



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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President's Message

I do hope the beginning of 2016 has been very good for each of you! The holidays are now behind us and hopefully you have caught up on some much deserved rest. We are now ready to move into the last few months of this biennium.

Thanks for the wonderful participation in the Margaret Phillips Grant-in-Aid Scholarship auction. Judy Cline let me know that \$2107 was raised! This was one of our most successful auctions. I am sure it is in part to our wonderful auctioneers- Grace Faris, Peggy Harris and Sarah Harrison-Burns. Our chapter is outstanding when it comes to giving.

The Executive Board meeting that was scheduled in January had to be cancelled due to weather. We have rescheduled the next Executive Board meeting for Saturday, February 27 at my house. An email reminder will be sent later.

April is going to be a very busy month for Delta Kappa Gamma. We have our regular meeting on April 2. Then the next weekend we have our joint initiation and luncheon. On April 22-23 we have our state conference. If you plan to go to the state conference you may want to go ahead and make hotel reservations. Information is on the Delta Kappa Gamma website. Let me know if you are planning to attend the joint luncheon and/or the state conference.

Our next Alpha Zeta meeting will be at the Golden Corral in Monroe. The Huntersville Group is hosting this meeting. Please remember to let Judy Cline know if you will be attending. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

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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.

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February Meeting Information

When: Saturday, February 6, 2016

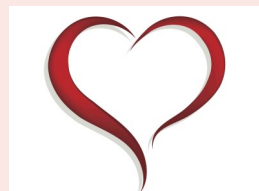
Time: 10:00 am

Where: Golden Corral, 2507 W. Roosevelt Highway, Monroe

Cost: \$6.00 per person

RSVP: Please let Judy Cline know if you are attending the meeting . You can email her at jblacline@gmail.com or call her at 704-785-8027.

Hostess Group: Huntersville





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

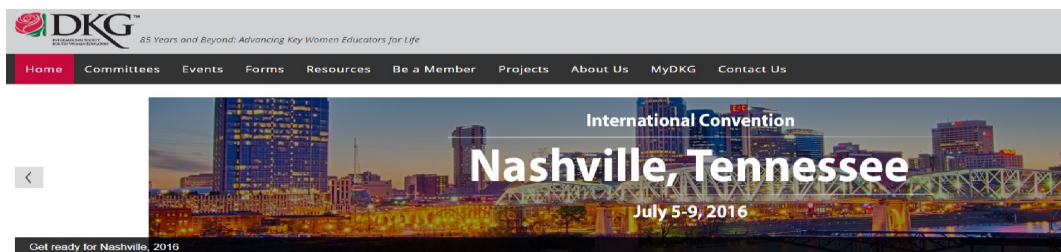
“85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life.”

Upcoming Events

- February 1, 2016— Breakout session applications for Nashville International Convention due
- February 1, 2016— Scholarship applications for both Eta State and DKG International are due
- February 1, 2016—Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional Development Applications due
- February 6, 2016 – Alpha Zeta Meeting, Huntersville Group
- April 2, 2016 – Alpha Zeta Meeting, Charlotte/Matthews Group
- April 9, 2016 — Joint Initiation Luncheon, Aldersgate
- April 22-24, 2016 — Eta State Convention, Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX)
- July 5-9, 2016 - DKG International Convention - Nashville, TN

Eta State Convention—Registration Now Open

Be among the first to register for this year’s convention in Winston-Salem. The registration form is now on the [convention webpage](#) in both Word and PDF formats (and is attached to this newsletter). Early bird deadline is April 1. Banquet and brunch meal ticket deadline is April 15 (hotel deadline). Materials may not be available to persons who register after April 1 or on-site. Everyone must register, including ones assisting during the convention. Mail your registration form to Convention Treasurer Chris Waters by April 1. Contact Convention Registrar Carolyn Coram with any questions at etastateregistrar2016@gmail.com.



