



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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Region VIII
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President's Message

Dear Alpha Zeta sisters,

I hope that each of you have begun to dry out from the rain that has overcome us this fall and winter. I, for one, have been so happy to see a little sunshine and a break in the deluge we have had. I heard somewhere that we have had a record-breaking year for rainfall this year and it has been the highest amount in 140 years. I believe it!! Hopefully, the sun will shine on us for our April 6th meeting and Induction Ceremony beginning at 9:30 am and taking place at Siler Presbyterian Church. The Waxhaw group will be hosting and Sam will be preparing a wonderful brunch breakfast for us. Deb is sending out the email invite so be sure to respond as I know that this is a very busy Saturday for many of us.

Deb Christensen, Vice-President, will be leading the meeting and conducting the Induction Ceremony as I will be unable to attend due to a family gathering. I apologize to all as I take being a member very seriously and enjoy being with all of our Alpha Zeta sisters. It will be strange not being there as this will be the first chapter meeting, I will have missed since joining in 2012. But sometimes our other families must come first in our busy lives. Please make every effort to attend in order to welcome our prospective member, Pascale Glenn, as she joins our sisterhood.

Our program will be provided by Louise Napier and will focus on the Fine Arts. We are always excited to see what Louise has in store for us. We will also be taking up dues for the next year so please come prepared as well for that. Do not forget that one lucky person will be chosen at this meeting to have her dues paid. Yes, we will be drawing for the prize at this meeting. Please continue your searches for those women educators who may be interested in becoming a part of our organization and invite one to our October meeting. We need to continue the work of the "Each One, Reach One" campaign.

Convention is just around the corner and we have many nominations and chapter recognition paperwork that has been sent to Eta State. I look for good news on all fronts to come from those. We will be sure to honor all nominees at our October meeting as some of the nominations are not shared at this time. We will be sure to let all know the results of our efforts as soon as we find out. As far as I know, there will be five of us attending Convention this year. It is not too late to send in registration if anyone else would like to attend. It is always the more, the merrier, I say! So think about it.

Yours in Education and Sisterhood,

Janie



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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.”

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Upcoming Events

- April1** Deadline for submitting names for Ceremony of Remembrance
 - April1** Nominations due for Beginning Teacher Award
 - April 3** Hotel registration at block rate ends
 - April10** Legislative Day in Raleigh
 - April10** *Eta State News* deadline
 - April15** Early bird registration ends for Eta State NC Convention
 - May 1** Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards
 - May 3-5** Eta State NC Convention, Crowne Plaza, Hickory
 - May 11** DKG Founders Day
 - May 15** New Initiates forms and fees due to state treasurer
 - May 15** *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due
 - May 27** Deadline for conference hotel group rate for International Conference, Asheville
 - May 30** Early bird registration for International Conference, Asheville, ends
 - June 13** Last day for meal ticket sales for International Conference, Asheville
 - June 21-24** Leading Effective Meetings Seminar, Asheville
 - June 27-29** International Conference, Arts and Humanities, 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>.

April Meeting Information

When: April 6, 2019
Time: 9:30 am
Where: Siler Presbyterian Church, 6301 Weddington Monroe Rd, Matthews, NC 28104
Cost: \$10.00
RSVP: Please RSVP through EventBrite or to Tommie Wall at tommie-wall@carolina.rr.com by Wednesday, April 3rd.
Hostess Group: Waxhaw
Program: Induction and Fine Arts/Impacting Personal and Professional Pride



The Waxhaw Hostess Group of Alpha Zeta Chapter cordially invites you to our Spring Brunch and Induction Ceremony on Saturday, April 6th at 9:30 am at Siler Presbyterian Church Fellowship Building. The Fellowship Building is located on Waxhaw-Indian Trail Road. The Fellowship Building is located behind our main sanctuary (the physical address is 6301 Weddington-Monroe Road) and has a separate driveway and parking lot. Please RSVP through EventBrite or to Tommie Wall at tommie-wall@carolina.rr.com by Wednesday, April 3rd.

Holiday Brunch: Scrambled eggs, Grits, Bacon and Sausage, Orange Juice, Coffee and Water with a sweet Easter surprise! The cost is \$10.00 per person. **Please do not eat prior to our Spring Meeting-coffee will be ready when you arrive!**

See Page 6 for additional meeting information

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

Trees are beginning to bud, daffodils are blooming, and tulips are beginning to bring us hope of spring weather. May is just around the corner and I hope you are making plans to attend our Eta State NC Convention in Hickory. It’s time to register and book your hotel. You can find information on our website.

