



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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Region VIII
Mecklenburg and Union Counties

President's Message

Dear Sisters,

Many of you are winding down your summers and getting ready for the start of the school year. In addition to all of that excitement, it's also time to start a new year in Alpha Zeta!

Our first meeting of the year will be held on September 9, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the Atrium Health Meeting Room in Waxhaw (if you recall, this is where we did our Book Swap last year and we got lots of great feedback about the location!)

We have several things on our program: putting together "goody bags" for the UCPS BTs and lateral entry teachers, and also discussing President Hilda's vision of "Recruit, Retain, Recognize!" In the spirit of President Hilda's vision, we ask that you bring two names AND MAILING ADDRESSES of prospective members to the meeting. Think outside of the box - school counselors, nurses, support staff are really all eligible for membership!

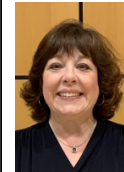
Be sure you [RSVP here](#) so that the Hostess Group can plan accordingly. I also emailed everyone a copy of the hostess groups and proposed meeting schedule.

In addition, Region VIII is trying something new! This fall our regional director, Amy Smith, is leading the way with a great idea! We would like to get some of our members together for a mystery trip! If you participate you would be given a set of envelopes with clues to lead you to our mystery destination, somewhere within Region VIII (Alexander, Cabarrus, Iredell, Mecklenburg). To help us plan, please complete [THIS GOOGLE FORM](#) no later than August 25 if you think you might be interested in participating.

Please remember that dues will need to be paid by the September meeting in order to remain in good standing. Contact Lisa Stephens if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing you all on September 9!

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

August 15 - September 15 - DKG Art Gallery submission window opens.

Submission procedures containing rubrics and guidelines can be found at gallery.dkg.org

September 9 - Alpha Zeta chapter meeting @ Atrium Health in Waxhaw 10 a.m.-

Noon- [RSVP here](#)

September 16 - Fall Executive Board Meeting: Greensboro, NC

September 30 - Applications due for many grants see ncdkgef.org for details

September 30 - Deadline to enter dues to avoid members being dropped

October 27 - NC DKG Founders Day

April 26-28, 2024 - NC DKG Convention: Durham, NC

July 9 - 13, 2024 - International Convention, Maryland

Important Items to Note...

Chapter Directory - We are still working to update our Alpha Zeta member directory. If you are a new member or have changes to your existing information please let [Paula Tautfest](#) know as soon as possible.

Signed Baseball Raffle - MLB Umpire Joe West grew up in Greenville, NC, and played football at ECU. On May 25, 2021 he broke the MLB record for umpiring games with his 5,376th game! Joe signed a baseball commemorating that day and donated it to the NCDKG Educational Foundation for a raffle. Raffle tickets are \$5. If you'd like to buy a ticket contact Rachel Clarke - the money can be venmo'd to her upon request or she can meet for payment. **DEADLINE—AUGUST 25!** The winning ticket will be drawn on Sept. 16. You do not have to be present to win!

If you're interested in being a sponsor or having a team at the 2023 **Tee it Up For Teachers** Event then go to [this page](#) and download the appropriate forms. This charity golf tournament will take place Oct. 7 at the Colonial Country Club in Thomasville, NC.

DKG News - The July/August DKG NEWS is out! Sign in to www.dkg.org & click > Publications > DKG NEWS!

Dr. Sylvia Little-Sweat Celebrates Diamond Jubilee



A number of Alpha Zeta members were in attendance as member Dr. Sylvia Little-Sweat was celebrated at Wingate University on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 for 60 years of teaching.

She is in the Guinness Book of World Records for being the longest career lecturer in the same university (female) category.

At the celebration titled “An Evening with Dr. Sylvia Little-Sweat,” colleagues and former students recollected the impact Sylvia has had and continues to have on them. Sylvia also recited an original poem that reflected on her 60 years at Wingate.

Alpha Zeta is very proud of this amazing achievement by one of our beloved members!

[WSOC TV coverage](#)

[Guinness World Records post](#)

by Deb Christensen, Alpha Zeta





NC DKG Honor and Remember

Who has inspired you? Did you know that you can **Honor and Remember** those people who have been an inspiration in your life?

- Someone who did a kindness for you when you needed it most?
- Someone who has inspired you by all the good deeds they've done for others?
- Someone who helped you with no expectation of returns?
- Someone who is always there for you?
- Someone you love for who they are?

Honor and Remember those special people with a donation to The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation.

Donations of any amount are accepted and are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Donations of \$25 or more receive a hand-written card of thanks from the Foundation. Acknowledgements are also sent to the honoree or the designee of your choice.

If you have questions or wish to learn about planned giving options, contact [Dr. Judith Carlson](#) or [Maxine McCall](#).

Note: This information is shared from the [NC DKG website](#).

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



August	
11	Brenda Owens
12	Susan Williams
16	Sylvia Little-Sweat
18	Elizabeth Mitcham
25	Rachel Clarke

September	
2	Frankie Ritch
5	Judy Cline
5	Alice Coleman
15	Pascale Glenn
15	Sarah Harrison-Burns

October	
1	Wanda Allen
23	Missy Howell

Linking the Past, Present, and Future

“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”

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The NC DKG Educational Foundation website lists the following available grants! Click [here](#) for more details.

[Continuing Education for Professional/Personal Growth](#) Application due September 30, 2023 for educators statewide.

[Learning/Literacy Project Grant](#) Application due September 30, 2023 for educators statewide.

[Dr. Judith B. Carlson Endowment Grant](#) Application due September 30, 2023. For educators statewide supporting enrichment activities, travel, fieldtrips, outdoor education, and other experiential learning.

[Margaret Church Endowment Grant](#) Application due September 30, 2023. For grade 4-12 educators statewide supporting leadership development.

[McCall Gifted Education or Fine Arts Grant](#) Application due September 30, 2023 for educators statewide.

[Phyllis Frye Copeland Endowment](#) Application due September 30, 2023 for active educators in Catawba County for non-consumable materials for hands-on learning experiences.

[The Betsy and Fred Cranford Endowment](#) Application due September 30, 2023. This grant is available to educators in Burke or Caldwell counties.

[Lynda Tambllyn Endowment Grant](#) Application due September 30, 2023 for educators in Guilford County.



2023-2025 NC DKG Theme

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