



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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Region VIII
Mecklenburg and Union Counties

President's Message

Dear Alpha Zeta sisters,

Welcome to 2019!!! It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. I hope that each of you had time to enjoy your families and the holidays. With each new year always comes thoughts of resolutions and ways to make our lives better and more meaningful. One resolution I would like to see us make and keep as a collective chapter, is to continue to build and foster the relationships within our chapter. As a chapter, we also need to continue to seek women educators who would bring further depth to our organization. Please remember my challenge to you of "Each one, Reach one". At our next meeting on February 2nd, I know of one nomination for membership which will be presented and I hope that there will be others. In order to remain a strong chapter, we must continue to spread the word about Delta Kappa Gamma and specifically Alpha Zeta. There has been a call to look at how Delta Kappa Gamma is being marketed and what we are doing to retain current members as well. Now is the time to assist in strengthening our chapter, so be sure to nominate an outstanding candidate and let us know how we can keep our current members active.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting on February 2nd at 10 am at Providence United Methodist Church in Charlotte. We will be kicking off a "Schools for Africa" fundraiser and hopefully awarding our "Wishful Thinking" grants to deserving young educators. As of now, we have raised \$940.00 towards our grants and scholarship. We should be very proud of Alpha Zeta chapter and the many things which we do to further assist educators to meet the needs of students everywhere.

Yours in Education and Sisterhood,

Janie

December Meeting Information

When: February 2, 2019

Time: 10:00 am

Where: Providence United Methodist Church, 2810 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28211

Cost: \$10.00

RSVP: Please reply by 1/29. Check your email for your Eventbrite link to RSVP or contact Helen Rose at helen.alrose@carolina.rr.com, or call 704-847-6087 (leave a message if no answer).

Hostess Group: Charlotte/Matthews

Bring: Books for the UCPS book mobile. Please bring a guest!



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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.”

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission period opens
 - Jan. 15 Regional Directors annual report due
 - Jan. 15 International Conference workshop and takeaway proposals due
 - Jan. 16 Eta State NC Treasurer’s applications due
 - Jan. 17 Executive Board members due date for voting on Headquarters’ budget
 - Feb. 1 Nominations for Founders Award due
 - Feb. 1 85th Birthday Celebration Recognition nominations due
 - Feb. 1 Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Award applications due
 - Feb. 1 Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Annual Report due
 - Feb. 1 Scholarship applications due for Eta State and DKG International
 - Feb. 1 Eta State NC Convention Workshop Session proposal forms due
 - Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submissions due
 - Mar. 1 Chapter Achievement Awards, Golden Key Award, Rising Star Award, and Communications Excellence Award forms due
 - Mar. 1 *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due
 - Mar. 22-23** Leadership Development Seminar, Asheboro
 - May 3-5** Eta State NC Convention, Crowne Plaza, Hickory
 - June 21-24** Leading Effective Meetings Seminar, Asheville
 - June 27-29** Southeast International Conference, Crowne Plaza, Asheville
 - May 1 - 3, 2020** Eta State NC Convention, Embassy Suites, Greensboro, Region VII
 - July 7 - 11, 2020** International Convention, Philadelphia, PA
- Also check the Eta State NC calendar online at <https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html>.

Convention Awards Due Dates

- Founders Award** application must be emailed to the Awards Committee at etastateawards@gmail.com by February 1.
- Chapter Achievement Award** applications must be completed by the chapter president and the electronic copy emailed to the Regional Director by March 1.
- Rising Star Award** and **Golden Key Award** must be emailed to the Awards Committee at etastateawards@gmail.com by March 1.
- Communications Excellence Award** form must be submitted to the Communications and Publicity Committee at etastatecompub@outlook.com by March 1.
- Chapters not trying for the Communications Excellence Award may still qualify for the **Newsletter Award**, according to criteria in published guidelines. Four newsletters need to be submitted to C&P Chair Deb Christensen at etastatecompub@outlook.com by March 1.
- Websites earning the International compliance seal and meeting the criteria posted online qualify for **Website Awards**.

Guidelines and applications for the awards given at the convention are located at <https://www.ncdkg.org/forms.html>.

Happy Birthday!

February	
10	Taura Napier

March	
25	Joyce Reed
27	Amee Odom



Eta State President Connie Savell



Let’s Sparkle!

