

Delta Kappa Gamma

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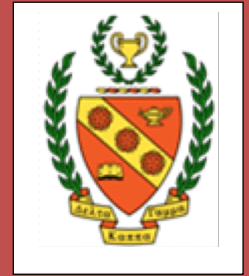
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***All the news from
the Delta Kappa Gamma Society
International***

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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.

Themes

**“Embracing Our
Vision – Designing
Our Future”**

**“Lead, Serve, and
Impact”**

Next Meeting: December 1, 2012

Next Meeting: February 2, 2013

Hostess: Monroe Group – Nancy Baucom, Janie Collins, Joy Hilder, Sheila London
Diana Sweezy, Deborah Christensen, April Dawkins, & Kim
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Place: Stonetable Restaurant, Shops at Nottingham Plaza
2585 W. Roosevelt Blvd.
Monroe, NC 28110

A close by landmark is Poplin Place Shopping Center on the right coming from Charlotte. Shops at Nottingham Plaza is one or two lights beyond the shopping center behind the American Community Bank Building.

Cost: \$6.00

RSVP: Sheila London slondon4@carolina.rr.com or 704-283-1559

Program: Election of new members and Eta State convention up-date

Also, don't forget . . .

- Wear your Delta Kappa Gamma pin! If you cannot find your pin, please bring \$1.
- Your BRAG money!

Bless a Birthday Program

The Bless-a-Birthday Program of Bright Blessings is a 501©3 non-profit organization that annually serves more than 3,000 homeless children. It is centered in Matthews, but its impact is felt through a four-county region. The average age of a homeless person is nine years old and our schools are greatly impacted by this. Their two major programs are: Bless-a-Baby and Bless-a-Birthday. The Bless-a-Birthday is the official service project of our 2013 Eta State Convention in April. The greatest needs are for items intended for 'tween' and teenage children. The Alpha Zeta Executive Board voted in lieu of bringing items for the Battered Women's Shelter to our Feb. meeting, we bring items from the following list that are especially needed for these age groups: Personal hygiene products such as body wash, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, etc. Birthday gift items for boys: youth-size footballs, sports cinch sacks/drawstring bags, handheld electronic games, card games, Checkers/Chess games teen hygiene gifts sets, Target, Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree Gift cards. Gift items for girls: bath and beauty sets, nail polish sets, purses and tote bags, jewelry and hair accessories, writing journals, diaries, art/craft sets and gift cards from the stores above. Please remember these are children

who would likely have no gifts or celebration on their birthdays without the Bless-a-Birthday Program.

For further information, visit the Bright Blessings website at:
<http://www.birthdayblessings.org/index.html>

Alpha Zeta Strategic Action Plan

The Executive Board has worked on and approved a strategic action plan for our chapter. It will be sent to you by e-mail at a later date. Please print a copy to be placed in your AZ Notebook. If this requires a vote by the membership, we will do so at a later date.

AZ Standing Rules

A copy of the AZ Standing Rules that were amended and voted on at the December Meeting will also be e-mailed and should be placed in your AZ Notebook. Those members without e-mail addresses will receive hard copies in regular mail.

Leadership Development/Beginning Teacher Support

Thanks to the nominations received from members of the Alpha Zeta Chapter, the Leadership Development/Beginning Teacher Support Committee was able to continue the tradition of supporting beginning teachers from Union County Public Schools and the Charlotte- Mecklenberg systems. This support comes monetarily with a \$75.00 Visa gift card given to twelve teachers to be used for supplies/materials for their classrooms. The gift cards were distributed by various members of Alpha Zeta at the recipients' schools during a faculty meeting in the months of December and January. The committee would like to thank all the members who volunteered to help represent our chapter by attending and giving the gift cards. The recipients appeared surprised and were very appreciative of the gifts for their classroom.

Following is a list of the gift card recipients, grade level taught and school assignment:

High School – Dorje Vaughn – English – Monroe High School
Brittany Deslauriers – English – Cuthbertson High School

Middle School – Megan Kuck – Math – Monroe Middle School
Nicole Gollmer – Math – Porter Ridge Middle School

Elementary School – Amanda Gray – grade 5 – East Elementary
Olivia Wallenborn – Kindergarten – Indian Trail Elementary
Celena Johnson – grade 5 – Marshville Elementary
Coleen Owens – grade 5 – Sardis Elementary
Diane Hollar Boyce – Kindergarten – Weddington Elementary

Gina Roberts – Behavior Focus – Western Union Elementary
Courtney Lewis – grade 1 – Cotswald Elementary
Paige Vaughn – grade 5 – Rocky River Elementary

Alpha Zeta chapter has also nominated two beginning teachers to attend the Eta State Leadership Seminar scheduled for June 20-23 at Peace University in Raleigh. The chapter will cover expenses for the two nominees to attend. Both nominees work within the Union County Public Schools system as Exceptional Children's teachers. Kellylynn McGee is a first year teacher at Forest Hills in a Transition to Adulthood classroom and April Rains is a K-5 resource teacher at Indian Trail Elementary. Both are excited to be nominated for this opportunity and are anxiously awaiting further information about the seminar.

As always, the Leadership Development/Beginning Teacher Support Committee is open to any additional ideas which the Alpha Zeta chapter members have to increase our support to these blossoming individuals. Just contact Janie Webb, Margaret Kinney, Katie Perry, Sheila London, or Linda Baker with any thoughts or ideas.

