

*Delta Kappa Gamma*  
***From A to Z***

***All the news from  
the Delta Kappa Gamma Society  
International***

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**Next Meeting: April 6**

The Waxhaw Hostess Group of our Alpha Zeta Chapter cordially invites you to join us on April 6, 2013 at 10:00am At The Museum of the Waxhaws (8215 Waxhaw Highway, Waxhaw, NC 28173).



*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.

*Themes*

“Embracing Our Vision – Designing Our Future”

“Lead, Serve, and Impact”

Regrets only to Tommie Wall at 704-821-4971 or email her at [tommie-wall@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tommie-wall@carolina.rr.com)

Directions from Charlotte/Huntersville/Davidson:

Take Interstate 485 Outer

Take Exit 57 at Providence Road/North Carolina 16 toward Weddington/Waxhaw

Proceed into North Carolina 16 South/Providence Road

At the stoplight in downtown Waxhaw, turn left and proceed approximately one mile.

Museum is located on the right in a large wooded area.

Directions from Concord and Matthews:

Take Interstate 485 Inner

Take Exit 57 for Providence Road/North Carolina toward Weddington/Waxhaw

Turn left onto North Carolina 16 South/Providence Road

Proceed approximately 12 miles until you reach the stoplight in downtown Waxhaw, and turn left on Highway 75 (Waxhaw Highway)

Proceed approximately one mile on Highway 75 (Waxhaw Highway) and the museum is on the right in a large wooded area.

Directions from Marshville/Wingate/Monroe

Proceed to US 74W and turn left on East Franklin Street.

Make a slight right onto East Jefferson Street

Turn left onto North Charlotte Avenue/NC 200/NC84/NC75

Take the 1<sup>st</sup> right onto West Franklin Street/NC 84/NC75 and continue to follow NC 75 (Fifth Third Bank is on the corner)

The museum will be approximately 11.4 miles on NC 75 on the left.

**Also, don't forget . . .**

- Wear your Delta Kappa Gamma pin! If you cannot find your pin, please bring \$1.
- Your BRAG money!

## February Meeting Minutes

President Rose welcomed everyone to the meeting at the Stonetable Restaurant in Monroe. The Monroe group was recognized as being the host of the meeting.

Inspirational thoughts were given by Nancy Baucom.

Minutes for the December meeting were opened for discussion. Phyllis Medlin made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Tommie Wall. The minutes were approved by chapter members.

The treasurer's report was given by Judy Cline. The final amount of money collected from the audit was \$1,922.30.

Mercedes Cass reported that the scholarship letters had been mailed to the area high school guidance counselors.

Helen Rose reported that, per Janie Webb, there were 12 teachers who received gift cards in the amount of \$75.00. Several members commented on how appreciative the new teachers were to receiving the gift cards.

The chapter members decided to suspend playing BUNCO at this time. Consideration of resuming the game will be discussed later.

President Rose announced that the AZ Standing Rules had been mailed.

President Rose asked for discussion of the AZ Strategic Action Plan. A motion was made by Wanda Allen to accept the Strategic Plan. The motion was seconded by Phyllis Medlin. A vote of all members approved the plan.

Our chapter is responsible for Sunday brunch at the State Convention. We are also to be the Hostess Group for Sunday morning.

Diane Maye has planned a theme for decorating the tables at the State Convention. The convention theme is "Transforming our Traditions." With this in mind, Diane plans to use butterflies as a focal point on each table. Diane will also design for our chapter which will be auctioned at the convention.

We all should give our support to helping any way possible for our responsibilities at the state convention.

President Rose asked for donations of any small items that could be used in the gift bags for convention participants. Helen will be glad to collect items. Send her an e-mail to let her know if you will have some items to contribute.

