



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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Eta State
North Carolina

Region VIII
Mecklenburg and Union Counties

President's Message

Alpha Zeta Sisters,

It is hard to believe we are approaching our last meeting of the year! I appreciate the flexibility of having our meeting March 24. With the original April meeting falling during Spring Break, it was important to move it since our new Executive Board we will be installing would have not been able to be there in April. It should be a great meeting with a focus on the arts. We will also have a ceremony of remembrance for LaRue Perry.

Also, if you are attending the joint initiation on April 21, we need your \$17 payment this day so we can plan accordingly. Also, we are hosting joint initiation at Siler Presbyterian (thank you Tommie) and will need 3-4 sisters to assist with setup/clean up and serving as hostesses. If you are interested, please let me know at our March meeting!

I want to thank you all for your support over this biennium as I stepped in the very big shoes my predecessors left in serving as your president. I am sure I made many mistakes but truly appreciated your support (and forgiveness). Most importantly, I appreciate the opportunity to serve you all. I learned so much about our chapter, as well as the entire organization, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have served you. I also want to thank our Executive Board and Committee Chairs for their leadership. We have such exceptional leaders and thank you all for your service and commitment to our chapter.

I look forward to seeing you all in March!

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

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March Meeting Information

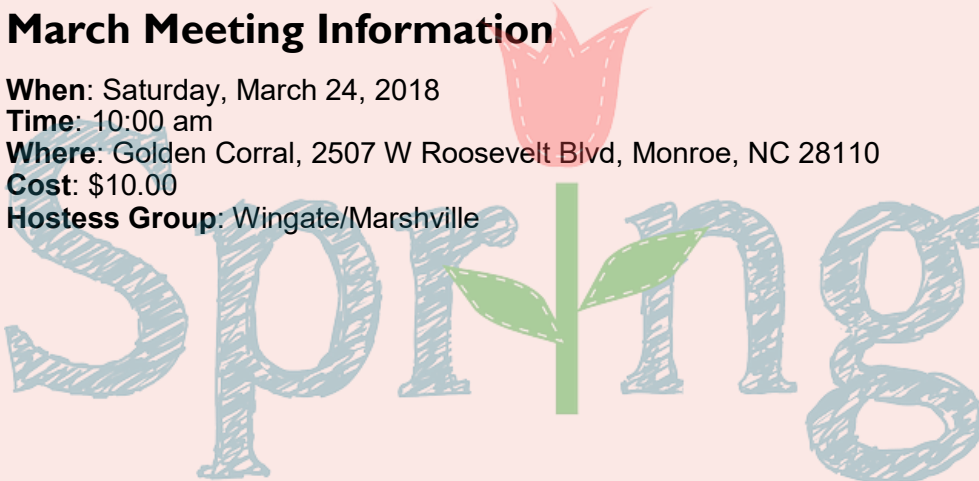
When: Saturday, March 24, 2018

Time: 10:00 am

Where: Golden Corral, 2507 W Roosevelt Blvd, Monroe, NC 28110

Cost: \$10.00

Hostess Group: Wingate/Marshville





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

- March 23 Last day to submit names for Ceremony of Remembrance
- March 30, 31 Deadlines for convention vendor forms and program ads
- April 1 Dissertation information due to be recognized at the Int’l Con.
- April 1 Early bird registration ends for Eta State NC Convention
- April 21 Joint Initiation, Siler Presbyterian Church, 10:00 am** (see page 6)
- April 10 Submission deadline for *Eta State News*
- April 27-29 Eta State NC Convention, Hilton Charlotte University Place, Charlotte
- May 1 Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Dev. Awards
- May 5 Last day to submit form for Paving the Way bricks for Headquarters
- May 11 DKG Founders Day
- May 15 Deadline to submit new initiate fees for spring initiations to Treasurer Ruth Jones
- May 15 Form for Reporting 2018-20 Chapter Officers (Form 110) due to Eta State NC President and Executive Secretary
- May 15 Submission deadline for *Bulletin: Journal*
- June 22, 23, 26 Summer Leaders’ Training for new chapter officers
- July 1 2018-20 Biennium begins

Register NOW for Convention!

Have you registered for the 2018 Eta State Convention? The early bird deadline is April 1 and the registration fee will increase \$10 after the deadline. The registration form is online at <https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2018conventionregform.pdf>. Do it now so you don’t forget!

Remember to purchase your tickets for Saturday evening’s Presidents Banquet and for the Birthday Brunch on Sunday when registering.

Hotel reservations at the Hilton Charlotte University Place can be made at http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/C/CLTHUHF-DKG-20180426/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG or by calling 704-547-7444. Ask for the DKG room block. The room block usually fills before the deadline, so don’t delay!

