

Eta Echoes



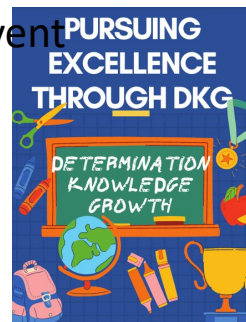
October 2023

It looks like the hot days of summer have finally settled down and have allowed Autumn to do its cool thing. I hope you have all been able to peep some foliage.

Our September meeting was so meaningful to me as our dear sister, Rebecha, presented information about Alzheimer's and shared her walk with Cindy Woods to raise awareness. As many of you know, my mother suffers with Alzheimer's, and it is a mean, cruel disease. Thank you to all who walked or donated to the cause!

I feel like I mention our generosity in every message, but I am always impressed with our donations for so many wonderful causes. This month, we will treat some local nursing homes with greeting cards and healthy snacks as well as help schools collect books, pants, and underwear with our Books, Britches, and Bloomers program from the Literacy Committee. Looking forward, I am excited to host the Christmas tea this year. Remember, it is on a Saturday (December 2), so we can avoid the Sunday traffic of the annual South Berkeley Christmas parade. It will be a festive event where we can meet our potential new members.

Autumn blessings to you all,
Teresa Campbell, President of Eta Chapter
Delta Kappa Gamma, West Virginia State Organization



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Member News & Celebrations



Myrtle Holland and husband welcomed their 8th grandchild!

Anne Helmick's husband was selected as Educator of the Year by the Berkeley Springs Chamber of Commerce. He got to be a Grand Marshal at the Apple Butter Festival.



Sue Flanagan and her husband enjoyed a lovely trip to Alaska this summer. Her husband is now a member of the "I've been in all 50 states" club.

Peggy Whetzel and husband enjoyed a trip to Myrtle Beach, Savannah, and Charleston this fall to celebrate their retirements!



Directions to the Morgan County Schools Board Office for the October Meeting:

Traveling from Rt. 9 to Berkeley Springs from Martinsburg:

Once you pass Pious Ridge Road on your right, you'll go up a hill. Once you cross the hill, there should be an H sign for the hospital. Turn right on that road. It should be Fairfax Street. You'll pass the entrance to the Middle and Intermediate Schools. There may be construction signs because you will cross over the work on the by-pass. Go straight on Independence Street. You'll go behind the former hospital. It's a narrow and winding road that goes downhill. Once you come to the bottom of that hill, you'll see a block building and a road to the right. That road will be Harrison Avenue. You can only turn right on Harrison. Follow Harrison to 247 Harrison. The board office is on the left. There will be parking behind the building.

Traveling from 522 South:

You will go almost through the town and will go through the last stoplight. About a block after passing the last stoplight, you will turn right onto Williams Street. At the intersection, turn left onto Harrison Avenue. The board office will be on your left.

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Reminders



The Literacy Committee needs your help! They are looking for **BOOKS, BRITCHES, AND BLOOMERS** for area children. Items needed are new underwear, socks, leggings, sweatpants, and books! Not coming to the meeting in October? See if a fellow member can bring them to the meeting for you!

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RAPP Request



Dear Eta Sisters,

Once again, I'm asking you to help the families of RAPP (Relatives As Parents Program) in providing Christmas gifts for our children in Berkeley and Jefferson counties. Our almost 50 children are being raised by relatives, usually grandparents, but sometimes aunts and uncles or other relatives.

Once I confirm the list of children, I will share with the donors the first name, age and gender of a child aged 12 and under. I will also share guardian-provided general suggestions of items each child likes, or doesn't like, to help assist you in your gift selections.

We ask you to please keep within these guidelines:

- \$25-\$30 range, because we'd like for the gifts to be equitable. I know it is challenging to find suitable gifts, but please try to stay within the guideline. **If you are feeling very generous, consider buying for more than one child.**
- one wrapped gift for each child– again to be equitable – but we also realize that on rare occasions two packages are needed.
- if your gift requires batteries, please include them, or attach to the package.

If you are not able to shop for a child, but want to help, please consider a donation to RAPP. I will be at the Oct. 28th meeting, and you could contribute then OR you may send a check to our fiscal agent, United Way of the Eastern Panhandle. NOTE: Please make the check out to UWEP and include a note to direct the money to RAPP or note it on the memo line of your check.

Any money you donate will be used to purchase gift cards for the older children (13 and older).

Should we be blessed with extra donations, we will distribute among the families, probably with a grocery gift card.

If you are actively teaching or involved with families in any way, please consider referring kinship caregivers to RAPP. We don't provide direct service, but we welcome families to attend our programs and activities, and we can point them to available community resources.

Contact me with questions.

Please know how much I appreciate your generous support and prayers for our families.

Sue Flanagan

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Christmas

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Saturday, December 2, 2023

2:00-4:00 in the afternoon
at the home of President Teresa Campbell



please bring...

New toys for the Shenandoah Women's Shelter
(in the \$10 price range, in a gift bag)

Donation to Schools
for Africa