We are thrilled Cathy Daugherty, our International President, will be our Society Representative this year, and she will be our Keynote Speaker on Saturday evening.

On Sunday morning the Membership Committee will have the Ceremony of Remembrance followed by the brunch. It is exciting that the 85th Birth-day Beginning Teacher Award, which is a one-time award, will be announced. The Founders Award and the Rising Star Awards will be presented during the celebration.

Come and celebrate our 85th Birthday May 3-5, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza! I look forward to seeing you in Hickory!

Let’s Sparkle!

Connie

Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
2017-2019

Happy Birthday!

April	
2	Dr. Kim Schroeder
15	Beverly Christopher
24	Louise Napier
30	Frances Davis

May	
1	Paula Tautfest
13	Carolyn Nave
16	Margaret Kinney

June	
6	Tracy Strickland
8	Sarah Miller
21	Lisa Stephens
21	Davida Zike
26	Kathy Glasheen



Eta State NC Convention 2019

Celebrating 85 Years—Share the Sparkle!

Crowne Plaza Hickory, May 3-5

Early Bird Registration Ends Soon

April 15 is the last day to register for the Eta State NC Convention in Hickory at the early bird rate and to be assured of getting materials and meal tickets.

Registration forms are available on the convention web page at <https://www.ncdkg.org/2019-convention.html>. The form is fillable online or available for printing. Registration with credit card payment may be emailed to Leslie Black at 2019etastateconvention@gmail.com.

Direct questions about registration to Marilyn Futrelle, Convention Registrar, at mfutrelle@bellsouth.net.

Rooms are still available at the Crowne Plaza Hickory by calling 828-323-1000.

Convention Reminders

Beginning Teacher Award

Nominations are due April 1 for the first Beginning Teacher Award to be presented at the convention. This \$1,000 award will recognize an Eta State NC member with less than four years teaching experience who demonstrates excellence in teaching. Nominations forms are available on the Eta State NC home page or the Convention page.

Musicians and Chorus Members Needed

Music Representative Leslie Barger is looking for members interested in sing-ing in the chorus or performing a solo; playing a musical instrument; playing the piano; and/or accompanying the chorus. If interested, please email Leslie at leslie.barger007@gmail.com.



Fund\$ for Florence

President Connie Savell commends members, saying, “Eta State’s members have exceeded my dreams with the kindness shown our 27 sisters whose schools were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Florence. Our **Fund\$ for Florence** project has raised \$2,420 from our NC members and I have collected \$1,530 from Alabama, Mississippi and Virginia for a total of \$3,950 being dispersed. DKG members inspire me with their generosity for helping others.”

Remember to bring your gift cards to the convention!

Dine with the President!

Watch for more information soon on the Box Lunch Conversation with the International President! This is sure to be informative and fun.

Watch for the complete listing of convention sessions soon on the Eta State NC website’s convention page.

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Convention Deadlines

Mar. 30: Convention vendor forms <https://bit.ly/2RLiugR> to Debra Clayton, msdebrac@gmail.com

Mar. 31: Convention ads <https://bit.ly/2CrEPCR> to Nancy Tunstall, 664 Cole Farm Road, Warrenton, NC 27589, nancytunstall@gmail.com

Apr. 1: Beginning Teacher Award nominations <https://bit.ly/210EhHm> to Tammy Albright, btsetastate@gmail.com

Apr. 1: Names for the Ceremony of Remembrance. Submit **Form 6** (sign in!) to Mary Beth Dailey

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.

Apr. 15: Early bird convention registration, <https://bit.ly/2SQQZtv>, Leslie Black, Conv Treasurer, 4715 Little Mountain Road, Catawba, NC 28609, 2019etastateconvention@gmail.com

Founders Day 85th Birthday Celebration

A few more volunteers are needed.

No lines!

No skit!

For additional info and to participate, contact Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, First VP, drthcowan@gmail.com

Don't Delay—Register Now for the International Conference



Registering online for the Arts and Humanities Conference to be held in Asheville, June 27-29, 2019, is quick and easy. Log in to the member side of the DKG website, click on the Events tab, next on the Asheville photo, and then on the Register button (left one). Specific steps will guide you through the registration process. You will be able to see your registration info and print a receipt from your MyDKG profile.

Note that because 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. For preconference activities and tours, visit the [SE Conference Events page](#) of the DKG website.

