



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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President's Message

Dear Sisters of Alpha Zeta,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and hope you have had a relaxing and restful summer. It is hard to believe it is almost over, although the weather has not quite caught up to the fact that it is the end of September. For those of you in the classroom, I hope your school year has started off smoothly.

I hosted the Executive Board at my house in mid-August for a planning session for the upcoming biennium. I continue to be amazed at the members of our chapter and how they give so much of their time and themselves to ensure our chapter continues to grow and flourish. We have some exciting things planned for the next two years, so I hope you are as excited as we are as we prepare to meet the call of our state and international leaders. I also hope you are excited to serve on a committee so we can continue to be the best Alpha Zeta we can be.

I am excited about our first meeting, which is in less than two weeks. We will initiate a new member to our chapter, as well as hear about the latest legislative updates. It is a meeting you will not want to miss!

Also, please remember to have your check ready for chapter dues. Information as to the amount of dues is included in this newsletter.

We hope to see you on October 1! It is going to be a great day as we begin another amazing year.

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.

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October Meeting Information

When: Saturday, October 1, 2016
Time: 10:00 am
Where: Golden Corral, 2507 W. Roosevelt Highway, Monroe
Cost: \$6.00 per person
Regrets ONLY: call Louise Napier at 704-385-9295
Hostess Group: Marshville/Wingate





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

“85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life.”

Upcoming Events

October 1, 2016—Alpha Zeta chapter meeting, place TBA

April 28 - 30, 2017—Eta State Convention, Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington, NC

July 19-22, 2017—Southeast Regional Conference, Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Myrtle Beach, SC

September 30, 2016-NC DKG Educational Foundation grant applications due

November 1, 2016-Cornetet Professional Development Seminar applications due

December 3, 2016—Alpha Zeta chapter meeting, Cuthbertson High School

It is Not Too Late to Apply for a Foundation Grant!

Have new students that you need different materials for than any year before? Have a great project idea for your chapter but no funds to implement it? Consider applying for an Educational Foundation grant!

Proposal Forms are posted on the Foundation website at <http://www.ncdkgef.org/> under the Grants tab.

Submit proposals though email to the Grants Review Committee Chair as listed on the form. They must be received no later than **September 30, 2016**.

If you are interested in applying for a grant, please let Kim Schroeder know and she will offer support and assistance.

Schools for Africa Fundraiser



At the October meeting, water bottles will be distributed to everyone and this is for an important fundraiser. After you drink the water, don't throw that bottle away!

Keep the bottle and cut a hole in the side for change. Collect your loose change and bills over the year and then turn in at a later meeting and all the money will go to Schools for Africa.

So keep hydrated and save your change for a good cause.

Eta State President Sheila’s Message



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Something to think about...

Everything I never knew about Eta State, I found in *Delta Kappa Gamma in North Carolina* – the book! It all began when my husband suggested I start cleaning off the dining room table (aka papers, boxes, books and miscellaneous items) so it might be clear in time for our family to eat Thanksgiving dinner. Some red things in the bottom of a box caught my eye. Each about the size of an iPad, there they were – three editions of *DKG in NC*. I started leafing through the first one, and I was hooked.

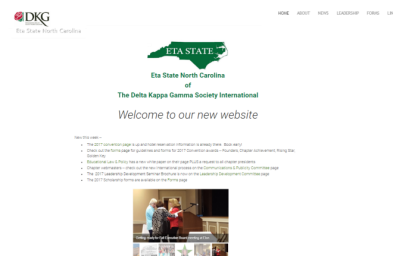
Now you are probably thinking, “how boring” or “bless her heart, she must not have a life,” but I found these books fascinating! For all of you social media lovers, they were like *flashback* FaceBook. Fun & Frolic at the 1949 convention – LOL! Photos of our early state presidents – educational leaders and BFFs. Further investigation revealed how traditions began, the women for whom our scholarships are named, when Eta State Chorus made its debut, convention highlights, and NC participation in national and international affairs.

Written in short interesting articles, the history of our NC organization can be read even when you have only a few minutes. Use your new Educational Foundation book-mark to save your page. Take time to investigate the past. You will be inspired by the dedication of our early mem-bers, enlightened by the decisions made at executive board and convention meetings, charmed by the voices of the past. One of my book club picks for this year is *Delta Kappa Gamma in North Carolina*. If you need a copy, LMK.

Sheila

New Eta State NC Website

Check out the clean lines and sleek design of the new Eta State NC website at <http://www.ncdkg.org/>. Thank you to Webmaster Beth Winstead and the AdHoc Website Committee Rita Shardell and Paige McCargo.



Happy Birthday!

