



From A to Z

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President's Message

Dear Sisters,

I trust this newsletter finds you happily enjoying the start of spring... and not being too tortured by the pollen! Soon we will be able to celebrate a beautiful spring and enjoy all of the beauty it has to offer!

I have almost completed reading all of my new "goodies" that I acquired at our First Annual "Alpha Zeta Reads!" celebration in February. I hope you all have enjoyed your reading and I look forward to our chapter holding this event annually!

Our April meeting is fast approaching! We will be holding an induction ceremony, and we also (possibly) will be hosting our regional director, Amy Smith. More details will follow, but here's what you need to know:

Details for our April 1 meeting:

Place: Siler Presbyterian Church, Wesley Chapel NC

Time: 9am-noon

Hostess Group: Group 3 with breakfast prepared by Mr. DKG himself, Sam Wall!!!!

RSVP here: [please send an email to drpclarke1998@yahoo.com](mailto:drpclarke1998@yahoo.com) confirming your attendance.

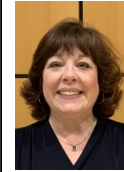
We have submitted our paperwork for the Rose Award, and also have submitted our nomination for Sylvia Little-Sweat for the Golden Key Award, along with the nomination for Paula Tautfest (Rising Star). We have such an awesome sisterhood!

I look forward to seeing you all on April 1!

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 25-26** - Leadership Development Seminar
- March 27** - Group rate for convention hotel ends
- April 1** - Alpha Zeta Chapter meeting
- April 9** - Early registration for the convention ends
- April 28-30** - NC DKG Convention, Greenville NC
- May 1** - Cornetet Individual PD Awards applications due
- July 11-16** - DKG Conference, Detroit, MI
- July 18-22** - DKG Conference, Phoenix, AZ
- July 26-29** - DKG Conference, Tampere, Finland
- April 26-28, 2024** - NC DKG Convention, Durham, NC
- July 9-13, 2024** - International Convention, Maryland
- June 30 - July 4, 2026** - International Convention, CO

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



Alpha Zeta “Book Tasting”



After the business portion of our February 4, 2023 Alpha Zeta meeting, members were treated to a “Book Tasting” hosted by the Media Specialists of our chapter; Deb Christensen, Missy Howell, and Paula Tautfest.

Members 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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Alpha Zeta Treats Teachers



Alpha Zeta is working hard to support our local women educators and give them a boost! We have adopted two schools in our district and have been giving all of their staff members treat bags. Our winter Valentine distribution included cakes, hot chocolate, pencils, candy, and information about our "Wishful Thinking Grants" for teachers! We had a lot of fun putting these bags together and were excited to deliver them. Pictured with the Valentine goodies are AZ members Rachel Clarke and Tommie Wall. Thank you, ladies!



Important Websites

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

April

2 Kim Schroeder
24 Louise Napier
30 Frances Davis

May

1 Paula Taufest

June

8 Sara Miller
21 Lisa Stephens
21 Davida Zike
26 Kathy Glasheen

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Alpha Zeta Chapter News & Announcements

***Janie Webb** is excited to announce that her family is expecting a new grandchild - a boy - in mid-April! (We are also proud to see **Janie** featured on page 6 of the [NC DKG News for Spring 2023](#) as Nominee for NC DKG Second Vice President!)

***Paula Tautfest** just became a “Mema” for the fourth time... after three little grandsons, her family welcomed Lilly Renee Rekstad into the world on March 7 in Vancouver, Washington! They are planning a trip to the great northwest in April to meet her!



***Deb Christensen** and her Mom took a seven day cruise around the Hawaiian Islands in February! They flew to Honolulu and then the ship traveled to Maui, Hilo and Kona on the Big Island, and Kaua’i before returning to Honolulu. Some of the many experiences they enjoyed were seeing the Kīlauea volcano, Rainbow Falls (pictured), a lavender farm, botanical garden, and Waimea Canyon (the Grand Canyon of the Pacific). On their last day they visited the Arizona Memorial and the USS Missouri at Pearl Harbor. It was a very moving experience to visit the memorial. They really enjoyed their trip and Deb said she was glad to have been able to take the time off from school.

New DKG Website Live!

The DKG website has a new, cleaner, easier-to-use design! Check it out at <https://www.dkg.org>. Log in with the same ID and password used for the old site.

On the member side, the green bar across the top allows for quick access to your MyDKG account by clicking on your name. Icons give easy access to DKG Facebook, the DKG Art Gallery, DKGSI blogs, and the DKG YouTube channel.

Log in to the member side and check out the new user-focused and user-friendly design. Update and share your profile in the secure directory while there!

Tip! With the release of the new DKG website, the Membership Committee encourages all members to take a minute to explore the new site and see all the resources available to them! Especially note the first tab—MyDKG where you can update your profile, and find applications, forms, deadlines, DKG Store, directory of members, and more. It’s easy to use and waiting for you!

This Membership Tip of the Month was brought to you by the NC DKG Membership Committee, Dr. Susan Blackburn, chair.

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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.

Quality Entertainment Announced for Convention

Entertainment for Friday, April 28 will be the Carolina Chord Connection, based in Greenville. It is a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The mixed chorus sings a capella (without instrumental accompaniment) arrangements of traditional and contemporary songs. Elaine Yontz, a member of Delta Xi, is a member of this group that will sing on Friday.

Entertainment for Saturday, April 29, will be students from the Littleton Academy Drum Circle in Littleton. Their teacher, Diane Colin, Gamma Chi Chapter, received funds from the Maxine and Don McCall Grant from the NC DKG Educational Foundation to purchase and upgrade drums. The Drum Circle will play Native American, African, and Caribbean music.

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](#).

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