



# From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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## President's Message

Alpha Zeta Sisters,

I hope your January is going well and you are staying warm, although our weather for part of January left us much warmer than we ever imagined. I must admit that I secretly hoped for a big snowfall earlier in the month so our little Austin, who will be celebrating his first birthday in January, could get to experience it.

I have been busy this month with Alpha Zeta happenings, which has been really exciting! The Coordinating Council met earlier this month to finalize initiation. Initiation is on Saturday, April 22 at Sharon Towers at 9:30. The cost to attend is \$18, which includes lunch. Sheila Groves, State President, will be speaking. Our Regional Director, Susan Lee, will also be speaking. Dr. Elaine Jenkins is the speaker for the event. It will be a great event and I hope we will have a lot of Alpha Zeta representatives there. I also hope we will have new sisters to initiate! Also, I am meeting Saturday with our Executive Board to plan for the remainder of the year and into next year.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our February meeting. Thank you, in advance, to the Waxhaw group for hosting us. We have two beginning teachers who will be joining us to speak about their experiences in the classroom. I look forward to hearing their perspective on the classroom in 2017!

I look forward to seeing you all on February 4!

*Kim*



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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 4, 2017

**Time:** Breakfast starts at 9:30am and our meeting will begin at 10:00am

**Where:** Siler Presbyterian Church at 6301 Weddington-Monroe Road in the Fellowship Building located off of Waxhaw-Indian Trail Road

**Cost:** \$6.00 per person

**RSVP:** by February 2nd to Tommie T. Wall at [tommie-wall@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tommie-wall@carolina.rr.com) or call 704-821-4971

**Hostess Group:** Waxhaw





## 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 .”

## “Voices of Influence Empowering NC Women Educators” “DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”

### Upcoming Events

- January 25, 2017 [Workshop Proposals](#) for the 2017 Eta State NC Convention due
- February 1, 2017 Deadline for [applications](#) for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards
- February 1, 2017 Scholarship Applications due for both [Eta State](#) and [DKG International](#)
- February 1, 2017 [Session and takeaway applications](#) for regional conference presentations due
- February 1, 2017 [Gallery of Fine Arts submissions](#) deadline
- February 4, 2017 Alpha Zeta Chapter Meeting at 10:00 am
- March 1, 2017 Communication, Newsletter, Website Awards due to [Nancy Tunstall](#)
- March 1, 2017 Rising Star and Golden Key award nominations are due to [Edris Glover](#)
- March 1, 2017 [Chapter Achievement Award form](#) due to your regional director
- March 27, 2017 Deadline for [hotel registration](#) for the convention rate (if not filled already)
- April 1, 2017 Alpha Zeta Chapter Meeting at 10:00 am
- April 22, 2017 Joint Initiation, Sharon Towers, 9:30 am, Cost is \$18
- April 28 - 30, 2017 Eta State Convention, Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington, NC
- June 23 - 25, 2017 Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, NC
- July 19-22, 2017 Southeast Regional Conference, Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Myrtle Beach, SC
- September 30, 2016 NC DKG Educational Foundation grant applications due

### Convention Ads in Program Booklet

Convention ads help to pay printing costs for convention materials. Please buy an ad to honor members, advertise events, or brag about chapter accomplishments! The [ad form](#) is on the website. Prices remain the same as the last several years. Send the ad to Nancy Tunstall; information is on the form.

### Eta State Scholarships Available

Eta State NC awards scholarships annually. This year the Scholarship Committee will be awarding the \$4000 Gilbert-McNairy Scholarship and \$1,000 in additional scholarships or grants depending on applicant requests and qualifications.

Learn more about the process and download the application from the forms page at <http://www.ncdkg.org/forms.html>.

### Schools for Africa Fundraiser

Remember to bring back your water bottles with your change to the February Meeting.



## Eta State President Sheila’s Message



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EtaState/>



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### Something to think about...

Happy New Year! It’s time to put the old year behind us and celebrate a new year of possibilities. It’s time to make new resolutions...or *maybe not*. My list of 2017 resolutions looks just like 2016: eat healthier, exercise more, get organized, and learn to use my iPhone. I truly wanted to do all of those things, so what happened? I had the best of intentions, put lots of thought into it, read and researched, made To Do lists, but didn’t check off even one of those 2016 resolutions. What kept me from realizing my goals? I think I found the answer while reading a recent reflection by Mary Anne Perrone entitled *2017 New Year’s Revolution For All: No Longer Waiting*. Now I have only one resolution for 2017 – lose “wait!”

- I’m not going to *wait* until I have time; I’m going to make time now.
- I’m not going to *wait* for someone to ask me to get involved; I’m going to volunteer.
- I’m not going to *wait* until I know it all; I’m going to learn on the job.
- I’m not going to *wait* for every “i” to be dotted and every “t” crossed; I’m going to take a risk.
- I’m not going to *wait* for acknowledgement; I’m going to celebrate my strengths.
- I’m not going to *wait* and be paralyzed by indecision; I’m going to take action!

