



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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Region VIII
Mecklenburg and Union Counties

President's Message

Dear Sisters,

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying a fun summer while staying cool!

The DKG State Conference was held in April, and it was a joyous one as we watched Paula Tautfest be recognized as a "Rising Star" and got to see Janie Webb accept the nomination as the Second Vice President! In addition, our chapter was recognized as an "Order of the Rose" recipient and received the Communication Excellence Award!

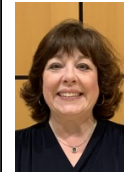
With our new state leadership, our theme for the next two years is "Recruit, Retain, and Recognize!" We will continue to work on these focus areas as a chapter and welcome new ideas!

The executive board will be meeting in the next few weeks to finalize our meeting schedule for the 2023-24 school year, and we will share that with the membership immediately afterwards.

Please note that Paula Tautfest sent out a reminder a few weeks ago about updating the directory. Please take a minute and let her know of any changes that need to be made so that we can be efficient with our communications.

Please continue to make lasting memories with your family and friends this summer. I look forward to seeing you all in September!

Yours in Sisterhood,
Dr. Rachel Clarke
Alpha Zeta President



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DR. RACHEL CLARKE



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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

June 30 - Membership dues were due to chapter treasurers

July 1 - New NC DKG State Organization biennium began

July 9-13 - DKG International Convention: National Harbor, MD

July 11-16 - DKG Conference: Detroit, MI

July 18-22 - DKG Conference: Phoenix, AZ

July 26-29 - DKG Conference: Tampere, Finland

September 16 - Fall Executive Board Meeting: Greensboro, NC

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

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

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

Important Items to Note...

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!

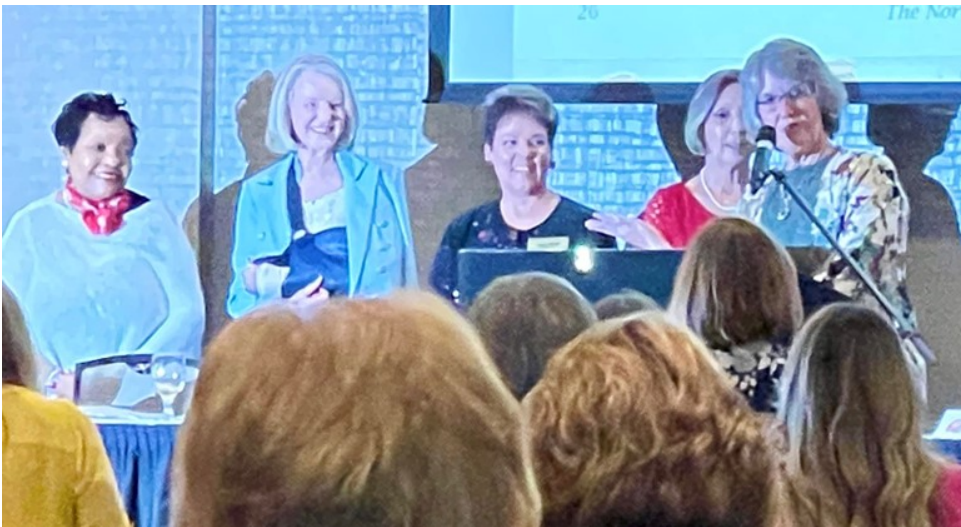
DKG Survey - Please participate in an important survey from Delta Kappa Gamma. Please click on the survey link below and provide your input no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on July 20, 2023. [Click Here to Start the Survey](#)

Alpha Zeta Members Enjoy State Convention



The NC DKG State Convention was held in Greenville, NC April 28-30, 2023. DKG members from 11 regions around NC enjoyed attending including four Alpha Zeta members; Rachel Clarke, Deb Christensen, Janie Webb, and Paula Tautfest (pictured left.) During the opening meeting, the audience was treated to entertainment by the The Carolina Chord Connection before the Awards Ceremony.

During the ceremony, Paula Tautfest was presented a “Rising Star” Award, and the Alpha Zeta chapter was recognized with the Order of the Rose and Communication Excellence Award! The Order of the Rose covers many aspects of chapter criteria including leadership, member engagement, convention participation, communication, scholarships and awards, charitable contributions, and much more. We were also very proud of our very own Janie Webb who was installed as Second Vice President of NC DKG!





Alpha Zeta Member News

Rachel Clarke has had a great start to fully enjoying her retirement! Since our last meeting, she's travelled to Cabo San Lucas, Phoenix, Gatlinburg, and also enjoyed a few days in Athens, Greece followed by a cruise to the Greek islands and Turkey. She says, “Retirement is fun!”

Deb Christensen went to St. Pete’s Beach in Florida for IB Librarian training for four days after school was out. CATA is an International Baccalaureate Diploma Program candidate school, and they are working our way through the application process. Deb says, “It was great to spend time with fourteen other librarians learning more about IB and what my role will be in helping the students with their Extended Essays and other work.”

Summer means more time with grandchildren, and that’s just what **Paula Tautfest** has been enjoying! She recently had her two grandsons, Eli and Kai, from South Carolina for several days and they explored Dave & Busters, Sports Connection, Build-a-Bear Workshop and much more! Next week she and her husband will travel to the Portland, Oregon area to visit and catch up with the other two grandchildren Rylan and Lilly!

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

July

9 Jennifer Mitchell
10 Janie Collins
18 Michelle Goode
20 Diane Maye
22 Gladys Kerr

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

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“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”

DKG Fine Arts Gallery

Deb Christensen and **Paula Tautfest** had photos accepted into the Spring 2023 DKG Fine Arts Gallery! You can check out the gallery [here](#) and get a sneak peek of their photos below! Deb’s photos were taken from her travels - on the left is the Bridge of Sighs, and on the right is Grecian Blue.



Paula’s photo on the left was of Cinnabar caterpillars taken on the Oregon coast, and to the right, a sneaky lizard hiding camouflaged in a purple clematis.

Submissions for the next Fine Arts Gallery will be accepted August 15 - September 15, 2023.



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Here is a highlight from the Summer NCDKG Newsletter:

2023-2025 NC DKG OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED



Hilda A. Parlér
President



Carolyn Lane
First Vice
President



Janie Webb
Second Vice
President



Carol Bostian
Secretary

A highlight of the 2023 NC DKG Convention was the election on Saturday, April 29, 2023, of the 2023-2025 state officers. Convention participants elected the following officers: Hilda A. Parlér (*Gamma Theta*), president; Carolyn Lane (*Gamma Epsilon*), first vice president; Jane S. "Janie" Webb (*Alpha Zeta*), second vice president; and Carol Bostian (*Nu*), secretary.

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