The convention begins on Friday, April 27. Registration will open at noon, the Executive Board Meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m., and the Opening General Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, a general meeting and the Educational Foundation annual meeting will precede breakout sessions and the Chapter Presidents Banquet. The Ceremony of Remembrance and the Birthday Brunch will highlight Sunday’s events.

The newly-published history book recounting 2007 to 2017 will be for sale at the convention.

Executive Board Meeting on Friday

Chapter presidents, regional directors, state committee chairmen, past Eta State Presidents, officers and related personnel will need to make plans to attend the Eta State Executive Board Meeting on Friday, April 27 at 4:00 p.m. in the University Ballroom at the Hilton Charlotte University Place. This Board will recommend business for approval to Eta State members during the convention.

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Eta State President Connie Savell



Let’s Sparkle!

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Goals:

- Encourage Savvy leadership
- Inspire Passionate, meaningful programs and projects
- Analyze and Articulate current educational issues
- Further Respect for diversity in membership
- Promote Knowledge through lifelong learning
- Establish and Launch a member wellness initiative
- Advocate Excellence in education

Spring has arrived in the piedmont of North Carolina and the Bradford pears and daffodils are lovely! As we contemplate the coming of Spring, I would like to encourage chapter presidents to review this chapter check list:

- Have you completed the President’s Report?
- Has your membership chair completed Form 2?
- Did your chapter lose members to death? If so, Form 6 should have been submitted to Mary Beth Dailey.
- Are you registered for Eta State NC Convention?
- Have you booked a room at the University Hilton in Charlotte?
- Has your chapter elected officers for 2018-2020 biennium?
- Has your chapter participated in the Wellness Initiative?
- Have you invited the State President to one of your meetings?

If you have completed these activities, congratulations! If not there is still time to finish any of the tasks. Plans are developing nicely for the Eta State NC Convention. We hope to see you April 27-29, 2018!

Keep Sparkling and please take good care of yourself!

Connie

Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
2017-2019

Happy Birthday!

April		May		June		July	
2	Dr. Kim Schroeder	1	Paula Tautfest	8	Sarah Miller	10	Janie Collins
15	Beverly Christopher	13	Carolyn Nave	21	Lisa Stephens	20	Diane Maye
24	Louise Napier	16	Margaret Kinney	21	David Zike	22	Gladys Kerr
30	Frances Davis			26	Kathy Glasheen		

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Last Notice for Some Convention Deadlines

- **Mar. 23** Last day for Form 2 Chapter Necrology Report and Form 6 Report of Death of a Member for names to be included in the Ceremony of Remembrance. Send reports to Mary Beth Dailey at mbdailey69@gmail.com.
- **Mar. 30** Convention vendor Form: Mail to Debra Clayton, Finance Committee Chair, 573 Ridgeway Warrenton Road, Norlina, NC 27563, msdebrac@gmail.com.
- **Mar. 31** Convention ads to Nancy Tunstall, 664 Cole Farm Road, Warrenton, NC 27589, nancytunstall@gmail.com.
- **Apr. 1** Early bird convention registration to Terry Norris, Convention Treasurer, 604 Tidewater Drive, Sanford, NC 37330 etastatetreasurer2018@gmail.com.
- **Apr. 3** or until the block is filled Hotel Registration for Hilton Charlotte University Place <https://www.ncdkg.org/2018-convention.html>.

Convention Project *Helping Hands for Hurricane Matthew Aftermath*



Region VI students, teachers, and families still feeling the effects of Hurricane Matthew will benefit from Eta State members’ generosity in support of the convention project. Please bring monetary donations in the form of gift cards, certified checks or money orders to the convention. Make checks and money orders payable to United Way of Robeson County and denote for Eta State NC Convention Project. See the Spring *Eta State News* for more information.

Convention Chorus Singers Needed

Lend your voice to the Eta State NC Convention Chorus in Charlotte. Dr. Sara Massey, Music Representative, invites everyone to join the fun.

Rehearsal times will be Friday 9:00–9:45 p.m., Saturday 4:30–5:30 p.m., and Sunday 7:30–8:00 a.m. Check the convention program for places. Email Sara if you’d like to download rehearsal music before the convention. Remember, your chapter gets points on the achievement award for your participation! For more info, contact Sara at smmasse2@gmail.com.



“I’m so excited. And, I just can’t hide it.” *By: Dr. Teresa Cowan, Chair, EEC*

Recognize those lyrics? (Believe me, you do not want me to sing for you.) But I am excited—it is just around the corner. Eta State NC Convention 2018 will be here in less than two months. I know I am ready to see everyone and have my Eta State sisters experience the dynamic and inspiring breakout sessions that have been planned.