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Goals:

- Encourage **S**avvy leadership
- Inspire **P**assionate, 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

Happy New Year! A new year brings new opportunities to reevaluate our goals in DKG! In the first year of the biennium one goal was the Wellness Initiative and chapters were encouraged to participate in a water project to help others through the Life Straw Project. In October, Eta State Headquarters water pump stopped doing its job. This year we need a new well drilled and to purchase a new pump. You received a memo about this need. You may be asking why we have a Headquarters? Eta State uses Headquarters for state committee meetings on a regular basis because of the distance across North Carolina. Water is very necessary! Try a day without it and you discover how often you need it. I would like to encourage your support for the well project at Headquarters. We are fortunate to have the resources in the Headquarters Fund to pay for this. In the next several weeks there are lots of deadlines. Please remember the Chapter President’s Report. This information is helpful in determining our goals for the next biennium. I hope that in 2019 all 98 chapters will invite and induct at least two new members. Teachers need DKG!

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Connie

Connie Phifer Savell
 Eta State NC President |
 2017-2019



Convention Project to Benefit DKG Members

Hurricane Florence devastated many schools in eastern NC, and teachers are still trying to rebuild their classrooms and find necessary instructional materials.

Fund\$ for Florence, the Eta State NC 2019 Convention Project, will help DKG member-teachers. Bring gift cards and show your support of our members!

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2019 Convention Dates and Links, May 3-5, 2019, Hickory

Region X invites you to join them at the Eta State NC Convention May 3-5, 2019, in Hickory. Please keep these deadlines in mind while preparing for your convention experience.

Date Due	What It Is	Link to Form	To Whom to Send It
Feb. 1	Proposal to present break-out session	https://www.ncdkg.org/2019-convention.html (Click on the link on the right to download the form.)	Second Vice-President Elizabeth Miars etastatevp2018@gmail.com
Feb. 1	85th Birthday Celebration nominations	https://goo.gl/forms/VqiXkCzpRnz-Esym82	Submit via online form. Contact First VP Teresa Cowan with questions. drthcowan@gmail.com
Mar. 30	Convention vendor forms	https://bit.ly/2RLiuqR (or click on the link on the convention page)	Debra Clayton, Finance Committee Chair msdebrac@gmail.com
Mar. 31	Convention ads	https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2019convention_program_ad_order_form.pdf	Nancy Tunstall 664 Cole Farm Road Warrenton, NC 27589 nancytunstall@gmail.com
Apr. 15	Early bird convention registration	https://bit.ly/2SQQZtv (or click on the link on the convention page)	Leslie Black, Con Treasurer 4715 Little Mountain Road, Catawba, NC 28609 2019etastateconvention@gmail.com
Apr. 3 or until block is filled	Hotel Registration for Crowne Plaza Hickory	https://www.ncdkg.org/2019-convention.html	Call 828-323-1000. Ask for the DKG room block.

The Room Block is Filling Quickly!

Do not delay in making room reservations for the Eta State NC 2019 Convention to be held at the Crowne Plaza Hickory Hotel May 3-5. The block is filling quickly and the convention is shaping up to be a great one.

Make your reservations now by calling the hotel at 828-323-1000. The rate is \$95 plus tax. Remember to ask for the DKG block of rooms and pricing.

Scholarship Deadline Feb. 1

Eta State NC Scholarship applications for doctoral (\$4,000) and Master’s degree (\$1,000) candidates are available on the [Forms page](#). Scroll down to find the “2019 State Scholarship Applications” heading. Both are due February 1, 2019, and awards are announced at the convention.

If you have questions, please contact Michelle Benigno, Scholarship Chair, at mtbteacher@gmail.com.



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EEC in Action Tip of the Month: Out with the Old, In with the New

By: Dr. Teresa Cowan, Eta State First VP, EEC Chair

There’s an old saying, “If you continue to do what you’ve always done, you’ll continue to get what you’ve always gotten.” Consider that for a moment as you move into the new year. EEC of Eta State NC encourages you to *Empower, Engage and Create* in the year ahead as you jazz it up in 2019. This month EEC efforts focus on stepping out of the “old” and into the “new.”

Empower: Communication Chaos - Try a new method. Email blast? Phone chain? Google Hangout? Instagram? Twitter? Keep members in the know!

