



# Alpha Delta News

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**85 Years and Beyond Advancing Key Women Educators for Life**

## From the President

### Holiday Greetings!



Thanksgiving has become my favorite holiday as I have grown older. I value the time spent with family and the slower pace of Thanksgiving is more appealing. There are so many things I have to be thankful for this year. I was able to spend the time with my father and stepmother in California as well as visit with a beloved first cousin. As my father is quickly approaching eighty, it is so important to me to be able to spend time with him. I am happy this election season is over and, while many are saddened by the results, I try to remember how grateful I am to live in a country that provides me with a voice and the opportunity to vote at all. There are so many places in the world that do not give rights to their citizens or to women. How grateful I am to live here in America. I am thankful for my family, friends, and my church but, also for the leadership opportunities I have been given through my job and groups like Delta Kappa Gamma.

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**President's Column Continued**

Thank you for your faith in me.

Christmas is just around the corner and I hope each of us will be able to take the opportunity to look beyond the trappings to embrace the spirit of giving. Christmas embodies in the birth of Christ. We have so many opportunities to help others, whether through the Salvation Army, our churches, schools and more.

I know many of you are actively helping others during this season as you each have causes that are near and dear to your heart. It was exciting to see that Bethlehem United Methodist Church held a fundraiser for The Literacy Project a couple of weeks ago. Don't forget we need to take the opportunity next week to bring auction items to our meeting to raise money for our grant-in-aid fund. If you are unable to attend, consider sending a donation to Sharon Vaughn as soon as possible.

I would also ask each of you to consider those around you carefully. Perhaps you know someone who would make a wonderful addition to our chapter. The membership committee would love to have some new member recommendations; people with a passion for education, strong leadership qualities, and a willingness to be active members of our society. If you have someone in mind, please share that information with Debbie Russell.

I look forward to seeing each of you on December 2nd.

Sincerely,

Catherine Massengale

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**December Meeting**

Our December Alpha Delta Chapter meeting of DKG will be Friday, December 2, 2016. We will meet at First Baptist Church in Eden. The address is 511 Greenwood St. Please bring something for dinner and an item or items for the scholarship auction. We hope to have a good attendance at this fun time together.

Directions: From King's Highway or Washington Street:

1. Turn onto Boone Street between Scottie's and Family Video
2. Take first right onto Reeves Street at the Public Library Outreach Building. The church will straight ahead on a hill.

**Hostesses**

Carla Rierson, Chair

Cathy Fleming

Maruerite Holt

Carolyn Lester

Catherine Massengale



## From the Leadership Committee

### Salvation Army Needs

There continues to be a need for help with Salvation Army projects in our county. Particularly now we need help with Christmas. See the list below and let me know via email (smthompson507679@gmail.com) if you can help with any of these. I can bring angels for adoption to the December meeting.



Belling-ringing (Call Paula at 336-349-4923, Ext. 102)

Angel Adoption (let me know)

Toy Shop help (Eden, Dec. 13, 16; R'ville. Dec. 9, 10, 12, 14, 15 - let me know)

New or gently used bath towels for those homeless folks who use the shower at the Corps in Eden (bring to December meeting)

*Any of this participation earns you points.*

## World Fellowship

World Fellowship provides monetary awards to women from around the world to study in the United States. In the next week or two, International will be announcing the 2016-2017 World Fellowship recipients. Let's hope one will be attending one of our fine NC universities.

Over 900 women from 120 countries have received awards from World Fellowship. Learn more about World Fellowship, its history, ideas for supporting recipients, and how you can donate on the committee page on the DKG website.



## Alpha Delta Birthdays

### January

Jennifer Jones - 5

Debbie Russell - 9

Martha Davis - 16

Teresa Price - 23

Lynne Haynes - 27

### February

Vanessa Richmond -

Graves - 6

Hilda Purgason - 24

### March

Cathy Fleming - 4

## Alpha Delta Book Corner

Members have recommended these books for your consideration:

Sharon Vaughan - [The Midwife of Hope River](#) by Patricia Harman and [Remembering Christmas](#) by Dan Walsh.

