



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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President's Message

Dear Alpha Zeta sisters,

How fast time has flown since our last meeting in October!! I was so excited to see those of you who attended the meeting and truly missed those who could not be with us. Lisa Moniz did a wonderful presentation on "Mindfulness" and I hope the calming techniques which she shared help with the upcoming hustle and bustle of the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Remember, we all need to take a few minutes for ourselves and enjoy the many wonderful experiences of the holidays.

As we begin to feel the Christmas spirit, do not forget to give thanks for the many blessings which may have been bestowed upon you and your family in 2018. Hopefully, the hurricanes and rough weather which we had earlier did not affect you or your families. Some in North Carolina were not as fortunate as we were and are still dealing with the aftereffects of their loss. At the Eta State Executive Board meeting, President Connie Savell, accepted gift cards for teachers who may have lost teaching items due to the hurricanes and damage to their schools. If you would like to bring a gift card for Walmart, the Dollar Tree, etc. to our December 1st meeting, we will see that she receives them to pass on to teachers as there will be a continued need for support.

Speaking of our December 1st meeting, it will be an exciting time for us as it is our annual auction to raise money for our scholarship fund. Deb Christensen sent out the email invitation on 11/18, so please look for it and respond so that the hostess committee will know how many to plan for. Also, do not forget our "Each One, Reach One" challenge presented at our last meeting. I had asked that each AZ sister bring another individual with them to our December meeting. By inviting one guest, we are provided opportunity to raise even more money for our scholarship fund as well as show others what DKG and AZ has to offer. So, plan on bringing your guest, your auction items and money to buy, buy, buy!!! We also decided that in lieu of paying for a light brunch, each member would bring their favorite Christmas goodie along with a copy of the recipe which Deb and I will work to scan and email all to you before Christmas. I know that I am always looking for something delicious to serve to others during the holiday season. I am sure that we probably have the best cooks in Eta State in Alpha Zeta.

Again, please let us know via the invite if you will or will not be able to attend the December meeting and let us know if you will be bringing a guest. Remember that the meeting time has changed to 1:30-4:30 in the afternoon as we will be meeting in the Griffin Room located in the Union County Public Library in Monroe. I am excited about what may transpire during and from this time together. Do not forget that if you attend, your name will be entered into the drawing for your June 2019 dues to be paid.

I want to take a moment to let you know how thankful I am for each of you and wish you all a peaceful holiday season. May you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter and family.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our December meeting!

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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“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”



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.”

Upcoming Events

2018

- Nov. 15 Deadline to submit [nomination form](#) for state officers for the 2019-2021 biennium
- Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS
- Nov. 20 Applications due for **New** scholarship grants from [NC DKG Educational Foundation](#)
- Dec. 1 Deadline to submit [proposals](#) to amend Eta State NC Bylaws and/or Standing Rules
- Dec. 15 Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due

2019

- Jan. 3 DKG Educational Foundation (not NC) project applications due
 - Jan.10 Eta State News deadline
 - Jan. 15 Regional Directors annual report due
 - Jan. 16 Eta State NC Treasurer’s Applications due
 - Feb. 1 Nominations for Founders Award due
 - Feb. 1 Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards applications due
 - Feb. 1 Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Annual Report due
 - Feb. 1 Scholarship applications due for Eta State and DKG International
 - Feb. 1 Workshop Session proposal forms are due
 - Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submissions due
 - Mar. 22-23 Leadership Development Seminar, Asheboro
 - May 3-5 Eta State NC Convention, Crowne Plaza, Hickory
 - June 21-24 Leading Effective Meetings Seminar, Asheville
 - June 27-29 Southeast International Conference, 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>.

December Meeting Information

When: December 1, 2018
Time: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Where: Griffin Room, Union County Public Library, 316 E. Windsor Street, Monroe, NC 28112
Cost: None
RSVP: Check your email for your Eventbrite link to RSVP
Hostess Group: Marshville/Wingate
Program: Grant in Aid Auction.
Bring: Remember to bring your donations to auction and money to spend! Each member should bring a finger food to share (a copy of the recipe to share too). This is our "Each One, Reach One" meeting so please bring a guest.