Engage: Girls Night Out - Chapter meeting held at a local chocolatier (tour, tasting, dinner and fellowship, followed by DKG business meeting)

Create: Work on the Chapter Achievement in teams - design and submit a workshop for convention, create the theme night centerpiece for the Asheville convention, etc.



Legislative Survey Results to be Shared in 2019 White Paper

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

The Educational Law & Policy Committee has gathered the data from the Legislative Survey conducted in the fall 2018 and is including it in the new 2019 White Paper on Legislative Priorities. The Paper will be placed on the Eta State website (www.ncdkg.org) by January 15, where members can access it and make copies to share with legislative Representatives and Senators. To find it on the website click on "Leadership" on the upper right side of the homepage and choose the Educational Law & Policy Committee from the drop down list of committees.

For those members who live close to Raleigh, the legislature begins its work near the end of January. Delivering the Paper in person to members in the General Assembly is, by far, the most impactful thing to do. Meeting with lawmakers back home and personally sharing the document is also most effective. The EL&P Committee urges all members to disseminate our priorities to anyone who can possibly help us achieve our goals. Won't you do your part? Our students are counting on us.

Workshop Proposals Due February 1

The Saturday afternoon sessions are always a popular part of the convention and afford learning and sharing opportunities. Strands for topics include DKG Society, Professional Growth, and Personal Growth.

Deadline for proposals is February 1, 2019. The down-loadable submission form is on the convention webpage.

Founders Day at 85th Birthday

Interested in history?

Interested in character acting?

Planning to attend the convention in Hickory?

Interested in bringing Eta State NC Founders to life?

Contact Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, First VP at drthcowan@gmail.com for more information.



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Alpha Zeta Member News

Jane Clawson had her surgery and her doctor said he removed all suspicious areas, she will have chemotherapy as a preventative measure. She received many cards from her AZ sisters, and so appreciated them. If you would like to send Jane a “Thinking of You” card, her address is:

Mrs. Jane Clawson
516 Pacer Lane
Marvin, NC 28173

Rachel Clarke was just appointed as President-Elect of NCPAPA (the North Carolina Principals and Assistant Principals Association) and was also named to the NCASA (North Carolina Association of School Administrators) Board of Directors. Congratulations Rachel!

Auction Update—Thank you to everyone who brought items to the auction and money to bid! So far we have raised \$940.00 towards our scholarship. Lisa Stephens will still accept donations from any members who could not attend.

UCPS Book Mobile—UCPS is going to have the Book Mobile on the road again this summer and needs book donations. Please bring new or used books to our meeting so they can be donated to this cause. Last summer the Book Mobile was a big success and many area students got to take books home to keep.

Finance Committee Recommending Dues Rate for Collegiate Members

Among the proposals to be voted on at the state convention will be the dues rate for the new collegiate membership level added last summer at the International Convention and a dues increase for reserve members.

The Finance Committee is proposing that state dues for reserve members increase from \$2.00 to \$5.00 and that collegiate dues be \$5.00. By having both collegiate and reserve member state dues the same amount, they will be consistent with International.

“It is the desire of the Finance Committee for collegiate members to value membership at the state level; therefore we need to charge dues,” stated Debra Clayton, chair of the Finance Committee. “Five dollars is one-third of the active dues on the state level; whereas, on the international level, collegiate dues are one-half of active dues,” she explained.

These proposals will be voted on at the Eta State NC Convention in May 2019.

Tech Tip

Fillable Forms—most of the award forms are now fillable forms. Once you download the form to your computer you can then type your information into the form, save that information, and then you can print it, email it, etc. You have to make sure you download the form first. If you start typing on the form when you first open it and then try to download it, you will lose all the information you have entered so save yourself a headache and make sure you download it to your computer first.

Important Websites

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/

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Remembering Eta State NC Star Margaret Church



Tributes are pouring in from across NC, remembering with love Eta State NC’s Margaret Church who passed away suddenly January 3, 2019. Margaret is being remembered mostly for her keen sense of humor and her dedication to Delta Kappa Gamma and our projects.

