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President's Message

This year is going by faster than I can believe. In a couple of weeks we will be celebrating another Alpha Zeta meeting. I hope you are all getting your shopping list ready so you can check names off as you shop at our meeting. We always have really good items to auction.

Please remember that our Dec. meeting will begin at 9:00 am. We will be meeting at Cuthbertson High School. The Waxhaw Group will be the hostesses for our meeting. If you are planning on bringing a guest please let the Waxhaw Group know. This would be an excellent time to bring someone you think would be a good fit for Alpha Zeta! It would also be a good time to encourage a past member who might consider reconnecting with Delta Kappa Gamma.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Enjoy some time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing everyone on December 5th!

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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.

December Meeting Information

When: Saturday, December 5, 2015

Time: 9:00 am

Where: Cuthbertson High School, 1400 Cuthbertson Rd, Waxhaw, NC 28173

Cost: \$6.00 per person

RSVP regrets only to Tommie Wall at tommie-wall@carolina.rr.com or 704-821-4971 by December 2nd

Hostess Group: Waxhaw

Program: Annual Scholarship Auction

Please remember to bring your items for the auction and money to shop!



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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

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

Upcoming Events

- January 3, 2016—DKG Educational Foundation project applications due
- January 10, 2016— Deadline to submit news for Spring issue of *Eta State News*
- January 23, 2016—Executive Board Meeting, Wanda Allen’s House
- January 25, 2016— Convention breakout session presentation applications due
- 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 6, 2016 – Alpha Zeta Meeting, Huntersville Group
- April 2, 2016 – Alpha Zeta Meeting, Charlotte/Matthews Group
- April 9, 2016 — Joint Initiation Luncheon, Aldersgate
- April 22-14, 2016 — Eta State Convention, Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX)
- July 5-9, 2016 - DKG International Convention - Nashville, TN

Eta State Convention—Call for Breakout Session Presenters

Breakout session presenters are needed for the 2016 Eta State Convention to be held April 22-24 in Winston-Salem. The four strands for breakout session topics will be Technology, Teaching & Learning, Personal Growth, and DKG Society. A proposal form is posted on the Eta State website at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2016WorkshopForm.pdf> and should be submitted by January 25, 2016. For more information, contact Eta State 1st Vice President Connie Savell at mcdpm59@gmail.com, (704)-477-0450, or 206 North Roxford Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Early Convention Registration Encouraged

Eta State members planning to attend the 2016 Eta State Convention in Winston Salem, April 22-24, are encouraged to make your reservations early. Reservation info for the Marriott is on the Eta State website convention page at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2016Convention.html>.

Eta State may be able to secure more rooms at convention rate if the block fills soon enough, so reserve early.

Rooms are \$119, single or double, plus taxes. Deadline for the group rate is March 22, and as in the past, rooms will go fast so register early. It speeds the check-in process if you will put all names in the room on the initial registration or update it as soon as you know who is rooming together. The hotel puts bills under the door and room charges can be viewed on the room televisions. This will help speed your checkout.

There is a charge for parking in the city deck.

Eta State President Sheila’s Message



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Something to think about...

How exciting it is to see NC DKG making wise investments for the future! Chapters are growing young members, keeping the Society strong, relevant, and forward moving. A blend of generations creates an inviting environment, attracting and retaining educators of all ages who want to make a difference. Young members are finding DKG offers opportunities to meet like-minded women, make friends, advance their careers, and develop as leaders in their schools and communities. Seasoned members contribute and grow as mentors, collaborators, and advisers nurturing young educators in a positive setting, keeping meaningful traditions and our Society Purposes alive. Delta Kappa Gamma can grow the future, preparing young women to be successful educators and leaders. Look for those rising stars in your chapter. Encourage them, acknowledge their contributions, and grow them in the nurturing environment of DKG.

Who are the *Rising Stars* in your chapter?

New Alpha Zeta Member Nominations Due January 15th

Please nominate new members by January 15th. The nomination form is attached to the newsletter email and Grace Faris will have blank copies at the December meeting. The candidate needs to be a certified teacher with at least 3 years of teaching experience in order to be considered for membership in Alpha Zeta/Delta Kappa Gamma.



Fall Gallery of Fine Arts Opens

The DKG Gallery of Fine Arts for Fall 2015 showcases submissions from around the world, including some from talented Eta State members. Representing North Carolina are Grace Carol Bomer of Alpha Phi Chapter, Region XI (Buncombe/Madison), two picks in Mixed Media, and Judy Williard of Zeta Chapter in Region IX (Forsyth/Surry) in oil and watercolor paintings, her third time to be included. Go to <https://www.dkg.org/content/dkg-gallery-fine-arts-0> to view the creative efforts of all the selected members. The next submission period is from January 1 to February 1, 2016. **Consider submitting your art or writing!**

Happy Birthday!

December		January	
4	Helen Rose	13	Peggy Harris
		23	Katie Perry



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/>

Member News

Isaac Meadows (Wingate University Reference & Instruction Librarian) and **Ameé Odom** (Wingate University Director of the Library) recently presented the following talk at the 2015 Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy in Savannah, Georgia - "I HAVE RESERVATIONS: The Design and Implementation of an Online Library Instruction Form for University Faculty"

Deb Christensen was selected to take part in the NC Digital Leaders Coaching Network Cohort for the 2015-2016 school year. The program is with The Friday Inst.