October	
1	Wanda Allen
13	Diana Sweezy

November	
5	Janie Webb
7	Grace Faris
7	Gwyn Sinclair
9	Deb Christensen

November	
12	Tommie Wall
27	Peggy Griffin
28	Jane Clawson



Alpha Zeta Committees

We would like to encourage all members to be apart of a committee for the upcoming biennium. The committees are listed below. **Please email Kim_warr@yahoo.com by September 30th with which committee you would like to join or you will be assigned to one.**

Communications/Publicity/Newsletter: This committee informs members of happenings through the newsletter and website, makes courtesy calls to those not in attendance, publicizes chapter happenings in local newspapers, and notifies chapter members of any member's health issues or family concerns.

Scholarship: This committee keeps updated information on all scholarships and communicates opportunities to members. They interview, select, and recommend candidates for Grant-in-Aid awards.

Parliamentarian: This committee helps ensure we are following Robert's Rules of Order for chapter business sessions.

Finance: This committee works with our Treasurer to assist in formulating the chapter budget and supervises expenditures and investments.

Educational Excellence Committee: This committee helps the chapter plan and monitor ways to promote the EEC focuses, especially "Schools for Africa" and "Support for Early Career Educators." Committee members encourage chapter to engage in activities that enable members to further educational excellence.

Membership Expansion/Nominations: This committee works actively to expand membership and oversee the nomination of, installation of, and orientation for all new members.

Leadership Development/Beginning Teacher Support: This committee promotes programs that support early career educators, encourages chapter members to be creative in supporting beginning teachers, and recommends activities to help members become more involved with beginning teachers by donating time and resources.

World Fellowship/Global Awareness/DKG/UN Relationships: This committee promotes "Schools for Africa" project, makes chapter members aware of DKG's partnership with UNICEF, presents programs and engages members in actively supporting the "Schools for Africa" project, and helps focus members' global awareness knowledge.

Fine Arts/Impacting Personal and Professional Pride: Plans music for all chapter ceremonies and meetings and encourages programs and activities that increase members' personal and professional pride so they can, in turn, have a greater impact on excellence in education.

US Forum/Educational Law and Policy: This committee plans programs and activities that impact educational law and policy. They keep members informed of current economic, social, political, and educational issues and encourage members to be proactive in communicating with state legislative members on educational issues.

Hotel Registration Open for Convention

Plans for the 2017 Eta State NC Convention are well underway and hotel registration is now open.

The Hilton Wilmington Riverside Hotel will be the site of the convention **April 28-30, 2017**. Registration is open at http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/I/ILMNCHF-DKG-20170427/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG. Deadline for the group rate is March 27, 2017, but for the last few years, the convention hotel has filled before the deadline, so book early!

Region IV invites you to come early or extend your stay. Contact the hotel reservation desk at 910-763-5900 to see if rooms at our group rate are available. April is a busy time in Wilmington, so make your plans early and book your room.

Alpha Zeta Hostess Groups

At the August Executive Committee Meeting it was decided to reduce the number of hostess groups from five to four since some groups had lost a number of members over the years. The groups are now more balanced and each group will hostess one meeting per year but will rotate to not have the same event meeting every year.

Waxhaw: Tommie Wall, Grace Faris, Wanda Allen, Jane Clawson (r), Frances Davis, Janie Webb, Gladys Kerr (r), Gwen Sinclair, Tracy Strickland, Linda Klein, and Mercedes Cass

Charlotte/Matthews: Helen Rose, Joyce Reed, Margaret McKinney, Peggy Griffin, Peggy Harris, LaRue Perry (r), Frankie Ritch, Phyllis Medlin, Manetta Latham, Stephanie Ferron, and Sarah Miller

Marshville/Wingate: Louise Napier, Taura Napier, Sarah Harrison-Burns, Beverly Christopher, Alice Coleman, Carolyn Nave (r), Ameer Odom, Sylvia Little-Sweat, Davida Zike, Judy Cline, and Katie Perry

Monroe: Joy Hilder, Janie Collins, Addie Laney (r), Diana Sweezy, Deb Christensen, April Dawkins, Kim Schroeder, Lisa Stephens, Rachel Clarke, Kathy Glasheen, and Diane Maye

“Pave the Way for DKG Memories” Headquarters Project Announced

Help line the front walk of Eta State NC Headquarters in Asheboro with engraved paving bricks as part of the newly announced “Pave the Way for DKG Memories” project to raise money for Headquarters.

Build DKG memories by buying a brick in honor or memory of someone or to celebrate your chapter. Bricks may be engraved with up to three lines of 18 characters each. The cost per brick is \$125.