Donna Rawlins - [Two by Two](#) by Nicholas Sparks and [China Dolls](#) by Lisa See.

**Happy Birthday**

## Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

## Alpha Delta Chapter

October 7, 2016 Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met October 7, 2016 at Calvary Baptist Church, Reidsville, NC. Twenty-three members attended. Hostesses were Donna Rawlins, chair; Jennifer Jones, Megan Robertson, and Rachel Scott. President Catherine Massengale welcomed everyone. Debbie Russell presented President Massengale with the Alpha Delta President's pin. President Massengale thanked Russell for serving two terms as chapter president and gifted her with a bracelet featuring the DKG rose.

Membership Committee members Debbie Russell and Paige McCargo led a Remembrance ceremony in memory of Mary Hux (August 30, 2016). Mary's many contributions were highlighted along with the sharing of fond memories.

Following dinner the Educational Excellence Committee chaired by Wanda Smith was in charge of the program. Speaker Dee Martin of the Rockingham County Literacy Project shared the history and current agenda for the agency. A Vera Bradley wallet was raffled which allowed the chapter to donate \$77.00 to the Literacy Project. Donna Rawlins won the raffle. Following the program Wanda Smith lead the chapter members in a get acquainted activity.

The business meeting was called to order by President Massengale. The minutes were approved. The treasurer's report stated a balance of \$7335.25 and the Grant-In-Aid \$3060.05. Treasurer Sharon Vaughn transferred \$50 to the Grant-In-Aid fund in memory of Mary Hux. Vanessa Richmond-Graves requested reserve status membership. Pam Page Starr transferred her membership to the Rocky Mount chapter.

Committee Reports

The Finance Committee written report of the treasury audit was submitted by Carol Holcomb. It commended Treasurer Sharon Vaughn on an excellent job of maintaining the chapter financial records. The committee recommendations are that those seeking reimbursement from chapter funds to continue to provide written requests and receipts to the treasurer. In addition, forms for honorariums and invoices for meals should continue to be presented to the treasurer for each meeting.

Social Committee- Sandra Dickens thanked the hostesses and announced the December meeting will be at First Baptist Church in Eden.

Beginning Teacher Grant of \$150 was awarded to Angela Boggs.

Leadership - Susan Thompson reminded members to keep up with their volunteer activities for earning points.

Membership – Debbie Russell reported that the committee members met and wrote personal notes to former members encouraging them to rejoin the chapter. Prospect cards for recruiting new members are due to Debbie in December.

Scholarship – Patsy Snyder presented the committee recommendation in the form of a motion that the 5<sup>th</sup> criteria of financial need be added to the Grant-In-Aid application. Carolyn Lester seconded and all were in favor.

New Business

President Massengale requested volunteers to serve on a committee with her to align the chapter rules with the new international constitution rules. Wanda Smith and Rachel Scott volunteered.

The meeting concluded with a memorial reading for Mary Hux.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeryl Rice Secretary

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**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA****TREASURER'S REPORT**

October 7 - December 2, 2016

<b>OPENING BALANCE: October 7, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 7,335.25</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 3,133.00</b>
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$10,468.25</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 2,752.47</b>
<b>BALANCE: December 2, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 7,715.78</b>
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<b>GRANT-IN-AID BALANCE: October 7, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 3,060.05</b>
<b>Interest (September thru October)</b>	<b>50.51</b>
<b>GRANT-IN-AID BALANCE: December 2, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 3,110.56</b>

**Eta State NC President****Shelia Groves****Something to Think about...**

Fall is finally here! In NC that's the time for leaf-watching, football games, and homecomings. It's a time when we show our pride in favorite teams and enjoy gathering with family and friends. As DKG members we might also think of it as a time to share our pride in an organization that honors outstanding women educators and promotes excellence in education around the world. DKG Pride – It inspires us to get involved in projects that support the wellbeing of and encourages us to do more. It energizes us! Pride in the Society is fostered in our chapters through:

1. Highlighting our rich history and traditions
2. Celebrating the successes of our projects and achievements of our members.
3. Sharing chapter work with all members through committee opportunities



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4. Planning projects that make a difference in the communities where we live.
5. Presenting programs that keep members informed and engaged.

