

Delta Kappa Gamma
From A to
Z

***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: October 5, 2013

Huntersville Group: Joe Gibbs, former Super Bowl winning coach of the Washington Redskins, is now the owner of a successful NASCAR racing team. We will meet in his very impressive headquarters in the Huntersville Business Park.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-77 North to Exit 23. Turn left onto Gilead Road back over I-77. Go past the hospital on the left and take the first left turn and go till it dead-ends with a building in front with many flags. Turn right at the dead-end and stay on that street until you see The Gibbs Building on the right.

For those with GPS systems, the address is 13415 Reese Blvd. West, Huntersville, NC 28078.

Please RSVP to Judy Cline if you ARE coming: 704-785-8027 or new e-mail address: jblcline@gmail.com.

Also, don't forget . . .

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

Delta Kappa Gamma/Alpha Zeta Dues

*\$76.00 for active members
\$43.00 for reserve members*

Dues must be paid by October 15, 2013. Judy will accept dues at Oct. 5th meeting or mail your check to: *Judy Cline, Alpha Zeta Treasurer
5215 Club View Drive
Concord, NC 28025*

Please Make check payable to: Alpha Zeta

Important

The Winter Edition of **Eta State News** will be the first electronic distribution in the transition to an electronic newsletter only. Watch for the Winter Edition to be available on the website the first week of November. The only difference is there will no longer be a delivery to your postal mailbox. If you do not have internet access, we will try to make arrangements for you to receive the editions. If you have suggestion for how we can get these editions out efficiently to our members without internet access, please share your idea at our meeting.

Alpha Zeta's Website

Go to: alphazetanc.weebly.com to view the Alpha Zeta Website. Deb Christensen and April Dawkins have done a great job and will be adding information to the site, so check it often. Give them a big hug and 'thank you' when you see them.

Spotlighting our Newest AZ Sisters



Left to right: New AZ members Manetta Lathan, Rachel Clark, and Lisa Stephens with AZ President Helen Rose

Rachel Clarke

Rachel started teaching instrumental music in 1993. She had the opportunity to teach in Rock Hill, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, and Union County School Districts as a band director, until she was given the opportunity to become an assistant principal at Benton Heights Elementary School. She is currently the principal at Kensington Elementary School, a wonderful school that she had the privilege of opening in 2005. She is married to David, who also works for UCPS, and they have one son who is currently a sophomore at Cuthbertson High School. Rachel enjoys traveling, running, and reading. Rachel says she is very excited about the new friendships and connections she will make through DKG.

Manetta Latham

Manetta entered the teaching field in 1970 after college with the inspiration of two parents who were in education. Her first love was history; therefore, she majored in history at St. Andrews College. With an inspiration to go further, she received her masters' degree in elementary education and reading. After being a reading specialist for thirteen years, she yearned to make a difference in the classroom. She began teaching at Charlotte Latin School in fourth grade. To enhance her teaching specialties of social studies and reading, she has traveled to twenty-five countries to make teaching more interesting for her students. Through the study of teaching reading and social studies, she has always emphasized character education. Reading, travel, nature through hiking and biking, and being with her friends and family are her loves. Her husband, Dave and she have one daughter, Krista, and her husband Reed Mockaitis. They have one granddaughter, Eva Marie.

Lisa Stephens

Lisa graduated from UNC-Charlotte with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. She is now in her eighteenth year of teaching. She graduated with a double Masters in School Administration and Curriculum and Instruction (K-12) from UNC-Charlotte in May of 2013. Lisa enjoys traveling and crafting during her free time. She has been married to her husband, Kevin, for twenty-three years and they have a twenty year old daughter. Her daughter is currently studying Middle Grade Education with majors in Math and Language Arts, at UNC-Charlotte.

*Please look for the special nametags these newest AZ Sisters and please warmly welcome to our chapter.

Thanks!

Tommie T. Wall, Chairperson for Membership

Convention Photos



Diane Maye with the table décor for the brunch at Convention.



Queen Charlotte and Miss North Carolina at Convention

Bright Blessings

Bright Blessings: We will continue with our Bright Blessings community outreach project this year. Bright Blessings is an organization in Matthews serving homeless children in the Charlotte Region. Find more information on their website, www.brightblessingsusa.org

Suggested Girl Items:

- bath/beauty aids, nail polish, purses & tote bags
- jewelry, hair/fashion accessories, stationery sets
- writing journals, diaries, art/craft sets
- Target, Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree gift card

Suggested Boy Items:

- youth-size football, sports cinch sacks/drawstring
- bags, hand-held electronic games, card games
- checkers/ chess games, teen hygiene gift sets
- Target, Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree gift cards

April Meeting Minutes

Delta Kappa Gamma International Organization
Alpha Zeta Chapter-April 6, 2013

Our meeting was called to order by our president, Helen Rose at 10:25 am. Inspirational thoughts were given by Dr. Grace Faris with “Thirty Thoughts by Dr. Seuss” and “We Pray for Children” by Ina Hughes.

The February minutes were approved after a motion and second to accept them. The minutes were unanimously approved by all present.

The treasurer’s report was given by Judy Cline and copies were distributed to each table. Judy announced that she was still collecting money for the arrangements that Diane Maye will be creating for the Eta State Convention. A basket was passed for any donations.

