



From A to Z

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President's Message

Dear Sisters,

Happy 2024! A brand new year is finally here! I hope that your holidays were filled with family and joy, and that the new year continues to bring you good fortune, health, and happiness!

Thank you all for your marvelous participation at our Grant-In-Aid auction held in November. We raised \$2159, which is the highest total we have had in years! Not only was it successful financially, but a great time was had by all - including some prospective members!

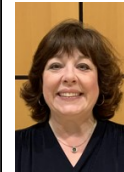
As shared in our November meeting, a great deal of interest was shown in having opportunities for chapter members to participate in fun, non-meeting related activities. A survey was sent out previously, but due to the low number of responses, I had promised to re-send the link to you. Please fill this out and we will get the fun going: [Fun Activities Survey!](#)

The executive board is in the midst of planning for the next biennium. At this point, we have an incomplete slate of officers, and we need for a sister (or sisters!) to take on the responsibility of the presidency. If you are interested and/or would like to nominate someone, please let me know! We don't want to lose the momentum our chapter has!

We also have an opportunity for a sister to take on the role of Regional Director for our area! If you would like to be considered, please let me know and I will send your contact information on to our Amy Smith, our current Regional Director.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on February 3! Just a reminder - Hostess Group 2 is in charge of refreshments. Hostess Group 2 includes Kim, Rachel, Peggy, Amy, Missy, Nancy, and Susan. For refreshment and book swap planning purposes, please [rsvp your attendance here!](#)

Yours in Sisterhood,
Dr. Rachel Clarke
Alpha Zeta President



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Mission Statement

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

Elevator Speech

Delta Kappa Gamma is an international honor society of women educators, which encourages and supports professional growth through legislative efforts, conferences, workshops, and offers scholarships to members and future educators.

Theme

“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.”

Upcoming Events

Jan. 13 DKG International Town Hall

Jan. 15-Feb. 15 Spring Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open

Jan. 31 Applications due for NC DKG Educational Foundation grants and endowments

Feb. 1 Applications due for NC DKG Scholarship & International Scholarship

Feb. 1 Educators Books Award submissions due to Educators Book Award Committee

Feb. 1 Deadline to submit articles and news to NC DKG News

Feb. 1-Apr. 9 Early Bird Convention Registration

Feb. 3 AZ Chapter Meeting - “Alpha Zeta Reads!” Book Swap (see p. 4)

Feb. 15 Convention workshop proposals due

Mar. 1 ROSE Awards, Golden Key Award, and Rising Star Award nominations, Newsletter Excellence, Website Excellence, and/or Communications Excellence Award, International Achievement Award nominations, DKGIEF Project applications, and Bulletin: Journal submissions all due

Apr. 13 Alpha Zeta Chapter Meeting: 10-12 @ Atrium Health in Waxhaw

Apr. 26-28 NC DKG Convention, Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham

July 9-13 DKG 2024 International Convention: Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland

June 30-Jul. 4, 2026 DKG 2026 International Convention: Aurora, Colorado

Also check out the [NC DKG calendar online!](#)

Important Items to Note...

- The “Alpha Zeta Reads!” Book Swap event will be held at our next chapter meeting on February 3, 10am to noon at the Atrium Health meeting room in Waxhaw. Read more about this exciting activity on p. 4!
- Click [here](#) for the *NC Data* - December 2023 edition.

Alpha Zeta Grant-In-Aid Auction



Our Alpha Zeta chapter held its annual Grant-in-Aid auction on November 4, 2023 to support educator scholarships and beginning teacher grants.

Alpha Zeta sisters gathered at Paula Tautfest’s home with donated items to auction ranging from holiday decorations to gift items to delicious homemade baked goods and much more.

The meeting opened with a welcome from President Rachel Clarke and inspirational thoughts provided by Janie Webb.



After conducting club business, members enjoyed refreshments while bidding for items showcased by hostess “elves” Rachel Clarke and Janie Webb.

\$2159 was raised from the auction to support Grant-in-Aid scholarships and beginning teacher grants!

Besides raising money, members enjoyed the fellowship, holiday fun, and meeting prospective new members who were our guests!

“Alpha Zeta Reads” 2nd Annual Book Tasting



The program at our next chapter meeting on February 3 will be our 2nd annual “Alpha Zeta Reads!” Book Tasting! It will be presented by the Media Specialists of our chapter and held at the Atrium Health meeting room in Waxhaw at 10:00 a.m. **Feel free to bring a guest!**

A Book Tasting provides an opportunity for all participants to browse a collection of wonderful books, read their covers and maybe the first chapters, make notes about any they think are extra special, and discuss them with their tablemates before choosing some to take home.

Everyone is encouraged to bring 1-3 books they are willing to swap and add them to the mix. Members will rotate through several tables of books to “taste” as many as they wish in the time allotted.

