



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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Region VIII

Mecklenburg and Union Counties

President's Message

Dear Alpha Zeta Sisters,

How fast time has gone since our meeting in October!! I was excited to see so many of our AZ sisters who attended the meeting and truly missed those who could not be with us. It was a full meeting with lots of celebration and information shared. One item discussed and agreed upon was sending our minutes out to members via email prior to the meeting. This will save on the use of paper and revisions can be taken care of, if needed, prior to our meeting. If you were unable to be at the meeting, you will have the opportunity to see Lisa Stephens' presentation about her journey to China with UCPS educators this past summer at our April meeting. We decided to wait as we wanted to have time for Lisa to do it justice as it was an exciting opportunity for her and the others on the trip to share education within our world. Be on the lookout in your email for a copy of the minutes and treasurer's report for your review.

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 2019. Hopefully, the hurricanes and rough weather which occurred earlier did not affect you or your families. Some in North Carolina were not as fortunate as we were and are dealing with the aftereffects of their loss. At the joint chapter meeting in October, NC DKG president, Teresa Cowen, accepted gift cards or monetary donations for Ocracoke Island School teachers who lost teaching items due to the hurricanes and damage to their school. Once again, Alpha Zeta came through with over \$150 which I proudly gave to her that evening. Pascale Glenn and I truly enjoyed the speaker for the evening and fellowship with other DKG members who attended.

Also, at our October meeting, there was discussion about a service project which we could participate in as a chapter. Several were mentioned, but we decided as a chapter to support Operation Arc Angel this year. The Arc of Union/Cabarrus is an agency which supports individuals with developmental disabilities. Each year at Christmas, they provide needed items to children and adults. Typically, we would be asked to take a tag and purchase gifts to return to the agency. Because of the timeline, we would not be able to do this, but after speaking with the Executive Director, Melanie Miller, she stated there is always a need for funds for items that may not be picked up and purchased. Please be prepared to make a donation at our December meeting to this worthwhile cause as we celebrate the Christmas season and look to make a brighter holiday for others. I will take the donation to Melanie on Monday after our meeting and will also be available to help deliver items to the schools so that the students will have the presents to open on Christmas morning.

Speaking of our December 7th meeting, it will be an exciting time for us as it is our annual auction to raise money for our scholarship fund. Deb Christensen will be sending out the email invitation soon, so please look for it and respond so we may plan well. Also, do not forget our "Each One, Reach One" challenge to bring a friend or prospective member to the 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 again, in lieu of paying for a light brunch, each member would bring their favorite Christmas goodie. After last year, I am positive that we have the best cooks in NC DKG in Alpha Zeta chapter.

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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

- Dec. 1 DKG Ignite (LMS) applications due
- Dec. 15 Proposals for changes to NC DKG Standing Rules due
- Dec. 15 Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due
- Jan. 3, 2020 DKG Educational Foundation project applications due
- Jan. 10 NC DKG News deadline
- Jan. 15 Regional Directors annual report due
- Jan. 15 Names of nominees for new regional directors due to Second V-P Hilda Parlér
- Jan.15-Feb. 15 Arts and Humanities Gallery submission window open
- Feb. 1 Cornetet Individual PD Award applications due
- Feb. 1 Chapter President Report and Chapter Necrology Report due
- Feb. 1 Scholarship applications due for NC DKG and DKG International

Alpha Zeta Meetings

Feb. 1 Providence United Methodist Church 10 am – 12 noon

April 4 Siler Presbyterian Church 9 am – 12 noon

Conventions

May 1 - 3, 2020 NC DKG Convention, Embassy Suites, Greensboro, Region VII

July 7 - 11, 2020 International Convention, Philadelphia, PA

April 23 - 25, 2021 NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort

July 10 - 18, 2022 International Convention, New Orleans, LA

Also check the NC DKG calendar online at <https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html>.

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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 will be 1:30-4:30 in the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 7th and we will meet 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 2020 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!

Yours in Sisterhood,

Janie Webb

Alpha Zeta President



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Eta State President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

NC DKG Membership: Honor or Duty?

Have you found what you are meant to do in order to Ready, Set, GROW!?

Since the question was posed in October countless responses have been showcased in newsletters and on social media. You GROW, girls!

They bring to mind something heard in a committee meeting. A NC DKG member said, and I paraphrase, “How do we get members and potential members to see DKG as an honor, not a duty?”

Let that sink in a second. Then you decide if these members, chapters and regions see their membership as an honor or as a duty.