As members of DKG we can promote pride through our words -positive voices supporting early educational issues, and encouraging voices motivating women in leadership roles. And we can promote pride through our actions - participating in chapter events, volunteering for assignments and informing others about our DKG mission.

We **are** proud to be DKG! How will we show it this year?

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## “Look beneath the surface,” warns the Ed Law & Policy Committee

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

*Even though voting is now over, this article is very informative and explains the answers to some of our lingering questions. ~ editor*

There are quite a few claims being made in political ads lately that should be viewed with a skeptical eye. Consider these things when you vote this fall.

**#1. “NC is giving its teachers the greatest salary increase of any state in the nation.”** This is only true because the “average” increase of 4.7% (which is more than many on the salary schedule will be getting this year) comes on the heels of a 0% increase last year. Other states have increased salaries steadily and therefore do not have to initiate larger increases. Think about what salary increases there have been in the last four years, not just during this election year.

**#2. “NC is spending more money on education than ever before.”** Dollar-wise this is true, but remember: NC is one of the fastest-growing states in the nation. Between 2010 and 2020, NC’s school population is projected to increase 11%. Even though we are spending more dollars than ever, our per-pupil expenditure rate is falling, leaving us at the bottom of all southeastern states and in the bottom five nationwide. Currently, NC is spending 40 to 50% less for instructional technology and instructional materials than it did before the 2008 recession. There are also far fewer teaching assistants than pre-recession numbers as well.

**#3. Long-time teachers in NC’s classrooms are shocked to hear that “The average teacher in NC now earns \$50,000 a year.”** To come up with this figure, the proponents of this claim assume that all 2015-2016 teachers will stay in their positions, and none will retire and be replaced by a younger teacher earning significantly less. They also include in their calculations the Wake County local salary supplement (not financed by the state), one of the three most generous local supplements in the state, as part of the compensation package.

Certainly most teachers are not so fortunate to receive such a large local supplement, and some receive no supplement at all. In addition, it is seldom mentioned that two years ago legislators took teachers’ Longevity Pay, which rewards employees for staying with the state, and folded it into the teacher salary schedule and called it a raise. Now all other school employees

and state employees receive this reward, but teachers do not.

Let us put things in perspective. Average teachers in NC do not really earn \$50K, but even if they did, that still puts them 41st in the nation, about \$10,000 less than what the nation’s average teacher is paid. Also, many other professions requiring a four-year college degree and specific professional licensure often start at higher levels of pay and can expect to

### Convention Dates

April 28-30, 2017 - Eta State Convention, Hilton  
Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington, NC  
(Region IV)

June 23-25, 2017 - Eta State NC Leadership  
Development Seminar, Caraway Conference  
Center, Asheboro, NC

July 19-22, 2017 - Southeast Regional Conference,  
Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center,  
Myrtle Beach, SC

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

## Hotel Registration Open for Eta State Convention

Hotel registration for the 2017 Eta State Convention is open! For the last few years, the convention hotel was filled before the deadline, so book early.

The Hilton Wilmington Riverside will be the site of the convention April 28-30, 2016. Make your reservations soon.



## Scenes From Our October Meeting



Past President Debbie Russell receiving a gift of appreciation for her two terms of service as Alpha Delta President....a silver bracelet with a rose.



Our guest speaker, Dee Martin, of the Rockingham County Literacy Project.



**Service of Remembrance for Mary Hux.**

(l-r) Debbie Russell, Carolyn Lester, and Paige McCargo



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