Forms can be found on the new Eta State NC website at <http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2016pavetheway.png>. Mail forms and payments to Eta State NC Treasurer Ruth Jones at 3607 Wyneston Road, Greenville, NC 27858.

Alpha Zeta Dues Due!

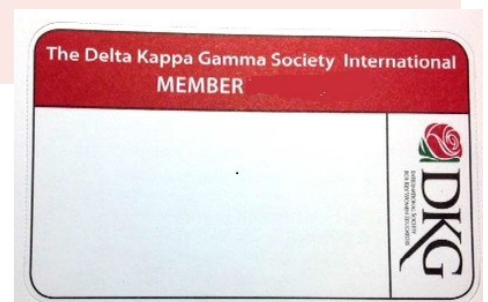
The dues in the amount of \$76.00 can be paid at the October meeting or they can be mailed to Lisa Stephens
5728 Verrazano Drive
Waxhaw, NC. 28173

Just a Quick Question

“How do you use your DKG membership card?”

This is a question asked on the front page of the International website. It offers four choices for you to select from—as proof of membership for professional purposes, as a record of your ID number, rarely use it, or never use it and would be glad to access it on the website (under “My DKG” or the APP).

Let your voice be heard! Go to the DKG website and vote today.



Things to Keep in Mind This Election Season

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, Educational Law & Policy Committee

The Federal Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in August that NC’s new Voter ID Bill passed in 2013 was unconstitutional, requiring county Boards of Elections to revisit their adopted plans for this year’s presidential election. Here are the main implications of this court decision:

- Voters will not be required to show a photo ID at the polls (Unless one registered to vote by mail and this is their first time to vote or if one registers and votes on the same day during early voting using One-Stop Voting).
- Out of precinct voting on Election Day is once again allowed. (A provisional ballot will need to be used in this instance, but the vote will count.)
- Same-Day Registration is once again allowed during early voting. (One may register and vote on the same day.) More days for early voting may be offered than in the overturned law. (This does not necessarily mean the local Board will vote to expand early voting.)

Regular Voter registration ends on October 14.

Each county Board of Elections must decide how many days to hold early voting, at which locations they will be available, and for what hours of the day they will be open.

To avoid possible problems on Election Day, it is best to update one’s registration at the local Board of Elections office after changing to a new address. (By October 14)

And finally, the voting rolls are purged from time to time for various reasons, so it is always a good idea to check with one’s local Board of Elections if one has not voted in several years.

Above all: Be sure to register to vote, if you are not already registered, and VOTE for pro-education candidates in November! Remember, you are your students’ voice!

Do you want to be kept aware of legislative issues in NC? Send an email to Susan Phipps, Educational Law and Policy Committee Chair at phippss@charter.net and ask to be added to her distribution list. Stay informed!



Alpha Zeta Member News

Deb Christensen

On September 13th my brother and his wife welcomed their second child. Here's a picture of my nieces-Sienna, the big sister, was excited to hold her (as yet unnamed) sister.



“Fan the Flames” Ideas Online

Dr. Sherry Willis, Chair, BT Support Committee

We are sure you have been rolling out the "Welcome Mat" for all the brand new Beginning Teachers in your area. Need some suggestions for providing on-going support throughout the school year? At last year's convention many of you contributed great ideas about how your chapter is "Fanning the Flames" to keep the enthusiasm and love for teaching burning brightly in the hearts of beginning teachers.

These ideas are now compiled and available for you to use on Eta State's new website. Find the pdf document on the [Beginning Teacher Support Committee page](#). We would love to add more ideas to this resource.

The Beginning Teacher Support Committee is developing criteria for recognizing an outstanding Beginning Teacher at the Eta State Convention next spring. Stay tuned as details are finalized. Keep Fanning those Flames!

Seeking Grant Writers

The Foundation is looking for members with experience in grant writing who might work on grant applications seeking funding for our Foundation. Let Dr. Carlson know if you are willing to help. Receiving grants will make more funds available for the Foundation to give!

Eta State News

The Fall edition of *Eta State News* is now available. Enjoy the news from North Carolina.

<http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/esnfall2016.pdf>

<http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/esnfall2016bw.pdf> (B & W copy)

Tech Tip



[Check it Out](#) is a free add-on to Google Forms that allows the user to create an easy check-in and check-out system.

For a video and detailed directions, go to the [Free Technology For Teachers Website](#).

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com



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"DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide"**

If you'd like to order a name badge with ribbon for your DKG pins, please fill out the form below and mail to the address listed with your payment.

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ETA STATE	NORTH CAROLINA

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Teresa Cowan, 26 Wolf Rd. Asheville, NC 28805

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