- Regional Events - coordinate and attend events with quality programming and regional fellowship
- International Engagement - submit nominations and names for committees, offices or publications
- Recruit & Recommend Members - connect a respected colleague to a chapter in another city or another state for membership
- Membership Milestones - chapters purchase gifts and plan chapter programs to recognize years of membership

The question this time is personal. How do you see your membership in DKG? Is it an honor or a duty? I believe the examples above showcase membership seen as an honor—something held in high regard which is fulfilled with distinction, not as a duty—a task or chore one is required to fulfill. How about you? honor or duty?



December		January	
4	Helen Rose	13	Peggy Harris
		14	Heather Shulman

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Register for Convention and Hotel

Online registration is going well for the NC DKG Convention to be held in Greensboro, May 1-3, 2020.

Registration for the convention is being done online using the Google Form found at <http://bit.ly/2020 NCDKGConvention>. Payment is by credit card or check following the directions on the form. A copy of the registration form will be sent to the email address provided in the form. Registration deadline for the early bird pricing is April 15, 2020.

Registration is also open for hotel rooms at the Embassy Suites Greensboro. Call 336-668-4535 and use the code DKG.



Society Representative for Convention

June Bowers, who is a nominee for International Second Vice President, will be NC DKG’s Society Representative at the May 2020 Convention. June, a 42-year member, is currently International Member-at-Large. She has held all state offices in Nebraska and served as North-west Regional Director. June was instrumental in the formation of the Arts and Humanities Jury, serving as its chair.



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Read the winter issue of the NC DKG News at <https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/dkgnewswinter2019.pdf>



December Meeting Information

When: December 7, 2019

Time: 1:30 pm—4:30 pm

Where: Union County Public Library (Griffin Room), 316 East Windsor Street, Monroe, NC 28112

Cost: FREE

RSVP: An EventBrite link was emailed to everyone and is here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alpha-zeta-december-meeting-tickets-83562490659>

Program: Annual Grant-in-Aid Auction

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Committees Busy GROWing NC DKG!

NC DKG Committees are meeting, making plans, helping chapters, and GROWing our state organization.

The Beginning Teacher Support Committee is planning a new award—the BEE—Beginning Educator Excellence—and is revising the scholarship award to provide clearer and more definitive guidelines as to who may apply. Watch for more information soon on the NC DKG website.

- ◆ The Membership Committee is requesting the ages of all NC DKG members to help guide their plans. Presidents received an email request for help with detailed information and a link to a Google form. See page 3 for more info.
- ◆ The Headquarters Committee completed the acquisition of Internet access for members using Headquarters. See page 8.
- ◆ The Rules Committee is busy preparing for *Standing Rules* proposals due December 15 and supporting chapters revising their rules, which are due February 1, 2020.
- ◆ The Every Member Vote Ad Hoc Committee is considering a proposal that would allow every member to vote on amendments instead of only those who attend the convention. See page 8 for more details.
- ◆ The Scholarship Committee is awaiting applications for two scholarships due February 1, 2020—the NC DKG Doctoral Scholarship and the NC DKG Post-Baccalaureate Scholarship. Applications are posted on the website, with links on the [homepage](#) and the [Scholarship Committee page](#). Contact Scholarship Committee Chair [Michelle Benigno](#) with questions.



Engage, Empower, Create

By: Tobey Worthington, NC DKG First Vice-President



The fall season is a time to reflect on what we are thankful for and how we can help others. How can your chapter Engage, Empower and Create in order to Ready, Set, GROW?

Engage—promote membership participation by defining each member’s role and recognize the importance of her attendance at functions.

Empower—support members’ passions and talents by asking them to take the lead in a project or present a program.

Create—an environment that is welcoming and caring; carry that over into projects such as singing at a local nursing home (“tis the season” is coming quickly!)

Family, friends, education, prosperity, and our professional relationships are all things for which NC DKG members are grateful. It is a haven for networking and sharing of ideas.

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Alpha Zeta Member News

Rachel Clarke—News from the Clarkes...it's all about the boy.

Just celebrated senior weekend at Western Carolina with our son, Philips....and we are going to New York for Thanksgiving to see him march with WCU's "Pride of the Mountains" in the Macy's parade.

