



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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President's Message

Alpha Zeta Sisters,

It is hard to believe the last meeting of our year is near! We have a full schedule for Saturday, April 1, so I hope you can be here.

First of all, we will be awarding Wishful Thinking grants to three amazing Beginning Teachers. They will be joining us for this meeting to receive the grants, which should be very exciting. Also, Susan Phipps who is our state legislative representative through DKG cannot attend, due to a personal obligation that came up. However, Dr. Elaine Jenkins will be attending, instead. She will be bringing us the latest news regarding education policy. With all the federal and state changes, this should be a very informative program! Many of you know Dr. Jenkins because she has attended meetings before, and I think we will be in for a real treat with her sharing all the latest news.

This is a reminder that our Joint 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 hope you will consider attending! Remember that Lisa Stephens needs to know by March 24 if you will be attending.

Also, this is a reminder that I will not be at the April 1 meeting as I will be on a family cruise that has been planned for over a year. I will miss you all but hope to see you at initiation or at Convention! You will be in great hands with Janie Webb leading the meeting.

In Sisterly Love,

Kim

April Meeting Information

When: Saturday, April 1, 2017

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

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

The church is in the Cotswald area on the corner of Providence and Sharon Roads. Parking is off Providence Rd.

Cost: \$6.00 per person

RSVP: by Wednesday, March 29th to Helen Rose

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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 .”

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

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Upcoming Events

April 1, 2017	Alpha Zeta Chapter Meeting at 10:00 am
April 1, 2017	Early bird registration ends for convention
April 10, 2017	Pre-Convention Tour of Bellamy Mansion deadline
April 10, 2017	<i>Eta State News</i> deadline.
April. 28-30, 2017	Eta State NC Convention, The Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington, NC
May 1, 2017	Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards
May 1, 2017	Deadline to apply for Leadership Seminar
May 11, 2017	Founders Day
May 31, 2017	Deadline for Headquarters Brick Sale Submissions
Jun. 23-25, 2017	Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro
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

Variety of Sessions Scheduled at Convention

Shagging at the Beach and a Legislative Update session from former State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. June Atkinson are just two of the 28 exciting sessions planned for you at the 2017 Eta State NC Convention, April 28-30 in Wilmington.

Dr. Atkinson's session, to be held from 1:00-2:00 on Saturday, will provide insight into the current status of public education in NC. Other sessions include The Myth of One Size Fits All; Ready Set Engage; That's Presidential; Make and Take: Ideas for Supporting Teachers; Weebly Website Workshop; Needled Felted Birds; Foundations Grants: Past and Future; Keep Calm: Let Us Show You the Money; Chapter Rules Made Easy; and Up Close and Personal with the Awards Committee.

Breakout Sessions at the convention will be held from 1:00 till 5:00 p.m. in the Hilton Wilmington Riverside on Saturday, April 29. Rooms will be listed in the program book. For a complete list of topics and presenters, visit the convention website in early April.

Workshop coordinator Connie Savell, Eta State First Vice-President, and the Convention Planning Committee hope you have made plans to attend and are looking forward to seeing you at the sessions!

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.

Eta State President Sheila’s Message



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Something to think about...

Spring Cleaning

March is here and it’s time for *Spring Cleaning!* Time to take a fresh look at chapter practices. Dust off the old habits and consider a fresh course of action.

- Organize chapter files. Make sure all reports have been sent. Toss duplicate or outdated material. Create an efficient system to make filing reports easier for next year.
- Update member information on the DKG web site.
- Initiate new members. Embrace their unique talents, ideas, and expectations.
- Repurpose some of those worn projects and investigate new ways to fulfill our seven Purposes.
- Clean the clutter. In the words of Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, “Don’t cling to the old when its worth has passed.”



Getting things in order is energizing! There is much satisfaction in moving forward with a clean desk and a renewed spirit. Is it time for some spring cleaning in your chapter?

Sheila

Convention Registration Deadline April 1

Convention Registration at the Early Bird price is April 1. Send to Connie Marks. Registration by credit card can be sent by email to etastatetreasurer2017@gmail.com. Registration and check can be mailed to Connie at 12548 US Hwy 117 S, Rocky Point, NC 28457. There is a reduced rate for Beginning Teachers, so encourage one to come with you!

Happy Birthday!

April		May		June		June (con’t)	
2	Dr. Kim Schroeder	13	Carolyn Nave	8	Sarah Miller	26	Kathy Glasheen
15	Beverly Christopher	16	Margaret Kinney	16	Mercedes Cass		
24	Louise Napier			21	Lisa Stephens		
30	Frances Davis			21	David Zike		
							

Alpha Zeta Committees Reminder

Communication/Publicity/Newsletter

- Deb Christensen
- Sylvia Little-Sweat
- Frankie Ritch
- Stephanie Ferron

Scholarship

- Helen Rose
- Beverly Christopher
- Jane Clawson
- Sara Miller
- Tommie Wall

Parliamentarian

- Frances Davis

Finance

- Lisa Stephens
- Judy Cline

Educational Excellence Committee

- Linda Klein
- Jean Davis
- Peggy Harris
- Phyllis Medlin

Membership Expansion/Nominations

- Rachel Clarke
- Grace Faris
- Manetta Latham
- Diana Sweezy

Leadership Development/Beginning Teacher Support

- Kathy Glasheen
- Mercedes Cass
- Joy Hilder
- Diane Maye

World Fellowship/Global Awareness/DKG/UN Relationships

- Peggy Griffin
- Kathleen Perry

Fine Art/Impacting Personal and Professional Pride

- Joyce Reed
- Louise Napier
- Alice Coleman
- Janie Collins
- Margaret Kinney

US Forum/Educational Law and Policy

- Sarah Harrison-Burns
- Taura Napier
- Ameer Odom

Deadline Near for Headquarters Brick Sale Project

Buying a paving brick to line Headquarter's front walk is a special way to honor past and present DKG members or chapters. **May 31, 2017** is the deadline to purchase bricks as part of the "Pave the Way for DKG Memories" project.

