



# From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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## President's Message

Dear Alpha Zeta sisters,

I hope that each of you have weathered the storms which have passed our way and are ready for the sunshine and some cooler temperatures to follow as Fall fast approaches. As fast as Fall approaches, so does our October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at Kensington Elementary. Our own Lisa Moniz will be providing us with a program about "mindfulness" which goes along with our Eta State president's message of wellness. I hope to see you all there to begin our new biennium with fellowship, discussion and a look towards our future. Unfortunately, due to the hurricane and inclement weather, the Executive Board meeting which was to take place Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> in Elon has been postponed to October 13<sup>th</sup> so information from Eta State discussions and decisions will not be available for our meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

I want to give many thanks to all who have agreed to either serve as a committee chair/co-chair or as the facilitator for one of our four hostess groups. I have supplied Deb Christensen with the four hostess groups and dates for which each is responsible. You will find them listed within this newsletter to help with preparations for our future meetings. I have also included the dates for our meetings for the next two years so that we can all mark our calendars and plan on attending. Within this newsletter, please look for how your attendance at our meetings can pay off for you as a member of Alpha Zeta and Delta Kappa Gamma. Deb found a chapter who offers rewards for attendance which may ultimately pay your dues for one year! This possibility is something any of us can get excited about. We will share more about this at our October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting so plan to come and hear about it.

I am looking forward to greeting Fall and seeing each of you on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Kensington Elementary!

Yours in Sisterhood,

*Janie*

## October Meeting Information

**When:** Saturday, October 6, 2018

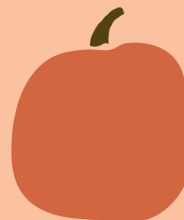
**Time:** 10:00 am

**Where:** Kensington Elementary, 8701 Kensington Drive, Waxhaw, NC 28173

**Cost:** \$10.00

**Hostess Group:** Monroe

**Program:** Mindfulness



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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 .”

“Let’s Sparkle!”

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

### Upcoming Events

#### 2018

- Sept. 30 Deadline for grant applications to the NC DKG Educational Foundation
- Aug. 18 Alpha Zeta Executive Board Meeting, 10am, Janie Webb’s house
- October Alpha Zeta meeting (date to be determined)
- Oct. 10 *Eta State News* submission deadline to [Editor Carol Bostian](#)
- Oct. 31 Membership dues due to chapter treasurers
- Oct. 31 Deadline to submit Form 72 Society Website Compliance Assurance form
- Nov. 1 Deadline for Lucille Cornetet Seminar PD Award
- Nov. 10 Chapter dues due to state treasurer
- Nov. 15 Deadline to submit [nomination form](#) for state officers for the 2019-2021 biennium
- Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS
- Dec. 1 Deadline to submit proposals to amend *Eta State NC Constitution* and/or *Standing Rules*
- Dec. 15 *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* submissions due
- Jan. 3, 2019 DKG Educational Foundation (not NC) project applications due

#### 2019

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

### Nominations Open for 2019-2021 State Officers

Applications for Eta State NC officers for the 2019- 2021 biennium are available on the Eta State NC website at <https://bit.ly/2JWzvGI>.

Completed applications should be emailed to Dr. Theresa Wahome-Tate, chair of the Nominations Committee, at [wahomet@msn.com](mailto:wahomet@msn.com) by November 15, 2018.

### Treasurer Position Application to be Available Soon

Applications will open soon for the Eta State NC Treasurer position. The position is for a six-year term beginning July 1, 2019. Applications will be due by January 16, 2019.

The application form and a job description will be posted on the Eta State NC website soon. Watch the homepage for a link. It will also be posted on the Links page. Submission information will be included on the application.

### Awards Applications are Fillable Forms

The Golden Key, Rising Star and Founders Award applications are posted on the Eta NC State website under the Forms menu.

With Webmaster Beth Winstead's assistance, the Awards Committee has made these forms fillable pdfs. To fill them out, download and save the forms to a computer before typing in them, then save again. For 2018-2019, the committee requests that chapters submit the completed forms via email to the Awards committee at [etastateawards@gmail.com](mailto:etastateawards@gmail.com).

The Awards Committee will be sending out more information at a later date regarding these awards.

### Eta State President Connie Savell



Let’s Sparkle!

#### Let’s SPARKLE!

**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

#### Why is it important for your chapter to be represented at the October 13, 2018, Fall Executive Board Meeting?

As a chapter president, you are a voting member of the Executive Board and need to be informed.

- Learning about state committees assists you in carrying out the work of International and state initiatives.
- Committee reports will be given and we will be voting on the 2018-2019 Adjusted Eta State NC Budget.
- A special report will be presented by the Ad hoc Three Site Committee that could possibly change how Eta State rotates convention sites in the future.
- Information will be shared about how your chapter can invite collegiate students to join your chapter.
- During the afternoon, Regional Directors will be meeting with chapter presidents to share other information and answer questions.
- DKG Purpose number one: To unite women educators of the world in genuine spiritual fellowship, and we do this by networking and getting to know other members.

