speakers and a wide selection of workshops. The first session's speaker was Sarah Sladek, founder and CEO of XYZ University and the author of *The End of Membership as We Know It*. Sarah shared ideas for attracting and retaining multigenerational DKG members. We are faced with a balancing act in meeting the demands and means of communication with the different generation characteristics as we attempt to attract new members and retain members. The Gen Xers who were parented by the Baby Boomers are characterized by high levels of skepticism and are not open to joining. Then we are faced with Gen Y, who are incredibly technology savvy and grew up with cable TV, satellite radio and the internet. The Gen Y women educators are the group we are supporting in their early educator experiences.

The second keynote speaker nationally recognized and award winning expert on marketing and customer service, Ron Rosenberg, guided us in the hidden secrets to doubling our memory through the use of effective associations. The third keynote speaker was Dr. Ellen Kennedy, the executive director of World Without Genocide, who graphically increased our awareness and understanding of the effects of human trafficking, a form of modern-day slavery.

Non-Dues Revenue Let me tell you about non-dues revenue, revenue that you can produce that will benefit the society. Many of you know that

purchasing items on the internet saves you time. When you purchase items through AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to DKG. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon with which you are already familiar and they will support DKG. Start shopping at smile.amazon.com and sign in. Another place to shop that will support the Society is Goodsearch at www.goodsearch.com. You can sign up through Facebook or email. Type Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to register and support DKG. Many businesses with which you shop (Best Buy, hp, Staples, FTD, Kohls, etc.) will give a percentage of your purchases to the Society.

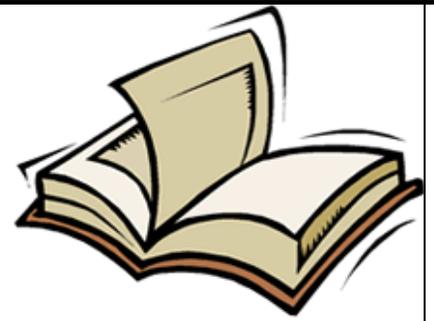
Educators Book Award As you may have read in the DKG News, the Educator Book Award was presented to Dr. Rachel Adams, a professor at Columbia University. Her book, *Raising Henry, A Memoir of Motherhood, Disability & Discovery*, details with heart and humor the challenges and joys which she has endured with the arrival and raising of second son, Henry, who was diagnosed with Down syndrome.



Eta Past-President Susan Martin (l.) with DKG International President Dr. Lyn Schmid (r.)



A-tiskit, a-tasket, look at all those baskets! Items for at least 12 baskets were donated and assembled by enthusiastic Eta members at Laura Emerick's home on August 6. The baskets were then delivered to local Early Career Educators in various school districts. Many thanks to everyone who helped to bring this project to fruition. Your generosity will inspire and encourage these young teachers to stay in education, and ultimately bring about positive change in their schools and in their communities!



Eta Book Club News

The next meeting for the Eta Book Club will feature The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty. The group will meet on Wednesday, October 1 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!



Were You There?

Twenty-one Eta Sisters had a great time at the annual "Four-Chapter Meeting" held in The Congressional Room at Normandie Ridge on April 5, 2014. Guest speaker for the event was Kay Stuart, Alpha Alpha State President, who installed the new officers for the four chapters.

Minutes of Chapter Meeting May 28, 2014

The Eta Chapter met on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 6:00 PM at The Cottage Place, 1719 Normandie Drive, for our annual planning meeting, with 16 members in attendance. We each brought a food item to share and beverages were provided. Barb Heilman had grace.

Call to Order – Susan Martin, president, called the business meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

Acceptance of Minutes - The minutes of the April 5, 2014, meeting were accepted as printed in the May, 2014 Newsletter. It was moved by Carolyn Dietz and seconded by Ruth Althouse.

Treasurer's Report – Sue March, treasurer, reported a balance as of today of \$5051.67 in our treasury. \$79.00 was collected at our last meeting in the Anna Mary Melhorn Red Box. Susan read an article dated April, 1995 naming the Anna Mary Melhorn Scholarship. This is attached to the minutes. Susan as our current chapter president will take her expenses for State Convention from the \$500.00 allocated in our budget. What is left will be shared with Barb Heilman, incoming chapter president, toward her State Convention expenses. The report was filed.

Membership – Cheryl Weyant has not yet been initiated into our chapter due to health reasons.

Society Business

Old Business

Projects

1. Fundraiser Committee Reports - Mary Goodwillie presented a paper with information on 3 day trips from Bailey Travel. We asked her to find out more information on the fine dining restaurant at Longwood in Spring, 2015, and also more about the crab cruise and Pennsylvania Grand Canyon in Wellsboro, PA.

Susan Martin reported on the 50/50 drawing which we are allowed to do without getting a State Small Games of Chance License as long as we sell the tickets to our members in a meeting setting. Judy has tickets which we may use. Judy made the following motion which Lynn seconded: We will do the 50/50 drawing at every meeting and if a member doesn't wish to accept her winnings she may donate that amount back to the fund and we will also pass the Red Box. The motion passed unanimously. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The Red Box was passed at this meeting. We collected \$70.50 tonight. These fundraising efforts are for the 2015 Anna Mary Melhorn Scholarship.

Polly is selling necklaces for \$5.00 and \$2.50 of each sale goes toward the scholarship fund.

2. Chapter/State One Chair Project - Our chair will be taken to State Convention and set with the other chairs to symbolize the number of empty chairs in Head Start due to insufficient funding. An Eta Chapter member will attend a session on Saturday to learn more about this project.

3. Support Early Educators Project - This summer the committee will work on how to organize and distribute the items to new educators.

4. York Academy Regional Charter School - Polly had indicated that Dr. Baughman had presented suggestions of items for the Charter school playground that were well beyond our means to support such a project at this time. Lona is going to give us an update after she speaks with Dr. Baughman.

Chapter Rules

Susan presented the revisions of our Chapter Rules to us. A motion was made by Liz and seconded by Pam to accept them as read. Vote was unanimous. Revisions are attached. Susan presented Thank You gifts to Barb Heilman, Judy Sabaka, and Liz Eisenhart. She then turned the meeting over to Barb Heilman, our new president.

New Business -

1. The Finance Committee will meet in July to develop the 2014 - 2015 budget.
2. A sign-up paper was passed for us to choose a committee to serve on.
3. Planning for 2014 – 2015 –
 - A. Access York - A Wednesday in November, 2014 - Pam will work on this.
 - B. The Lehman Center - a Wednesday in February, 2015 at 6 PM. Liz will contact.
 - C. Michael Alessandrone, principal at Northeastern Middle School, to speak on Administrator's Perspective of Changes in Education in March.
 - D. Four Chapter Meeting – April or May, 2015
 - E. Annual Planning Meeting – June, 2015.
 - F. Margaret's brother, Jim McClure, could speak on a topic in history in October.
 - G. Peggy suggested doing a meeting on the topic of Cyber School.
 - H. Margaret suggested the following; presentation on Virtual Charter School - Education Place and also a presentation by a mother of 2 autistic children.
 - I. We are encouraged to invite prospective members to any meeting.
 - J. Barb asked Cheryl Weyant about her experience with cyber teaching. Cheryl offered to check at Hempfield for a possible resource since they teach blended classes.
 - K. Polly suggested these possibilities for programs - Olivia's House Crispus Attucks, and Head Start.
 - L. Liz shared a suggestion from Jo Peters to have some historical information on display at meetings for our newer members to learn more about our heritage.

Adjournment – The Eta Chapter meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Elizabeth Eisenhart, Recording Secretary