



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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Eta State
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Region VIII
Mecklenburg and Union Counties

President's Message

Alpha Zeta Sisters,

I hope you have all thawed out and are enjoying the somewhat-warmer weather. Last week's snow gave our family a chance to stay indoors, spend time together, and make precious memories with our toddler who loved the snow this year! What is also keeping us inside and busy these days is the newest member of our family. My husband and I welcomed Aidan Jeffery on December 26. He weighted 10 pounds (Yes--10) and measured 21 inches long. We are enjoying our time as a family of four; Austin is especially enjoying being a "big brother" to "Baby."

I want to thank everyone for the successful auction we had in December! Wow--what a wonderful event on a cold and rainy morning. While the inclement weather in some parts of neighboring counties impacted our attendance, we had a wonderful time and raised money (around \$1,300) for our scholarship program. As always, our sisters donate so much of their time, talents, and gifts to this event. We so much appreciate it!

I look forward to seeing you all in February! We have an exciting program planned focusing on globalization; Rachel Clarke will be presenting our program. If you have any agenda items, please send them to me by January 31.

In Sisterly Love,
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

February Meeting Information

When: Saturday, February 3, 2018

Time: 10:00 am

Where: Providence United Methodist Church, 2810 Providence Rd, Charlotte, NC 28211(the church is on the corner of Providence Rd. and Sharon Rd.)

Cost: \$10.00, Brunch will be catered by the church hostess

RSVP: Please RSVP by Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018 to: Helen Rose, helen.alrose@carolina.rr.com, Phone: 704-847-6087 or Joyce Reed, jreed2@windstream.net, Phone: 704-847-3035

Hostess Group: Matthews/Charlotte



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“Let’s Sparkle!”

“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”



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 .”

Upcoming Events

- January 26, 2018 Proposals to present a session at the convention are due
- February 1, 2018 Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards
- February 1, 2018 Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Annual Report due
- February 1, 2018 Scholarship Applications due for both Eta State and DKG International (see page 3)
- February 1, 2018 Deadline for DKG Gallery of Fine Arts submissions
- February 28, 2018 Deadline to support the Foundation’s Community Challenge
- March 1, 2018 Forms due for convention awards (see page 4)
- March 1, 2018 Submission deadline for *Bulletin: Journal*
- April 10, 2018 Submission deadline for *Eta State News*
- April 27 - 29, 2018 Eta State NC Convention, Charlotte University Hilton, Charlotte, NC (Region VI hosts)
- May 1, 2018 Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards
- May 5,2018 Last day to submit form for engraved bricks for Paving the Way bricks for Headquarters
- May 11, 2018 DKG Founders Day
- July 16 - 20, 2018 DKG International Convention, JW Marriott, Austin, TX

2018 Convention Dates and Links April 27-29, 2018

Region VI invites you to join them at the Eta State NC Convention

<i>Date Due</i>	<i>What It Is</i>	<i>Link to Form</i>	<i>To Whom to Send It</i>
Jan. 26	Proposal to present breakout session	<u>Breakout proposal</u>	First Vice President Dr. Teresa Cowan 26 Wolf Road Asheville, 28805 <u>drthcowan@gmail.com</u>
Mar. 31	Convention ads	<u>Convention ad form</u>	Nancy Tunstall 664 Cole Farm Road Warrenton, NC 27589 <u>nancytunstall@gmail.com</u>
Mar. 30	Convention vendor forms	<u>Vendor form</u>	Debra Clayton, Finance Committee Chair 573 Ridgeway Warrenton Road Norlina, NC 27563 <u>msdebrac@gmail.com</u>
Apr. 3	Early bird convention registration	<u>Registration form</u>	Terry Norris, Convention Treasurer 604 Tidewater Drive Sanford, NC 37330 <u>etastatetreasurer2018@gmail.com</u>
Apr. 3 or until the block is filled	Hotel Registration for Hilton Charlotte University Place	<u>Website with hotel registration information</u>	Register online at <u>http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/C/CLTHUHF-DKG-20180426/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG</u> or call 704-547-7444. Ask for the DKG room block.