If we wait for the time to be right, the outcome to be ensured, the path to be clear, and the response to be guaranteed, we miss the adventure of the journey! Will there be mistakes along the way? Sure, but those missteps provide opportunities to learn and grow. I’m excited about my resolution for 2017.

Will you lose “wait” with me this year?

*Sheila*

## Happy Birthday!

### February

10 Taura Napier  
14 Addie Laney  
27 April Dawkins

### March

12 LaRue Perry  
25 Manetta Latham  
25 Joyce Reed

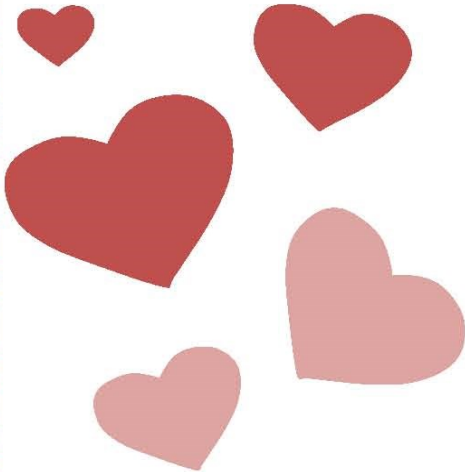
### March (con’t)

26 Phyllis Medlin  
27 Ameer Odom  
30 Joy Hilder

*Happy Birthday*



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**The Waxhaw Group of  
Alpha Zeta Chapter cordially invites you  
to the February 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting at  
Siler Presbyterian Church at  
6301 Weddington-Monroe Road  
In the Fellowship Building located off of  
Waxhaw-Indian Trail Road (There is a sign that  
shows where the Fellowship Building is located)**

Breakfast will consist of bacon or sausage, grits, and scrambled eggs.  
Fruit will be served along with rolls with jam or jelly. The  
beverages will be coffee and orange juice.

Cost-\$6.00 per person

*Breakfast starts at 9:30 and our meeting will begin at 10:00*

Please R.S.V.P. by February 2<sup>nd</sup> to  
Tommie T. Wall at  
[tommie-wall@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tommie-wall@carolina.rr.com) or  
call 704-821-4971



## SER Hotel

### Registration Now Open

The Southeast Regional Conference will be held in Myrtle Beach this summer, July 19-22, 2017. Hotel registration is now open.

The conference venue will be the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel. Group rate will be available until June 26, 2017, or until the block is filled. Book now for the best room selection. Reservations may be made online at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/SERegional2017>.

## Individual Professional Development Funds Available



Applications for the Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional Development—Individual will be due Feb. 1, 2017. This money can be used for conferences, seminars, national certifications (and renewals) or any non-degree seeking programs. Learn more on the [DKG Educational Foundation website](#).

## Ten Minute Takeaways

New this year at the International Regional Conferences is an opportunity to share information in a 10-minute time slot between regular sessions. Consider sharing your expertise at the Southeast Regional Conference this summer, July 19-22 in Myrtle Beach, SC—close enough to drive! **Plan to attend and present!**

## Joint Initiation Information

All Alpha Zeta sisters are invited to attend our annual joint initiation on Saturday, April 22 at 9:30 at Sharon Towers. The cost is \$18, which includes a buffet lunch of salad, baked chicken, veggie medley, cake, rolls, and beverages. Dr. Elaine Jenkins will be our guest speaker. State President Sheila Groves and Regional Director Susan Lee will also be attending. If you plan to attend, please pay \$18 to Lisa Stephens by March 24.

## Bright Blessings

We continue to support and collect items for Bright Blessings. Here are a few items on their wish list:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shampoo</li><li>• Body Wash</li><li>• Deodorant</li><li>• Bar of soap</li><li>• Toothbrush</li><li>• Toothpaste</li><li>• Lip Balm</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pocket-size Tissues</li><li>• Washcloths</li><li>• Small Hand Lotion</li><li>• Small Fleece Blankets</li><li>• Stuffed Animals</li><li>• Filler Paper</li><li>• Spiral Notebooks</li><li>• Composition Notebooks</li><li>• #2 Pencils</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crayons</li><li>• Ruler</li><li>• Calculator</li><li>• Blue/Black Ink Pens</li><li>• Highlighters</li><li>• Small Puzzles</li><li>• Activity Books</li></ul> <p>Please no hotel samples or peanut products!</p> <p>Bring your donations to the meeting!</p> |
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## **Eta State Convention in Wilmington Taking Shape**

The Convention webpage is <http://www.ncdkg.org/2017-convention.html>



*Wilmington's historic Bellamy Mansion*

### **Pre-convention activity - Bellamy Mansion Tour**

Second Vice-President Sharon Frazier is organizing the Pre-convention activity for Friday morning, April 28. Get an overview of the Wilmington area with a stroll through the past, present, and future in this 10,000 square foot home and gardens. Check the Eta State website convention page for the reservation form.

### **Hotel Registration**

The Hilton Wilmington Riverside will be the site of the convention. Make your room reservations at [http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/I/ILMNCHF-DKG-20170427/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/I/ILMNCHF-DKG-20170427/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG). Deadline for the group rate is March 27, 2017. Don't be disappointed...reserve now—the convention hotel usually fills up before the deadline!

