



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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President's Message

Alpha Zeta Sisters,

It is almost time for our first meeting of the year and we are excited to kickoff the year!

The Executive Board met back in August to plan for the year! We reviewed Convention information, as well as reviewed our Chapter Achievement Recognition program and how we did as a group. We discussed updates from Coordinating Council and planned for events for the upcoming year.

One of items we discussed was philanthropic in nature. Instead of giving to Bright Blessings, we voted to collect books for a needy school and selected East Union Middle School. We will begin collecting books for this school in October and will continue until December. See the last page for a list of the books we are collecting. You can then print and take this page with you to shop. We invite you to bring a book! We will use our brag money for this as well!

I will not be with you all at the October meeting and apologize in advance! My grandmother is celebrating her 80th birthday so I will be traveling to Atlanta to celebrate her this day. Janie or Wanda will be leading the meeting in October and will be sharing updates from the Executive Council meeting we had in August, as well as the State Leadership Meeting I attended in August.

I look forward to seeing you all in 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

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October Meeting Information

When: Saturday, October 7, 2017

Time: 10:00 am

Where: Golden Corral

2507 W Roosevelt Blvd, Monroe, NC 28110

Cost: \$9.00

RSVP: by Friday, October 6th to Deb Christensen at debjch@outlook.com or 704-780-0426

Hostess Group: Monroe

Program: Beginning Teachers





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

September 30, 2017	Submission deadline for Chapter Visit Request Form
September 30, 2017	Deadline to apply for Educational Foundation grant
October 5, 2017	World Teacher Appreciation Day
October 10, 2017	Eta State News deadline
October 15, 2017	Deadline to submit C/ISR amendment proposals to International Constitution Committee
October 27, 2017	Official birthday of Eta State NC. Happy 83rd birthday, Eta State!
October 31, 2017	Deadline for chapter members to submit dues to chapter treasurer
October 31, 2017	Input for ELP Member Survey due to Susan Phipps (see page 5)
November 1, 2017	Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Award
November 10, 2017	Deadline for chapter treasurers to submit Report of Dues and Fees to state treasurer Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS
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
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

Hotel registration for the April 2018 Eta State NC Convention is now open! Eta State NC Executive Secretary Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon announces that the room block has been increased at the Hilton Charlotte University Place. Rooms are still expected to fill quickly so book early. The convention begins Friday, April 27, 2018 and concludes on Sunday, April 29. The rate of \$115 plus taxes is available until April 12 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 or by calling 704-547-7444. Ask for the DKG room block.

DKG Scholarship

The new DKG International Scholarship application for the 2018-2019 academic year is available on the [Forms tab](#) of the International web-site. You will need to be logged in to access it.

Scholarships are available to members who are pursuing doctoral, masters, and other advanced degrees in their field of study—\$6,000 for advanced degrees and \$10,000 toward a doctoral degree.

Members are encouraged to start filling out an application a few months before the next due date, as it will take some careful thought and planning to complete the application packet and collect other required academic documentation.

The deadline is February 1, 2018, to submit the application and all supporting documentation. Be sure to follow the directions carefully and complete all sections of the application.

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Eta State President Connie Savell



Let’s Sparkle!

How can Eta State Sparkle in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma? One of the best ways our members can support other members is with donations to the DKG International Emergency Fund. The Emergency Fund provides \$500 for members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wild fires, and other natural disasters.

Do you know the process to receive funds?

- * Inform the state organization president of a need.
* State president contacts International Headquarters.
* Executive Director approves the request and mails check.

It is with pride I share this visionary fund that Delta Kappa Gamma Society International began in 1948! Consider donating to this worthy cause! (See the article on page 6 for donation information.)

Connie

Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
2017-2019

Let’s SPARKLE!
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

Fall Eta State News Now Available

The Fall edition of Eta State News is posted online at http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/eta_state_news_fall_2017_color_final.pdf.

Happy Birthday!

Table with 3 columns: October, November, November. Lists birthdays for Wanda Allen, Diana Sweezy, Janie Webb, Grace Faris, Gwyn Sinclair, Deb Christensen, Tommie Wall, Peggy Griffin, and Jane Clawson.



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Water Awareness Part of Wellness Initiative

Did you know that one in nine people worldwide do not have access to safe and clean drinking water?