Margaret was honored with the Star of the Southeast Award in 2012, the second time it was given. The award recognizes “women who often prefer to serve behind the scenes rather than in the spotlight.” While Margaret was known for her sense of humor and bright smiles, emceeding events and attending activities, fewer knew of Margaret’s generous, giving nature, which was the way she wanted it. She would put her creative ideas into action by funding projects herself but would do it anonymously, shying away from the credit. For example, LEROY, the leadership guy, was a brainchild of Margaret’s when she was on the Leadership Committee.

Margaret chaired the state membership committee and was on several others, served on the NC Educational Foundation Board of Directors, designed the Golden Key Award pin and the past presidents’ pin, and was responsible for initiating “The Order of the Dogwood” to honor past presidents of Eta State NC.

Margaret leaves a void in her chapter where she was an active leader, spearheading the Alpha Nu Girls Scouts initiative, driving donations to World Fellowship and Schools for Africa, and mentoring new officers. She served two terms as president and was parliamentarian for 15 years.

Approximately 40 Eta State NC members attended Margaret’s funeral to show their respect for a beloved “sister.” It was not unusual to hear friends say, “Everyone needs a Margaret Church in their lives.”



Typical Margaret, keeping things lively.

International President to Attend Eta State NC Convention in May



International President Cathy Daugherty of Virginia will be Eta State NC’s Society Representative at the May 2019 convention in Hickory.

In expressing her excitement about coming to North Carolina, President Daugherty said, “What better way for me to celebrate the biennium as international president than to serve as the Society Representative to my home state of North Carolina and my hometown of Hickory! My educational journey will come full circle with this visit in my current DKG role and in this location where I first decided to become an educator.”

President Daugherty, a retired Latin instructor, has been a Society member since 1988. She received the 2016 DKG Achievement Award while she was international first vice president. She serves as Virginia’s parliamentarian and chapter webmaster.

A Special Honor for a Special Lady at International Headquarters

The International Executive Board voted honorary membership to Mary P. Sanchez upon her 50th work anniversary at Society Headquarters in Austin. She has been and continues to be a “go-to” person when questions arise in Austin. Sanchez will be inducted at the May 2019 meeting of the DKG Administrative Board when it meets in Austin. Congratulations to Mary and thanks to her for her faithful service to DKG.



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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 Kim Schroeder or Tommie Wall. You can also bring them to our February 2nd meeting.

DKG Prospect Card	
Name	_____
Address	_____ _____
Email	_____
Employer	_____
Position	_____
Phone	_____
Sponsor	_____

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Update on International Conference Coming to Asheville in June

1. Workshop Proposal forms are due January 15, 2019.

Share your expertise and make NC sparkle by having lots of presenters from NC! The proposal form is an easy-to-submit online form on the [Events page](#) of DKG.org

2. Conference Vendors

Vendors are needed for the conference marketplace. If your chapter would like to sell items, you need to submit the following information: Vendor name, what will be sold, state vendor is from, and the email of the contact person. Send this information to Regional Director Elaine Warwick at elainewarwick@att.net. There will be a charge per table.

3. Conference Registration

Registration for the Asheville Conference will be available on the DKG website in the next few days. Be-cause the conference hotel is located outside the city and has only one small restaurant, all conference meals are available for purchase on the registration form. Three of the meals are general sessions with speakers: Friday lunch, Saturday breakfast and Saturday dinner.

4. Hotel Registration

Hotel registration will be available online very soon.

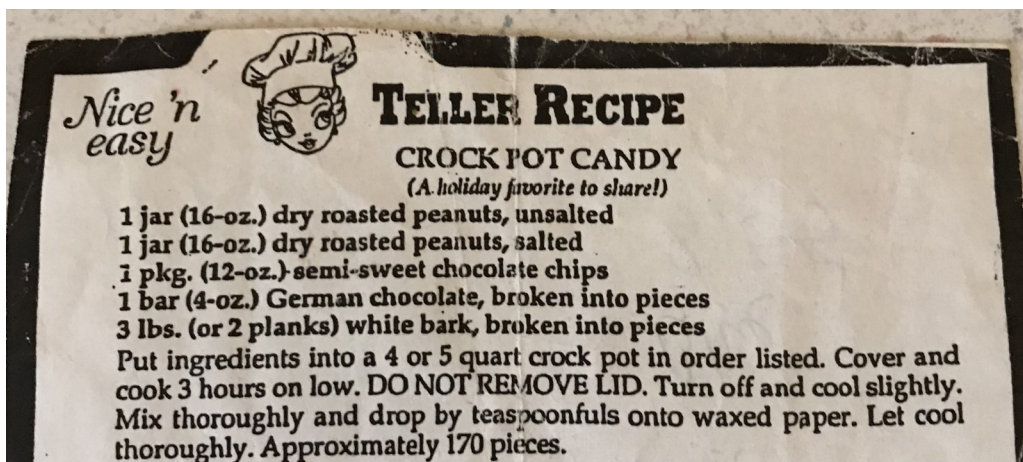
5. Pre-Conference Tours-Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Four pre-conference tours will be offered on Wednesday, June 26. One will be to the Biltmore Estate; another to the River Arts District of Asheville; another will tour the Blue Ridge Parkway with various stops along the way; the last tour will be to the Omni Grove Park Inn, a famous hotel in Asheville. Its history will be shared, along with tours of artisan workshops nearby and lunch at the hotel. All tours will include lunch at a nice restaurant in the area. Watch for more information about these tours soon but mark your calendars now!