Happy Birthday!

December		January	
4	Helen Rose	13	Peggy Harris
18	Stephanie Ferron	14	Heather Shulman
		23	Katie Perry



Eta State President Connie Savell



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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

In the last few weeks we have witnessed fall in the coolness of the air and the changes of the colors of the leaves on the trees. In DKG, we are experiencing changes in membership, International conferences, and training for our incoming officers by the International level. As leaders we know with change, we experience new opportunities.

Our DKG International Constitution allows chapters to induct collegiate members. They must be in an institution offering an education degree, have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education, and be enrolled in the last two years of their undergraduate education degree or in a graduate program. If your chapter wishes to invite collegiate members, you will need to change your chapter rules to address this change.

Did you notice I used the word induct? DKG will induct members rather than initiate in an effort to be more professional. Inductees become members of DKG at the time of paying dues.

In 2019, regional conferences, such as the Southeast Regional Conference, will now be called International Conferences and have a theme. In June Eta State NC will host the International Conference for Arts and Humanities in Asheville, NC, June 27-29, 2019. The International Conference: Leadership will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, July 10-12, 2019.

Who will be trained in Iowa from NC? Training is for the 2019-2021 state president, the EEC chair who is NC’s first vice-president, the Membership Chair that is appointed by the incoming state president and the Treasurer who will be appointed in May. Nomination deadline for Eta State NC officers is November 15 and Treasurer January 16, 2019.

Embrace change and let’s strengthen DKG in North Carolina. Wishing your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

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Connie

Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
2017-2019

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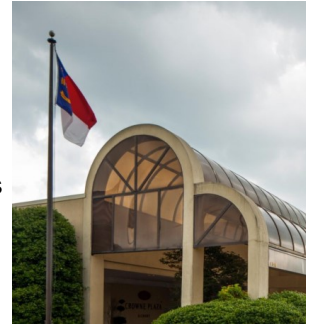
Hotel Registration Open for May 2019 Eta State NC Convention

Plans are progressing for the [Eta State NC Convention](#) to be held in Hickory May 3-5, 2019. Hotel registration is now open, and the workshop session proposal form and the convention ad form are available online.

Hotel reservations for the convention may be made by calling the Crowne Plaza Hickory Hotel, 1385 Lenoir-Rhyne Blvd., SE, at 828-323-1000. The rate is \$95 plus tax. There are a few suites for \$129 plus tax. Members should identify themselves as part of Delta Kappa Gamma to get the group rate.

Workshop presenters are needed for Saturday afternoon sessions at the convention in the strands of DKG Society, Professional Growth or Personal Growth. Deadline for submission is February 1, 2019. The downloadable submission form is on the [new convention webpage](#).

The [convention ad form](#) is also online. Each chapter is encouraged to place an ad honoring members, activities, projects, or achievements.



No Beginner’s Luck This Time...

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

The Educational Law & Policy Committee decided to try something new with its annual Educational Issues Survey by distributing an electronic version for chapter presidents to share with their members who use email. As you know by now, there were several glitches and multiple attempts to correct problems. As the committee’s chairman, I do apologize for the inconvenience. It’s “Live and Learn” time and I have definitely learned! The only message members need as they fill out the survey is that “1 = Imperative” and “5 = Not Important.”

In early December you will receive a totally correct follow-up email containing an electronic link to the survey to give your members one last chance to share their opinions, if they have not done so already. With a late December deadline for this round of the survey, it will allow the ELP Committee to publish DKG’s White Paper to share with legislators when they return to Raleigh in January. Thank you for encouraging your members to be heard.