### **Breakout Presenters Needed**

Do you have a skill or knowledge that other DKG members might like to learn about? Submit proposals to present a Saturday afternoon breakout session on April 29 in Wilmington. Proposals should fall into one of the four focus strands—Technology, Teaching and Learning, Personal Growth, or DKG Society. The proposal form is online on the convention webpage. Deadline is January 25, 2017! Send to First Vice-President Connie Savell at [mcdpm59@gmail.com](mailto:mcdpm59@gmail.com) or 206 N. Roxford Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. The [proposal form](#) is online on the convention webpage.

### **Convention Registration**

Registration is now open for the convention and the form is posted online. NEW! The form is interactive and credit card payment is available!

### **Convention Project is Hope Harbor Home**

Eta State NC President Sheila Groves and the Planning Committee have announced Hope Harbor Home as the 2017 Convention Project. Hope Harbor Home is Brunswick County's only program offering around-the-clock response to victims of domestic violence and their children. Services include a fully staffed safe shelter and crisis hotline, support groups, victim advocacy, meals, clothing, and transportation. Hope Harbor also employs a Community Educator who conducts presentations in schools on issues such as bullying, dating violence, sexual harassment, self-esteem, and other topics aimed at promoting nonviolence among students and throughout the community.



During their 30 years of operation, thousands of women and children have found safe shelter and received services through Hope Harbor Home. Eta State NC members can support this organization through donations of gift cards, monetary contributions and items from the [“wish list”](#) posted on our state website. Please bring or send your contributions to the 2017 Eta State NC Convention in Wilmington.

## **December Grant in Aid Auction**

During our December meeting at Cuthbertson High School the sisters of Alpha Zeta opened their hearts and purses to bid vigorously on items donated and, in some cases, made by members. Over \$1400.00 was raised at this meeting. Auction proceeds help fund our scholarship for local students who wish to pursue teaching as a career. If you were unable to attend and would still like to make a donation, please either bring your donation to the February meeting or mail it to Treasurer Lisa Stephens, 5728 Verrazano Drive, Waxhaw, NC. 28173.





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## Control of NC Public Education Still in Flux

*By: Susan Phipps, Chair, Educational Law & Policy Committee*

As of this writing, the fate of NC’s public education system is still in the hands of the courts. During the 5th “Special Session” of the NC General Assembly, called after Gov. Roy Cooper’s election, lawmakers stripped the constitutional powers of the State Board of Education and placed them in the hands of newly-elected Superintendent of Public Instruction Mark Johnson, who defeated our own June Atkinson in November. This dramatic change has sparked a lawsuit questioning its constitutionality. A restraining order has been placed on the law until a 3-judge panel can consider its merits. Until this issue is resolved, the NC School Board and State Superintendent will continue to operate under the previous law. More information will be forthcoming.

The newly-elected NC House of Representatives and Senate convene in Raleigh on January 11 for their “long” session. Among other actions during this 6-month session, a new two-year budget will be developed. DKG members are encouraged to contact their Representatives and Senators urging them to fully fund public education and to curb spending on school vouchers for private schools. To find one’s representatives, go to <http://www.ncleg.net/representation/WhoRepresentsMe.aspx> Stay tuned.

## Resources to Help Teach Students to Evaluate News Sources

[School Libraries Fight Fake News](#)

[Fighting Fake News: How libraries can lead the way on media literacy](#)

[Ideological Profile of Each \[News\] Source’s Audience](#)

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Breaking News Consumer Handbook: Fake News Edition (WNYC/WNYC)

## Tech Tip

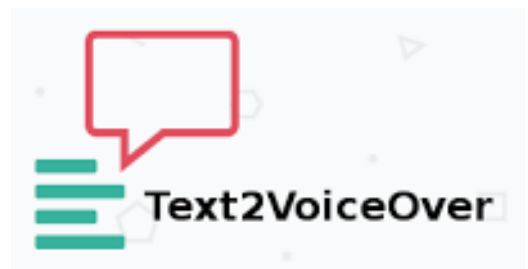
“[Text2VoiceOver](#) is a service that will let you type the words that you want to hear spoken over a video. You can use Text2VoiceOver to create a voice over for a video that you have found on YouTube. Text2VoiceOver can also be used to create a voice over for a video that you have stored on your computer.

The process of creating a voice over on [Text2VoiceOver](#) is fairly straightforward. You start by either linking to a YouTube video or uploading a video that you have stored on your computer. Then you set the beginning point for your voice over and start typing the words that you want to hear spoken over the video. You can choose from a variety of languages and voices to use in your voice over track.

### Applications for Education

[Text2VoiceOver](#) could be a good tool for students who want to create videos, but don't want to use their own voices in their videos.”

[http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2017/01/text2voiceover-type-to-create-video.html#.WIKI\\_VMrKUK](http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2017/01/text2voiceover-type-to-create-video.html#.WIKI_VMrKUK)



## Important Websites

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

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