



# From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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## President's Message

Alpha Zeta Sisters,

Tis' the season! I hope you are getting in the holiday spirit as we approach December and this amazingly festive time of the year. I know the Schroeder family is in full holiday spirit as we anxiously await the arrival of Aidan Jeffery Schroeder who will (hopefully) make it to his December 26 due date before he arrives. Regardless of what this holiday season brings, I hope it is a joyous one!

I look forward to seeing you all on December 9 at our annual holiday meeting. We will cover old and new business before enjoying the fun and fellowship of our sisterhood during the auction. Please bring your goodies and a friend, if you'd like, and come ready to have some fun!

Again, I look forward to seeing you all in just two short weeks!

Have a wonderful start to December!

*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 to Deb at the email listed above.

## December Meeting Information

**When:** Saturday, December 9, 2017

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Where:** Waxhaw United Methodist Church Fellowship Building in Historic Waxhaw, 200 McDonald St.

**Cost:** \$9.00

**RSVP:** Please contact Tommie at 704-821-4971 or email her at [tommie-wall@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tommie-wall@carolina.rr.com), if you plan to attend by Tuesday, December 5th.

**Hostess Group:** Waxhaw

**Program:** Grant in Aid Auction



**Remember:** Each AZ Member should bring two (2) items to be auctioned. Let's make this auction a record-breaking year in 2017!

Also remember to support the book drive for East Union Middle School. The list is on page 7. We've only collected three books so far!

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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 .”

## “Let’s Sparkle!”

### “DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”

## Upcoming Events

December 1, 2017	Deadline to apply for Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar
December 15, 2017	Submission deadline for Bulletin: Collegial Exchange
December 15, 2017	Deadline for submitting changes to Eta State NC Standing Rules
December 15, 2017	Deadline for turning in ticket stubs from the NC DKG EF Community Challenge
January 1, 2018	DKG Gallery of Fine Arts submission window opens
January 3, 2018	Deadline for DKG Educational Foundation project applications
January 10, 2018	Submission deadline for Eta State News
January 10, 2018	Advocacy Day in Raleigh
January 15, 2018	Deadline for regions to submit names for new Regional Directors
January 26, 2018	Proposals to present a session at the convention are due
February 1, 2018	Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornet Individual PD Awards
February 1, 2018	Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Annual Report due
February 1, 2018	Scholarship Applications due for both Eta State and DKG International
February 1, 2018	Deadline for DKG Gallery of Fine Arts submissions
April 27 - 29, 2018	Eta State NC Convention, Charlotte University Hilton, Charlotte, NC (Region VI)
July 16 - 20, 2018	DKG International Convention, JW Marriott, Austin, TX

## 2018 Convention Hotel Registration Open

As usual, rooms are filling quickly for the 2018 Eta State NC Convention. Have you booked your room?

The Hilton Charlotte University Place is taking reservations for the 2018 Eta State NC Convention, which begins Friday, April 27, 2018, and ends on Sunday, April 29. The rate of \$115 plus taxes is available until **April 3 or until the block is filled.**

Registration may be made online at [http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/C/CLTHUHF-DKG-20180426/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](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. Don't delay!



## December 15 Deadline for Standing Rules Change Proposals

The Rules Committee is accepting proposals to amend the Eta State *Standing Rules*. The form for submitting proposed amendments is online at [http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2018\\_form\\_proposed\\_sr\\_changes.pdf](http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2018_form_proposed_sr_changes.pdf).

The form should be submitted to Rules Committee Chair Tammy Collum by December 15, 2017 at [dkgtammy@gmail.com](mailto:dkgtammy@gmail.com).

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Eta State President Connie Savell



Let’s Sparkle!

As we approach Thanksgiving, it is time to truly reflect on the things that make us thankful. I am thankful for a country where I can worship freely, Jim, family, good friends, and for being healthy. In October, my mother turned 100 and we celebrated with over 225 people. It was a time of visiting with old and new friends! What a blessing that my mother was able to celebrate 100 years! I am so thankful!

In Delta Kappa Gamma, I am thankful for our wonderful officers, related personnel, regional directors, committee chairs, and especially our members. You sometimes give up time with your families and personal time for DKG. Without you there wouldn’t be 103 chapters!! The 2017-2019 leadership team is made up of some Savvy leaders who care passionately about DKG! Collectively we are carrying out the theme *Let’s Sparkle!*

One of the rewards of being Eta State President is visiting chapters around the state and hearing how your chapters are impacting students, teachers, and communities in North Carolina. I am grateful for the creativity and planning of the 103 chapters in Eta State.

Let us give thanks to everyone for their dedication and service as we carry out the mission and purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Let’s Sparkle!

Connie

Connie Phifer Savell  
Eta State NC President  
2017-2019

Happy Birthday!

December	
4	Helen Rose
7	Lisa Moniz
18	Stephanie Ferron

January	
13	Peggy Harris
23	Katie Perry



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Breakout Session Presenters Needed

Have you been involved in an educational endeavor worthy of sharing? Are you looking for the right setting to share your professional insights? Do you have a personal interest that others may enjoy learning more about? If so, Eta State NC Convention is the place for you.

