



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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President's Message

Dear Sisters,

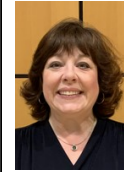
It was wonderful to see all of you in our first meeting in September. It always does my heart good to see you ladies and laugh with you!

I had the opportunity to go to the fall meeting of all of the NC DKG presidents along with the state executive board back in September. What a great bunch of ladies, and I'm especially impressed with the leadership we have in our district. We are hoping that we will be able to do some activities that involve several chapters, so stay tuned!

Last week, a group of Alpha Zeta sisters got together to create small gift bags for the staff members at our "adopted" schools - Hemby Bridge Elementary and Sardis Elementary. These little bags were filled with fall treats - apple cider, a fall cookie, candy corn, and a "Delta Kappa Gamma" bookmark created by our lovely Paula Tautfest! I had a great time putting these together with Grace Faris, Janie Webb, Tommie Wall, and Nancy Smith. All of the treats were delivered to the schools last Friday and the staff members were very appreciative! Read more about this on page 5.

Now we are getting ready for our Fall "Grant-In-Aid" auction! Not only are we using this opportunity to do some holiday shopping (I admit it. This event starts my shopping season), but we are using it as a recruiting tool for new members and of course, most importantly, to raise money for scholarships!! This year's event will have even more of a "holiday" feel as Paula will be hosting it in her lovely home! This will be a face-to-face event with no virtual option. Read more on page 3. I hope to see many of you there... let the bidding wars begin! [Please RSVP here!](#)

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.”

Linking the Past, Present, and Future
“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”

Upcoming Events

October 27 - NC DKG Founders Day

October 31 - Form 72 - Website Compliance renewal due

November 1 - NC DKG News winter issue deadline
Cornetet Individual PD Awards applications due

November 5 - Alpha Zeta Grant-In-Aid Auction (read more on page 3)

November 15 - 990-N ePostcard due to IRS
Nominations due for 2023-2025 NC DKG state officers

December 1 - Deadline to submit proposed changes to NC DKG Bylaws or Standing Rules

December 15 - Chapter directory due to regional director
Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due—this is the journal for personal writings, poetry, or viewpoints. See the submission guidelines under the [Publications](#) tab.

January 15 - February 15 - DKG Art Gallery submission window open

February 1 - Deadline for DKG members pursuing advanced degrees to apply for scholarships—apply [here](#).


Alpha Zeta Meetings:
February 4, 2023
April 1, 2023

Also check 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 Holiday Grant-In-Aid Auction



Our next Alpha Zeta meeting is our annual Holiday Grant-In-Aid auction. It is one of our most festive meetings of the year! It is coming up on Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to noon at Paula Tautfest's house: 8412 Royster Run, Waxhaw, NC 28173 (704-264-6254)

Paper products and beverages are provided. There is a Signup Genius for refreshments: [Alpha Zeta Auction 9 a.m.-Noon, 11/5/22](#)

We will begin with refreshments and fellowship and then head downstairs where

the auction of all of our donations will be set up. Santa's elves will be on hand to display the items and run the auction!

The items that are auctioned off among our group members and guests are items we, as members, donate. What kinds of things should we bring, you may be wondering???

In the past we've had everything from holiday home decor to themed baskets to homemade crafts to homemade cookies, cakes and pies... the sky is the limit! Items may be bought or homemade, holiday or not, and geared to any age group. A lot of members say they do their holiday shopping at the auction! Items may be in gift bags but please make them able to be pulled out and displayed by our festive Santa's elves who run the show!

Please consider inviting a guest (or 2 or 3) to join the fun who may be a potential candidate for membership! Applications for membership will be on hand at the auction. The guest does not need to bring items to donate but is welcome to bring a few dollars to purchase that special something! All auction proceeds go to support our beginning teacher grants and scholarships.

Attached is a [pdf invitation](#) if you would like to send it out to a potential candidate. If you would like for [Paula Tautfest](#) to mail out an invitation to your guest just let her know!

Here is the link for Alpha Zeta members to rsvp attendance at the auction: [RSVP here!](#)

We hope to see you all there!



Alpha Zeta Holds First Meeting of 2022-2024



Alpha Zeta held its first chapter meeting Saturday, September 17, 2022, at the Siler Presbyterian Church in Wesley Chapel. President Dr. Rachel Clarke (left) welcomed members and Janie Webb (right) provided an inspirational thought. The program was "Exploring DKG electronic resources" led by Deb Christensen and included [this presentation](#) about the DKG website redesign. A special part of our meeting was the presentation of pins to commemorate DKG membership. 10-Year pins were presented to Janie Webb and Deb Christensen. 30-year pins were presented to Judy Cline and Sarah Harrison-Burns. A 40-year pin was presented to Joyce Reed, and a 50-year pin was presented to Louise Napier. Congratulations to all!