With this knowledge as a driving force, Dr. Teresa Cowan, first vice-president and EEC chair, in coordination with President Connie P. Savell’s wellness initiative goal, offers these suggestions for chapter involvement:

- Make a commitment to preservation, conservation and a healthy consumption of water. Check out this site for ideas: <http://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/>
- Follow the Liters to 1 million! Watch the video at <http://lifestraw.com/follow-the-liters/> to learn how individuals, chapters and communities can get involved.
- Donate to the LifeStraw Safe Water Fund (<http://lifestraw.com/engage/>).
- Purchase gifts for self or others (<https://lifestraw.eartheasy.com/>)
- Start a chapter project to promote awareness locally and globally (<http://lifestraw.com/corporate-partnerships/>)

EEC invites chapters to think globally and act locally. EEC and Eta State NC sisters are ever-working to fulfill the EEC focus: venture into areas of leadership, grow personally and professionally, and be global!

The Eta State Wellness Initiative and the EEC LifeStraw Project supports the DKG/UN Relationship which is enhanced through CTAUN (Committee on Teaching About the United Nations). Check out <http://www.teachun.org> for more details.

Eta State News Reminder

The Eta State News is published four times a year by sea-season with submission deadlines approximately 3-4 weeks before distribution. Chapter news such as items pertaining to a state committee or project, ideas for fundraising, Beginning Teacher support, Schools for Africa, or member recognitions can be sent any time prior to the announced deadline. Editor Carol Bostian will accept submissions for the Winter Eta State News until October 10, 2017. Send news to etastatenewseditor@gmail.com.

Member News

Lisa Moniz and her husband are traveling to speak on mindfulness at the New England Library Association annual conference in Burlington, Vermont in October.

Also, in July Lisa spoke on the topic for the library staff in Person County, NC and as a result, she has been asked to do a series of speaking engagements on mindful librarianship across the state as professional development for the State Library of North Carolina in the spring of 2018.

Grant Deadline Sept. 30

The NC DKG Educational Foundation is eagerly watching for grant applications as the submission deadline of September 30 approaches. Teachers, schools, and/or chapters are invited to apply.

The application is available under the [Grants tab](#) on the Foundation website, www.ncdkgef.org.

Six grants of up to \$250 each will again be offered in the literacy/learning projects and the continuing education categories. Read about past awardees and their projects in the [brochure on the Giving page](#).

Remember—Applications are due **September 30, 2017**.

Alpha Zeta Dues Due!

The dues in the amount of \$76.00 for active members and \$45.00 for reserve members can be paid at the October meeting or they can be mailed to:

Lisa Stephens
5728 Verrazano Drive
Waxhaw, NC. 28173



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Educational Law & Policy Committee Seeks School Issues for 2018 Member Survey

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

For the past few years the Eta State NC Educational Law & Policy Committee has surveyed members to identify which school-related issues are most important. The data gained from this survey is used to compile a White Paper to share with members of the NC General Assembly in Raleigh. The Committee is currently seeking member input about which issues need to be included on the survey for this school year.

Last year’s prioritized list included:

- 1) Increase salaries of all educators,
- 2) Continue to provide medical and retirement benefits for all educators,
- 3) Reduce the amount of standardized state testing,
- 4) Hold all schools that receive tax dollars equally accountable for student learning,
- 5) Increase per-pupil funding,
- 6) Oppose public funding of private and religious schools through vouchers,
- 7) Halt the current A-F system of grading public schools,
- 8) Limit the number of charter schools in NC to 170.

Chapter presidents are asked to seek other issues that members wish to include on the state survey. These suggestions should be submitted by October 31 to ELP Chair Susan Phipps at phippss@charter.net.

IPP Groves Nominated as Southeast Regional Director



Eta State NC Immediate Past President Sheila Groves has been nominated as Southeast Regional Director for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

The Eta State NC Executive Board voted at their fall meeting last week to endorse Sheila for this position. Dr. Ann Pember, president of Beta Delta, Sheila’s chapter, made the motion for the endorsement.

Sheila is currently serving as a member of the International Leadership Development Committee and helped conduct the trainings at the regional conferences in Hawaii and South Carolina for the new state organization presidents. She has also served on the International Constitution Committee.

