



From A to Z

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President's Message

Dear Sisters,

I trust that this newsletter finds you happily recovered from an enjoyable and blessed holiday season. For us at the Clarke compound, it was a quiet one – and that's just what we needed!

BIG thanks to our chapter for a successful grant-in-aid auction! We will be able to fund two "Wishful Thinking" grants and two scholarships!

Our February meeting is fast approaching and we are doing something new! We are blessed to have some very talented media specialists in our chapter, and they are working together to plan our first annual "Alpha Zeta Reads!" event. It will be a "book tasting" where we can share our latest great reads and learn about new books we need to put on our nightstand! If you are like me, you can never have too many books on your reading list! See page 3 for details.

Details for our February 4 meeting:

Place: Community Room @ Atrium Health Waxhaw (left corner - back parking lot)

Time: 10 a.m.

RSVP here: [RSVP for February 4 meeting](#)

Don't forget that the submission deadline to present at our state conference is Wednesday, February 15. We have so much talent in our chapter that fits the four categories of workshops: Teaching and Learning, Self Care, Creative Fun, or DKG Society Business. Don't hesitate to share how wonderful our chapter is! In addition, the Educational Foundation Grant Applications are due on January 31. This is a great opportunity for members to grow professionally, so consider taking advantage of this!

I look forward to seeing you all on February 4!

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

- January 15 - February 15** - DKG Art Gallery submission window open
 - January 23** - ASK Time for chapter presidents
 - January 31** - NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due
 - February 1** - Chapter President Annual Report due; Scholarship applications due for NC DKG & DKG International; *NC DKG News* deadline; Deadline for DKG members pursuing advanced degrees to apply for scholarships - apply [here](#).
 - February 4** - Alpha Zeta Chapter meeting
 - February 27** - ASK Time for chapter presidents
 - February 28** - Deadline to apply for Leadership Development Seminar
 - March 1** - *Bulletin*: Journal submissions due; DKGIEF Project applications due; ROSE Awards, Golden Key, Rising Star, Founders Award, and Beginning Teacher Awards due; Newsletter Excellence, Website Excellence, and Communications Excellence Awards requirements due; International Achievement Award nominations due
 - March 25-26** - Leadership Development Seminar
 - March 27** - Group rate for convention hotel ends
 - April 1**– Alpha Zeta Chapter meeting
- Also check out the [NC DKG calendar online!](#)

Looking Ahead...

Conference & Convention Dates

2023

Apr. 28-30	NC DKG Convention Greenville, North Carolina	
Jul. 11-16	2023 International Conference Detroit, Michigan	
Jul. 18-22	2023 International Conference Phoenix, Arizona	
Jul. 26-29	2023 International Conference Tampere, Finland	

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Alpha Zeta Reads!



Our next Alpha Zeta program at our meeting on February 4 is something a bit new... a Book Tasting! It will be presented by the Media Specialists of our chapter.

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 can in the time allotted.

After the tasting session, everyone is free to browse and 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!

FAQs:

Q - What should I bring to the book tasting?

A - One to three 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!

Alpha Zeta's Next Project

You may remember that as part of our Marketing and Membership plans, our chapter elected to "adopt" Sardis and Hemby Bridge Elementary Schools. In the fall, we presented each staff member at those schools with a goody bag filled with fall treats along with information about our chapter! A group of us will be getting together on February 6 in the EC Conference Room, Old Post Office, Monroe, from 10-noon to create Valentine Goody Bags. Want to help? Contact Rachel or Janie!



Alpha Zeta Holds Grant-In-Aid Auction



The Alpha Zeta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held its annual Grant-in-Aid auction on November 5, 2022 to support educator scholarships and beginning teacher grants.

The mission of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Alpha Zeta sisters gathered at a member's home in Waxhaw, NC 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 Deb Christensen. After conducting club business, members enjoyed refreshments while bidding for items showcased by hostess "elves" Janie Webb and Nancy Smith. Approximately \$1330 was raised from the auction to support Grant in Aid scholarships and beginning teacher grants. The Alpha Zeta chapter officers are President, Dr. Rachel Clarke; Co-Vice Presidents, Dr. Kim Schroeder and Janie Webb; Treasurer, Lisa Stephens; Secretary, Nancy Smith; and Parliamentarian Missy Howell.

{ If you were unable to attend our scholarship auction in November and would still like to make a donation, please bring it to our February meeting or mail it to Lisa Stephens at 5728 Verrazano Drive in Waxhaw, NC, 28173. Thank you to everyone! }

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

January

13 Peggy Harris

February

10 Taura Napier DeForrest

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Alpha Zeta Chapter News & Announcements

*Our very own **Jennifer Mitchell** has been named the **2022-2023 Teacher of the Year** for Cuthbertson High School! In December she was highlighted on the Union County Public Schools Facebook page! You can view it [here](#). Congratulations, Jennifer!

*Congratulations to **Deb Christensen** who had two beautiful photos accepted into the **DKG Fall Art Gallery**. Both photos were taken on her trip to La Sagrada Família in Barcelona, Spain. View the Art Gallery [here](#).