Last Call for Proposals to Amendments

Time is running out to propose amendments to the *Eta State NC Bylaws* or *Standing Rules*. Proposals are due to Rules Committee Chair Tammy Cullom at dkgtammy@gmail.com by December 1.

The [official form](#) for submitting proposals can be found under the [Forms](#) tab. Once the Rules Committee discusses the proposed amendments, each will be shared with chapters and presented for voting at the Eta State NC Convention in May 2019.

Proposed amendments may be made to both the *Eta State NC By-laws* and *Standing Rules* in odd numbered years.

Leadership Development Seminar Registration Open

Registrations are coming in for the Leadership Development Seminar to be held March 22-23, 2019, at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro. The registration form is available via a link on the [Forms](#) page of the Eta State NC website or on this [direct link](#).

Check-in will begin around 3:00 p.m. on Friday, with networking time prior to the evening meal. Meals are included in the registration fee of \$50. The seminar will end around 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. (Anyone who is traveling a long distance can request to stay at Headquarters on Saturday night if they don’t want to drive home until Sunday.)

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Say Cheese!

The planning committee for the 2019 International Conference: Arts & Humanities, Asheville, is looking for someone to take the traditional photographs of each state group attending the event, June 27-29, 2019. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about this assignment, please contact Sheila Groves, committee chair, at svgeta97@gmail.com, or Tobey Worthington, volunteer chair, at tobeyv8@aol.com.



EEC in Action Tip of the Month: *Time for Sharing*

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

“If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share.” In this time of thanksgiving, this quote by W. Clement Stone makes it pretty basic. EEC of Eta State NC encourages you to *Empower, Engage and Create* at the local level by being thankful each and every day as you collectively work to share in your communities.

Empower: Members spearhead local outreach projects (Angel Tree, Prison Ministry, ShoeBox Collection, etc.)

Engage: Members gather for “Appetizers & The Arts” - dinner out as a group after singing/visiting at local nursing homes

Create: Members develop relationships with local agencies (nursing homes, childcare centers, hospitals, etc.)

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

Nominations Wanted for Recognition at Birthday Celebration

Who in your chapter has made notable contributions to education or to DKG on the local, state or international levels? Nominate those leaders to be recognized at the Eta State NC 85th Birthday at the 2019 Convention.

President Connie encourages chapters to think outside the box and determine members in your chapter, past or present, who deserve recognition.

A Google form has been set up to collect chapter nominees at <https://goo.gl/forms/ozSOMHGoZGad73gN2>. The form includes a space for a short biography and a photo.

Applications for State Treasurer

Applications are open for Eta State NC Treasurer until January 16, 2019. A [job description](#) and [application form](#) are available on the Forms page of the Eta State NC website and should be emailed to Carolyn Lane, chair of the Personnel Committee, at clane44@ec.rr.com.

Scholarship Forms Online

Eta State NC Scholar-ships for doctoral and master’s degree candidates are available on the [Forms](#) page. Scroll down to find the “2019 State Scholarship Applications” heading and the applicable forms. Both are due February 1, 2019.

New Password Rule for DKG Website

As of November 6, your password for logging into the member side of the DKG website must be at least seven characters long and contain at least one number. The rotator directs you to click on sign in page and then “forgot password” to reset it using the new guidelines. You may also click the chat feature for help.

International Conference to be Held in Asheville June 27-29, 2019

Put the dates on your calendar now and plan to help at the conference and network with other DKG members from the Southeast and beyond!

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Alpha Zeta Member News

Meet our newest Alpha Zeta Member—Brenda Owens.

Brenda has transferred to our chapter from Sigma Chapter.

Brenda Owens

Born and raised in Charlotte.

BS in Science Education from UNC-CH and a Masters degree from ECU also in Science Education, both concentrated in biology

I taught Science 29 1/2 years in the Kinston City Schools and Lenoir County Public Schools (with one wayward year in Wayne County Schools). I have taught grades 7th and 8th grade Science, biology, earth science, marine science and physical science at Kinston High School. I was involved with the North Carolina Science Olympiad since 1989 when I coached my first team but I still help out at regional completion in Kinston's Lenoir Community College. I also sponsored a puppet club in which my high school students created and performed puppet shows for local children in daycares and after school programs. I retired in 2009.