After the tasting session, everyone is free to select the same number of books they brought to swap, *plus an extra one*, to take home to enjoy! We have a collection of books already earmarked for this activity and we even have little book totes with treats inside to carry them home.

We hope everyone will join us for this fun activity while we share and enjoy some wonderful reading selections! [Please RSVP your attendance here.](#)

FAQs:

Q - What should I bring to the book tasting?

A - One to three (really any number is fine!) books of your choice that you are willing to trade.

Q - Does it matter what kind of books I bring?

A - No—any genre is fine... fiction, biography, cookbook, gardening, any are welcome.

Q - What if I don't have any books to bring?

A - No problem—there will be plenty of extra books available. Everyone will leave with something new to enjoy!



Fall 2023 DKG Fine Arts Gallery

Congratulations to our chapter members Deb Christensen and Rachel Clarke who had beautiful photography accepted into the [Fall 2023 Delta Kappa Gamma Fine Arts Gallery](#)! Take a sneak peek below at their entries!

Deb's entries: Left - Butterfly on lantana. Right - Rainbow Falls, Hawaii.



Rachel's entries below: Left - Volcanic rock along the coast of St. Kitts. Right - Flying to Iceland.



Don't Forget!
The Spring 2024
Arts & Humanities
Gallery submission
window is open
Jan. 15 - Feb. 15!

Helpful Info!

New Chapter Member Form

This is a reminder from Tommie Wall regarding new members: Here is the application used when referring someone to membership for the April 2024 induction: [Chapter Member Information Form](#)

AZ Chapter Directory

The 2024 Alpha Zeta Chapter Directory is coming soon. Please watch your email from Paula with a link. Please review your entry and if any information is incorrect just let her know!

NCDKG News Links:

[NC DKG News Flipbook Winter 2023](#)

[NC DKG News Color PDF](#)



Important Websites	www.dkg.org	www.ncdkg.org
www.alphazetanc.weebly.com		www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

January

29 Nancy Smith

February

3 Sue Roberts
10 Taura Napier DeForrest

March

22 Amy Sutton

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“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”

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2024 NC DKG Convention Survey

The Executive Committee has created the [2024 NC DKG Convention Every Member Survey](#) which pertains to questions related to how we may handle future conventions. The Google form has been emailed to all members who have an email address on record. If you do not have an email address on file with NC DKG, please send it to [Leslie Black, our state treasurer](#). Please **complete the survey by midnight on January 29** so that results can be analyzed and reported at the convention on April 26-28.

State Convention Early Registration



Mark your calendars now—registration for convention opens February 1, 2024! Early Bird Registration will end April 9, 2024. *Everyone must register*—award recipients, guests, presenters, and volunteers. When registration opens, an interactive form will be available or you can scan the QR code to the left.

Hotel Reservations

[Register here](#) for the group rate of \$119.00 per night at the Sheraton Imperial Raleigh-Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park. The group rate runs from April 25 through April 28. Place your room reservation by March 21 to get this rate!

Workshop Proposals

Got a topic you'd like to share with fellow NC DKG members at the convention? Then complete the [2024 NC DKG Convention Workshop Proposal Form](#)! Submit your proposal by February 15!

2023-2025 NC DKG Theme:

[NC DKG Website](#)



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DKG International

Upcoming Events

Please [click here](#) to read about upcoming DKG international events!

New DKG Society Handbook

The Handbook of the DKG Society International is now available. Previously known as The Go-To Guide, it has been updated by the International Constitution Committee. Log in to the International website, click on “Publications|Documents” in the menu across the top, and select the “DKG Society Handbook” link.

DKG International Convention

The DKG International Convention will be held July 9-13, 2024, at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. Explore [their website](#) for the latest updates and get prepared to immerse yourself in enriching keynotes, interactive breakout sessions, and valuable networking opportunities. Save the date for an unforgettable experience! [Convention Promo Video](#)
#DKGcon2024

Sign in @ www.dkg.org to access the DKG International newsletter, **DKG News**.

[The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin International Journal for Professional Educators](#)

[DKG International Educators Foundation Brochure](#)

WHO IS A DKG WOMAN?



A LEADER

A DKG woman is a leader at work. Leadership is about influence, impact, and innovation. Leading the way to a future brighter than ever before because they believe in the greatness within you.



AN EDUCATOR

A DKG woman shares her passion for learning and teaching. Educators from all walks of life. ‘a teacher educates the future’. Here’s to those dedicated to teaching, who are working hard in classrooms, day in and day out.



A CONCEPTUAL THINKER

A DKG woman manages to find the perfect solutions to everyday problems! Her creative mind knows no bounds. We know you have a creative side, too. Join the community and showcase your ideas.

Image from the [DKG International website](#).