

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

For Key Women Educators

Founded May 11, 1929

Sigma Chapter – Installed May 29, 1948

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MISSION, VISION, PURPOSES

Mission Statement: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Vision Statement: Leading women educators impacting education worldwide

The seven Purposes of the Society are the following:

- I. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship**
- II. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education**
- III. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education**
- IV. To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators**
- V. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries**
- VI. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action**
- VII. To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.**

**HISTORY OF SIGMA CHAPTER
ETA STATE NORTH CAROLINA ORGANIZATION
THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
1948 and continuing**

Sigma Chapter of Eta State, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, was organized on May 29, 1948. The new Chapter included women in various types of educational work. The charter members were from Omicron Chapter, Onslow County, and two state members who transferred to the new local Chapter.

Sponsors for Sigma Chapter included: (1) Miss Hattie Parrott, a State Founder, member of the National Committee on the Constitution, and former National Parliamentarian; (2) Dr. Lucille Turner, a State Founder and Delta Kappa Gamma State president; (3) and Miss Ethel Bynum, President of Omicron Chapter.

All charter members signed the constitution. The Charter Members are as follows:

Mrs. B. S. Barnes	Miss Elizabeth Brown
Mrs. M. V. Harlan	Mrs. A. L. C. Hill
Miss Maude Hooker	Mrs. Martha W. Kallam
Miss Kate McDaniel	Miss Mamie Meeks
Mrs. A. R. Munn	Mrs. Edward Phillips
Miss E. Merle Scott	Miss Frances Sutton
Miss Leonora H. Watts	

The first initiate of the Chapter was Miss Lois Smith, who was initiated at this first meeting. Miss Fannie Aldridge and Miss Melba Phelps were accepted as transfer members, which gave the new Chapter 16 active members.

The Nominations Committee was comprised of Miss Kate McDaniel, Mrs. Ben Barnes, and Mrs. Edward Phillips. Miss Hattie Parrott presided over the ceremony for the installation of officers.

Original Officers

May 29, 1948 -1949

**President Miss Elizabeth Brown
First Vice President Mrs. A. R. Munn
Second Vice President Miss Frances Sutton
Treasurer Mrs. Edward Phillips
Corresponding Secretary Miss Maude Hooker
Recording Secretary Miss E. Merle Scott
Parliamentarian Miss Leonora Watts**

Miss Hattie Parrott presented a red morocco Bible to the Chapter. It was engraved with the Chapter name. Omicron Chapter gave Sigma a red leather-bound copy of the constitution, and Dr. Lucille Turner donated a brass tray engraved with the Delta Kappa Gamma insignia. These items were used at the first ceremonial of Sigma Chapter in 1950. Miss Elizabeth Brown, first President, presented the Chapter with a framed charter to be used in all future ceremonials.

Thus, Sigma Chapter of Eta State, Delta Kappa Gamma, became an active part of the National Society of educators whose purposes are to unite women teachers, to confer distinction upon women who are recognized as leaders in teaching, to work toward securing desirable school legislation, to afford able women educators equal representation and recognition with men in the teaching profession, and to give financial aid to capable women who are preparing for the teaching profession.

The state meeting of the Eta State Organization was held in Southern Pines, North Carolina, in 1949. President Brown and Mrs. H. V. Harlan attended the meeting. Later, Miss Brown, Mrs. Munn, Mrs. Kallam, Miss Meeks, and Miss Phelps attended the Delta Kappa Gamma birthday luncheon in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. This activity afforded these members an opportunity to becoming acquainted with much of the history of Eta State and the National organization.

Sigma and Omicron chapters co-hosted the Eta State Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma in Pinehurst, North Carolina, during April of 1950. President Munn and ten Sigma members attended. They learned much of the Society business and the underlying purposes of the organization. They enjoyed the fellowship, beauty of the ceremonies, and the love and devotion shown toward the twelve National and twelve State Founders of the Society. About this time, members from Jones County transferred from Sigma Chapter and joined Upsilon Chapter in Onslow County.

At this point, it was an objective of the Society to remember all pioneer women educators. Under the direction of Miss Lenora Watts, Sigma Chapter developed biographies of several former teachers. The biography of "Miss Dora" Miller was prepared by Miss Wattshodbey. The biographies were sent to Eta State Headquarters to be included in "Some Pioneer Women Teachers of North Carolina," published by Eta State.

When President Munn's tenure ended, she presented Sigma Chapter with a red leather scrapbook. It was her wish that the scrapbook be used to keep a permanent record of all important Society activities.

For the 1952-54 biennium, Sigma Chapter elected its third president. Because of illness, Mrs. Ben Barnes served for only six months. As first vice president, Mrs. Frank (Hannah) Fitzgerald assumed the office of president and completed the full presidential term. Under her leadership, Sigma Chapter became the sponsor of the local chapter of the Future Teachers of America.

In 1952, two members attended the Regional meeting in Roanoke, Virginia, and six members attended the birthday celebration in Greenville, North Carolina, during that same year. During Mrs. Fitzgerald's presidency, Sigma Chapter hosted the November 1953 District Meeting.

First Years of Growth

1948 - 1949

President	Miss Elizabeth Brown
First Vice President	Mrs. A. R. Munn
Second Vice President	Miss Frances Sutton
Treasurer	Mrs. Edward Phillips
Corresponding Secretary	Miss Maude Hooker
Recording Secretary	Miss E. Merle Scott
Parliamentarian	Miss Leonora Watts

1949 - 1952

President	Mrs. A. R. Munn
First Vice President	Miss Frances Sutton
Second Vice President	Mrs. A. L. C. Hill
Treasurer	Mrs. Edward Phillips
Corresponding Secretary	Miss Maude Hooker
Recording Secretary	Miss E. Merle Scott
Parliamentarian	Miss Leonora Watts

1952 - 1954

President	Mrs. Ben Barnes
First Vice President	Mrs. Hannah Fitzgerald
Second Vice President	Miss E. Merle Scott
Treasurer	Mrs. Thurman Vick
Corresponding Secretary	Miss Mamie Meeks
Recording Secretary	Miss Lois Smith
Parliamentarian	Mrs. A. R. Munn

Sigma Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, began growing from the start. To the 16 charter and transfer members were added six Onslow County members and one retired local teacher who had formerly had no local chapter address. There were now 25 active and interested members to learn what they could and put into practice the purposes of the Society. Meetings were planned with care; activities were begun; and members attended local and state meetings. The first president, Miss Elizabeth Brown, in her wisdom had gently guided the Chapter in understanding the organization and growing the Chapter. During this time the local Chapter learned of the overseas scholarship recipient, Mlle. Genevieve Faucher of Algiers. Mlle. Faucher was studying at the University of North Carolina as a recipient of the Eta State scholarship. Sigma contributed to this fund and had Mlle. Faucher as a guest on one occasion.

Delta Kappa Gamma celebrated its Silver Anniversary in 1954. The anniversary convention was held in Boston, Massachusetts. Mrs. Martha May Kallam and Miss Hattie Parrott represented Sigma Chapter. This was a highlight for the Chapter, since now the group was ready to take its place with Delta Kappa Gamma on a National scale. During the National Society's business session, each state organization promised to donate at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for special scholarships in honor of the Society's Silver Anniversary. This amount grew so that each National scholarship recipient received more than thirteen hundred dollars (\$1,300). Sigma members contributed one hundred percent to this endeavor.