



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 again this September which have passed our way and are ready for cooler temperatures to follow as Fall fast approaches. As fast as Fall approaches, so does our October 5th meeting at the Golden Corral in Monroe. Our own Lisa Stephens will be providing us with a program about her trip to China with a group of educators from UCPS this summer. I hope to see you all there to begin our new biennium with fellowship, discussion and another look towards our future. The NC DKG Executive Board meeting was held this past Saturday in Burlington with the new NC DKG officers and committee chairs. There is much going on at the state level with some new initiatives which I will discuss at our meeting. One of those initiatives is "Dollars for Dorian". This is similar to last year's "Funds for Florence", but the money raised will go to help a school on Ocracoke Island which sustained major damage. We will "pass the hat" at our meeting and send proceeds to the appropriate liaison. Sheila Groves, chairman of NC Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation, introduced "Celebrate A Teacher", another 101 Donations Challenge. We will further discuss this challenge and have paperwork available at the meeting. If you have not yet turned in your Schools for Africa donations, we will accept those at the meeting as well.

Please plan on being in attendance at our meeting as we share in a ceremony of remembrance for our beloved Jane Clawson. We will also recognize our members with milestones and our award nominees from Convention. Speaking of Convention, they let us know that we can call and reserve our rooms. If you are interested in attending Convention, just let me know and we will see if you can book our rooms close together. If you have not attended ever or in a while, it is a worthwhile trip and allows us to become closer to each other. Consider it if you have not in a while.

Another item, I need you to consider is our "Each One, Reach One" campaign from last year. Please make an effort to bring a prospective member to our December meeting as this is a fun and exciting way to introduce Alpha Zeta and DKG to prospects. It is also a way for us to raise even more funds for our scholarship recipients.

I am looking forward to greeting Fall and seeing each of you on October 5th at 10 am at the Golden Corral in Monroe!

Yours in Sisterhood,

Janie Webb
Alpha Zeta President



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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

- Sept. 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grant applications deadline
- Oct. 1 Amendment proposals to International Constitution/ISR due
- Oct. 1 Submission deadline for the Bulletin: Journal
- Oct.10 NC DKG News deadline
- Nov. 1 DKGEF Cornetet Seminar PD applications due
- Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS
- 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. 15 Regional Directors annual report due

Alpha Zeta Meetings

- Dec. 7 Annual Grant In Aid Auction
- Feb. 1 TBA
- April 4 TBA

Conventions

- May 1 - 3, 2020** Eta State NC 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 Eta State NC calendar online at <https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html>.

October Meeting Information

When: October 5, 2019
Time: 10:00 am
Where: Golden Corral, 2507 W Roosevelt Blvd, Monroe, NC 28110
Cost: \$10.00
RSVP: An EventBrite link was emailed to everyone. You can also RSVP to Judy Cline at jblacline@gmail.com.
Hostess Group: Group 1
Program: Lisa Stephens will share about her trip to China. We will also be recognizing our convention nominees and have a Ceremony of Remembrance for Jane Clawson.



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Eta State President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

Are Your Hands Dirty Yet?

Since assuming the role of President, I have posed two difficult questions. First, “What are you willing to do for this Society?” and second, “Is it time for renovation of NC DKG?” Each question lends itself to growth either as individuals or as a Society.

As committees start to take action, the Executive Board meeting approaches, chapter meetings begin, and convention planning is underway, I want to share how some have answered these questions and are “getting their hands dirty.”

“**Renovation**” efforts to modernize systems and utilize NC DKG structural framework

- Direct pay and workflow platforms for reimbursements (Finance Committee)
- Wi-Fi to Headquarters (Headquarters Committee)
- Strategies for distributing information (C&M Committee and Related Personnel)

“**GROW**” efforts to cultivate, nurture, energize, and develop leadership and membership

- Induction ceremonies scheduled for the fall (You GROW, chapters!)
- Newsletters, brochures and marketing materials published (You GROW, chapters!)
- Members accepted committees, chair and convention roles (You GROW, girls!)
- Members pursue career changes and/or advancements (You GROW, girls!)

Once again I leave you with a question,

“Are your hands dirty yet?”



October		November	
1	Wanda Allen	5	Janie Webb
13	Diana Sweezy	7	Grace Faris
		7	Gwyn Sinclair
		9	Deb Christensen
		12	Tommie Wall
		27	Peggy Griffin

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2019 Convention Hotel Registration Open

Hotel registration for the May 2020 NC DKG Convention is now open!

The convention will be held May 1-3, 2020, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Greensboro Airport, 204 Centreport Drive.