Make Plans to Come to Legislative Day in Raleigh

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

Wednesday, April 10, is this year’s Eta State Legislative Day organized by your Educational Law and Policy Committee. All members are encouraged to consider making the trip to Raleigh to speak directly with your own Senator and House Representative. Making appointments beforehand will be imperative. We will gather that morning at 9:30 just inside the front door at 16 W. Jones Street in Raleigh for a few words of welcome, distribution of our 2019 White Pages of Legislative Priorities, and some pointers for the day. Then DKG members will fan out to have conversations with their elected representatives.

This is an especially important year to urge legislators to fully fund public education since we have a number of new lawmakers who won their seats by campaigning for strong public schools. NC has a strong economy now that the remnants of the great recession are gone. In NC, funding for schools has not yet reached the level it was prior to the 2008 recession, when adjusted for inflation. Additionally, we need to remember that NC is one of the fastest growing states, thus we are asking our schools to educate more students with less money. It is time to fully support our schools.

To find the name and contact information of any member of the legislature go to <http://www.ncleg.net>. Use the maps to pull up those who represent you. When you call for an appointment, try to make the appointment no earlier than 10:30 to allow time to meet in the front lobby with DKG sisters. [Click here for our White Paper of Legislative Priorities.](#)

See you in Raleigh!

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Alpha Zeta Member News

Rachel Clarke—Rachel shared that Kensington Elementary was identified as a P21 Exemplar School. This means that Kensington was one of 18 schools recognized nationwide for its emphasis on 21st century skills and content: character education, global education, student leadership and accountability, and integration of technology.

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.

Important Additional April Alpha Zeta DKG Meeting Information

Remember to bring your water bottles filled with change for Schools for Africa. Check donations will also be accepted.

Please bring donations so Alpha Zeta can purchase gift cards for the schools that are still recovering from Hurricane Florence.

Dues for 2019-2020 need to be paid by June 15th. This change is coming from DKG. Lisa Stephens will accept post dated checks at the meeting on April 6th and hold onto them until dues needs to be sent in. The dues are \$76.00 for active members and \$45.00 for reserve members.

Timing of Dues Addressed

Ruth Jones, Eta State NC Treasurer, says there seems to be some questions about the new timing of dues collection and how inductions are affected. She shared this:

- Inductees in April and May pay dues for 2019-2020
- Inductees in April or May should be paying the full amount of dues along with the induction fee. These dues will be for the 2019-2020 year. This is the time when payment is being made by other members, and all dues will be sent to Eta State NC and International in July.

Training on the new electronic method of transmitting these dues will be provided at the state convention in Hickory. Chapter treasurers should take their laptops to the convention.



EEC in Action Tip of the Month: *It Takes More Than Luck*

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

March Madness is upon us! Strengthening membership like sports “takes more than luck.” In recognition of March Madness **EEC of Eta State NC** challenges you to **Empower, Engage and Create** to strengthen members through chapter programs. Chapters win when membership is strong.

- **Empower:** Host programs that aid in personal growth (financial planning, genealogical search, travel, etc.)
- **Engage:** Partner retired with non-retired members to develop a community tutor program
- **Create:** Develop a chapter cookbook to showcase member talents - maybe a potential fundraiser

Remember to check out <https://www.ncdkg.org/educational-excellence-committee.html> for more ideas.

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Eta State News

The Spring edition of *Eta State News* is now online! Click on the graphic to the left or find a link on the Eta State NC website homepage.

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Eta State NC Convention 2019

Celebrating 85 Years — Share the Sparkle!

International President Cathy Daugherty
“Coming Home” for NC Convention

In Memory of Eta State NC Star
Margaret Lee Church

Region X Director & Alpha Nu Member
Dr. Sherry Willis

North Carolina is pleased to

Educational Foundation Available for Chapter Programs

The NC DKG Educational Foundation will hold its annual meeting during the convention in Hickory. Among the highlights to be reported is the awarding of four more grants for classroom projects and professional development.

Foundation Board members are eager to visit your chapter to share information and answer questions about the foundation or about creating an endowment.

Contact one of these members:

Dr. Judy Carlson, judithb125@gmail.com

Dr. Mary Cauley, cauleym_2000@yahoo.com

Sheila Groves, svgeta97@gmail.com

Betty Marshall, bettymarshall6751@gmail.com

Maxine McCall, djmcm61@gmail.com



Tech Tip

DKG App Available Year-Round

Did you know that the DKG App is available all year and not just at convention time? The March/April *Get Connected!* helps you become more familiar with the DKG 365 App and shares how to find it for download. *Get Connected!* is available online at <https://bit.ly/2F4ObV8> (sign in, under the Publications tab on the DKG website).

Use the app to register for the International Conference in Asheville!



Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/