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President's Message

Alpha Zeta Sisters,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and staying cool from the hot and humid July upon us. It seems that the summer days fly by more and more quickly the older I get, but I am truly trying to slow down the days of this summer so I can enjoy time with our little Austin who is growing bigger each day. My summer has been filled with long weekends filled with a bubble-blowing little boy whose smile lights up his Mama's heart. Isn't it the simplest of things that mean so much? I am also using my free time learning to prepare baby food as him turning four months in late June meant it was time to introduce solids. You can imagine the fun we are having as we learn to navigate parenthood!

This summer has also been filled with planning sessions in preparing for Alpha Zeta's upcoming year. I am so excited about the upcoming biennium and feel incredibly honored to serve as your president.

I want to thank Wanda Allen for her incredible leadership these past two years. She did a wonderful job leading Alpha Zeta, serving as a role model for us all, and demonstrating all the principles of a true Delta Kappa Gamma. While every chapter member helped Alpha Zeta earn the "Chapter Achievement Award" for excellence at the State Convention in April, I believe Wanda's leadership played a large role in us earning that award. She helped our chapter excel in all areas, and for that, we are grateful. On a personal note, I am appreciative of the time she has spent with me this summer helping me transition to my new role. She has always enthusiastically answered my questions and has promised to always be there to support me. Wanda, thank you for your service to our chapter and for your leadership. We are a better Alpha Zeta because of you.

As Wanda shared in a previous email after State Convention, our chapter was well represented. In addition to earning the prestigious "Chapter Achievement Award" with an EXCELLENT ranking and being recognized on stage, our chapter received awards for our newsletter and website, which Deb Christensen so beautifully creates for us. It was not a surprise to any of us that Deb was one of 12 DKG members at the state level to earn the "Rising Star" award at State Convention, as well. We are proud of Deb and her amazing contributions as "Communications Chair." I know you are as thrilled as I am that she has agreed to continue serving our chapter in this position for the upcoming biennium.

Alpha Zeta is also growing. We welcome Stephanie Ferron who was initiated in April. She is a wonderful addition to our chapter, and I know you will enjoy getting to know her. Kathy Glasheen is also scheduled to be initiated at our first meeting. Look for information about them in this newsletter.

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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

“85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life.”

President’s Message Continued

We have so many exciting things to be proud of as we celebrate the successes and prepare for the upcoming year. As we look towards the upcoming biennium, we will continue to build on the many successes of our chapter and to continue the rich tradition of excellence set before us. Members of the Executive Board went to leadership training at the state level so we can better be prepared to lead this group of wonderful women. We will also be meeting at my house in August to continue planning. We are excited about the upcoming biennium and look forward to growing our chapter.

I look forward to seeing you all soon and hope you have a great rest of the summer.

Kim

Installation of Officers

At our April meeting, we had the installation of our new officers for the next two years. The change of leadership was completed smoothly in a meaningful ceremony. Alpha Zeta’s new officers are as follows:

President: Kim Schroeder

Vice President: Janie Webb

Secretary: Davida Zike

Treasurer: Lisa Stephens

Educational Foundation Grants

The NC DKG Foundation will again be offering grants in two categories:

- Professional/Personal Growth Grants
- Learning/Literacy Grants

Proposals are to be submitted via email to the Grants Review Committee Chair and must be received no later than September 30, 2016. Announcement of grant recipients will be made by November 20, 2016. Proposal Forms and the email address for submitting proposals will be posted on the Foundation website later this month. The URL is <http://www.ncdkgef.org/>. If you are interested in applying for a grant, please let Kim Schroeder know and she will offer support and assistance.

Upcoming Events

August 1, 2016—Bulletin: Collegial Exchange deadline

September 1, 2016—Deadline to apply for Cornetet Grant

October 1, 2016—Alpha Zeta chapter meeting, place TBA

April 28 - 30, 2017—Eta State Convention, Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington, NC

July 19-22, 2017—Southeast Regional Conference, Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Myrtle Beach, SC

Eta State President Sheila’s Message



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Something to think about...

Summer Reading Fun – Not Just for Kids!

No matter how busy I am, when summer arrives, I start looking for a comfortable spot, preferably outdoors, and a good book. It takes only a moment to be swept away from the rush of real life into pages of mystery, travel, history, suspense.

It’s refreshing to see how many Eta State NC chapters are incorporating book reviews, book exchanges, and book clubs into chapter activities. I have my name on the call-list for a chapter summer book club!