Bright Blessings is a project of the convention. Our chapter will include the Bright Blessings as our chapter project. Bright Blessings celebrated the birthday of homeless children. The children receive items such as gift cards (Target, Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree), personal products (tooth brush, deodorant, etc.), and games appropriate for a teenager. Let Helen Rose know if you have items to contribute for the convention Bright Blessings project.

A motion was made by Frankie Rich to have the Alpha Zeta chapter support Bright Blessings. A second was made by Louise Napier. Chapter members voted and passed the motion.

Sylvia Little Sweatt shared information about the book Crossing Boundaries that she and Louise Napier worked on together. If you would like a copy of the book, contact Sylvia.

Money for the initiation luncheon on April 20 needs to be sent to Judy Cline. The amount for the luncheon is \$15.00.

On behalf of the Membership Committee, Tommie Wall presented the nominations of three people to be considered as new members. Tommie reminded the chapter of the qualifications of the membership recommendation.

A motion was made by Wanda Allen to consider accepting all three nominations at one time. Tara Napier DeForrest seconded. After discussion and more information presented about each nominee, the chapter voted and accepted the three nominations for membership.

Tommie Wall will contact the new members and plan an orientation session. They will come to the joint luncheon.

Upcoming Dates:

Joint Initiation Luncheon: Aldersgate on Shamrock Drive—Charlotte, NC—April 20

State Convention: University Hotel Hilton—Charlotte, NC—April 26-28

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Joy Hilder*

## Member Updates

**Memorial:** We are saddened by the death of our Alpha Zeta Sister, Eleanor Vance Puckett on February 16, 2013. Eleanor was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma in 1964. She was President of Alpha Zeta from 1972-74 and served in many other capacities. Although she was a reserve member for the past few years, many of us have fond and loving memories of Eleanor. She will be missed.

**Good News** from Mercedes Cass and her husband, George. They are the proud grandparents of Adelie Cass Solomon born February 15, 2013, weight 10 lb.12 oz. and 22¼ inches tall. Mercedes is on cloud nine and happy to share her good news with her AZ Sisters.

## Calling all Chairpersons/Committees of EEC

Peggy Griffin, Chairperson of EEC, would like you to e-mail her a report on what your committee members are working on that would support EEC. Remember you can go to the DKG/Eta State website for up-dates, ideas, and other information regarding EEC.

## Basket for Silent Auction

If you did not get a chance to contribute toward the basket Diane is creating for sell in the silent auction at the convention, please bring at least \$5.00 or more to our meeting or mail your check to Diane Maye. We want our basket to bring big bucks just as some from other chapter did last year. The money from the sell of the baskets goes toward funding leadership development conferences.

## From the President's Corner

*Dear Alpha Zeta Sisters,*

*Spring is bursting out all over! April will not only bring spring showers but also three big events for Alpha Zeta members. **April 6<sup>th</sup> is our regular Alpha Zeta Meeting, April 20<sup>th</sup> is our Joint Initiation Luncheon** where we will welcome three new members into Alpha Zeta Chapter, and **April 26-28<sup>th</sup> is the Eta State Convention here in Charlotte.** Detailed information about all three events will be found in this newsletter and I hope you will read it carefully and plan to participate in all three events. Your attendance at these events will bring a warm welcome not only to our new members in Mecklenburg/Union but to our state-wide DKG Sisters also.*

*Please remember to go to [DKG/Eta State.com](http://DKG/Eta State.com) website to download the **Convention Registration Forms**. If you have trouble or can't download the form, let me know and I will mail you one. The Convention Planning Committee has worked hard, and I encourage each of you to attend. Conventions are truly one of the best experiences that DKG Sisters share. Remember our chapter will host the Sunday Brunch. We will discuss this at our April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and I will be sending many e-mails later.*

*Many thanks for the gracious and generous help you have given your president over the past few months. Together we can strengthen and support each other as we "Lead, Serve, and Impact."*

*Helen Rose, President  
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## Joint Initiation Luncheon

**When:** Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 10:30 A.M.

**Where:** Aldersgate 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC

**Cost:** \$15.00

The number of people attending along with money must be sent to Judy Cline by April 13, 2013.