One-hour sessions will be presented Saturday afternoon, April 28. The strands of focus are DKG Society Business, Personal Growth, and Professional Growth. Deadline for submissions is January 26, 2018.

Session proposal forms are posted online at [http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2018\\_eta\\_state\\_nc\\_convention\\_breakout\\_session\\_form.10.6.17.pdf](http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2018_eta_state_nc_convention_breakout_session_form.10.6.17.pdf). Return to Dr. Teresa Cowan at the address on the form.

A New Look for Eta State News

This month members will get two links to the Winter edition of Eta State News. One will be the pdf file like usual and one will be a swf file.

Swf is an abbreviation for small web format, an Adobe Flash file format used for multimedia, vector graphics and ActionScript. In the case of Eta State News, the Flash format allows animation of the page turning and allows a two-page view of the inside of the newsletter, plus search-ing options, thumbnail views, and an auto flip option.

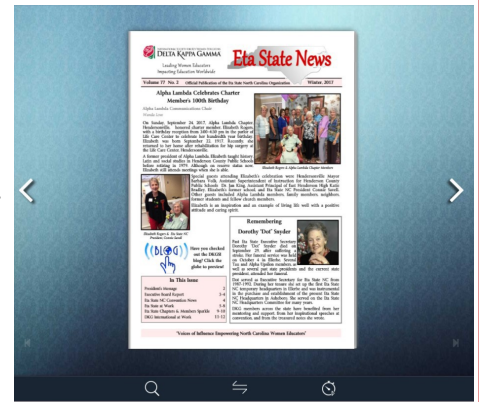
Several other states are using swf files to share newsletters and Eta State News Editor Carol Bostian explored bringing the new format to North Carolina. “The new swf format for the Eta State News allows members an additional, 21st century option for reading the state newsletter. It helps Eta State to be a leader in communication formats,” said Carol.

To use the swf file, follow the link to Flipbuilder, the online tool Carol used to convert the pdf file into an interactive media file. Click on the arrows or anywhere on the far sides of the pages to flip to the next page.

Color pdf: <http://bit.ly/2zv7Dpw>

Color swf: <http://online.flipbuilder.com/cofn/wzam/>

Black and White pdf: <http://bit.ly/2iFEVKN>



DKG News Has New Look

The DKG News has a new look with the publication of the Nov/Dec 2017 issue. Issues began arriving in members’ mailboxes last week.

In place of the name on the left with a pre-view of the news on the right, the new DKG News crosses the top. The “What’s Inside” on the top left gives the preview of contents and the mission statement and a new graphic are below it. Drop caps in the related color scheme highlight the beginning of each article.

The top story this issue is the announcement of two 2018 convention speakers. Other articles of interest include President Pittman’s column, DKGNext, membership news, and updates on the Emergency Fund, which has sent \$72,000 to members since the end of August this year.





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## Educational Law & Policy Committee Urges Organized Action

*By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee*

We have almost two months before the full General Assembly returns to Raleigh on Wednesday, January 10, for a special session. This is a perfect time to let every legislator know that supporters of excellent public schools in North Carolina are very concerned by last year’s unfunded mandate by the General Assembly that class sizes in K – 3rd grade classrooms be lowered. While lowering K – 3 class sizes is a worthy goal, it takes money to do that. The state did not provide such funding and additionally added that school systems could not use any of their state teacher allotment funds for art, music, world languages or physical education teachers. Local school systems also do not have the capital funds needed to provide the actual extra classrooms that lower class sizes will require. Local school systems are scrambling to find ways to do everything that is required, but it is doubtful that local governments will have sufficient additional funds to provide everything mandated by the state.



The EL&P Committee urges all chapters to organize efforts to draw their legislators’ attention to this conundrum faced by school systems across the entire state. Suggested actions for January 10 include emailing respective lawmakers, calling the offices of each and every legislator, visiting the General Assembly in Raleigh and meeting with Senators and Representatives, or signing the petition on this matter provided by the Public Schools First NC organization. An Advocacy Day is being organized for January 10 and Delta Kappa Gamma should let our voice be heard!

## A Personal Note from Immediate Past President Sheila Groves



Eta State NC sisters,

Thank you so much for supporting my application for Southeast Regional Director. Our International Nominations Committee selected another applicant to be nominated for this position. Even though the Constitution supports nominations from the floor at the 2018 International Convention, I will not choose that option. The Southeast will be in good hands in the coming biennium and I look forward to applying again in 2020! Thank you for your encouragement and most of all your friendship!!!

*sheila*

## Scholarships are One Benefit of DKG Membership

Two upcoming deadlines for awards to support educators in projects and professional development are:

- \* January 3, 2018: Up to \$10,000 may be awarded to groups or individuals for **projects** that not only benefit children and education but also encourage intercultural understanding and educational excellence.
- \* February 1, 2018: Members and nonmembers can apply for **Cornet Individual Professional Development** Awards to participate in events and activities that occur between March 15, 2018 and October 15, 2018.