Call the hotel at 336-668-4535 to make a reservation. Use the code DKG for the group rate of \$125 plus taxes. Watch the website and social media for online registration information soon.



Executive Secretary Job Posting Soon

The position of NC DKG Executive Secretary will be posted soon for the 2020-2026 term, the Personnel Committee has announced.

This position requires a member with broad-based experience and knowledge of all levels of the Society. The current job description is under review so input from members is welcome.

The application and timeline for the selection process will be posted on the NC DKG webpage by mid-October. Watch the website and social media for announcements and more information.

Lynne Leatherwood, chair of the Personnel Committee, urges members to give thoughtful consideration to recruiting and nominating a worthy candidate for this position. Contact Lynne with questions at Lynne.Leatherwood@gmail.com.

EEC Equals Well-Defined Programs

Supporting Early-Career Educators

By: Tobey Worthington, NC DKG First Vice-President

Supporting early-career educators (SEE) using well-defined programs? What might that look like? When designing a SEE program, chapters might consider getting first-hand feedback from SEE teachers. What are their biggest challenges/obstacles? How can chapters really help? Using their feedback, chapters can then develop outreach projects that fit the needs of SEE teachers and other educators. This can be done by giving time and supplies or by supporting through mentors who can offer advice and encouragement. Check out ways to support SEE educators at all levels. Once logged in, go to the DKG Programs/Projects tab → [Support Early Career Educators](#).

How Does Your Membership

Wear your DKG or chapter tee shirt during an event (walk for cancer, diabetes, etc.). Create a banner highlighting DKG to use during these types of events or during a community activity. Have an elevator speech ready to share what DKG is.

Your Membership Tip of the Month is brought to you by the NC DKG Membership Committee, Elizabeth Miars, Chair.

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New Grants Available This Year

Grant Applications Due Sept. 30



Two new grants are available this year through the NC DKG Educational Foundation in addition to the grants for projects in Learning/Literacy and for conferences/travel opportunities to support education. September 30 is the deadline to apply for all of them.

The Groves-Little grant is for Early Career Educators, four years or less, in NC public schools, and the McCall grant is for Gifted Education or Fine Arts projects in NC. AP teachers may apply for the McCall grant to fund a classroom project.



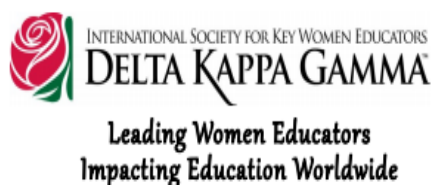
DKG Emergency Fund is Here

The North Carolina coast has been hit hard by hurricanes the last couple of years, including this month by Hurricane Dorian. NC DKG members have taken advantage of the Emergency Fund to help recover from these disasters.

If chapter members need assistance due to a natural disaster, the International Emergency Fund is here for them. The form is on the Society website under MyDKG and is to be submitted by the chapter president to President Teresa.



Over \$21,000 was collected this summer at the five international conferences for the Emergency Fund. If anyone wants to donate to the fund now, they may go to https://www.dkg.org/DKGDONATE/DKGDONATE/Donate_Now.aspx?itemid=ERFUND (no login necessary for this link) or donate through MyDKG once logged in. Donations are always appreciated and all funds are used to help members.



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Read the fall issue of the NC DKG News at <https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/ncdkgnewsfall2019.pdf>



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Ready, Set, GROW!

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Alpha Zeta Member News

Frankie Ritch—In the spring I treated my little family of 6 to an Alaskan cruise. We all had a great time!

Linda Klein—Had emergency surgery in August & is resuming chemo on Sept 19th.

Important Additional Alpha Zeta Information

- ⇒ Remember to bring your water bottles filled with change for Schools for Africa to our October meeting. Check donations will also be accepted.
- ⇒ Kappa Chapter said: We have a special speaker lined up for our October meeting and wonder if any of you would like to join us as a multi-chapter meeting.

The date: Thursday, October 10, 2019

The time: 5-7 p.m.

The Place: Jimmie’s Restaurant, 724 Brighton Park Drive, Mint Hill, is reserved as our meeting location, with capacity for 70 attendees. There is no charge to reserve the room. We have met here before, the food is satisfying and we will order from the menu, separate checks.

The Speaker: Freebird McKinney, 2018-2019 NC State Teacher of the Year

“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.”

You can read more about Mr. McKinney on his website: <https://www.thevillageteacher-freebird.com/>

Let Janie Webb know before October 1st if you’d like to attend.

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 October 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.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/

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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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