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President's Message

It is hard to believe that we are getting ready to begin our second year in the 2014-2016 biennium. Time sure does have a way of moving quickly. I am looking forward to this year with our Alpha Zeta members as we move forward in following the new Eta State president's call for us to Imagine, Inspire and Ignite! President Shelia Groves challenges us to pick our passion and follow our dreams.

At our meeting on Oct. 3, I will be sharing several awards we received at the Eta State Convention. We sure did shine at the state conference as is evidenced by the awards. We can be so proud of our chapter!

We have a wonderful speaker for our first meeting. To give you a sneak preview she will be telling us about the classrooms of tomorrow. You will definitely want to come and hear the exciting things that students are having opportunities to experience in the classroom today.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Kensington on Oct. 3. Remember to have your check ready for chapter dues. Information as to the amount of dues is included in this newsletter (see page 3). Also pledge money is due for the North Carolina DKG Scholarship Fund. I have a copy of the pledges if you need to know how much you pledged.

Come early.....get a good seat.....get ready for a fantastic year with all of your sisters in Alpha Zeta!

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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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October Meeting Information

When: Saturday, October 3, 2015

Time: 10:00 am

Where: Kensington Elementary, 8701 Kensington Dr, Waxhaw, NC 28173

Cost: \$6.00 per person for a catered brunch

RSVP by Monday, September 28th if you plan to attend: Addie Laney at 704-282-2342 or Diana Sweezy at dgsweezy@icloud.com

Hostess Group: Monroe

Program: The speaker is Andrea Savill, the Classrooms of Tomorrow Coordinator for UCPS. She will be presenting information about the classrooms of tomorrow where the teachers are facilitators of instruction through the use of technology.



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

October 3, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Alpha Zeta Meeting, Kensington Elementary, Monroe Group

December 5, 2015, **9:00 a.m.**— Alpha Zeta Meeting, Cuthbertson High School, Waxhaw Group

January 23, 2016 – Executive Board Meeting, Wanda Allen’s House

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

Eta State President Sheila Groves and the Convention Planning Committee are planning an exciting convention for April 2016. The convention will be hosted by Region IX in Winston-Salem.

The convention will be held one week earlier than usual next spring. Dates will be April 22-24, 2016. Mark your calendars now! Convention co-chairmen, Tina Higgins and Dr. Susan Blackburn of Delta Chi Chapter, and Region IX Director Janice Linker, met with the region’s chapter presidents at Elon and are excited about the support they are receiving from the hotel and visitor’s bureau.

Winston-Salem offers a variety of things to do and see. Hotel registration has been posted online. You can find it on the Eta State website convention page at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2016Convention.html>.

Grants to Be Awarded from the Foundation

Exciting news from the North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation was announced at the Executive Board meeting in Elon last weekend—*the Foundation will be awarding grants this year!*

Grants totaling \$1,000 will be awarded this spring, up to a maximum of \$250 for each grant. Individuals, teams or chapters may apply. Application forms and submission details are now online on the Foundation’s new website, <http://www.ncdkgef.org> under the Grants tab.

The Foundation is continuing to accept pledge payments now, and again thanks everyone for their generous support of the 100 Challenge. These funds are making the first grants possible.

A brochure about the Foundation is now available. Chapter presidents received the initial copies at Elon and the brochure is available online for downloading. Presidents also received the inaugural issue of *Creating Futures*, the Foundation’s new newsletter. Watch for it on the website soon.