Check out the program inserts posted on the Eta State Facebook page and on the Eta State website at <https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2018con-ventionbreakouts.pdf>. (Remember, nothing is written in stone!) But to give you just a taste:

- Personal sessions such as felting with Dedra and butter-making with Hazel and Linda.
- Professional sessions such as “ACE’s” (Adverse Childhood Experiences) by Lynn and Kathy and “ADD/ADHD” by Debbie.
- Society Business such as “Once Upon a Time” about the 2007-2017 history book to be unveiled at the convention and “After Initiation—Keeping New Members Engaged” by the Membership Committee.

If you have not made hotel reservations or sent in your registration, do not wait another day. This is an Eta State Convention you do not want to miss. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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Ready for the Rules? *By: Tammy Cullom, Chair, Rules Committee*

By now, all Executive Board Members have received an email with the 2018 proposed amendments to the *Eta State Standing Rules*. It is important that you read over the proposed amendments prior to the Executive Board Meeting in Charlotte on Friday, April 27, and are ready for discussion. If you did not receive this document by email, you may view it on the [Eta State website](#).

Chapter presidents, you carry the vote for your chapter’s membership. You are their voice and act on behalf of all of your members. It is equally important for all chapter presidents to share the 2018 proposed amendments with their chapter members. The full membership will be presented these amendments for discussion and a vote on Saturday, April 28 at the Second General Meeting.

Please contact me at dkgtammy@gmail.com with questions.

Ready for the Rules? I know you will be!



Chapters Can Help With Tee it up for Teachers!

The NC DKG Educational Foundation is excited about the summer fundraiser, *Tee It Up for Teachers*, and about the ways chapters can help!

The event, at the Boone Golf Club, June 11, needs everyone’s support. You and your chapter can help by contributing items to goody bags for golfers. The Foundation will collect them or gift cards to help purchase items at the convention. Suggested items and regions are: Individual size chips – Regions 1 & 3; small packages of crackers – Regions 5 & 9; energy bars – Regions 7, 10 & 11; **small golf items like tees, ball markers, divot tool, etc. – Regions 2, 4, 8.** Chapters may want to attach a “donated by” label with chapter name and location.

Even if you aren’t playing golf, you can still be part of this event by donating items or volunteering your time. Registration for golfers and sponsor opportunities are available on the Foundation website, www.ncdkgef.org, or by contacting Judy Carlson judithb125@gmail.com, Barbara Leonard drbleonard0@gmail.com, or Sheila Groves svgeta97@gmail.com. Thank you so much for supporting NC teachers and students. *Tee It Up for Teachers!*

Registration Open for International Convention this Summer July 16-20, 2018

Plans are being shared about convention speakers, state photo times, tour hours, and registration for the International Convention in Austin, Texas, this summer. Check out the details on the [convention page](#) of the DKG website. Registration is now open!

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Joint Initiation

April 21, 2018, 10:00 am at Siler Presbyterian, 6301 Weddington Monroe Rd, Matthews, NC 28104
Lunch will be lemon chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, salad, and dessert. Dr. Elaine Jenkins will be the guest speaker. Cost: \$17.00. Please make checks payable to Alpha Zeta and either bring to the March 24th meeting or mail to Lisa Stephens.

Educational Law & Policy Prepares for a Busy Spring *By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee*

First, the committee urges all chapter members to complete the Legislative Opinion Survey that was sent out last month. Members can complete the survey online at <https://goo.gl/forms/hZIRoeOO7hR7vmXA3> or go to Eta State's website (ncdkg.org) and under "Leadership" click Educational Law and Policy Committee. Scroll down to the survey at the bottom of page. Surveys should be completed and submitted by April 23. Hard copies can be mailed to Susan Phipps at 191 Winding Way, Boone 28607. Results will be used to formulate the 2018 Legislative Priorities White Paper for legislators. Thanks!

Next, the EL&P Committee urges members to mark their calendars for upcoming activities and to prepare to communicate with their representatives in the NC General Assembly. On Saturday afternoon, April 28, EL&P will present a legislative workshop at the Eta State convention focusing on the latest education legislation.

Also, there will be 3 days designated as “Legislative Days” when DKG members will be visiting the legislature in Raleigh to share our educational expertise and educational opinions with lawmakers. Choose the day that best fits your schedule and meet ELP hostesses in the front lobby at the base of the red carpet staircase at 9:00 a.m. Dates include: June 6, Jun 13 and June 20. Why not pull together an interested chapter group and organize a road trip?

Eta State members are reminded that they may speak to their representatives in the name of Delta Kappa Gamma on issues from the Legislative Priorities Survey. Other issues must be presented as personal opinions. On the national level, it is unfortunate that the 2018 federal budget was passed after our Legislative Priorities Survey was created. Therefore, we cannot speak on behalf of DKG to our Congressional Representatives and Senators about the national budget ramifications for children. There are many parts of the budget that adversely affect children, such as cuts to Medicaid, nutrition assistance programs, Head Start early childhood programs, affordable housing programs, home heating assistance, disability benefits, and more. Hopefully, members will let their personal opinions be known on many of these issues.

