



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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President's Message

Our next DKG meeting will be a special meeting for all of us as we celebrate the wonderful works of Louise Napier. She has her work on display and we will get to enjoy hearing about her art.

We also will welcome 4 ladies into Alpha Zeta at the Joint Initiation on Saturday, April 18. The initiation will be at 10:00 at Aldersgate. The cost of the meal for the initiation is \$15.00. Judy Cline needs your check by March 28 if you are planning to attend.

Our Eta State conference is coming up April 24-26 in Chapel Hill. Make your reservations if you are planning to attend. Hopefully Alpha Zeta will have several members at the conference.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting March 28th. The weather should be warmer and spring will be here! I think we are all ready for this winter to be behind us!

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Send in your Alpha Zeta News!

Please email any information you'd like to share with your sisters—for example; weddings, births, graduations, celebrations, conferences attended, special recognitions, etc. Please email your information to Deb at the email listed above.

March Meeting Information

When: Saturday, March 28, 2015

Time: 10:00 am

Where: Helms Gallery, The Batte Center, Wingate University, 403 N. Camden Road, Wingate, N.C. 28174

Cost: \$6.00 per person

RSVP: No information available at this time, check the website for updates.

Hostess Group: Marshville/Wingate

Program: Louise Napier will be responsible for the program; she will have an exhibit in the Helms Center.

Bright Blessings: Please bring in any donations for Bright Blessings. We are continuing with our Bright Blessings community outreach project this year. Bright Blessings is an organization in Matthews serving homeless children in the Charlotte Region. Find more information on their website at <http://www.brightblessingsusa.org/>

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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

“Embracing Our Vision – Designing Our Future”

Upcoming Events

April 18, 2015 – Joint initiation – 10:00 at Aldersgate

Send \$15.00 to Judy Cline by 3/28 if you are planning to attend.

April 24-26, 2015 – Eta State Convention – Sheraton Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2015%20Convention.html>

June 17-20, 2015 – Eta State Leadership Seminar – Peace University, Raleigh

July 15-18, 2015 – Southeast Regional Conference – Savannah, GA

<https://www.dkg.org/content/2015-southeast-regional-conference>

July 25, 2015—Executive Board Meeting

Eta State Convention—Convention Overflow Hotel Arrangements

Our block of rooms at the Sheraton Chapel Hill for the Eta State Convention is filled! We are using all of their double rooms and most of the kings—they have to hold a few kings in reserve—so alternate arrangements have been made for attendees who have not made hotel reservations yet.

Eta State Executive Secretary Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon has worked with the staff at the Sheraton to arrange an overflow hotel for us. That hotel is the Hyatt Place Durham Southpoint and the rate is \$119 plus usual fees/taxes, the same as we had at the Sheraton.

A reservation can be made at the Hyatt by calling 919-688-7800. Ask for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society group block. The cutoff date is April 3. The Hyatt is located two exits away from the Sheraton exit off Highway I- 40 at the popular Streets of Southpoint shopping area. Dr. Perry-Sheldon asks that if anyone has booked an extra room at the Sheraton which she no longer needs, please release it for others.

Reminder about Registration for Pre-Conference and Convention

Note this registration reminder! There are two different registration forms and two separate checks to be sent to two different treasurers.

Early bird registration for both ends April 3. Convention April 24-26. Form is online. Make check payable to Eta State Convention and mail to: Dr. Joan East, Convention Treasurer, 315 Purefoy Rd. Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Pre-Conference with Jo Ann Norris, April 24. Form is online. Only seven spaces left! Make check payable to Eta State and mail to: Ruth Jones, Eta State Treasurer, 3607 Wyneston Road, Greenville, NC 27858

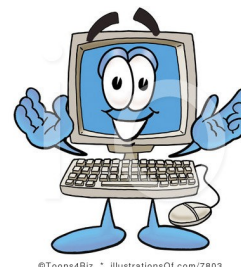
Tech Tip

Padlet is a free and user friendly online tool that allows users to create multimedia sticky notes on a digital wall. The notes can include texts, images, links and/or videos.

It works like an online sheet of paper where you can put any content anywhere on the page and collaborate together with anyone, from any device. While Padlet is a great teacher tool, it can also be a great way for chapters to post notices, newsletters, collect feedback, and collaborate as a chapter. No login is required.