Election of new regional directors occurs at the Inter-national Conventions. The 2018 convention will be held in Austin, Texas, July 16-20.

North Carolina to Host International Conference

Eta State NC President Connie Phifer Savell issued a formal invitation to the Southeast Region of DKG International to attend the 2019 conference in North Carolina.

Her invitation was part of the closing meeting of the Southeast Regional Conference this summer in Myrtle Beach. Eta State members in attendance, wearing sparkly visors, participated by singing an invitation to the tune of “Nothing Could Be Finer than to be in Carolina.”

President Savell appointed Sheila Groves, Elaine McRae, Dr. Teresa Cowan, Dedra Davis and Thommi Stammer as members of a SERC Steering Committee during the Fall Executive Board meeting September 9. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please let President Savell know. (cps2017eta@gmail.com) International Headquarters staff chooses the location and date for the regional conference. Watch for more information when that announcement is made.

Eta State NC last hosted the Southeast Regional Conference in July, 2003, at the Research Triangle Park in Durham County.

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Headquarters Brick Project Needs a Few More for Free Shipping!



The “Pave the Way for DKG Memories” project to line the walkway at Headquarters is seeking a few more bricks!

With 100 bricks, the shipping for the engraved bricks is free! The project is so close to that goal that the Head-quarters Committee is extending the project in hopes of getting enough bricks for free shipping.

If your chapter has not purchased a brick in honor or memory of someone or to celebrate a chapter achievement, now is a good time. Individuals are also invited to purchase a brick.

The cost per brick is only \$125. They can be engraved with three lines of up to 18 characters per line. More information on the project and forms for purchasing can be found on the [Forms tab](#) of Eta State NC website. Mail the form and payment to Eta State NC Treasurer Ruth Jones at 3607 Wyneston Road, Greenville, NC 27858

How to Donate to the DKG Emergency Fund

DKG has posted this on their website (http://member.dkg.org/DKGMember/DKGMember/Hurricane_harvey.aspx):

Based on the number of calls and emails we have re-ceived at DKG Headquarters, we want to remind all members that contributions to the DKG Emergency Fund will help members impacted by Hurricane Har-vey... as well as those with damage from other natural disasters.

To contribute to the Emergency Fund by credit card, go to [https://www.dkg.org/DKGDONATE/ DKGDONATE/ Donate to DKG.aspx](https://www.dkg.org/DKGDONATE/DKGDONATE/Donate_to_DKG.aspx) and click on “Emergency Fund.”

If you would prefer to make a donation by check, please download [Form-43](#). Mail this form with your check to the address listed on Form-43. As additional information becomes available about how best to help chapters and members as they recover from the hurricane, Headquarters personnel will spread the word and help make the connections that so well illustrate the spirit of DKG. Watch the home page of the DKG website for more updates.

DKG Products Available

There are links on the International website to DKG branded products, such as notepads and tote bags at [http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/ Store/Product_Display.aspx?category=%20BRAND%20](http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Store/Product_Display.aspx?category=%20BRAND%20), and key pins, bracelets, rings and other jewelry at <https://acgreek.com/greek/home.php>.

Tech Tip-Copyright

Copyright is one of the hardest topics for people to understand. Many students plagiarize because they are unfamiliar with what they can and cannot copy. The same can be true for many adults. Here are some great resources to help you determine if you can use a image for a project.

“Giving an image credit to Google Images is not citing the source and even if Google was the source, unless it is labeled as Creative Commons or Public Domain, you can’t use the image without permission.” From [FreeTech4Teachers](#)

Copyright for Educators—<https://www.slideshare.net/wfryer/copyright-for-educators>

Taking the Mystery Out of Copyright -<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/copyrightmystery/#>

Make use of Creative Commons and other image sources but make sure you know what is required in terms of attribution to stay within the guidelines of copyright law.

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

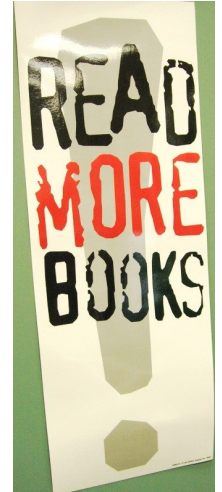
www.ncdkg.org

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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