



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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Region VIII
Mecklenburg and Union Counties

President's Message

Dear Alpha Zeta Sisters,

It was with sadness that I notified you of the postponement of our April 4th DKG meeting in light of all that is transpiring in our world, state and communities. In the interest of keeping to the guidance to social distance and keep ourselves healthy, it was necessary to plan our meeting for another time. I miss seeing all of you and am saddened that we have to wait to induct our new members. While we had to postpone this important meeting, we will have an even greater one in the fall when we can combine another important celebration with these. During this month of April, Alpha Zeta celebrates its 65th anniversary. What a milestone to celebrate!!! With this being said, we will be making some special plans for our meeting in September. Tommie Wall has confirmed that we will be able to meet at Siler Presbyterian Church on the second Saturday in September with that date being the 12th. So, mark your calendars now for this very special celebration. In the meantime, we will plan to meet with our prospective inductees for orientation and to help them feel they are already a part of our wonderful chapter.

We had a full agenda for our meeting and there were some very important items to bring up which we need to know the wishes of our members in order to make some decisions about our upcoming calendar and dues. Please read carefully the items which are to follow, as we are asking for all member input in order to make these decisions. As asked in my earlier emails, please reply and let me know about each item presented if you have not, so that the Executive Board will have the information to move forward with planning.

The first item concerns a change in the calendar of meetings. This was discussed at our Executive Board meeting in January and mentioned at our February full meeting. We sent out a needs survey to the members and did receive approximately 10 back. Those seemed favorable to moving our October and December meetings to the second Saturday in September and November. We are hoping that this will help with attendance as there are so many things that begin to happen with church and families in December. We would like each member's input so please let me know your thoughts.

Another item to be discussed was brought up in the received surveys. A few individuals suggested the possibility of an increase in our yearly dues to cover some of those items which we seem to be asking extra donations from you. We would like to know your opinion on this. Right now, our dues are at \$76.00 a year. I would suggest that we keep that as it is through our June 15th due date. It would be a possibility to pay a flat \$25 donation in September 2020 so that we do not have to always ask for extra at each meeting. This would not be in lieu of our Grant-in-Aid Auction, but would allow us to budget and plan for the extras which come along.

So sorry for all the information recapped in this letter from my earlier email, but these are all things important to our chapter. I am looking forward to your responses. Keep healthy and pray that we all may get back to normal activity soon. At least we still have internet and cable (Ha! Ha!).

Yours in Sisterhood,

Janie Webb
Alpha Zeta President



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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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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

“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.”

Ready, Set, GROW!

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Upcoming Events

- Apr. 30 Dissertation info due to be recognized at International Convention
- May 1 Cornetet Individual PD Award applications due
- May 1 International Committee, Editorial Board, Arts & Humanities Jury applications due
- May 10 International Speaker request from Speaker Fund due
- May 11 DKG Founders Day
- May 15 New Inductee forms and fees due to state treasurer*
- May 15 *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due
- May 15 Form 110 New Chapter Officers Form due
- June 30 Chapter members' dues due to treasurer*
- July 7-11 International Convention, Philadelphia, PA
- July 15 Form 15 due from chapter treasurers to state*
- Oct. 24 Fall Executive Board Meeting, Burlington

* There will be some flexibility with these dates.

Alpha Zeta Meetings

September 12 Siler Presbyterian Church 9 am – 12 noon

Conventions

POSTPONED NC DKG Convention, Embassy Suites, Greensboro, Region VII

July 7 - 11, 2020 International Convention, Philadelphia, PA

April 23 - 25, 2021 NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort

July 10 - 18, 2022 International Convention, New Orleans, LA

Also check the NC DKG calendar online at <https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html>.

September Meeting Information

When: September 12, 2020

Time: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Where: Siler Presbyterian Church, 6301 Weddington Rd, Matthews, NC 28104

Cost: \$10.00

RSVP: An EventBrite link will be sent in the fall.

Program: Induction of new members, officer installation, and Lisa Stephens will present about her trip to China.

Bring: Books for the UCPS Book Mobile



“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”

NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

Getting or Giving?

It's Personal!

'Give and Get' through NC DKG membership can have an impact worldwide. When I wrote that phrase last month I would have never guessed what state of affairs our world would be in today. But knowing that, let me showcase giving personally by chapters and/or members as they GROW! in spite of these challenging times.

2019-2021 NC DKG Theme

Ready, Set, GROW!

Cultivate fellowship with Generations of DKG members

Nurture membership with Research-based strategies

Energize members with Opportunities for leadership

Develop chapters with Well-defined programs

You GROW, girl!



