

Eta Echoes



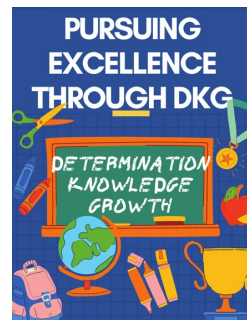
September 2023

As we start another year together, I find myself in awe of my dedicated ETA sisters. Many of us work so tirelessly to bring education in a fun and engaging manner to our students. Even our retired sisters continue to be involved as we live by the philosophy of being a lifelong learner; we are also lifelong teachers.

I enjoyed my first state meeting in April as president, and I was submerged with much information. It was delightful to just be in the presence of other chapters to see and hear their educational and community projects. Delta Kappa Gamma women are certainly creative in all their presentations.

I must give credit to Rebecha, Vicki, Peggy, and Janet for being such a wonderful support system to this first-time president at the state meeting and beyond. These ladies coached me through that long weekend, and I enjoyed their fellowship and words of wisdom. I admire their continued dedication to Eta and DKG! I encourage each of you to consider opportunities that exist in DKG at both local and state levels. The camaraderie of statewide sisterhood is encouraging and motivating.

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



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2022-2024

President: Teresa Campbell

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Member News & Celebrations



Heather Stewart's daughter is expecting another baby in April!

Mary Duke & husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September by visiting 3 islands in Hawaii. They feel very blessed to have fulfilled their goal of visiting all 50 states in 50 years!



Laura Richmond would like to thank all members for their thoughts and prayers during her husband's chemo journey.

Rebecha Catlett is honored to be Berkeley County's Teacher of the Year! She was featured as the "Alumni Spotlight" in Glenville State University's Alumni newsletter this summer. Rebecha and her husband spent the majority of the summer caring for aging parents. However, they enjoyed a fun, weeklong West Virginia camping and waterfall adventure just before the new school year began.



Bethany Miller is excited for a new job this year. After 19 years in first grade, she has moved schools to teach library and technology. She is excited to combine her passions of reading, children's literature, and technology in this new role.

Beth Golden's son is attending WVU on a Bucklew Scholarship. Her daughter is in her second year of law school at WVU. Beth and her husband are hosting an exchange student (from Spain) for the first time. It is a year of transitions.



Vicki Jenkins has a doll of a great grandson. She reports that he is now 5 months old and already has a tooth!

Darleen Miller's granddaughter got married in September!



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THINKING AHEAD...

October 28, 2023, Meeting

Morgan County Board of Education Meeting Room

Brunch: \$12-

Includes eggs, bacon, fruit, pastries, orange juice, &
coffee

RSVP by October 18, 2023



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In Memory of Sara Lueck



Heaven welcomed home a precious angel on Thursday, April 13. Sara Lueck passed away peacefully in the care of Hospice of the Panhandle surrounded by her loving and devoted family.

Born April 4, 1945 in Lewisburg, WV, Sara was the daughter of the late Arnette and Pansy (Martin) Taylor. In 1963, Sara

came to Shepherdstown to attend what was then Shepherd College, where she met the love of her life, Allen Lueck.

They married on August 7, 1971 and made Shepherdstown their home.

Sara graduated from Shepherd in 1967 with a degree in Business Education and a minor in Library Science. An educator for over fifty years, Sara began her career in Virginia at Marsetellar Middle and Blue Ridge Middle until she found her work home for the next 44 years at Jefferson High School.

Sara became a member of the New Street United Methodist Church in Shepherdstown where she served on numerous social committees as well as the Pastor Parish and other nominating committees. Always ready to help, she assisted with all church activities and generously donated funds. Most importantly, Sara was the church's unofficial hospitality ambassador, eagerly welcoming newcomers with her endearing smile and heart-warming spirit.

Extremely involved in the community, Sara was a member of countless organizations over the years including but not limited to: Back Alley Garden Tour, Delta Kappa Gamma, and Jefferson County Cotillion. In 2018, the Shepherdstown Rotary Club presented Sara with its Vocational Service Award for her limitless goodwill.

A staunch supporter of Shepherd University, Sara was a lifetime member of the Shepherd University Alumni Association, a founding member of the Scarborough Society, WISH (Women Investing in Shepherd), Gridiron Club, President's Club, Phi Kappa Phi National Honors Society, and the SUAC (Shepherd University Athletic Club). Sara also served as a board member of the Scarborough Gala Committee, chairing the event from 2002-2022. She was also an instrumental volunteer with the Hall of Fame banquets at Shepherd, received the Hall of Fame medallion, and was inducted into the Joseph P. McMurrin Society. Together, Sara and Al were members of the Shepherd University Foundation. They created five scholarships supporting the football program, donated a Steinway & Sons upright piano in memory of her sister, Drema, and contributed funds toward the purchase of Shepherd's ram mascot, JC. Both Sara and Al are recognized in the university's Honor Roll of Donors as part of the Shepherd Club and were named outstanding Alumni of the Year in 2013.

Known for being the heart of J-High, Sara was not just the media specialist/librarian at Jefferson, she was the epitome of grace, hospitality, optimism, and hope. She welcomed everyone as if they were family, always eager and willing to help in any way possible to ensure they felt a part of the school she so dearly loved. In honor of her unwavering devotion to the school, its staff and especially its students, the media center is now the Sara Lueck Library and Media Center.

A champion of everything Jefferson, Sara believed wholeheartedly in sportsmanship and spearheaded the Sportsmanship Committee at Jefferson where she coordinated football tailgates and senior picnics. Everything Sara did at school was for the students, *her kids*. As their biggest fan, she attended as many sporting events, concerts, activities, performances, ceremonies, banquets, dances, and graduations as she could.

Family also meant the world to Sara as evidenced by what a wonderful loving and devoted wife, sister, and aunt she was to all of them. Surviving Sara is her beloved husband of 51 years, Allen Lueck; her twin sister, Sue Edwards (James); and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Drema Taylor Reed and brothers Harold Walker Taylor and Arlie Laird Taylor.

Services for Sara will be held in the gymnasium at Jefferson High School on Saturday, April 29, 2023 with Rev. John Rudolph officiating. Receiving friends will be from 10 am to 1 pm. The service will commence at 1 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making contributions to The Shepherd University Foundation, PO Box 5000, Shepherdstown, WV 25443, Jefferson High School, 4141 Flowing Springs Road, Shenandoah Jct., WV 25442 in memory of Sara Lueck on the memo line or New Street Methodist Church, 202 W. New Street, Shepherdstown, WV 25443.

Arrangements are by the Melvin T. Strider Colonial Funeral Home, Ranson, WV.

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Reminders



We are creating
NEW TEACHER GOODY BAGS
at the September meeting!

Please bring school supplies that new teachers can use in their classrooms to the meeting. We will assemble goody bags for new teachers to be dispersed throughout the 3 counties.



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Berkeley County Teacher of the Year Rebecha Catlett

Rebecha is honored to be the Berkeley County Teacher of the Year! She would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our members for the outpouring of congratulations, phone calls, texts, emails, cards, gifts, and flowers in the days after she was named Teacher of the Year.

She loved seeing Eta sisters in the audience supporting her and has been so touched by all of the love and support. She is so grateful to have such kind and supportive friends that she treasures.

Congratulations on this well-deserved honor, Rebecha!

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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 Sept. 23rd and Oct. 28th meeting, and you could contribute then OR you may send a check to our fiscal agent, United Way of the Eastern Panhandle, Attn: Kathy Crothers.

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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