Sharing a LifeStraw Project

The Eta State NC Educational Excellence Committee, Dr. Teresa Cowan, chair, promotes the Wellness Initiative—“Wonders of Water: LifeStraw Project” and shares that chapters, such as Beta Alpha in Region II, are using the LifeStraw Project to promote wellness. Beta Alpha watched the video “Follow the Liters” and has committed as a chapter to support the project through individual donations and chapter efforts. Read more about their LifeStraw Project efforts in a later *Eta State News*.

The EEC encourages other chapters to share their success stories as chapters strive for Educational Excellence while thinking globally and acting locally.



Important Websites

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/

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Alpha Zeta Member News

Obituary for LaRue Perry

LaRue Perry’s obituary can be found online here: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/charlotte/obituary.aspx?n=larue-langley-perry&pid=188343374&fhid=5889>

“On Monday, March 19, a private interment will be held at the family mausoleum at Sharon Memorial Park, followed by a Memorial Service for friends and family at 1:00 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church with Associate Pastor, Joan H. Watson presiding. Guests are invited to join the family for a Reception in the Fellowship Hall after the service.”

Her family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Cancer Society: <https://donate3.cancer.org/?campaign=legacy2&giftFirstName=LaRue&giftLastName=Perry&giftType=mem>

Cards may be sent to:

The Family of LaRue Perry
c/o Keith Perry
6121 Deveron Drive
Charlotte, NC 28211



Thank you from Gladys McKain Kerr

Gladys McKain Kerr
6629 Raymond Helms Road
Waxhaw NC, 28173

Sunday

Dear Alpha Zeta Sisters,
Tonight I had
cake and coffee before
my soup! Kim drove
to my home on a cold,
raining Super Bowl
Sunday to deliver your
cake and flowers for
Woman of the Year! How
very grateful I am for

your thoughtfulness
and gifts. Forgive me
for missing my party
yesterday. I will
share your cake
with my piano
students.

Thank you sincerely
for sharing My Woman
of the Year Honor.
My love,
Gladys

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Society Name Change Among Constitutional Amendments Proposed for Vote at Convention

Do you think changes in the Constitution at the International Convention are not of interest to you? Then, you need to read your Mar/Apr 2018 *DKG News*. One of the proposals up for adoption is a change in the name from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to Women Educators International (DKG). State organizations will be named by geographical areas and each chapter will be named by the state organization.

These changes and more are part of a rebranding of the organization proposed to allow the organization to promote itself based on who we are, not who we were, while honoring our past. Read all the changes in the *DKG News* or online at http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Publications/NEWS-Print_Issue.aspx. There is an interactive pdf for downloading at the same link.

Also read President Carolyn Pittman’s article on page one and note her comments, “To know and understand the proposals is important. A reasoned reaction to proposals is more professional and productive than an emotional reaction.”



Special Amendments Edition

Editor's note: This edition of DKG NEWS is devoted almost entirely to the proposed amendments to the Constitution and International Standing Rules. International asked you listened. Members accepted the challenge of examining our governing documents, and the result is found in the proposed amendments presented in this issue.

Discussion of and voting on the proposals will be the major business conducted at the 2018 International Convention in Austin, Texas, July 16-20.

From the president to each member:

Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody seems to do anything about it." This quote, often attributed to Mark Twain, applies to DKG. Members sometimes opt in. "The rules" require chapters to follow procedures. It will be not beneficial to the chapter membership by the information Society representatives will take to state organization meetings this spring and early summer. To know and understand the proposals is important. A reasoned reaction to proposals is more professional and productive than an emotional reaction.

Looking for Missing Issues of Eta State News

The editor's archives are missing six print issues of *Eta State News*. Editor Carol Bostian is asking presidents to please check chapter files and is asking all members to see if anyone has the missing issues. Please email Carol if anyone has any of these “lost” issues. Thank you for helping us complete our files! These are the missing issues:

2007: Summer, Fall, Winter

2008: Spring, Summer, Fall

The Spring Issue of Eta State News is now online

An abbreviated black and white edition for mailing is posted with a color PDF and an interactive file for those with flash. Links to each edition can be found at <https://www.ncdkg.org/publications.html>.



Slate of Alpha Zeta Officers to be Presented at March Meeting

President: Janie Webb

Vice President: Deb Christensen

Secretary: Linda Klein

Treasurer: Lisa Stephens

Tech Tip—New DKG App Available

A new DKG app is available! Delete your old app and download the new one!

The new app will have two parts—an everyday app (called the 365) with news and updates you’d normally find on the website but in a format easier to use on your mobile devices, and the convention app with maps, schedules, speakers and more, specifically about the convention. The 365 portion is ready now. Click on the graphic to go to the DKG website to learn more and find links to the down-loads. You must be logged in to see it.