Gladys M. Kerr’s Contact Information

Email address: gladysmccainkerr@gmail.com

Joint Meeting Hosted by Kappa Chapter

A joint chapter meeting was hosted by Kappa Chapter (Charlotte) and was well attended by members of Region VIII and NC DKG President, Dr. Teresa Cowen. The dinner meeting was held the evening of October 10, 2019 at Jimmie’s Restaurant in Matthews, NC with approximately 50 DKG members in attendance. Attending from our own Alpha Zeta chapter were Janie Webb and Pascale Glenn. The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Freebird McKinney, the 2018-19 NC Teacher of the Year. Mr. McKinney truly defined and exhibited why he was chosen for this honor. He presented as knowledgeable about his subject matter and as a relationship builder with his students. He stated that “In my current role as a Professional Academic, I have taught at several high schools, teaching a variety of social studies courses. I have also held multiple positions of leadership and have served on many student support groups; as well as led student organizations focused on service learning. In short, I am ‘The Village Teacher’”. It was an exciting evening with an exciting individual who loves his students and thus, his job as “teacher”.



Pictured: Region VIII leaders with Mr. Freebird McKinney and President Teresa Cowan.

Alpha Zeta Proudly Supported Sister Sylvia Little-Sweat

On Thursday evening, November 14, 2019 *Bolts of Melody: An Evening With Emily Dickinson* was presented in the Recital Hall of the Batte Fine Arts Center at Wingate University. Alpha Zeta member, Sylvia Little-Sweat, served as the lecturer for the presentation and wrote the commentary which was given throughout the evening. The presentation was a joining of knowledge of the poet, Emily Dickinson, and her works put to music. It truly was a beautiful and inspiring evening. There to support Sylvia and to enjoy the evening were Alpha Zeta members Tommie Wall, Frances Davis, Janie Webb, Pascale Glenn and Louise Napier. Alpha Zeta is very proud of Sylvia and her accomplishments as Wingate University’s Writer-in-Residence.



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**Delta Kappa Gamma
Alpha Zeta Chapter
Hostess Groups
2019-2020**

See email from President Janie Webb with emails and phone numbers for each group member.

***Denotes Hostess Group Facilitator**

Group One (10) – Judy Cline*, Louise Napier, Taura Napier, Sarah Harrison-Burns, Beverly Christopher, Sylvia Little-Sweat, Pascale Glenn, Diane Maye, Janie Collins, Diana Sweezy and Davida Zike (R)

Meeting: Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019 Golden Corral Restaurant, Monroe, NC 10 am – 12 noon

Full Chapter Participation: Sign Up Genius to be sent out

Meeting: Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 Griffin Room, Union County Public Library-Monroe 1:30-4:30 pm

Group Two (10) – Helen Rose*, Joyce Reed, Peggy Griffin, Peggy Harris, Frankie Ritch, Sara Miller, Heather Shulman, Deb Christensen, Kathy Glasheen and Kim Schroeder

Meeting: Saturday, February 1, 2020 Providence United Methodist Church 10 am – 12 noon

Group Three (11) – Tommie Wall*, Grace Faris, Wanda Allen, Frances Davis, Janie Webb, Gwen Sinclair, Linda Klein, Paula Tautfest, Brenda Owens, Lisa Stephens, Rachel Clarke and Gladys Kerr (R)

Meeting: Saturday, April 4, 2020 Siler Presbyterian Church 9 am – 12 noon

DKG Publications

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to go to publication)



The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin
International Journal for Professional Educators



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Headquarters Has Internet Access!

Guests using Headquarters are now able to connect their devices to the Internet. Headquarters Committee proudly announces that a MiFi has been acquired and is operable.

The committee shared this information:

- Device is stored in the office in a blue pencil bag on the filing cabinet.
- Access to device is limited to DKG members on site for DKG business.
- **Do not** give password to others.
- Device is **not** on an unlimited usage plan (15 devices at a time only).
- Follow directions carefully (stored in bag). Charge only as needed.
- Please turn off and return to storage location after use.



If you have a question while at Headquarters, please call Leslie Black, NC DKG treasurer. Her number will be on the information sheet.

Every Member Vote Ad Hoc Committee Update

Currently, only those present at the annual convention can vote on amendments to the *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*. An ad hoc committee was appointed to explore an amendment to allow all members to vote whether they attend convention or not.

The ad hoc committee was tasked to:

- Investigate the pros and cons of every member voting on amendments to the NC DKG *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*,
- Investigate the types of methods that might be used,
- Determine the fiscal impact, and
- Report their findings and any recommendations to the Executive Board for evaluation.

Members of the committee have reviewed NC DKG *By-laws* and *Standing Rules*, as well as the proposed amendment, and individually recorded questions, comments, and concerns. Committee Chair Ashlee Taylor Layton explained, “Next we will come together and affinity map our results so we know where more research is needed.” The committee invites everyone to share their own thoughts by emailing Ashlee at ashes.taylor@gmail.com.