The Headquarters Committee encourages every chapter to participate in the project and honor its chapter and/or members and to become a part of the pride of Eta State NC Headquarters.

Bricks may be engraved with up to three lines of 18 characters each. The cost per brick is \$125. Proceeds will be used to maintain Headquarters.

Forms can be found on the Eta State NC website at http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2016pavethe_way.png. Mail forms and payments to Eta State NC Treasurer Ruth Jones at 3607 Wyneston Road, Greenville, NC 27858.

SER Hotel Registration Now Open and Session Schedule Now Available

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/SERRegional2017>.



The schedule for this summer’s Southeast Regional Conference in Myrtle Beach is now online. Check out the speakers and times for the sessions, 10-minute takeaways, and activities. Plan to attend with the conference so close to home! SER is July 19-22, 2017.

Individual Professional Development Funds Available



Applications for the Lucile Cornet 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](#).

Eta State Convention Hotel Info

Our room block at the Wilmington Hilton is full but the TownePlace Suites Wilmington-Wrightsville Beach is offering DKG members rooms for \$119 plus taxes.

The hotel is located at 305 East-wood Road, Wilmington. The number is 910-332-3326. Rooms must be booked by March 27.

Eta State NC Executive Secretary Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon asks that if **you have booked extra rooms at the Hilton that you don’t need, please release/cancel them ASAP**. This way others may be able to book a room at the Hilton. You may continue to contact the hotel in case rooms come open by March 27. You may check availability at http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/I/ILMNCHF-DKG-20170427/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG.

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">• Shampoo• Body Wash• Deodorant• Bar of soap• Toothbrush• Toothpaste• Lip Balm | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pocket-size Tissues• Washcloths• Small Hand Lotion• Small Fleece Blankets• Stuffed Animals• Filler Paper• Spiral Notebooks• Composition Notebooks• #2 Pencils | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crayons• Ruler• Calculator• Blue/Black Ink Pens• Highlighters• Small Puzzles• Activity Books <p>Please no hotel samples or peanut products!</p> <p>Bring your donations to the meeting!</p> |
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“Voices of Influence Empowering NC Women Educators”
“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”

“Heads Up” Edition from the ELP Committee

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

The NC Legislature is in session and that means we must all be on our toes to ensure that no education legislation gets through the NC General Assembly without hearing from our passionate and professional members. No one knows what is good and what is bad for education better than active and retired educators, especially well-informed ones like our members. Here is just a taste of what we are watching these days:

First, Gov. Roy Cooper has introduced his first budget and it emphasizes strengthening our schools and compensating all educators to bring them to the national average in 5 years. Please thank the Governor for his commitment to strong public schools and write, email or call your Senator and your Representative urging them to support the Governor’s education budget. Go to <https://governor.nc.gov/contact-governor-cooper>.

As new bills that need our feedback are introduced in the General Assembly in Raleigh, the EL&P Committee will share this information with Chapter Contacts, who will send the information on to members in their respective chapters. If your chapter does not have a designated Contact yet, please send the name, email and phone number of that individual to committee chair **Susan Phipps** at phippss@charter.net.

Let’s all remain tuned in to legislation that could impact the profession we love.

Convention Project

Donations will be collected for Hope Harbor Home at the convention. The Convention Planning Committee has provided a wish list on the convention webpage at http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/hope_harbor_home_info_and_wish_list.pdf.



BT Committee Planning for New Award

The Beginning Teacher Support Committee is setting guidelines and planning for the new Eta State/DKG Beginning Teacher Award to be given next year. Criteria for this award have been established, along with the protocol for nominating/selecting this special person. Members will hear more about the award at Convention in Wilmington. The first recipient will be named at the 2018 Eta State NC Convention in Charlotte.

The [BTSC's webpage](#) on the Eta State website contains a list of all the great ideas for supporting beginning teachers which were shared at last year's convention.

Eta State Authors in Latest DKG Bulletin: Journal

Did you know that six Eta State members have been published in the latest *DKG Bulletin: Journal*, the International DKG journal that is online at dkg.org? To read the articles in the online journal, you will need to be logged on to the website.

The latest *Journal* has the theme of Systems to Address Quality Teaching. The Eta State members featured are Drs. Angela Kern, Laura Lowder and Ann Crutchfield from Pfeiffer University; Susan Kuenzel, *Eta Data* editor; and Dr. Donna Cotton from Wilkes County Schools. Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, Eta State NC Executive Secretary, is a member of the DKG Editorial Board.

Both the research journal (published online three times a year) and the new magazine, *Collegial Exchange*, published twice a year, are member benefits. Both have articles and ideas that can be used for chapter programs. Submissions are always welcome, and the guidelines and directions are posted online.

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com