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President's Message

It is hard to believe that the 2014-2016 biennium is quickly coming to an end. It seems like just yesterday I was contacting Helen Rose with questions.....questions.....questions. She was always ready to help me in my new role as Alpha Zeta president. What a wonderful adventure these two years have been. I want to personally thank each of you for your help, support, and encouragement. It has definitely made this journey an experience that has been so positive. The next slate of officers will be delighted as they begin their journey into the next biennium. The installation of officers will take place at our April meeting.

Our next Alpha Zeta meeting will be on April 2 at the Golden Corral in Monroe. The Matthews Group will host the meeting. Our speaker will be Marilyn Hartness who is a potter in the art department at Wingate University. She teaches pottery along with life lessons. I think this will be a program you do not want to miss!

The Joint Initiation of new members will be on Saturday, April 9 at Aldersgate in Charlotte. New members and their sponsors will need to be at Aldersgate at 9:30 to set up for the ceremony. The program begins at 10:00. I especially want to thank Peggy Griffin for helping with the ceremony and Tara Napier for introducing the speaker. Mayor Jennifer Roberts will be the guest speaker for the luncheon. The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00. Please give your money to Judy Cline no later than our April 2 meeting.

April 22-24 the ETA State conference will be in Winston-Salem. Let me know if you are planning to go. The state conference has lots of information and gives us an opportunity to connect with many other sisters across the state.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter and I look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, April 2 at our next meeting.

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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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April Meeting Information

When: Saturday, April 2, 2016

Time: 10:00 am

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

Cost: \$6.00 per person

Regrets: Contact Joyce Reed at lreed2@windstream.net or phone: 704-847-3035

Hostess Group: Matthews



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.”

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

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Upcoming Events

March 15, 2016—Chapter Achievement Award forms due to regional directors

March 31, 2016—Vendor applications and program ads for convention are due

April 1, 2016—Early bird deadline for convention registration

April 2, 2016 – Alpha Zeta Meeting, Charlotte/Matthews Group

April 8, 2016—Deadline to register for Pre-Convention Event tour of Reynolda House

April 9, 2016 — Joint Initiation Luncheon, Aldersgate, 10:00 am

April 15, 2016—Convention registration deadline for meal request

April 22-14, 2016 — Eta State Convention, Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX)

May 1, 2016—Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional Development Applications due

July 5-9, 2016- KG International Convention - Nashville, TN

Eta State Convention—Sessions Announced for Convention, Posted to Website

Workshop sessions for Saturday afternoon of the convention offer a variety of options for attendees. For a complete list of topics and presenters, visit the convention website at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2016ConventionWorkshops.pdf> Workshop coordinator Connie Savell, Eta State First Vice President, reminds presenters and facilitators that they need to register for the convention.

Check out all the convention information on the [convention website](#)! Information includes overflow hotel details, forms, the President’s reception and more!

DKG International Convention This Summer in Nashville

Join Eta State members and others from around the world at the international convention July 5- 9, 2016 in Nashville. Registration is open and hotel rooms are filling up at the beautiful Opryland Resort and Convention Center.



In addition to convention sessions and workshops, convention tours will add to the week. Click on the [Events tab](#) on the DKG homepage to learn more.

Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, Eta State Executive Secretary, asks you to let her know if you plan to attend. She will have a sign-up sheet available at the Eta State Convention or you can email her at etaexecsecretary@gmail.com.

Eta State President Sheila’s Message



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Something to think about...

DKG members are busy women! We are teachers, business owners, caregivers, and volunteers with 24/7 schedules. And we need a break!

Are you ready to be entertained, informed, and inspired?

Give yourself permission to spend a weekend networking with women from across NC who will come together with common Purposes and Vision. Attend the 2016 State Convention in WinstonSalem. This is your time to share ideas, ask questions, and make connections. It’s your time to gather resources, renew energy, and build momentum for the coming year.

Eta State NC Convention, take us away!

Arrive Friday morning and go on our guided tour of Reynolda House Museum of American Art. During convention, enjoy performances by the WinstonSalem State University Choir, Steel Magnolias, and our Convention Chorus. Celebrate a year of achievements at Friday Awards Night and Saturday evening’s Reception and Presidents Banquet. Take part in Eta State NC business sessions and attend the first business meeting of the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Take advantage of the variety of breakout sessions. Be inspired by special speakers: Dr. Greg Little, Mount Airy City Schools Superintendent, and Carol Andrews, author, journalist, motivational speaker. Take away fresh ideas, innovative resources, and a new attitude!


Busy women find time for what matters! See you at convention!

Sheila

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/>

Happy Birthday!

April		May		June		July	
2	Dr. Kim Schroeder	13	Carolyn Nave	8	Sarah Miller	2	Patricia Perkoski
15	Beverly Christopher	16	Margaret Kinney	16	Mercedes Cass	10	Janie Collins
24	Louise Napier			21	Lisa Stephens	20	Diane Maye
30	Frances Davis			21	Dauida Zike	22	Gladys Kerr

Alpha Zeta Member News

Congratulations to Dr. Kim Schroeder and her husband, Jeff, on the birth of their son! Austin Bryan Schroeder was born on February 25th at 12:30 pm weighing 9 pounds and 9 ounces. He was 20.5 inches long. Dr. Schroeder was kind enough to send a photo of their new addition. Isn't he adorable?



Fanning the Flames—Keeping the Passion for Teaching Ignited, Growing

By: Dr. Sherry Willis, Chair, BT Support Committee

The Beginning Teacher Support Committee met recently to make final plans for the Eta State Convention. There will be another “Make-It/Take-It” session this year providing new ideas for teacher support.

When you get to the convention, be on the lookout for the BTSC Box in which to place your chapter’s ideas for how you serve to Fan the Flame, keeping the passion for teaching ignited and growing. One idea/contribution will be drawn for a \$50 Walmart gift card.

Please encourage a beginning teacher to attend the Eta State Convention. There will be a Favor Basket for them at the Registration Table. Name tags will be specially marked to identify and celebrate them as a Beginning Teacher.

Convention Project Promotes Student Literacy



Students will be the beneficiaries of our 2016 convention project. Donations to Dreams and Kitestrings will buy books for school-age children, and your donations of books, bookmarks and Barnes & Noble gift cards will go to their Little Free Libraries project or their Book Fair Project, both of which support literacy and provide books. Checks should be made out to Dreams and Kitestrings, an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) tax exempt charity.

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

Eta State News

The Spring edition of *Eta State News* is now available. Enjoy the news from North Carolina.

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNSpring2016.pdf>

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNSpring2016BW.pdf> (B & W copy)

Tech Tip

Flippity—<http://flippity.net/>

Use Flippity.net to turn Google spreadsheets into flashcards and more! You have to be logged into your Google account to download the template to make the flashcards. They also offer other templates that can create trivia quiz boards, random name pickers and more.

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.deltakappagamma.org/NC

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com