Collegial Exchange Debuts This Month

The first issue of the new DKG publication, *Collegial Exchange*, will arrive in members' mailboxes at the end of November, 2015. More than 40 submissions were received for this inaugural issue, which is currently in production. The *Exchange* features practice-based articles and creative work.

The next deadline for submitting articles to the *Exchange* is December 15, 2015. Information about submitting may be found at <https://www.dkg.org/editorial-board>. All submissions should be sent to bulletin@dkg.org. For additional information or assistance, members should contact Bulletin editor and Communications & Publicity liaison Judy Merz, also at bulletin@dkg.org.

Call for Presenters at International Convention in Nashville

Eta State has many talented members. Share your knowledge at the 2016 International Convention in Nashville, TN, by applying to be a Breakout Session Presenter.

The four strands to be addressed are Communications/Technology; Educational Excellence; Empowering Women; and Global Awareness. Breakout Session Proposal forms are available now at <https://www.dkg.org/content/2016-breakout-session-proposal-form>.

The postmark/electronic submission deadline is Feb. 1, 2016. Return completed forms to Dr. Lyn Schmid (lynn@dkg.org) or to Society headquarters: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International at PO Box 1589, Austin, TX 78767-1589.

Social media users: Begin to follow plans and events at #dkgcon #DKGNashville2016 #DKGtakesNashville

Tech Tip



Union County Public Schools recently updated their websites to SchoolWires. With this new program, the school system was able to provide a mobile app for Apple and Android users. Download the app to keep up with what's happening at UCPS! You can set certain schools as favorites to stay up to date with district and school-specific information. Below are the links to download from iTunes or Google Play.

<https://itunes.apple.com/fi/app/union-county-public-schools/id961644994?mt=8>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.NC01910453.schoolwires.mobile&hl=en>

Eta State News

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

<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNWinter20152016.pdf>

<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNWinter2015BW.pdf> (B & W copy)

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.deltakappagamma.org/NC

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

Celebrate *the holiday season!*

Let's enjoy Christmas
with our AZ Sisters
great food, and holiday
cheer!

Saturday, December 5, 2015
At Cuthbertson High School located at
1400 Cuthbertson Road in Waxhaw
Time: 9:00am

Cost: \$6.00 per person

*Season Greetings from the Waxhaw Group:
Wanda Allen, Jane Clawson, Frances Davis,
Grace Faris, Gladys Kerr, Patricia Perkoski,
Gwen Sinclair, Tommie Wall and Janie Webb.*

*Regrets only to Tommie Wall at
tommie-wall@carolina.rr.com or
704-821-4971 by December 2nd.*



Alpha Zeta December 2015 Meeting

*Our meeting will be held at Cuthbertson High School (1400 Cuthbertson Road, Waxhaw, NC 28173) in the Media Center beginning at **9:00 am**-remember we are having our famous AZ Christmas Auction!

Here are the driving directions from various other townships:

From Huntersville, NC to 1400 Cuthbertson Road, Waxhaw, NC:

1. Get on I-485 Outer from NC-115S/S Old Statesville Road.
2. Head south on NC-115 S/S Old Statesville Road toward E Greenway Street.
3. Turn left onto the Interstate 485 Outer S/Interstate 77 ramp.
4. Keep left to continue on Exit 23A, follow signs for Interstate 77 S/Charlotte.
5. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Interstate 485 Outer S/Spartanburg and merge onto I 485 Outer.
6. Follow I-485 Outer to NC-16 S/Providence Road –take exit 57 from I-485 Outer (will be labeled North Carolina 16/Providence Road toward Weddington/Waxhaw).
7. Turn right on NC-16 S/Providence Road and then continue approximately 7.5 miles and at stop light turn left on Cuthbertson Road. School is located approximately 1.9 miles on Cuthbertson Road on the left.

From Wingate and Monroe to 1400 Cuthbertson Road, Waxhaw, NC:

1. Head south on Skyway Drive toward North Church Street.
2. Turn right at the 1st cross street onto North Church Street.
3. Turn left onto North Charlotte Avenue.
4. Turn right at the 3rd cross street onto West Franklin Street.
5. Slight right onto Weddington Road.
6. At the traffic circle, continue straight onto NC-84 W/Weddington Road approximately 3.2 miles.
7. Turn left onto Lester Davis Road.
8. Turn right onto New Town Road, continue approximately 1.5 miles until you reach a stoplight and turn left at stoplight onto Cuthbertson Road.
9. Continue on Cuthbertson Road for approximately 1.0 mile and school is located on your right.

From Matthews to 1400 Cuthbertson Road, Waxhaw, NC:

1. Head southeast on West John Street toward Library Lane.
2. Turn right onto Potter Road –follow for approximately 4.5 miles
3. At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto Waxhaw-Indian Trail Road-follow for approximately 2.8 miles.
4. Turn right at stop light onto New Town Road-follow approximately ¼ of a mile.
5. Turn left at stop light onto Cuthbertson Road-the high school is approximately one mile from this light and will be located on your right.