Helen announced that Delta Kappa has set up an emergency fund for members who have emergencies-suggestion for collecting loose change, etc. money then sent to International (900,000 members worldwide). Money was collected during the meeting for this international project. Diane spoke of the garden arrangement and invited members to meet at her house to assist with the arrangements and getting them to the convention. (Needed a hostess and be there at 7:30 AM-inform Helen is you plan to be there-had around 8-10 to volunteer). Helen asks for a chapter member to carry the flag. Mercedes volunteered to carry the flag.

Committee Reports:

Old Business/New Business:

- Project –“Bright Blessings”-This is an organization that works with homeless students-bring any items and we will taking them to the convention.
- Goodie Bags-will is given at the convention.
- Bags will be different at the convention, but items can be varied since they will be over 350 bags.
- Peggy Griffin needs to know what each committee is doing. Please give her input what your committee is doing. Please plan to discuss what committee is doing at the October meeting. Your committee assignment is on pages 14 and 15 of your chapter handbook.
- Membership Committee-Tommie Wall reported that orientation will be held on April 14th for the three new members. Their joint initiation will be on Saturday,

April 20. Tommie emphasized we want to encourage active membership from new members.

- Helen Rose stated that attending a state convention will change your outlook on Delta Kappa. If possible, try to attend one.
- Helen mentioned the “thank you” note from the Eleanor Puckett family. (Deadline for submitting death notices in Eta State News-was February 1st-Eleanor died on February 16th).
- Helen reminded everyone that Miss North Carolina will open the state convention on Friday night.
- Tommie led the group inside for an informational meeting and tour of the Museum of the Waxhaws.
- A short presentation was led by Cathy Wright, hostess, Tommie Wall and Waxhaw Alpha Zeta Members.
- After the presentation, each Alpha Zeta member was encouraged to tour the museum, courtesy of Tommie Wall’s invitations for free touring.
- Prior to adjournment, Helen led the group with the Delta Kappa Gamma Song. Motions made and seconded to adjourn. Tour completed the meeting.

Attendance: 19

Respectfully submitted,

Frances T. Davis for Joy Hilder

From the President’s Corner

It is hard to believe that we are beginning our second year in this biennium. I must say I have truly enjoyed this past year and have appreciated your support and willingness to serve when asked. You exemplify our State President Pat Taylor’s theme: **Together, We are Stronger – Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating**. I look forward to our upcoming year together as we face challenges and celebrate our successes. We are off to a good start with three new talented and lovely members, Dr. Rachel Clark, Manetta Latham, and Lisa Stephens, who are highlighted in this Newsletter.

My August letter gave you some brief highlights of the Eta State Convention and Alpha Zeta’s participation. The Summer and Fall editions of the ETA DATA and ETA STATE NEWS have more detail with pictures about the April Joint Luncheon, the State Convention, the Leadership Conference in Raleigh where Alpha Zeta sponsored two beginning teachers, and the Southeastern Regional Conference. Please read these editions. You will be inspired and challenged not only by our state leaders but also by the accomplishments of all our DKG Sisters across NC.

Our AZ Executive Board met in June and I attended the Eta State Board Meeting at Elon on Sept. 14th. We certainly need to have ‘all hands on deck’ as we work, celebrate, and collaborate together to promote membership, develop leadership, and recommit

ourselves to the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma Society. The vision statement adopted by the 2013 Eta State Convention is: “**Voices of Influences Empowering NC Women Educators**”. Our new Eta State President, Pat Taylor, has charged us to place membership, leadership, and genuine spiritual fellowship as the three goals for her biennium (2013-2015). We can do this!

I look forward to seeing you on Oct.5, 2013.

Helen Rose, President of Alpha Zeta

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Upcoming Events

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| October 5 | Alpha Zeta Meeting in Huntersville |
| October 10 | Eta State News deadline. Send news to suebetata@comporium.net . |
| October 15 | Look for next Eta Data issue |
| October 15 | Deadline for Paying DKG/AZ dues to Judy Cline |
| November 15 | Deadline to submit an application for a \$1,00 Education Foundation Grant award (see www.dkgef.org) |
| December 7 | Christmas Auction for Grant-In-Aid @ Stonetable Restaurant in Monroe |
| January TBA | 2014 Alpha Zeta Executive Board Meeting |
| February 1 | Biennial Reports due |
| February 1 | Scholarship Applications due to both Eta State and DKG International
http://www.dkg.org/sites/default/files/files-for-download/2013-2014%20scholarship%20Application%20Interactive.pdf (note: form says 2013 but is for 2014) |
| February 1 | Alpha Zeta Meeting Marshville Wingate Group |
| April 5 | Alpha Zeta Meeting Monroe Group |
| April 12 | Joint Initiation Luncheon @ Aldersgate Methodist Retirement Center in Charlotte |
| April 25-27 | Eta State Convention , Greenville Hilton, Greenville, NC |

Happy Birthday



Salute to DKG's 84th Birthday on May 11, 2013 (May 11, 1929)

October

1 Wanda Allen
1 Margaret Phillips
13 Diana Sweezy
28 Nancy Baucom

November

5 Janie Webb
7 Grace Faris
7 Gwendolyn Sinclair
9 Deborah Christensen
12 Tommi Wall
27 Peggy Griffin
28 Jany Clawson

December

4 Helen Rose

January

10 Virginia Griffin
13 Peggy Harris
23 Katie Perry

Newsletter Information

If you have items for the newsletter, please e-mail them to Kim Warr at Kim_warr@yahoo.com.