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Eta State President Connie Savell



Let’s Sparkle!

As Eta State President, I have visited 14 chapters and attended two regional activities this fall learning about your involvement in schools and communities around our state. Collectively, we are providing scholarships, grants, and money to support education and Eta State is SPARKLING by making a difference in many lives!

Let’s SPARKLE!

Goals:

- Encourage **S**avvy leadership
- Inspire **P**assion, meaningful programs and projects
- Analyze and **A**rticulate current educational issues
- Further **R**espect for diversity in membership
- Promote **K**nowledge through lifelong learning
- Establish and **L**aunch a member wellness initiative
- Advocate **E**xcellence in education

In reading chapter newsletters, I continue to learn more about chapters and the programs and projects you support. The reports I have read have given me a glimpse of the heartbeat of the chapters and given me some suggestions on how the state leadership can assist more effectively. I would like to encourage chapter presidents to complete the Chapter Report by February 1.

Things to think about.... potential new members, accepting leadership roles, planning for meetings, and attending state and International conventions in the New Year. As you review the past year, remember to embrace challenges with passion and determination because you are making a difference in your communities!

Connie

Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
2017-2019

Scholarship Deadline Nearing

The scholarship application deadline for both Eta State NC and International is **February 1**.

There are 30 International scholarships that may be awarded. The scholarship award for advanced graduate degrees is \$6,000 and is \$10,000 for doctoral degrees. Criteria information and scholarship applications are available in the Forms link on the top of the homepage of the Society website at www.dkg.org. On the website, click on Forms and then Applications.

Eta State NC awards scholarships for Doctoral studies, Masters, and Special Projects. Members can find forms and information for those on the [Forms page](#) of the Eta State NC website.

Happy Birthday!

February	
10	Taura Napier
14	Addie Laney

March	
12	LaRue Perry
25	Manetta Latham
25	Joyce Reed

March (continued)	
26	Phyllis Medlin
27	Amee Odom



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Awards to be Given at April Convention—All forms are due March 1

- **Golden Key Award** honors DKG members who have made significant contributions to DKG at various levels of the Society. Send nominations to Donna Rudisill at etastateawards@gmail.com or 3230 White Oak Court, Claremont, NC 28610. The form and guidelines can be found on the [Forms](#) page of the Eta State NC website.
- **Rising Star Award** is for sisters in years 1-7 of membership who reflect strong potential for successful leadership. Send to Donna Rudisill. See https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2018rising_star_guidelines.pdf.
- **Chapter Achievement Award** is designed to recognize chapters’ hard work. Send to your regional director. <https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2017-2018chapterachievementaward-form.pdf>.
- **Communications Excellence Awards**, new last year, recognize chapters that go beyond newsletters and websites. See https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2018_communications_excellence_award_form.pdf
- **Newsletter Awards** are for chapters meeting criteria. Newsletters should be emailed to Communications Chair Deb Christensen at etastatecompub@outlook.com by March 1. Criteria is at https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2018_newsletter_excellence_award_form.pdf.
- **Website Awards** go to chapters who have a website linked to Eta State’s website. If your chapter has a website and is not linked, contact Beth Winstead or Deb Christensen for more information. For details see https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2018_website_excellence_award_form.pdf.

Convention Project Announced

Helping Hands for Hurricane Matthew Aftermath



The chapters of Region VI have chosen **Hurricane Matthew Aftermath** as their Outreach Project for the 2018 Eta State NC Convention. Your helping hands will aid children and their families recovering from the devastation they are still feeling over a year later.

Doris Littlejohn, Convention Chair, explained about the project. “Citizens from Robeson County, part of Region VI, suffered the greatest devastation.

Presently, most of the families have returned to their homes and have attempted to make their transition back to normalcy. Yet for others, the move back to their residences has been a very slow and grueling process. Some of the families moving back to their homes are experiencing difficulties and are trying to provide the basic necessities to survive. This project will assist displaced families in Robeson County with some of the relief they need. Items such as appliances, furniture, and bedding are big needs. Region VI will be working closely with United Way of Robeson County to make sure all children and their families obtain the items they need. Contributions are desired and will be appreciated.”