New DKG Website Launched

www.dkg.org has a new look! A small DKG logo and menu bar across the top give way to a large, scrolling swipe of pictures with links to items of interest, such as the 2016 Convention in Nashville, pictured above. More graphics on the next row are quick links to the DKG store, Educational Foundation, Fine Arts Gallery, Communities, and more. This website features password protected areas so that members can securely be a part of the DKG social network and have more control of their Society information. Members can update their own password after initially signing in, can update their profile information to keep their records current with International (on the MyDKG tab), and can join “communities” to connect with other members and enjoy online discussions on topics of interest with others. Registration for Society events will now be done through the Member Profile. For example, registration for the International Convention in Nashville this summer is now available when a member is signed in. Check out the new site. There is much to see and do!

Eta State President Sheila’s Message



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Something to think about...

Happy New Year! Traditionally the beginning of each year is a time for looking back at the past, and more importantly, looking forward to the coming year. It’s a time to reflect on the changes we want to make and to resolve to follow through on each of those changes. As you ponder your resolutions for 2016, think of a few things you can do to strengthen your membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

- **Stay connected** – attend chapter meetings, read publications, browse social media
- **Network beyond the chapter** – attend state convention in Winston-Salem, April 22-24
- **Learn more about the Society** – explore state and international web sites
- **Promote Society Purposes** – support chapter and state projects
- **Share your enthusiasm for the work of DKG** – be a positive voice
- **Be part of the team** – volunteer for a committee or special chapter assignment

Make some resolutions for a healthier, happier 2016 - lose weight, exercise more, eat healthier and don't forget to make some DKG Resolutions!

Sheila

Convention Project Announced



Convention plans are taking shape. The registration form is now online, as well as forms to be a vendor and to submit ads for the program. In addition, President Sheila Groves and the Convention Planning Committee have announced the convention project. Region IX has chosen to collaborate with Dreams and Kitestrings of Wilkes County for the 2016 Convention Project. The mission of this local organization is to provide women and children the wings to soar by giving financial assistance to help achieve their educational, athletic, and career aspirations. Dreams and Kitestrings provides financial assistance to students and teachers, funds classroom grants and sponsors educational events, such as author visits and free sports camps. It is a volunteer-lead non-profit, with all donations going directly to support projects.

Read more about Dreams and Kitestrings at <http://www.dreamsandkitestrings.org/>.

Happy Birthday!

February		March		March (con't)	
10	Taura Napier	12	LaRue Perry	26	Phyllis Medlin
14	Addie Laney	25	Manetta Latham	27	Amee Odom
27	April Dawkins	25	Joyce Reed	30	Joy Hilder



Voices of Influence Empowering North Carolina Women Educators
“Create the Future—Imagine, Inspire, Ignite ”

New This Year: Presidents Reception



Everyone is invited to network and enjoy fellowship at a Presidents Reception of light hors d'oeuvres and punch before the Saturday evening banquet at the Eta State Convention. There is no charge for this event, but please indicate if you are attending on the convention registration form. A cash bar will be available.



Also New This Year: *Rising Star Recognition*

In support of our state goal to *inspire a new generation of leaders*, and in honor of the 12 outstanding women who founded our Eta State NC organization, President Sheila and the Awards Committee will recognize 12 young women from across the state as **Rising Stars**. These ladies will be announced at the 2016 Convention Sunday Brunch.



The Eta State Rising Star Award is intended to recognize and encourage key women educators in their early years of active membership in NC Delta Kappa Gamma. These members demonstrate exceptional growth in education, leadership, and contributions to the organization consistent with our Vision and Purposes. Rising Star nominees reflect strong potential for successful leadership at the chapter and state levels and beyond.

Nomination requirements and guidelines are posted on the Eta State web site convention page.

Forms must be submitted to the Awards Committee by March 1. The Eta State Executive Committee and Awards Committee will collaborate on the selection of these young women.

Tech Tip

One of the exciting features of the new DKG website is the ability to network with members around the world through Communities, which focus on a variety of topics. Members may join as many as they would like.