**Guest speaker:** Dr. Heath Morrison, Charlotte/Mecklenburg School Superintendent

**Initiates and their sponsors need to be at Aldersgate by 10:00 A.M.**

Three new members are being initiated into Alpha Zeta Chapter so let's all try to be there to give them a warm welcome.

## Convention Update

**DKG 2013 Eta State Convention  
April 26-28, 2013  
Hilton Charlotte University Place  
Charlotte, NC  
Theme: "Transforming Our Traditions"**

**Pre-Convention Activity** will focus on strengthening chapters with Dr. Hanna Fowler, our International Representative, facilitating the 10:00-1:00 session on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be included at a cost of \$12 and the session will be held at UNCC. Registration forms for this session can be found on the webpage under "Convention Information." Space is limited so you will need to sign-up now.

**Convention Registration fee** postmarked by April 5, 2013 is \$25.00  
postmarked after April 5<sup>th</sup> or on site is \$35.00

### **A Brief Outline of Activities:**

**Friday evening** will focus on chapter and individual recognitions hosted by the Awards Committee.

**Saturday morning** business session will be an opportunity for all DKG members to have a voice in making decisions regarding our state organization.

**Saturday afternoon** workshops/breakout sessions will focus on Teaching and Learning, Personal Growth, and DKG Society Work emphasizing Educational Excellence and the Arts. A separate list of workshops being offered has been sent to

you in an e-mail.

**Saturday evening** will honor chapter presidents, scholarship recipients, and our 2013-2015 Eta State Officers. The keynote speaker for the evening session is Dr. Kim Pemberton, Beta Delta, an International Scholarship winner.

**Sunday morning** will be facilitated by the State Membership Committee as we remember our sisters who have passed away during the year. Family members of the deceased are invited to attend. Sunday brunch, hosted by Alpha Zeta, will be a celebration of our Eta State Founders reminding us that “where we are now is because of what we were when”. The prestigious Founders Award will be presented at this time.

A variety of DKG items and other gifts, theme baskets, a couple of raffles and the sale of various other items will be available.

**Bright Blessings is the convention service project.** Please bring your items to our regular meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> or deliver them to the registration desk at the convention.

**Queen Charlotte** (Peggy Harris) will be there Friday and Saturday to welcome and greet everyone, and many other exciting happenings await the participants.

## Upcoming Events

April 6, 2013 Alpha Zeta Chapter Meeting

April 20, 2013 Join Initiation Luncheon

April 26-28, 2013 Eta State Convention, Charlotte, NC

June 20-23, 2013 Leadership Development Seminar, William Peace University Raleigh

June 26, 2013 Coordinating Council

July 10-13, 2013 Southeast Regional Conference, Kissimmee, FL

## The DKG International Emergency Fund

The DKG International Emergency Fund Helps ease the loss and hurt of our members in times of a natural disaster. Chapters from the Southeast Regional Conference are being challenged to participate in this project. At our April meeting a bag will be passed around so members can contribute any loose change or paper money from their purses. This money will be sent to the state treasurer. She, in turn, will write a check for the total amount collected from Eta State. This check will be presented at SRC in Florida in July for the International Emergency Fund.

Questions? Contact Karen Fayard – [kafayard@bellsouth.net](mailto:kafayard@bellsouth.net)

## Happy Birthday



### April

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

### May

13 Carolyn Nave  
16 Margaret Kinney

### June

8 Sara Miller  
16 Mercedes Cass  
20 Shelia London

### July

10 Janie Collins  
20 Diane Maye  
22 Gladys Kerr

### August

7 Jean Davis  
16 Sylvia Little-Sweat

### September

2 Frankie Ritch  
5 Judy Cline  
5 Alice Coleman  
15 Sarah Harrison-Burns