A chapter book club gives members the option of getting together during the summer, for a relaxing, stimulating conversation. One minute you are laughing and chatting about a book and before you know it, you have learned things you didn’t know about the ladies in your group, strengthening the bond of sisterhood. You have practiced your communication skills in a small group setting, giving you confidence to share your ideas in chapter and state meetings. You have strengthened your leadership skills, listening to different points of view and responding with understanding and conviction. And if that isn’t enough, it’s just fun!

Read any good books lately?

Sheila

Cornet Individual Professional Development Grants Available

DKG members needing funds for individual professional development are encouraged to apply for a Cornet Grant through DKG Educational Foundation. Of the 45 applications reviewed in May, only 13 were DKG members. Applicants are encouraged to read instructions carefully. Nearly half the applications were disqualified due to incomplete or missing information. This is a wonderful opportunity for members to gain professional development in areas of their choosing. NC has been fortunate in the past to have a number of grants awarded to Eta State members. Now it is your turn! The grant application can be found at <http://www.dkgef.org/awards.html>.

Happy Birthday!

August

7 Jean Davis
16 Sylvia Little-Sweat
25 Dr. Rachel Clarke

September

2 Frankie Ritch
5 Judy Cline
5 Alice Coleman
15 Sarah Harrison-Burns



Alpha Zeta Committees

We would like to encourage all members to be apart of a committee for the upcoming biennium. The committees are listed below:

Communications/Publicity/Newsletter: This committee informs members of happenings through the newsletter and website, makes courtesy calls to those not in attendance, publicizes chapter happenings in local newspapers, and notifies chapter members of any member’s health issues or family concerns.

Scholarship: This committee keeps updated information on all scholarships and communicates opportunities to members. They interview, select, and recommend candidates for Grant-in-Aid awards.

Parliamentarian: This committee helps ensure we are following Robert’s Rules of Order for chapter business sessions.

Finance: This committee works with our Treasurer to assist in formulating the chapter budget and supervises expenditures and investments.

Educational Excellence Committee: This committee helps the chapter plan and monitor ways to promote the EEC focuses, especially “Schools for Africa” and “Support for Early Career Educators.” Committee members encourage chapter to engage in activities that enable members to further educational excellence.

Membership Expansion/Nominations: This committee works actively to expand membership and oversee the nomination of, installation of, and orientation for all new members.

Leadership Development/Beginning Teacher Support: This committee promotes programs that support early career educators, encourages chapter members to be creative in supporting beginning teachers, and recommends activities to help members become more involved with beginning teachers by donating time and resources.

World Fellowship/Global Awareness/DKG/UN Relationships: This committee promotes “Schools for Africa” project, makes chapter members aware of DKGs partnership with UNICEF, presents programs and engages members in actively supporting the “Schools for Africa” project, and helps focus members’ global awareness knowledge.

Fine Arts/Impacting Personal and Professional Pride: Plans music for all chapter ceremonies and meetings and encourages programs and activities that increase members’ personal and professional pride so they can, in turn, have a greater impact on excellence in education.

US Forum/Educational Law and Policy: This committee plans programs and activities that impact educational law and policy. They keep members informed of current economic, social, political, and educational issues and encourage members to be proactive in communicating with state legislative members on educational issues.

Please email Kim_warr@yahoo.com with which committee you would like to join!



Wanda Allen and other chapter presidents accept Excellent Chapter Awards at the Eta State Convention.

Eta State Convention Highlights

“Create the Future: Imagine!”

The 2016 Eta State NC Convention was a huge success. Registrar Carolyn Coram shared these numbers from the registrations. Registered - 317, First timers - 65, 40+ years - 19, Past Presidents - 13, NBCTs - 54! Regions with the most members attending: Region IX - 90 members Region VII - 36 Region X - 32

Friday

- Outstanding Pre-Convention tour of Reynolda House Museum of American Art, including the restored 1917 mansion and the Ansel Adams: Eloquent Light exhibit.
- Executive Board Meeting, presided over by Eta State NC President Sheila Groves, heard reports from officers, appointed personnel, webmaster, and select standing committees. Recommendations were approved for the changes to the Standing Rules. There was no new business.
- The Opening General Meeting’s emphasis was on members and chapters. The Winston-Salem State University Choir mesmerized attendees. The Golden Key recipients were announced. Communications awards included 60 chapters for Newspaper Excellence and 44 chapters for Website Excellence. Also, chapter achievement awards were announced: 25 distinctive chapters, 12 excellence chapters, 3 Presidential Chapter Achievement Awards.

Saturday

- Second General Meeting heard reports, passed the proposed changes to the Eta State NC Standing Rules, and enjoyed the performance of the Steel Magnolias. The traditional “Passing the House” raised \$1,835 for Headquarters.
- The First Annual Meeting of the NCDKG Educational Foundation recognized the first four grant recipients and elected the full, staggered term Board of Directors.
- Three sessions of 26 workshops offered attendees many opportunities for enrichment.
- The first-ever President’s Reception welcomed everyone to meet and greet before the banquet.
- The President’s Banquet featured a motivational speaker, scholarship awards, and a video highlighting all chapter presidents.