Donations to the Hurricane Matthew Aftermath project can be given in the form of a gift card, certified check, money order, or any other guaranteed currency monetary gift. The committee asks that no cash be given. Checks and money orders may be written to United Way of Robeson County with reference to the Eta State NC Convention Project. If there are any questions, Doris Littlejohn, Convention Chair, invites you to contact her at dalittlejohn1@bellsouth.net or leave a message at 910-276-8468.

Summer Leaders’ Training

The dates for the 2018 Summer Leaders’ Training for new chapter officers have been set. Please share these dates with your incoming president, EEC and membership chairs, and treasurer: Friday June 22 in Greensboro (place TBD); Saturday June 23 at Barton College in Wilson; and Tues-day, June 26 at Christmont in Black Mountain. It is extremely important that new leaders pick one of these dates to attend training.

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Nita Scott Named New Executive Director



Nita Scott will become the new Executive Director of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in Austin, Texas, on January 1, 2018.

Scott is currently the DKG Membership Services Administrator and brings both a strong knowledge of the Society and a background in education, business, and marketing to her new role. She is a former mathematics and business teacher in Tennessee and Arkansas. She was initiated into DKG in 2005 and is active in a chapter in Texas.

Scott lives outside Austin with husband James, five horses, four dogs, a cat and a small herd of cattle.

It is time to make your plans for Austin and the International Convention this summer!

Hotel reservations may be made online or by calling 844-473-3959. The JW Marriott is the convention hotel. Ask for the DKG Convention block. Convention registration opens February 1.

The Vendor and Exhibitor Application is online at http://www.dkg.org/DKGDocs/2018_Convention_App_Vendor.pdf and is due April 15, 2018.

The convention schedule is posted online at http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/DKGMember/Events/2018_International_convention/Schedule.aspx. Registration opens at 7:00 am July 16 and the Opening Meeting Texas Night begins at 6:30 pm.

For convention information and updates, go to <http://www.dkg.org>, click on Events → 2018 Austin.

NC DKG Educational Foundation News

Tee Up for Teachers June 11, 2018 - Save the date!



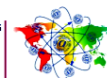
Be part of the fun and the fundraising at the first charity golf tournament to benefit The NC DKG Educational Foundation. Tee Up for Teachers will be held at one of the top rated public courses in NC, Boone Golf Club, just off US 321. Start planning your getaway to enjoy the beautiful landscape and spectacular scenery of this High Country event.

If you are interested in playing or putting a team together, contact Sheila Groves, svgeta97@gmail.com, or Dr. Barbara Leonard, drbleonard0@gmail.com.

Even if you aren't a golfer, there are many opportunities for members and friends of the Foundation to show their support as volunteers and sponsors. More information coming soon!

Get Connected! on Digital Newsletters

The Jan/Feb 2018 issue of Get Connected! is now posted on the Eta State NC website, the Alpha Zeta website and the International site. This issue, from the International Communications and Publicity Committee and written by Eta Data Editor Susan Kuenzel, talks about digital newsletters and has an article about the updated Brand Guidelines for use of DKG images. Check it out!



Get Connected!

Online Newsletter Creation Growing

Online creation tools take digital newsletters to another level. Editors do not need a separate program to create a newsletter—they only need internet access! A multitude of websites, touting how easy they make it to create beautiful newsletters, vie for users. Most offer a free level to produce a

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International January/February 2018

Digital Newsletters in a Social World

In an atmosphere where social media garner significant attention and are often considered the first choice for keeping in contact with friends and family, newsletters have taken a backseat. Newsletters, however, still have a place in communicating and publicizing Delta Kappa Gamma state organizations and chapters, and digital newsletters are proving to be an inexpensive, quick, and efficient way to keep members informed and involved.

