



# From A to Z

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## President's Message

Happy Spring, Sisters!

It looks like we have finally left the cold, dreary days of winter behind us, and now we are stepping into spring! I hope you all are enjoying this beautiful time with your friends and family!

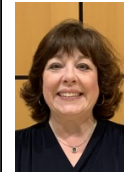
As Paula stated in our recent email, our next meeting is on April 13 at Atrium Waxhaw. Hostess group 3 is responsible for the refreshments and the inspirational thought. We will have our new member induction (please see email I sent earlier this week.) We will also be rotating to our new AMAZING executive board! RSVP [here](#) to help us plan!

In addition, we will be doing an activity so that everyone learns a bit more about each other! This is in response to feedback the sisterhood has provided wanting some more "fun"... and realizing myself that I don't know everyone as well as I would like! We will be doing the "three unique facts" game, and I will need your help to make this happen! I would like for each of you to send me three UNIQUE facts via email, and we will have the sisters match these facts to their respective sisters. Please think out of the box on this as the crazier it is, the more laughter will be had!

Need help in coming up with three fun facts? Try these prompts for ideas: 1) what celebrity have you met? 2) what was your favorite Halloween costume growing up? 3) if you weren't a teacher, what would have been your dream job? 4) what is the specialty dish you love to cook? 5) what was your teenage part time job? 6) what is on your bucket list? 7) what was your childhood nickname? 8) where is the strangest place you've ever fallen asleep? You get the idea! **Please email these to me at [drpclarke1998@yahoo.com](mailto:drpclarke1998@yahoo.com) by April 1.**

I look forward to seeing you all on April 13!

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

**March 31:** Group rate for convention hotel ends

**April 9:** Early Bird convention registration ends

**April 13:** Alpha Zeta Chapter Meeting: 10-12 @ Atrium Health in Waxhaw

**April 15:** Deadline to submit Member Art Gallery form for International Convention

**April 26-28:** NC DKG Convention: Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham

**April 30:** Dissertation Recognition due to International

**May 1:** NC DKG News deadline, Cornetet Individual PD Awards applications due

**May 11:** DKG Founders Day

**May 15:** Bulletin: Journal submissions due

**June 30:** Membership dues due to chapter treasurers

**July 1:** New Chapter Officers Report Form 110 due

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

**June 30-July 4, 2026:** DKG 2026 International Convention: Aurora, Colorado

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

## Important Items to Note...

- The next Alpha Zeta chapter meeting will be held Saturday, April 13, from 10am to noon at Atrium Health in Waxhaw, hosted by Group 3. The program includes an induction of new members as well as new officers for the 2024-2026 biennium. Please RSVP [here](#). Hope to see you all there!
- Click [here](#) for the spring edition of NC DKG News!

## Alpha Zeta Reads!

After the business portion of our February 3, 2024 chapter meeting, members participated in our second annual “Book Tasting” event. Sisters were encouraged to bring books they were willing to swap and add them to the mix scattered about on café tables. Groups rotated through and “tasted” the various selections before choosing some to take home and enjoy in their “Alpha Zeta Reads” goody bags!

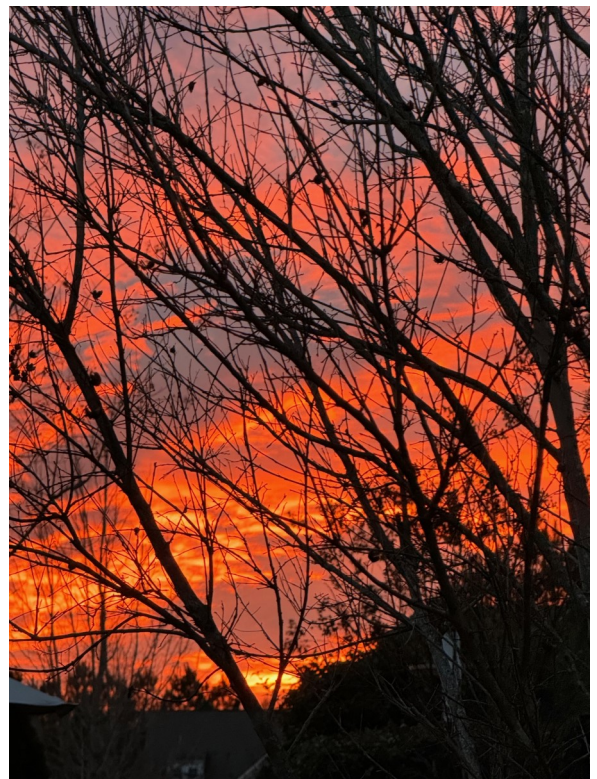


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## **AZ Member Photos Accepted to DKG Spring Art Gallery**

Deb Christensen and Paula Tautfest both had photos accepted into the DKG Spring 2024 Art Gallery! Below is a sneak peek of their photos! Top left from Deb is titled “Natural Bridge and Sky.” Top right from Paula is titled “Haystack Rock.” Below on the left is Paula’s “Isle of Palms” and below on the right is Deb’s “Fiery Sunset.”





## Schroeder Named Assistant Superintendent

We are proud and excited to recognize our very own Dr. Kim Schroeder who has been named Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Assistant Superintendent of High Schools effective July 1! Congratulations, Dr. Schroeder, we know you will be amazing!



## Alpha Zeta

Alpha Zeta members gathered for a heart photo to send some love out to chapter members who were unable to attend February's meeting!

### Important Websites

[www.alphazetanc.weebly.com](http://www.alphazetanc.weebly.com)

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

[www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org)

[www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/)

# ★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

### March

22 Amy Sutton

### April

2 Kim Schroeder  
24 Louise Napier  
30 Frances Davis

### May

1 Paula Tautfest

### June

8 Sara Miller  
21 Lisa Stephens

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**“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”**

## NC DKG



### State Convention Special Guests

The annual DKG Convention will feature two special guests this year: **Catherine Truitt, North Carolina Superintendent of Public Instruction**, will be the speaker at the “RETAIN” banquet on Saturday evening. NC DKG chapter members attending convention this year are encouraged to attend one of two sessions that will be offered by **Peggy Jonas, Finance Director of DKG International**, to introduce and explain the plan resulting from the recently released Avenue M report and how its use will better equip NC DKG chapters to “Recruit! Retain! & Recognize!”



### Convention 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.

### Looking Ahead - Tee It Up For Teachers

Last year's Tee It Up For Teachers event had 63 golfers playing on 16 teams, and 12 Educational Foundation volunteers. It was a great day of fun for everyone and over \$10,000 was raised to support educator grants! Thanks to the tournament sponsors, hole sponsors, volunteers, and chapters who donated snacks, Tee It Up for Teachers was a great success! ***Save the date for the next tournament, October 12, 2024!***

**2023-2025 NC DKG Theme:**

**[NC DKG Website](#)**



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## DKG International

Attending the 2024 DKG International Convention?  
Come dance the night away with us at  
**BOBBY MCKEY'S  
DUELING PIANO BAR**  
Wednesday July 10, 2024  
6-11 pm  
A FUNDRAISER EVENT SPONSORED BY DKGIEF

## 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](http://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](#)

## ABOUT THE

# DKG INTERNATIONAL EDUCATORS FOUNDATION

The DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) began a new phase of The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation (DKGEF) that was established in 1964. The new name was established as a result of the merger of DKG Supporting Corporation (DKGSC) which was established in 2010, merging with the DKGEF in 2020.

### MISSION

The DKG International Educators Foundation supports effective educational projects, the educational and charitable activities of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and professional growth of educators worldwide.

### VISION

Giving to Educate the World



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