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## Headquarters Brick Project Extended Until May, 2018

*By: Edris E. Glover, Chair, Headquarters Committee*



We are getting closer to meeting our goal of 100 bricks for the Pave the Way Project. The form and all information can be found on the Forms page of the state website. (Scroll down; it will be on the left.) The project has been extended until May 5, 2018. Help us meet our goal! Buy a brick today!

As your chapter collects dues this fall, consider collecting and contributing \$2 or \$3 per member for Headquarters. The donation helps meet basic expenses of maintaining Headquarters, which provides a place for meetings of chapters and committees and limited lodging for members who are attending official business there. Contact Mrs. Mary Beth White to plan your next chapter or committee meeting at Eta State NC Headquarters in Asheboro. Thank you to every person, chapter, and region for your donations.

Send donations to Eta State Treasurer Ruth Jones at 3607 Wyneston Road, Greenville, NC 27858 and denote Headquarters on the check.

## Slate of International Nominees Announced

Cathy P. Daugherty of Virginia heads the slate of nominees for 2018-2020 officers for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Daugherty, the nominee for president, currently serves as chair of the International Constitution Committee, member of the Constitutional Interpretation Committee, and DKG/NGO representative. She received the 2016 DKG Achievement Award while she was international first vice president.

Nominated with her are Becky Sadowski, Tennessee, First Vice President; Dr. Lace Marie Brogden, Ontario, Second Vice President; and Elaine Warwick, Tennessee, Southeast Regional Director. Read about all of the nominees at [http://member.dkg.org/DKGMember/DKGMember/Nominees\\_2018\\_2020.aspx](http://member.dkg.org/DKGMember/DKGMember/Nominees_2018_2020.aspx). You must be logged in to view the page.



## Tech Tip

Want to use an article and graphic from one source in another document but wonder how to keep it in the same format? Windows includes a free tool for that called “Snipping Tool.” Here’s a link for how to use Snipping Tool plus how to download a similar tool free if you don’t have Windows:

<http://www.capture-screenshot.org/snipping-tool/>.

Jing is also a quick and easy, free snipping tool, useful to grab a graphic. You can find it at <https://www.techsmith.com/jing-tool.html>.



## Important Websites

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

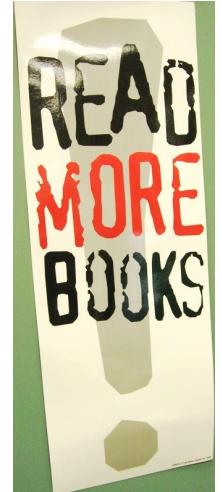
[www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org)

[www.alphazetanc.weebly.com](http://www.alphazetanc.weebly.com)

## East Union Middle School Book Collection

Alpha Zeta is collecting books for East Union Middle School. Please use this list to purchase titles to donate on behalf of our chapter. We will collect books at the October and December meetings. This will also tie in with the UCPS's new literacy initiative.

*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill  
*Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman  
*The Inquisitor's Tale, or, the Three Magical Children and their Holy Dog* by Adam Gidwitz  
*I am the Currency* by Whitney Grady  
*Projekt 1065: A Novel of World War II* by Alan Gratz  
*Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson  
*Same but Different* by Holly Robinson Peete  
*Be Light Like a Bird* by Monika Schroder  
*Salt to the Sea: A Novel* by Ruta Sepetys  
*Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* by Steve Sheinkin  
*Home of the Brave* by Katherine Applegate  
*The Iron Trial* by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare  
*Tangerine* by Edward Bloor  
*The Roar* by Emma Clayton  
*Airman* by Eoin Colfer  
*The Maze Runner* by James Dashner  
*Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine  
*Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25* by Richard Paul Evans  
*The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer  
*90 Miles to Havana* by Enrique Flores-Galbis  
*The Other Half of My Heart* by Sundee Tucker Frazier  
*Prisoner B-3087* by Alan Gratz  
*Fatal Fever* by Gail Jarrow  
*Good Night, Mr. Tom* by Michelle Magorian  
*A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park  
*Beneath My Mother's Feet* by Amjed Qamar  
*The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz  
*Bluefish* by Pat Schmatz  
*The Alchemyst* by Michael Scott  
*Outcasts United* by Warren St. John  
*Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson  
*One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia  
*The Watch That Ends the Night* by Allan Wolf  
*Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk



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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 them to our December 9th meeting.

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

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The Waxhaw Hostess Group of Alpha Zeta  
cordially invites you to a festive breakfast  
and Annual Christmas Auction at 9:00 am at  
Waxhaw United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Building in Historic Waxhaw

At 200 McDonald Street

On Saturday, December 9

Cost: \$9.00 per person

(Chef Sam will be serving grits, bacon, sausage, eggs, fruit and scones-along with juice and coffee).

Remember: Each AZ Member should bring two (2) items to be auctioned. Let's make this auction a record breaking year in 2017!

*Please contact Tommie at 704-821-4971 or email her at tommie-wall@carolina.rr.com, if you plan to attend by Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.*