Eta State NC Volunteers Needed

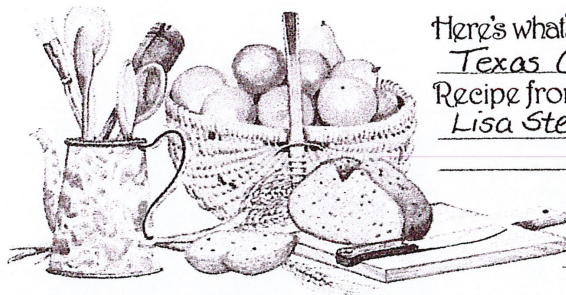
Eta State NC Past President Sheila Groves is chair of the conference planning committee and Tobey Worthington, past Region I Director, is volunteer coordinator. They will need hordes of volunteers to make the conference a success. Volunteers will be needed to be airport and hotel lobby greeters; session facilitators; support for registration, first aid room, and properties room; podium decorators; and much more. Eta State NC regional directors are helping sign up volunteers so contact your chapter president or regional director if you are willing to help.

Alpha Zeta Recipes: I only received these few so if you have one you'd like to share, send it to me and I'll put in the next issue.



Deb's notes:

I chop by almond bark and German chocolate into small chunks and that helps it melt faster. I only cook it for 1 1/2—2 hours on low before it seems to be done. I turn it off and stir it well but I don't let it cool. I either would drop it onto parchment paper (wax paper makes it messier) or lately I've started putting it into mini muffin cups to make it look nicer.



Here's what's cookin':

Texas Caviar

Recipe from the kitchen of:

Lisa Stephens

Serves: _____

1c. minced celery
1c. black eyed peas, drained
1sm. jar pimentos, drained
1c. red, yellow, green pepper
(chopped fine)

1 can pinto beans, drained
1sm. onion, minced
1 can shoepeg corn, drained
jalapeno peppers (optional)

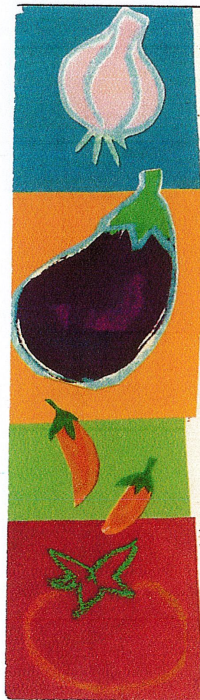
Sauce:

1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. oil

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. pepper
 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. vinegar
1c. sugar

Mix together celery, onion, pepper, corn, peas, beans, pimentos and jalapenos.

Mix sauce ingredients together and cook to a boil.
Pour sauce over vegetable mixture. Store in refrigerator
24 hr. before serving. Drain off sauce and serve
with tortilla chips. (only drain off $\frac{1}{2}$ of sauce)



Recipe for Peanut Butter Balls

Time required _____ Serves _____ Preheat oven @ _____

Ingredients & Directions

By Peggy Harris

Mix: 1 stick butter, melted.
2 cups peanut butter
 $2\frac{3}{4}$ cups confectioner
sugar

Add: 4 cups Rice Krispies
Refrigerate 1 hour.
Make mixture into balls
melt a tray of chocolate.
Dip balls in chocolate
and place on wax paper.