To watch a Padlet video about uses in the classroom, click on this link [Padlet's Many Uses in the Classroom](#).

Padlet – www.padlet.com



Eta State President Pat's Message



Being Positive and Sharing

DKG President Pat talks about being positive about public education and sharing the good things we've done and seen, whether still teaching or not. She shares about stories, videos, newspaper clippings and other information she's learned recently and encourages us to share the good things we are doing as well. She ends by saying, "March is Women's History Month. It is a perfect month to focus on emulating our Founders. Our Founders advocated for positive change in public education. It is time to think 'out of the box' to publicly educate our community, legislators, and school boards about the good news in public education and in Delta Kappa Gamma!" Read the entire message at <http://www.deltakappa gamma.org/NC/Presidents%20page.htm>.

Deadlines:

May 1-Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional Development Application

June 15-Southeast Regional Conference Early Bird Registration

Happy Birthday!

April	
2	Kim Warr
15	Beverly Christopher
24	Louise Napier
30	Frances Davis

May	
13	Carolyn Nave
16	Margaret Kinney



June	
8	Sarah Miller
16	Mercedes Cass
21	Lisa Stephens



Member News

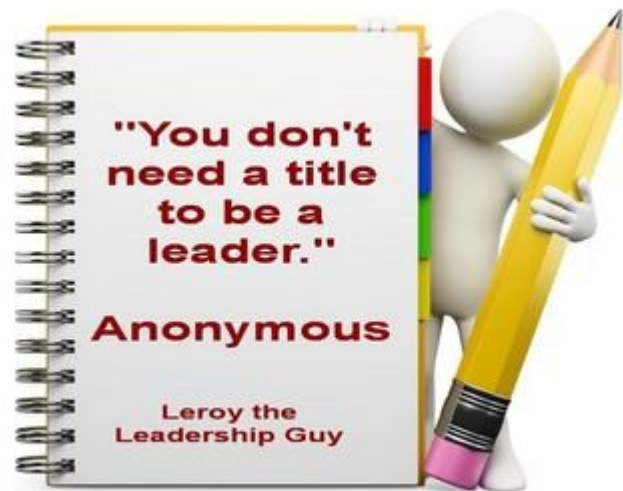
Congratulations to **Kim Warr**! Kim is getting married April 4th at The Club at Longview in Weddington to Jeff Schroeder, a Senior DBA, at Bank of America. Neither have been married before. He is originally from San Diego but has been in Charlotte since 2008. They dated for two years before getting engaged in August. They are going to Jamaica for their honeymoon!

Congratulations to **Deb Christensen**! Deb renewed her National Board Teaching Certification in October and was recognized at the March UCPS Board Meeting.



Scholarship Collection Update

On February 7th we collected a total of \$725 for our scholarship fund in honor of Margaret Phillips and in memory of Virginia Griffin, Martha Duncan, and Ken Collins.



Southeast Regional Conference-Savannah, Georgia

It's time to re-read *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* as you plan to visit one of America's favorite "bucket list" cities, Savannah, for the July 15-18 Southeast Regional Conference. Unique opportunities abound and will more than satisfy everyone's personal, professional and DKG experience as well as tours, shopping, and dining pleasures. Perhaps the two words that describe plans for this conference are "change" and "possibility." 2015- 2017 state organization leaders will be introduced during the opening session. Be sure to congratulate them during the week and even offer ideas about what you hope to see in your state organizations during the next two years.

By all means, offer your support! Polly Letofsky will share her thoughts about overcoming obstacles as we continue to plan for our future. Members have expressed interest in hearing from our own members as keynote speakers, so general sessions, emphasizing possibilities for our organization, will offer that opportunity. Our international president will close our conference with a message that celebrates possibility. Breakout sessions will offer similar themes by presenting exciting new projects in DKG as well as in education. One of The Savannah Bee Company's official bee keepers and educational specialists will share "The Bee Cause Project."

Come and learn about this fascinating program that may be perfect for implementation in one of your schools--a great partnership between DKG and schools. "From Blank Canvas to Work of Art: Individual Creativity" may change your perspective on your capacity to be creative. "Like a Girl" will help us see how we may impact the world--as an educator and a DKG member! These are only a few of the interesting possibilities that await you when you arrive in Savannah!

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.deltakappagamma.org/NC

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com