I joined Sigma Chapter of Eta State, Delta Kappa Gamma in the fall of 1988. So this is my 30th year as a member. I served on many committees and as president from 2006-2008.

I am married to Al for 36 years and have two adult unmarried children and one crazy black lab. We have recently renovated my parents farm house just across the NC/SC line and are enjoying the beauty of the land.

After retiring I spent time helping my parent who have since passed away. I took up art and absolutely love it and I've sold many paintings. Flower gardening, yardwork, baking, reading, singing, church activities and Zumba are also passions.

And I have had fun reading to a class at Dr. Clarke's Elementary school with my puppets.

Year-End Giving Options Available for the Educational Foundation

As the end of 2018 approaches, members may be looking for places to make tax-deductible donations. Please encourage them to remember the NC DKG Educational Foundation. The Educational Foundation works hard to offer grants to our state’s classroom teachers and our chapters. These grants are not possible without donations.

The [Educational Foundation website](#) makes donating easy. Donors are given the options of using Pay Pal accounts or preferred credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. If donors would like to mail donations, checks should be made out to the NCDKGEF and mailed to Treasurer Betty Marshall, 6212 Dresden Lane, Raleigh, NC 27612.

All of the donations made to the Foundation are approved by the IRS as the Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Judith Carlson, judithb125@gmail.com.



Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/

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2019's special Winter Edition

New Design for Online DKG News

The November/December edition of DKG News is now online at https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Publications/NEWS_Flipbook_Issue.aspx. This online-only edition features more graphics in the new design and is available as a pdf or flipbook version. Members must be logged in to see it.

Eta State News Online

The color Winter edition of the ESN is now available in two formats. It may be read and downloaded as a pdf document or viewed as an interactive document for those with Flash. Click on the swf document to determine if it will open in your browser. If it opens, click on any corner of the document to advance the page

[ESN Winter 2018 \(pdf\)](#)
[ESN flipbook version](#)



New Chat Feature on DKG Website

If you need an answer to a question quickly, try the new chat feature on the DKG website! The chat box, pinned on the bottom right of the website, is available during Headquarters' business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. CST.

Leave a message at other times and someone will respond the next business day. Originally intended to unlock accounts, members have also asked questions about scholarships, forms, passwords, and more.

FAST NC Supporting Affected Schools

As a partner with FAST NC (Florence Aid to Students and Teachers of North Carolina), Eta State NC, through President Connie Savell, received this update from Drew Elliot at DPI: We've been raising funds and we've collected almost \$45,000 for FAST NC. Thanks for helping us get the word out!

Please share the website information with your network and encourage folks to donate. FAST NC can accept donations by check and credit card. The website is <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/fastnc/>.

The FAST NC application for assistance is now available at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/fastnc/apply/>. Applications will be considered in cycles, and the first round of applications will be due on or before Nov. 16, 2018. The application will also be announced to the 28 counties declared federal disaster areas and will be announced in electronic mailings of the Department of Public Instruction to district superintendents and charter schools.

In addition to the funds we've raised, our partners are doing incredible things. For example, NC MAST is donating 2,160 scientific calculators for schools in the impacted areas and an elementary school in La Jolla, California, sent a box of school supplies, along with notes from the kindergarteners who collected the supplies, to NCDPI. Superintendent Johnson handed out the supplies to students at [Dixon Elementary School](#) last week who were coming to school then for the first time since the storm.

DKG Members Help

President Connie received calls from several states immediately following Florence offering assistance. Mississippi, Alabama, and Virginia have asked how they can help, and another state sent money directly to an impacted county. One piedmont NC chapter sent around \$500 to two schools. DKG—engaging and supporting!