See **Beta Alpha GROW!**
Dr. Gail Marsal imparted her wisdom and knowledge on **Generational Differences** to chapter members



See **Chi GROW!**
Communications Committee uses Evite for meetings and reports **data of response rates** in chapter minutes



See **Gamma Psi GROW!**
Dr. Myra Cox, Superintendent, Elkin City Schools,
Opportunity for Leadership enhanced through **Institute in Study Abroad - Ireland**

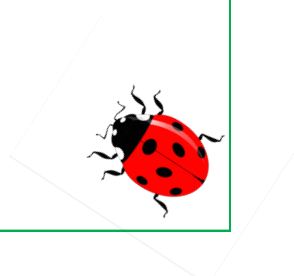


See **Delta Sigma GROW!**
80+ Volunteer Hours during the *Tour of Homes*
Well-defined community service **project** benefiting Lincoln County

In the recent **Gamma Psi** newsletter, the president included the following: “I challenge you to build bridges that bind and connect people. I challenge you to support the world you want to share. I challenge you to look within and find that seed that can grow only if you nurture it.”

Question to ponder during this time of self-quarantine:

How do we as members of NC DKG face challenges so that it is possible to Ready, Set, GROW! in spite of obstacles?



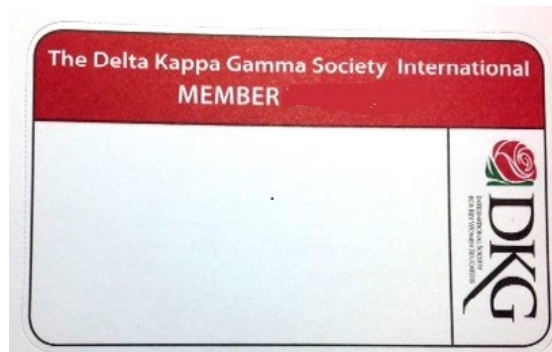
Alpha Zeta News

Alpha Zeta Dues Due!

Please remember to **send your dues to Lisa Stephens by June 15th**. Your check should be made out to Alpha Zeta for \$76.00 and may be postdated to June 15th. It is imperative that Lisa receives them by this date in order to make sure that the correct paperwork is submitted to International and NC DKG. Her address is:

Lisa Stephens
5728 Verrazano Drive
Waxhaw, NC. 28173

All dues must be paid no later than June 15th.



Happy Birthday!

April		May		June		June (con't)	
2	Dr. Kim Schroeder	1	Paula Tautfest	6	Tracy Strickland	26	Kathy Glasheen
15	Beverly Christopher	13	Carolyn Nave	8	Sarah Miller		
24	Louise Napier	16	Margaret Kinney	21	Lisa Stephens		
30	Frances Davis			21	Davida Zike		



Educational Foundation Raffle

Mosaic Glass Inlay 12-String Guitar

The NC DKG Educational Foundation is proud to present the guitar artwork of North Carolina artist and educator Travis Driver. His unique visual art piece, a customized mosaic glass inlaid 12-stringed guitar, has been donated for a Foundation charity raffle. It is valued at more than \$500. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. Proceeds will be used to support Foundation grants for NC educators. Please share this information with friends and family. Don't miss this opportunity to own an amazing piece of art!

Raffle ticket purchase information is available on the Foundation web site www.ncdkgef.org. Tickets may also be obtained from any Foundation Board member. For more information contact Sheila Groves, Board Chair, at svgeta97@gmail.com

The drawing will be held on October 17, 2020.



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Read the spring issue of the NC DKG News at <https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/ncdkgnewsspring2020.pdf>

“Too Soon To Tell”

By: Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, NC DKG President

You GROW, girls! Thank you for answering the 2020 Convention & Training Google Survey. I asked you to use your voices of influence and it worked. In less than three days, over 600 responses were submitted, representing all regions and each NC DKG chapter.

Here are the highlights:

Consensus on Dates & Format:

- June is too soon for *face-to-face training events*.
- New Leader Training combined with the Convention is a positive plan for 2020.
- Late summer or fall convention is a positive idea for 2020.
- It is time to explore virtual training modules for New Leader Trainings.



Consensus of Concerns & Questions:

- State mandates and health concerns
- Family time needed instead of DKG time
- Fall is a busy time already
- Missing school
- On behalf of the Administrative Board, I say thank you again for your patience in this difficult time. Please know that we are working tirelessly to find the right solution for NC DKG—a solution that is first, physically safe and second, fiscally sound while attempting to heed the voice of the membership. Continue to stay safe, stay home, and stay tuned for updates.

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/

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NC DKG Convention

Coronavirus and Stay-at-Home Orders Postpone 2020 NC DKG Convention

What a difference a month makes! The March *Eta Data* was filled with excitement and news about the upcoming NC DKG Convention scheduled for early May. An international outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) has caused statewide stay-at-home orders from the governor, causing the indefinite postponement of the convention and other gatherings.

All NC DKG members were invited to complete a Google form to have input into the rescheduling of the convention and of the new leaders trainings that usually take place in the summer of even-numbered years. Results are being carefully analyzed by NC DKG President Teresa H. Cowan and no decisions have been made yet. (See page 3 for the highlights.)