Currently the following Communities are available: DKG Book Club, DKG Collaborative Communities (for sharing about subject areas and job issues), DKG Communications & Publicity, DKG for Social Media, DKG in Canada, DKG Members in the Home, DKG Membership Forum, DKG Mentoring, DKG Travels, and DKG with a focus on the Arts.

Pick your passion and join the discussions today! (Hopefully we can help members sign up at a future meeting!)

Changes Made in CEU Credits

In keeping with DPI and local school districts' policies for receiving approval for renewal credits, this year Eta State will provide a general certificate of attendance to those attending the convention. A teacher desiring CEU credit for attending the convention will need to confer with her local district for approval to count attendance as a CEU credit and to learn if other documentation is needed.

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.deltakappagamma.org/NC

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

Educational Excellence Committee

To the Chairpersons of the 5 committees under EEC, please bring to this meeting or email to Peggy at tgriffin9@carolina.rr.com the presentation or activities your committee has conducted in this biennium.

Also Peggy needs all members to bring to this meeting or email her the total number of volunteer hours they have contributed in this biennium.

The date she needs information by is February 6. Let's make Alpha Zeta a gold chapter.

Margaret Phillips Grant-in-Aid Scholarship

Our Christmas Auction raised \$2107 for the Margaret Phillips scholarship fund. Thanks to everyone who donated items for the donation, bid on items and sent in a monetary donation. A good time was had by all!



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Due to Convention Treasurer by April 1, 2016

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL – ETA STATE NC CONVENTION

April 22-April 24, 2016

Marriott, 425 North Cherry Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101

Hotel Reservations - Call **1-336-725-3500** or **1-877-888-9762**. Request **Delta Kappa Gamma group rate**. Rooms are \$119+tax for double or king. Rate will be in effect until March 22, 2016 and cannot be guaranteed after that date. Additional fee for parking deck.

Convention Registration- Mail completed registration form and check made payable to *Eta State Convention* to:
Chris Waters, Convention Treasurer – 420 Marshall View Court, Winston-Salem NC 27101.

NO REFUNDS from Eta State after April 1, 2016.

Everyone must register, including those who are assisting during the convention.

Use one form for each person. Please type or print.

Title (Circle one): Dr., Miss, Ms, Mrs. _____
Last Name
First Name
Middle Initial

Preference for Name Tag _____

Mailing Address _____
Street
City
State
Zip Code

Email Address _____ Phone No. _____

Chapter Name: _____ Region _____ Year Initiated _____

Check all boxes that apply. Current state officers and/or current state committee members, please include position held.

State Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	State Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Position	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional Director	<input type="checkbox"/>	Past State President	<input type="checkbox"/>	State Honorary Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
Position Held:											
Chapter President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guest	<input type="checkbox"/>	NBCT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Retired	<input type="checkbox"/>	Active in Education	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Current Teacher of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>	40+ Year Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Beginning Teacher (0-4 years)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wish to Participate in Convention Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attending First Convention	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Registration Fee:		Amount
Postmarked by April 1, 2016	\$25.00	\$ _____
Postmarked by April 1, 2016 (one day)	\$15.00	\$ _____
Postmarked after April 1, 2016 or on site	\$35.00	\$ _____

Saturday, April 23 **Presidents Reception before banquet** (Everyone invited. No charge.): here _____

Banquet Honoring Chapter Presidents (Select One): here for Gluten free _____

A. Rigatoni Primavera (vegetarian)	\$25.00	\$ _____
B. Herbed Chicken Breast	\$32.00	\$ _____
C. Herbed Salmon Filet	\$37.00	\$ _____

Sunday, April 24 **Sunday Brunch** \$24.00 \$ _____
 (All meals include gratuity and tax.) **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \$ _____

Banquet and Brunch meal tickets CANNOT be sold after Friday, April 15 (hotel deadline.)

Materials may not be available to persons who register after Friday, April 1 or on site.

Questions about registration: Contact Carolyn Coram, Convention Registrar, etastateregistrar2016@gmail.com

Questions about payments: Contact Chris Waters, Convention Treasurer, waterscs@gmail.com