Sunday

- The Ceremony of Remembrance featured handbell music and the Eta State Convention Chorus as our departed sisters were remembered.
- The Birthday Brunch was a joyous occasion. Dream and Kitestrings, the convention project, thanked donors for their generous contributions. Rising Star Awards were given. Foundation raffle winners were announced and the DKG song provided the conclusion.



(L) The Rising Star winners (one winner was not at the convention).

(R) Deb Christensen and Wanda Allen pose after the Birthday Brunch.

Meet Stephanie and Kathy!

Stephanie Ferron



Stephanie (Flatt) Ferron is the Technology Facilitator at David W. Butler High School in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. She has been in education for nineteen years. Stephanie earned her bachelor's degree from Meredith College in history and secondary education. She taught social studies at John A. Holmes High School in Edenton, North Carolina. While in eastern North Carolina, Stephanie attended East Carolina University and earned her MaEd in Instructional Technology. She also earned her media specialist license at the same time.

Stephanie returned to Charlotte, her hometown as the media specialist at South Charlotte Middle School. She also worked at David W. Butler High School as the media specialist. Stephanie worked in Union County Schools at Cuthbertson Middle School as the computer engineer, social studies teacher, and media specialist before returning to Butler.

Stephanie is married to Shane Ferron who works for Union County Schools. They have two children Cora and Caleb who attend Hemby Bridge Elementary. In her spare time, Stephanie likes to run and read. She has ran half marathons in Key West and the Outer Banks. She is a National Board Certified Media Specialist. She has presented at NCSLMA Conferences, been Teacher of the Year for her school, part of NC Digital Leaders Coaching Network, and is Google Certified.

Kathy Glasheen



“I was born and raised in New York. I attended Grove City College in Pennsylvania, studying Chemistry. I moved to NC while I was still in college and I’ve taught here my entire career. For 14 years, I worked as a summer camp counselor in northern Ontario, Canada.

I have been a secondary science educator for 28 years, teaching middle and high school science as well as working in curriculum for 9 years. I have been with UCPS for 16 years, and I am now the science teacher for UCVirtual. I have been involved with course development for UCV, too.

My hobbies include reading, crafts and needlework, singing and cooking. I am very active in my church, singing in the choir and helping with the Music and Arts camp and the hospitality ministry. I love nature and am looking forward to visiting northern Ontario this summer for vacation.”

Alpha Zeta Member News

Margaret Kinney

"This summer, as part of my volunteering with the Red Cross, I have been teaching at camps for children whose parents are in the military. The children we are working with have parents deployed, injured or have died. We work with them in groups to help develop coping skills. As you know, Red Cross does not get any federal money. This program is sponsored by Golden Corral."

Tommie Wall

"Is enjoying having a student intern to assist with archival records for the Museum of the Waxhaws this summer."

Amee Odom

"This week I'll be attending the Science Boot Camp for Librarians-Southeast 2016 meeting hosted by the UGA Libraries on the University of Georgia (Athens) campus. From their LibGuide:

'This conference provides an affordable and immersive opportunity for librarians to learn and explore current science research with expert presenters.' "

Wanda Allen

"We have added a new destination to our trips.....Roanoke, VA. Our daughter, Patricia, has moved there and will be working in the school system in Roanoke when school begins. We are spending lots of time this summer in Ocean Drive. Being near the ocean is definitely my happy place!"

Gladys McCain Kerr

"I have finished the second edition of my third book!!! Took part in the ribbon cutting ceremony in Waxhaw for the opening of the restored oldest house in town: 1888, the Duncan McDonald House."

Deb Christensen

"I enjoyed a wonderful trip to England, Scotland and Wales with my mom in June. Next I'm off to Kansas City, MO to learn to be a yearbook co-advisor for my school. When I get back I'll be assessing for National Boards before I end my summer with a family reunion in NY. The summer is going by so fast!"

Eta State News

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

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNSummer2016.pdf>

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNSummer2016BW.pdf> (B & W copy)

Tech Tip

Google has released Google Cast for Education which is a free Chromebook app that allows teachers and students to share their screens from anywhere in the classroom. This will be a great addition to the Google suite of apps! Imagine the possibilities in the classroom. For more information, check out this link:

<https://support.google.com/edu/castforedu>

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.deltakappagamma.org/NC

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

Voices of Influence Empowering North Carolina Women Educators
“Create the Future—Imagine, Inspire, Ignite”

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