Hotel registrations for the convention have been cancelled by the hotel. If you had registered but have not heard from the hotel, call 1-800-Embassy to verify cancellation. They did not have emails for everyone. Individual registrations for the convention are still intact though. Members who have registered should have received an email from NC DKG Treasurer Leslie Black verifying their registration. Once the convention is rescheduled, new registrations will be open without a late fee until one week prior to the new date. *Updates will be posted on the NC DKG website and social media when decisions are made.*

EEC Equals Well-Defined Programs

Celebrate Founders Day

By: Tobey Worthington, NC DKG First Vice-President

Many chapters celebrate the May 11, 1929, founding of DKG during this time of year. What a great virtual program this would be since chapters are not meeting in person! For a unique approach, celebrate state organization Founders or chapter charter members. In addition to honoring the rich history of DKG, energize the chapter with a celebration of current members and new members by sharing information on each member plus a way they have GROWN this year. Information for celebrating Founders Day can be found under Resources → [Ceremonies](#) on the DKG website. “Our Founders” PowerPoint presentation is also available online under Resources → [PowerPoints](#). It will make a Well-Defined virtual meeting program!



Ladybugs are generally associated with good for-tune and good luck. They bring with them a sense of future prosperity. Their bright, colorful look, along with their happy-go-lucky travels, means living life without boundaries. We hope you have ladybugs around you and wish you good health.

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Parliamentary True or False?

An increase in the amount of state dues may be passed by majority vote of the Executive Board.

False. The Executive Board **recommends** the change to the membership at the convention after a year of publication. The Finance Committee presents the proposal for change to the Executive Board in an even-numbered year and to the NC DKG Convention the following year. The proposed change is publicized to the membership through the state newsletter. If it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board preceding the convention, it is presented for vote to the members in convention. That vote also must be two-thirds for approval.

Virtual Chapter Meetings? Yes, You Can

By: Betty Marshall, NC DKG Parliamentarian

NC DKG chapters generally are busy in April with new member inductions, carrying out annual projects, or making plans for convention sales and activities. Some have joint meetings with sister chapters.

But April 2020 is different.

With everyone sequestered at home, the routine meetings are no longer possible. But Virtual Chapter Meetings may be an option for your chapter. Using Google Hangouts, GotoMeeting or Zoom, technology is affording an opportunity to "meet" and stay at home.

NC DKG Bylaws allow electronic meetings "as long as members present may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting." A majority vote of chapter members is required for any action. But remember, any voting at an electronic meeting must be ratified at the next face-to-face meeting of the chapter.

Key women educators are finding new and creative ways to function in the changing environment.



DKG Publications

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin
International Journal for Professional Educators




The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Newsletter for Chapter Presidents



Get Connected!

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DKG International

Philly Convention Still On—So Far

Plans are continuing for the DKG Convention this summer in Philadelphia but International President Cathy Daugherty and other leaders are working on a contingency plan in the event the convention is cancelled. While members’ health and well-being is the top priority, there is much to take into consideration, including, as President Cathy stated, “mandates in the Philadelphia area and restrictions on travel, both in the US and around the world, along with negotiations with our hotel” that will have a bearing on the decision the Administrative Board will make later this spring.

Watch the DKG website and social media for updates, and follow the [DKGSI blog](#) for weekly updates from President Cathy and/or committees.



The DKG US Forum Aids Members

By: Kennan Eaddy

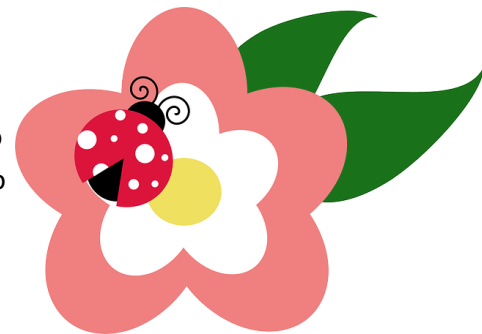
NC DKG US Forum Representative

How can the DKG US Forum aid members in fulfilling the Delta Kappa Gamma purpose *to initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators*? Here are some ways:

- The Forum keeps members well-informed.
- It supports non-partisan federal legislation in the interests of education and women.
- It uses the *US Forum Connection* to provide members with relevant information on pending issues.
- The Forum nurtures confident and capable educational advocates.
- Informed constituents seek opportunities to support education through legislation.
- Collective voices of influence can be created and heard throughout DKG.

As the NC DKG US Forum Representative, my role is to help disseminate information to chapters and my goal is to do so using a user-friendly medium, making it simpler to communicate to all members. As information is delivered to you, I urge all chapters to re-prioritize Educational Law and Policy and participate in our legislative process.

Making Connections: Contact Kennan at knnneddy@gmail.com with questions about the US Forum.



Apply for an International Appointment

Applications are available for appointments to international committees, the Arts and Humanities Jury, and the Editorial Board. These are all Google forms found on the links on the DKG website under [Apply/Submit → Applications](#). The deadline for this year’s application is **May 1, 2020**.