Important Websites

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

October

1 Wanda Allen
23 Missy Howell

November

5 Janie Webb
7 Grace Faris
7 Gwyn Sinclair
9 Deb Christensen
12 Tommie Wall
26 Linda Little

December

4 Helen Rose
25 Amy Herlihy

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Reminder - Update MyProfile on DKG Website

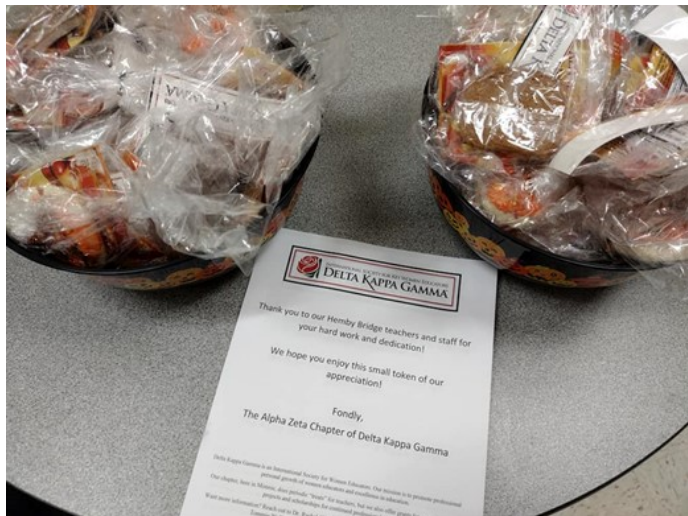


Is your email up to date in your MyProfile with DKG? Have you changed jobs and had your previous school email listed? Added another email that you use more than the old one? NC DKG leaders are trying to determine a better way to communicate with all members than asking presidents to do all the work. Accurate emails are needed, however!

Please log in to the [DKG website](#), go to the MyDKG tab, and click on the pencil icon to update your information. The next step is to share your information with other DKG members (*members only*) by clicking on the My Participation tab in the red bar and choosing ‘Yes, include my profile in the Members Only Online Directory.’ Someone you met at convention may be trying to find you! Find a helpful tutorial on updating your MyProfile on the

[Communications and Marketing \(C&M\) Committee page](#).

Alpha Zeta Reaches Out



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 begun giving all of their staff members treat bags. Our fall distribution included seasonal cookies, candy corn, apple cider, and a DKG bookmark designed by one of our members! We had a lot of fun putting these bags together and will be doing this several times this year. Pictured left to right: Rachel Clarke, Janie Webb, Grace Faris, Tommie Wall, and Nancy Smith. Thank you ladies!

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Remember the DKG Emergency Fund

Several natural catastrophes have impacted the world in recent months, including wildfires, tornadoes, and Hurricane Ian. The DKG Emergency Fund helps members who have suffered a major loss due to a natural disaster and is supported solely by donations.

If you would like to make a donation, go to [MyDKG](#), click on the Donate Now button on the left or go to the DKGIEF tab, select Emergency Fund, and click on the red Donate button. If you have been impacted by a natural disaster, fill out Form 84 and contact [President Beth](#).

Download the [Emergency Fund flyer](#) for more information and share it with others. A donation to the Emergency Fund would make a good chapter project and help other members in need. Click [here](#) for more information.

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. These are necessary essentials that they cannot obtain 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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DKG International

The DKG International newsletter, DKG News, is now an “online only” publication. Sign in on www.dkg.org. Then you can read the July/August 2022 issue 79-4 [here](#).



The International DKG Presidents' Page will now be in an electronic (video) format. You may click on the link to view the message to chapter presidents from DKG Membership Director Trish Woodley and DKG International President Dr. Debbie LeBlanc. Below are the topics discussed. Click here to see video message: [Presidents Page Video](#).

- Welcome from Trish and Debbie
- Reminder to update information
- Certificates now on Chapter Connect
- Home and cell phone numbers appear on rosters
- File 990N
- 2022 Convention Highlights
- Dues
- Member Spotlight
- Project Spotlight
- Emergency Fund
- Deadlines

DKG Publications

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**The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin
International Journal for Professional Educators**



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