Digitally distributing a newsletter means sharing an electronic file—such as a document created in Word, Publisher, InDesign, or Pages—through email, a website, or cloud storage. Distribution usually involves exporting the file as a PDF or an open source

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Paving the Way Project

By: *Edris E. Glover, Chair, Headquarters Committee*



Paving the Way Project ends **May 5**. The engraved paving bricks are to line the front walk at Eta State NC Head-quarters. Bricks are \$125.00 each. Contributions to Headquarters can be used on the 2017 - 2018 Chapter Achievement Award form.

Send paving brick forms and donations to Eta State NC Treasurer Ruth Jones at 3607 Wyneston Road, Greenville, NC 27858 and denote Headquarters on the check.

Society Representative and Brunch Speaker Announced for Eta State Convention



Dr. Lyn Schmidt—Immediate Past President

Dr. Lyn Schmidt, from Pennsylvania, was the 2014-2016 International President and the 2017 recipient of the International Achievement Award. She is current chair of the DKG Supporting Corporation, a trustee of the Educational Foundation and an Administrative Board member. As international president, she introduced the Membership Recruitment Plan and DKGNext. She has represented the Society at more than 30 state organization meetings, and Eta State is eager to welcome her to North Carolina in April.



Edna Thayer - The Laughter Lady

Award-winning author and nationally acclaimed humorist Edna Thayer will entertain us at the Sunday Brunch with “Humor for the Health of It.” A nurse for over 40 years, Ms. Thayer will share the benefits of joy and laughter for our health through her fun-filled talk.

Give the Gift of Clean Water!

By: *Dr. Teresa Cowan, Chair, EEC*



How can a gift of clean water make a difference? Eta State sisters are reminded to visit Lifestraw at <http://lifestraw.com/follow-the-liters/> to watch the “Follow the Liters” video. See the difference the gift of clean water can make.

Ready to give the gift of clean water, literally and figuratively? Buy a LifeStraw (<http://lifestraw.com/>) as a gift for someone you love. Donate to the cause in honor or memory of someone you love. This is a gift that keeps on giving.

Remember as wellness projects develop and actions are taken, share success stories with the EEC Chair Dr. Teresa H. Cowan at drthcowan@gmail.com, propose a breakout session for convention, or write a piece for the DKG Bulletin.

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Alpha Zeta Member News

Update from Sara Miller

I am a long time member that has not been able to attend the meetings for some time. My husband has many health issues and recently fell and had a hairline fracture of the hip, so we are addressing that now. I miss the pleasure of the meetings and the dear friends of the club and wish continued success to the group.

News from Lisa Moniz

I completed my graduate certificate program in instructional technology from Appalachian State University in December.

Update on LaRue Perry from Frankie Ritch

After a fall and 3+ weeks in the hospital, LaRue was transferred to Carrington yesterday for rehab. She hopes the physical therapy will help her be able to walk and reduce the pain. I visited her today with our DKG roses- lovely. She asked me to thank you all.

Her address: Carrington Place, 600 Fullwood Lane, Matthews, NC 28105

DKG Website Updated

The DKG website www.dkg.org has a new look—and a different one for members once they are logged in!

The general site welcomes visitors and tells what DKG is. The Mission and Vision are on the top and benefits of membership are prominent.

The members’ site has more links and specific information related to membership, such as the Emergency Fund, the new Executive Director, the Gallery of Fine Arts, and the DKG Store. The menu bar is more condensed, and quick links to DKG publications are on the home page. My Profile is still the portal of member’s personal information



Tech Tip

Need to simplify your URLs? Many website addresses can be long and complicated but you can shorten them using a couple of simple sites like <https://goo.gl/> or <https://bitly.com/>. Just go to one of these websites and paste your long URL into the bar. These sites will shorten that long address into something more manageable and you can copy and paste that into a document or wherever you need it.



Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

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Growing Our Membership

Do you know some women who would make good additions to our chapter? Then please fill out these DKG Prospect Cards and bring send them to Grace Faris or bring them to our February 3rd meeting.

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Address	_____ _____
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Employer	_____
Position	_____
Phone	_____
Sponsor	_____

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