New Slate of Officers Announced

Becky Sadowski of Tennessee heads the list of nominees for the 2020-2022 International DKG offices. Nominated with Becky as president are Dr. Lace Marie Brogden for first vice president, June Bowers and Jane D. Turner for second vice president, and Candace (Candi) Martin as Southeast Regional Director.

Find information and nominees for other elected offices at https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Nominees_2020_-2022.aspx. Remember to log in to the website to access the link.



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Call for Presenters for Philly Convention; Bus Ride Option

The proposal form is now on the website for members interested in presenting at the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia, July 7-11, 2020. It is a Google form, due January 6, 2020.

Also available on the website is the vendor/exhibitor application, which is due with payment to Headquarters by April 15, 2020.

The 2020 Convention will be held at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. Dr. Phyllis Broughton, Beta Upsilon Chapter, is organizing a bus ride for members wanting an inexpensive trip to Philadelphia. Round trip is \$170 and the bus will leave Williamston in eastern NC at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7. Payment is due to Phyllis by January 30, 2020, to guarantee the numbers. Contact Phyllis at pbrought@suddenlink.net for more information.

World Fellowship Recipients Listed

Over \$83,000 has been granted to 29 women from 21 countries during the 2019-2020 academic year. DKG is impacting education worldwide through World Fellowship. Find the names and schools of these scholars in the brochure on the link on the [Brochures/Flyers](#) page.

Gallery of Fine Arts Includes Many NC Works

The Winter Gallery of Fine Arts, available for viewing, includes 28 works by NC DKG members. [Link to Gallery](#) The spring gallery submission window will open on January 15th.

Educational Foundation Grants Awarded Through Five Sources

The NC DKG Educational Foundation announced 13 grant awards totaling \$11,000. Recipients are Rhonda Allan, Lisa Edwards May, Amanda Moose, Tonya Allison, Amy Anderson, Leslie Pruitt, Amber Kimbro, Lisa Frissen, Kelton Stone, Diane Colin, Malen Braswell, Penni Robinson, and Megan Lovins. Read more about grant awards on the Foundation website and in their newsletter, *In a Nutshell*.



Alpha Zeta Directory Update

If you have not either given Deb a photo or had one taken at a meeting last year, please be sure to send a photo or plan to get your picture taken in December so the pictorial directory can be updated. Also, if you could please email any changes to your mailing address, email address, and/or job details to Deb, that information can be updated.

The following people have updated photos: Wanda Allen, Frances Davis, Peggy Griffin, Peggy Harris, Louise Napier, Brenda Owens, Joyce Reed, Frankie Ritch, and Tommie Wall.

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/

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Celebrate A Teacher

The 101 Donations Challenge

We all know teachers make a tremendous impact in our schools, in our communities, and in our lives. They should be acknowledged and celebrated.

The Foundation wants to celebrate our talented, dedicated, and resourceful, NC educators through a statewide **101 Donations Challenge**. Each NC DKG region is challenged to recognize **101** teachers with a contribution of \$10 each to the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Your donations will help to support the Foundation's Grants Program.

Through your generosity, the Foundation has grown from awarding \$1,000 in 2015 to offering up to \$13,000 in grants this year!

Please participate in the statewide **101 Donations Challenge!**

Celebrate a Teacher and support the Educational Foundation too.

Complete the donation form below and send your contributions to Betty Marshall, Foundation Treasurer, 1112 Anchor Court, Raleigh NC 27615.

Send **Celebration Certificates** to the teachers you choose!

Duplicate as many times as needed! Let our teachers know just how much they mean to us!

Make your contributions by April 15 and your region will be recognized on the Foundation website, www.ncdkgef.org, and at The Foundation Annual Meeting, May 2, in Greensboro.



Celebrate a Teacher

101 Donations Challenge

\$10 Other \$ _____

Make checks payable to The NC DKG Educational Foundation.

Mail with this form to Betty Marshall, Foundation Treasurer, 1112 Anchor Court, Raleigh, NC 27615.

Online donations may be made at <http://www.ncdkgef.org/donation-page.html>

Be sure to indicate, in the special instructions, it is a 101 Donations Challenge contribution. Include chapter and region.

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

DKG Chapter: _____ **Region:** _____

Celebrating: _____

The NCDKG Educational Foundation is approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Your donation will be recognized in our list of donors unless notification of exception is received in writing

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To: _____

YOU are being honored and **CELEBRATED** with a donation to the North Carolina DKG Educational Foundation. Foundation grants and scholarships fund innovative educational projects and professional development for educators across NC.
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You are valued!

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