More Alpha Zeta News

- Thoughts and prayers for Mercedes Cass. She lost her mother, Barbara Zambrano, July 7th.
- Thoughts and prayers for Gwen Sinclair. Her mother passed away in April.
- Checks for the Educational Foundation are due. Make checks payable to The NC DKG Educational Foundation. Wanda Allen will have a copy of your pledge at the October meeting.
- Remember to bring items for Bright Blessings. (see info below)
- Judy Cline will collect chapter dues on October 3. Checks should be made out to Alpha Zeta. Regular member dues are \$76.00 and reserve member dues are \$43.00. If you are unable to attend the meeting in October please mail Judy your check.
 Judy Cline
 5215 Club View Drive
 Concord, NC. 28025
- Beta Tau (Coordinating Council chapter) will be selling pecans as a fundraiser. Information will be provided at the meeting in October if you are interested in placing an order.
- Kappa (Coordinating Council chapter) extends an invitation to Alpha Zeta to join them on Thursday, October 15 to hear Dr. Elaine Jenkins. Their meeting begins at 4:30. They will be meeting at Alexander Graham Middle School. If you plan to attend send an email to JeannetteC@carolina.rr.com.

Eta State President Sheila’s Message



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Something to think about...

Enrich your Delta Kappa Gamma experience by getting involved. One person can make a difference! Through DKG the possibilities are endless and the rewards are many. Working with others on shared goals and interests strengthens our chapters, our schools, our communities. Don't sit back and watch; be a part of the action! Share your ideas, share your talents, and share your enthusiasm for the work of Eta State. Contributions, large and small, help others and enrich our own lives at the same time. Being an involved member is an ongoing process. Action leads to benefits. Are you getting the most out of your DKG membership?

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!

October		November		November (con't)	
1	Wanda Allen	5	Janie Webb	12	Tommie Wall
1	Margaret Phillips	7	Grace Faris	27	Peggy Griffin
13	Diana Sweezy	7	Gwyn Sinclair	28	Jane Clawson
		9	Deb Christensen		



Member News

Wanda Allen—Congratulations to the Allen family as they welcomed a new granddaughter in July!!

Sara Miller— and her husband William Banks Miller will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on October 3rd, 2015!! Congratulations!!



Changes Now Online

The *Eta State Bylaws and Standing Rules* were amended by the membership assembly at the 2015 Eta State Convention on April 25, 2015. Please visit the Eta State website under the Rules & Bylaws tab or <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/bylaws%20&%20rules%20page.htm> to view the revised by-laws and standing rules.

International President's Blog

Do you follow Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid's blog? The International President shares her personal thoughts, readings, joys, and concerns about our great Society.

In her August 31 post, she talks about some of the changes that were implemented at the summer regional conferences. She says, "During the 2012-2014 biennium, an Administrative Board committee chaired by Dr. Jensi Souders conducted web-based research and face-to-face meetings through sessions at all regional conferences regarding what members liked/disliked about regional conferences."

The regional directors implemented some changes based on suggestions from that research, such as introducing the incoming and outgoing state presidents at an earlier time than the closing banquet.

Another change implemented was the singing of the DKG song—or the absence of singing it in favor of just playing the tune as an anthem some time during the conference, such as at the end of the luncheon.

She ends that August post by inviting everyone to Nashville for the 2016 International Convention, July 5-9, and shares the link for her video invitation—<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/livestream/channel3.php?code=cZ3V5AhSV4>. "Y'all come!" Read the entire post and subscribe to her blog at <http://lynschmid.blogspot.com>.

Eta State News

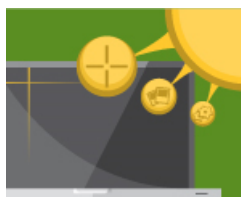
The Fall edition of *Eta State News* is now available. Enjoy the news from North Carolina.

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNFall2015.pdf>

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNFall2015BW.pdf>
(B&W copy)

Tech Tip

Ever wanted to make a video of what's happening on your computer screen or to create a video to teach students steps in a process? Jing is your tool. Jing is a free service that lets you capture basic video, animation, and still images. You can easily save them and/or share them on the web. Add videos to your blog or send pictures through email or Twitter. Jing is available for Mac or PC and has step by step tutorials and free tech support. Find out more at <https://www.techsmith.com/jing.html>.



End Robo Calls!

Please sign the petition at www.endrobocalls.org and email the request to friends. I read about this in the August Consumer Reports, page 8. Our Attorney General has said there is nothing he can do. Together we can!

Thanks, Frankie Ritch

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.deltakappagamma.org/NC

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com