December Meeting Minutes

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Alpha Zeta Chapter Meeting-December 1, 2012
Hilltop Restaurant –Marshville-Wingate Hostess Group

- President Helen Rose opened the meeting, welcoming those in attendance.
- Inspirational Thoughts were given by Frankie Ritch.
- Guests and visitors were introduced-Sharon Deal, our Regional Director and Lisa Stevens, teacher and sister-in-law of Janie Webb
- Repeat guest was Dr. Rachel Clark, principal of Kensington Elementary School and guest of Dr. Grace Faris.
- President Rose thanked all members that assisted in delivering yearbooks.
- Minutes of the October 6th meeting were approved.

Among the Report/Concerns of Members:

- Was the news of the husband of Sara Miller. Mr. Miller was ill.
- Janie Webb has a list of Beginning Teachers which she has offered to share so that members could send letters of encouragement. She asked interested members to meet afterward to take Beginning Teacher Gift Cards to their respective schools. The cards are accompanied by the name of the principal, school, having the cards taken to present at a faculty meeting. Further, she said that there were sufficient funds to another gift card.
- Two names of teachers have been sent in for the Leadership Conference in June.
- Sylvia Little-Sweat donated her CD of poetry and original music to all Alpha Zeta Sisters. The art work on the CD was done by Sylvia mother, who studied under our Alpha Zeta sister artist, Dr. Louise Napier. The concept of the CD was "How Home Changes Throughout Life."

-Judy Cline made copies of the Treasurer's Report available. Our current membership is 41.

-Committee Report-EDC was done by Peggy Griffin and she would make herself available for any committee members with questions after this meeting.

Old Business:

-President Rose presented five (5) remaining proposed amendments not voted upon last February. They were read aloud and voted for approval were:

1. Alpha Zeta will pay dues for Reserve members unable to attend due to physical illness or dementia.
2. Members will turn in all expense receipts to the Chapter Treasurer.
3. Floral and card policies for specified events including the hospitalization of a member, member's spouse, or specified relative of a member.
4. Updated history of the chapter at the end of president's term will be filed to pass on to the next president.
5. Any DKG pin received by Alpha Zeta due to a member's resignation, or delivered by the family of a deceased member will be sold to a member who lost her pin, or given to a new member.

-Sylvia Little-Sweat shared that she had the old handbook of her previous DKG Teacher and suggested that such personal effects be donated and kept safe.

New Business:

Tommie Wall distributed recruitment forms available to members to fill out regarding prospective members and asked that they be mailed back to her by January 25, 2013.

-President Rose propped putting an ad in the Eta State Convention Book in honor of Margaret Phillips, our own Alpha Zeta Charter Member, and now 98 years of age. The membership approved a full page for one hundred and fifty dollars. Joyce Reed will be asked to obtain a photograph, and Frankie Ritch was recommended to write the text, using collected clippings in Ms. Phillip's possession.

-Dates to Remember-January 12 and January 27-Play Bunco at the home of Mercedes Cass from 2:00 to 4:00pm.

-February 2nd Meeting will be held at Stone Table Catering in the Shops at Nottingham in Monroe.

-Program-Grant-in-Aid Auction was lively and successful in funding our scholarships. Peggy Harris and Grace Faris served as our auctioneers.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Hilder

From the President's Corner

It is hard to believe that we're a month into the New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas season and that the New Year brings an abundance of blessings and pleasures.

Many exciting events are coming up in the next few months. Please carefully read the important dates in this newsletter and mark your calendars. The State Convention in April is the "biggie" of course. Alpha Zeta chapter is responsible for hosting the Sunday brunch, and we're very fortunate to have Diane Maye's expertise in decorating the tables. I've promised Diane we'll do all we can to help her.

The AZ Executive Board met Jan. 19th and made decisions requiring our attention. Some are in this newsletter and others will be discussed at our general meeting on Feb 2nd.

The Grant-in Aid Auction, at the December meeting, was very successful. I think we made around \$1700.00. Thanks again to all who participated in this worthy project. I hope to see everyone Feb.2nd where we will elect new members to DKG/AZ

Helen

Convention Update

Silent Auction Baskets: Each chapter in Region VIII is asked to do a theme basket which will be auctioned at the State Convention. Our AZ Board chose the theme: "Gardening in the Back Yard". In lieu of everyone bringing items for the basket, we are asking all members to donate at least \$5.00 to buy items for the basket. Diane Maye has graciously volunteered to make this basket for us. This way she can better coordinate size, shape, etc., of items going into the basket. Please bring your donation to the Feb. meeting or mail it to Judy Cline, Treasurer.

Items for Convention Attendees Hospitality Bags

Please continue to collect items (pens, pencils, keychains, candy, nail files, note pads, magnets, anything the business community gives away) for the goodie bags.

Upcoming Events

February 2, 2013 Alpha Zeta Chapter Meeting

February 27, 2013 Coordinating Council

February 2, 2013 – AZ Meeting

April 6, 2013 – AZ Meeting

April 20, 2013--Initiation Joint Luncheon

April 26-28 – Eta State Convention Charlotte, NC

June 20-23, 2013 – Leadership Development Seminars
William Peace University Raleigh, NC

July 10-13 – Southeast Regional Convention Kissimmee, FL

Happy Birthday



February 10 Taura Napier
14 Addie Laney
27 April Dawkins

March 12 LaRue Perry
23 Joyce Reed
26 Phyllis Medlin
27 Amee Odom
30 Joy Hilder

April 2 Kim Warr
15 Beverly Christopher
24 Louise Napier
30 Frances Davis