See you at Elon!

Let’s Sparkle!

Connie

Connie Phifer Savell  
Eta State NC President  
2017-2019

### Happy Birthday!

October		November		November (cont.)	
1	Wanda Allen	5	Janie Webb	12	Tommie Wall
13	Diana Sweezy	7	Grace Faris	27	Peggy Griffin
		7	Gwyn Sinclair	28	Jane Clawson
		9	Deb Christensen		



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**Registration Open for Leadership Development Seminar**

The theme for this year’s Leadership Development Seminar is “A Leadership Quest: Discovering How YOU Sparkle.” There will be some surprise strategies worked into the program and plenty of networking time.

Registration is now open for the seminar, to be held March 22-23, 2019, at the Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro. Registration is limited to 32 and spaces are filling quickly, so apply today!

The registration form can be found at <https://bit.ly/2v2OMkT>.

Note from Deb: I attended this in 2017 and it was a very rewarding experience! I encourage one of you to attend.



*WILMA, the dragon, will be a special guest at the LDS.*

**Call to Action Encouraged**

*By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee*

The November 2018 election is just around the corner and your Educational Law & Policy Committee is issuing a Call to Action to all DKG members. It is imperative that North Carolina elects pro-public-school lawmakers because our schools from pre-K through graduate school are suffering severely from budget cuts that continue long after the major recession of 2007-2008. Funding for education is lower than it was a decade ago adjusted for inflation and increased student population. Schools are being asked to do more with less. It's time for that to change. Let us all seek information about where candidates stand on public education. Look at their websites and position papers. Read between the lines to ascertain their true beliefs. In other words, become educated about those who seek your vote. The local Boards of Elections in each county seat can tell you who is on the ballot in your area.

There are those in the NC Legislature who want to privatize education for the benefit of their cronies who own for-profit schools. One way to eventually privatize a government service is to slowly cut its funding and declare it a failure. Sound familiar? Be vigilant! There are a number of proposed amendments to the NC Constitution that could limit funding for public schools in the future. Several of them have been challenged in court with the resulting rulings being appealed as this article is being written. Couple this with the longstanding issue of statewide gerrymandering of state House and Senate districts, which has been ruled unconstitutional a number of times by the courts and then appealed and then re-appealed. The result is that ballots cannot yet be printed for the 2018 election. When these issues are finally settled, your ELP Committee will inform members of the benefits or consequences of these proposed amendments - hopefully next month. Stay tuned...

**Submit Proposed Amendments by December 1, 2018**

If anyone—a member, a committee, or a chapter—is considering a proposed amendment to the Eta State NC *By-laws* or Eta State NC *Standing Rules*, please note the deadline for submission is December 1, 2018.

The official form, found under the Forms tab, should be sent to Rules Committee Chair Tammy Cullom at [dkgtammy@gmail.com](mailto:dkgtammy@gmail.com).

Proposed Amendments may be made to both the Eta State NC *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules* in odd numbered years. 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.

There will be quite a few changes to the Eta State NC documents based on the decisions made at the International convention in July 2018. Chair Tammy Cullom says, “If you have been considering an amendment to the Eta State NC documents in the past, this season of change is a good time to act.”



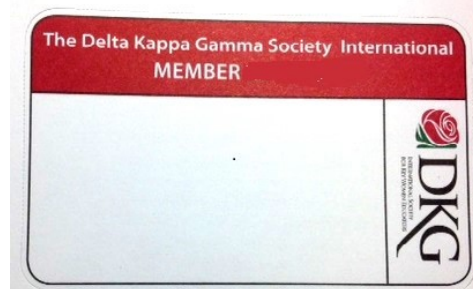
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**Alpha Zeta Dues Due!**

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

**All dues must be paid no later than October 25th.**



**Email Changes?**

Has your email address changed recently? If your answer is yes, you need to sign in to your DKG profile on the International website and update your email. This is important so that you receive messages and publications from DKG International. Our state officers also use the list of emails from International to contact members, so it is important that this information is accurate. Thank you for helping DKG keep the email distribution list accurate!

**NOTE:** There will be an opportunity to update your profile at the October meeting. I know we have a few new members who haven’t had a chance to do this yet.

**Tip of the Month: Empower, Engage and Create**

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

Chapters across the world are preparing for an exciting year in DKG. With that said, EEC of Eta State NC brings the EEC “Tip of the Month.” Plan at the chapter level with a concerted effort to *Empower, Engage and Create*.