*Our chapter **President Dr. Rachel Clarke** has big news to share: “After 29 years of teaching Band, serving as Assistant Principal, then Principal, then After School Care Director - I am **retiring** effective April 1, 2023! I will begin work in my husband's travel agency. Need a trip? See me!”

***Tommie Wall** asked that everyone be reminded that all **applications for chapter membership** can be [emailed to her](#). If you need a copy of the application it can be accessed [here](#). We are excited to grow our membership!

NC DKG Educational Foundation “Message in a Bottle” Fundraiser



The North Carolina DKG Educational Foundation is holding a “Message in a Bottle” fundraiser to help fund grants for NC teachers!

Deb Christensen is going to bring a bottle to our meeting in February and will ask members to bring any spare change or bills they might like to contribute with them to put in the bottle. Here's the background information:

Message in a Bottle: an NCDKGEF Fundraiser

At the Convention in Asheville, bottles began their journey. The bottles, a project of the NC DKG Educational Foundation, are now traveling all across our state. When you find one...

- Remove the message and begin collecting donations.
- Collect from friends, family, and chapter members. Ask others to support our teachers.
- When the bottle is full, or by April 15, count the money and send the donation to Betty Marshall, NCDKGEF Treasurer, 1112 Anchor Court, Raleigh, NC, 27615. Write your bottle number on the check. All donations will help fund grants for NC teachers.

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- Record your name, city and amount on the bottle and then pass it on. The Foundation Fundraising Committee will collect the bottles to see where they have traveled and how much money each one collected.

Keep sharing the bottles! The Foundation hopes they will be returned to the committee at the convention in Greenville, April 28- 30, 2023!

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NC DKG



NCDKG Convention Registration and Hotel

The 2023 NC DKG Convention registration and all convention events will be at the Hilton Greenville April 28-30, 2023. Located beside the Hilton Greenville is the Holiday Inn where we have 90 rooms reserved for NC DKG members at \$129 per night. Cut off date for this rate is March 22, 2023. We need to fill those 90 rooms to receive meeting rooms at no charge and other convention support.

To book your Holiday Inn room online, go to the hotel website [Delta Kappa Gamma Online Booking Link](#), which is automatically linked to the group code DKG. At the top of the page, click 04/27/2023 - 04/29/2023 to change the dates, number of rooms, and number of guests. Then click Search. Scroll down and select room preference - one king or two queen beds. Enter payment information, accept the Terms and Conditions, and click Book Room. You may also call the Holiday Inn at 252-355-3800. The Holiday Inn is located at 203 SW Greenville Blvd, Greenville, NC.

Call for Convention Presenters

Workshop proposals are being accepted for the Saturday sessions at the NC DKG Convention being held in Greenville April 28-30. The workshops will be presented on April 29 between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. Workshops should fit into one of four categories—Teaching and Learning, SelfCare, Creative Fun, or DKG Society Business. The proposal form can be found on the NC DKG [convention webpage](#).

The submission deadline is Wednesday, February 15, 2023, by 5:00 p.m. For questions or more information, contact Second Vice President [Tammy Cullom](#) or First Vice President [Hilda A. Parlér](#). [Convention registration](#) is open, and members may make hotel reservations by calling 1-252-355-8300 and asking for the DKG room rate.

NC DKG Spring Convention Project Announced

The April 28-30, 2023 NC DKG Convention Project is collecting food and monetary funds for the Food Bank of the Albemarle located in Elizabeth City. The Food Bank of the Albemarle helps fight hunger and poverty in northeast NC, serving Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington counties.

The Food Bank is collecting canned items such as meats, proteins, vegetables, fruits and soups; dry goods such as pasta, cereal, rice and dried beans. In addition to food items, toiletries, personal hygiene items, toilet tissue, and laundry soap are very much needed to help families and cannot be obtained with food stamp benefits. There will be a table set up at the convention for items to be donated. More information can be found [here](#).

NC DKG Newsletter & Survey

Check out the [winter edition of NC DKG News](#) which includes Convention information, Leadership Seminar information, and much more!

All NC DKG members are asked to complete a short survey by Friday, January 20, 2023. The responses will be used to compile the committee report for the 2023 NC DKG Convention: [NC DKG Survey Regarding Meetings and Costs](#)

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DKG International

The DKG International newsletter, DKG News, is now an “online only” publication. Sign in @ www.dkg.org to access.

International Connections

Through common purposes, experiences and collaboration, DKG members broaden their scope of education globally. This not only increases career capital, but also creates a more generous and expansive view of education as a profession. International conferences and conventions bring together members for renowned speakers, breakout sessions and camaraderie. Millions of dollars in scholarships and grants are invested in study and projects proposed by members.

Did You Know?

The name is a combination of the initial letters of three Greek words: Διδασκαοι—Didaskotikai meaning teachers; Κλειδουχοι—Kleidouchai meaning key; and Γυναικεζ—

Gynaikes meaning women. Today we use DKG. “Society” designates the international organization. Society Headquarters is located at 12710 Research Blvd. Ste.230, Austin TX.

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