**Empower**

Assign new chapter members a mentor; build a relationship to learn their strengths and passions! Empower them to be involved **immediately!**

**Engage**

Schedule programs that are centered upon wellness strategies. Some examples include yoga, stress, nutrition, and financial planning.

**Create**

Begin meetings with a poem, a song, a hobby, or such, that showcases a member. Think of it as a “creative” showcase of talent! It will foster personal growth and help to build relationships.

For more EEC ideas check out <https://www.ncdkg.org/educational-excellence-committee.html>.

**\*\* NEW!** More ideas added to the [Empower/Engage/Create program ideas](#).

Speaking of empowering, engaging and creating, EEC would like to welcome its newest committee member, **Leslie Barger** of Alpha Nu, as the Music Representative for 2018-2019. Thank you, Leslie, for becoming a part of Eta State Leadership team!



**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**

**Frankie Ritch**

Dear Alpha Zeta sisters,

I moved to trinity Oaks in Salisbury the end of July and am all settled in. Had multiple offers on my house when it went on the market last week, accepting the best, which offered more than the asking price and seems assured to close with no hassling.

The food here is abundant and delicious with many choices. Come see me & we’ll feast! (I’m about 2 blocks off Interstate 85.)

I plan to pay dues, remain an active member, and attend as often as I can. My address: 728 Klumac Road, Apt 101 A, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Eager to see you all!

DKG love,

Frankie

**Dauida Zike**

Congratulations to Dauida Zike for being named this year’s Exceptional Children’s Educator of Excellence!



**Educational Foundation Grant Deadline is the End of This Month!**

*By: Sheila Groves, Educational Foundation*

Grant money is available! Is your chapter taking advantage of NC DKG Educational Foundation grants? Up to \$500 in funding for special projects and professional development might be just an application away. Visit the Foundation website, [www.ncdkgef.org](http://www.ncdkgef.org), for information and forms. Requests are due by **September 30**. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Grant Committee Chair Dot Carter, [dotcarter@embarqmail.com](mailto:dotcarter@embarqmail.com).

Endowments are another opportunity offered by the Foundation. They allow individuals and chapters to establish a fund that will support a designated purpose. Endowments are a lasting investment for the future. They enable donors to leave a legacy and extend support for educational endeavors to new generations. Foundation Board members would like to visit with you and your chapter to share more information about this benefit. Contact Board Chair Dr. Judy Carlson, [judithb125@gmail.com](mailto:judithb125@gmail.com).

Remember donations to the Foundation are tax deductible. There are organizations and businesses in our communities who want to support NC students and teachers. Help them to help us by sharing ways of giving to the Foundation with people outside of our membership.



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

## DKG NEWS Online

The Sept/Oct issue of *DKG NEWS* is now online. This is the first issue that would have been printed and mailed to members that is **only** online.

*DKG NEWS* is found under the Resource tab ➔ Publications once logged in, or click here:

[http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Publications/NEWS\\_Flipbook\\_Issue.aspx](http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Publications/NEWS_Flipbook_Issue.aspx).

It is available as a Flipbook or a pdf file.

Eta State NC member Dr. Gwen Simmons, who was honored with the International Achievement Award at the convention this summer, is pictured on the cover.



## Many Resources Available for Chapters

As chapters begin their meetings this fall, remember to check out the wealth of materials and support available on the Resources tab of the DKG website. It contains printable brochures and flyers; Society documents, including the *Go-to-Guide*; brand logos and Society graphics; links to Society publications, such as *DKG NEWS*, *Bulletin*, and *Collegial Exchange*, and archives to the publications; templates, such as for DKG business cards; a link to the DKG app; and much more.

It's a wealth of information—check it out!



## Tech Tip

### Backup

“I know. Unbelievably boring. But really, if you don’t back up your stuff you are asking for trouble. And today, with the various back-up solutions available, there is no reason to have that icy cold feeling creeping up the back of your neck when you realize something really bad has just happened to your computer.

If your software has an auto-save function, use it. How long should the interval be between auto-saves? I don’t know. How much work are you OK with re-doing? 10 minutes? 20 minutes? 2 minutes? Full-system backups. Today you can get external hard-drives, off-site network backups, and back-ups that occur while you sleep or while you work. One of my favourite backup utilities is SyncBack SE. The technology is cheap and easy to use. There is no excuse.

Smart phone as backup. Your smart phone can do a lot of cool stuff. Did you know you can use it to store your contact information and calendar? A good smartphone like a Blackberry, iPhone, or Palm will easily store all of your contact information and your calendar, and keep it up to date. These phones come with software to allow you to synchronize data with your main computer. You can ensure that both devices have the same calendar and contact information. Never a bad idea.”

From: [10 Basic Tech Tips That Make a Difference](#)

### Important Websites

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

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

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

[www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/)