



# Alpha Delta News

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## Teachers as Leaders

Together, We are Stronger, Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating  
85 Years and Beyond Advancing Key Women Educators for Life

## From Our President

Dear Alpha Delta Sisters,

Perhaps you have heard it said, "Educate a woman and you educate a family," or alternately, "Educate women and you educate a nation." As key women educators, members of Delta Kappa Gamma have a special role to fulfill. Some of us in our chapter attended all-female institutions that focused particularly on educating young women for leadership in their homes, their local communities, the workplace, and in broader society. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to attend Meredith College in Raleigh, where all the women on campus were nurtured in what seemed like a family and encouraged to live a life of purpose. But I couldn't have enrolled there without some very substantial help from scholarships. Many people contributed to making my education possible and I am grateful.

Sometimes it can be overwhelming when we

hear the news of how many young women and girls around the world are denied even a minimal education and, in fact, have to live under constant threats and danger. Even in a season when we sing of peace on earth, it seems there is really nothing we can do to help. Yet, there are glimmers of hope.

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*From Our President continued.*

The brave young education activist Malala Yousafzai, the co-winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize, comes to mind. Through her amazing example, she and others working in a foundation named for her emphasize that young positive change can take place starting by giving girls access to a quality education in their own communities. Women of Delta Kappa Gamma in the U.S. and in countries around the world have a similar mission.

Our meetings on the first Friday night of December each year have become for me the beginning of the holiday season. It is true that sometimes I have to run into the get-together a little late because of teaching responsibilities or family obligations, but I have rarely missed an auction since I became a DKG member in 1991. It is a holiday event, but also one that fits perfectly with the

goals of our society to promote education both at home and far across the globe. It is in keeping with the spirit of the season that much of the money raised goes to fund our scholarship for a young woman from our area. So through our very successful auction and scholarship, let's help educate a young woman who will in her own community then educate many, many others in her career!

Happy Holidays!

Debbie

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## December Meeting

The Alpha Delta Chapter will have their annual Christmas meeting on December 5, 2014 at the home of Brenda Atkins at 317 Highland Drive in Eden. The social time will begin at 5:30 PM and dinner will be at 6:00 PM. Following the meal and a brief business meeting, members will enjoy our annual Christmas auction which benefits our scholarship fund. Members are encouraged to bring items for the auction and be ready for some great fun.



## Directions to Brenda's House

### From downtown Eden, Madison/Stoneville/Caswell areas:

Look for the Fair Funeral Home on Boone Road.

At the stoplight turn on Glovenia Street beside Fair Funeral Home

Proceed to stop sign at Highland Drive

Make an immediate turn on the right.

Brenda's house is a tall white house with green shutters and a circle driveway

### From Reidsville:

From High 14 turn left on King's Highway

Continue down the hill; look for the overpass

Turn left on to Highland Park Drive just before the overpass

Take an immediate right and cross over the overpass

Look for Leaksville-Spray Elementary School

Brenda's home is the fourth house on the left from the school.

## Times of Interest

5:15 PM

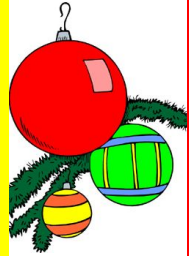
Executive Council

5:30 PM

Social Hour

6:00 PM

Dinner



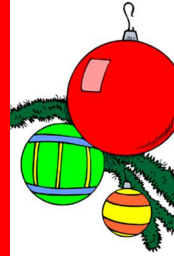
## December Hostesses

Debbie Russell, Chair

Barbara Smith

Marguerite Holt

Carolyn Lester



## Menu

Delicious finger foods  
Shared by our members.

Yummy!!!

## Annual Auction: Fun Fundraiser for Worthy Causes

Carol Holcomb, Finance Chair and Patsy Snyder, Scholarship/Grant-in-Aid Chair

For almost twenty-five years, Alpha Delta has held its auction at the December meeting. Beginning in 1990, this event was originally held every other year. The money raised from the mostly homemade and/or handcrafted items provided funds for the grant-in-aid (scholarship) and chapter expenses, specifically the state convention. The late Peggy Phillips was the first auctioneer, and she entertained delightfully as she performed her duties and encouraged members to spend their money for a worthy cause.

Over the years, the chapter has seen a need to raise more money as members have become more active at the regional and state levels, the chapter has implemented and participated in more projects, and the local grant-in-aid has increased and has become an annual award. Thus, the auction is now an annual occurrence and is the only fundraiser for the chapter.

Rachel Scott now has the official duty of auctioneer, and she delivers the same spunk and spontaneity as her predecessor. Rachel's mystery box, the last item to be auctioned, always invokes a last punch of humor as the winner of the bid must open the box in front of the group. The items always provide an element of surprise.

Once again our December auction will be held at the home of Brenda Atkins who has graciously hosted the event for many years. After a brief business meeting and a dinner of delicious finger foods, the auction will begin in a setting fully decorated for the

holidays. The festive setting is the perfect venue for the lively, spirited evening, and the chapter is most appreciative for the generosity of Brenda and her family.

As always, members are encouraged to bring homemade or handcrafted items as well as other unique items and to participate in this chapter project. However, for those who will miss the opportunity to bid and shop for the many "one-of-a-kind" items, a donation will be gratefully accepted. Donations may be mailed to Sharon Vaughan, 170 McEdward Hills Dr., Reidsville, NC 27320.

This year's auction promises to be another night of fun and fellowship. Let's support our chapter's financial commitments and make this a record-breaking year —join us for an extraordinary evening of entertainment and benevolence. What better way to kickoff the holiday season than to spend time with our Delta Kappa Gamma sisters.



## Alpha Delta Book Corner

Donna Rawlins— “You never know what you are going to find me reading on my NOOK. In the younger years of my life, I was so hooked on romance novels. If there was a handsome guy and a swooning young woman on the cover, I probably read it. Now my reading is really eclectic. (That almost describes me except eccentric fits better.) I read a book the other week called “Dead Mountain: The Untold True Story of the Dyatlov Pass Incident” by Donnie Eichar. It is a story about nine experienced hikers that mysteriously go missing and die in the Ural mountains of Russia in 1959. Even though I struggled with the names, finally calling all of them George, I must say it was an intriguing read. I saw a blurb about this incident on TV and had to search it out. Now I am reading a book by Bill Bryson, one of my husband’s favorite writers. “At Home: A Short History of Private Life” is an in depth look at the different rooms of a house and how they came to be. Living in an old church parsonage in England, Bryson became interested in the different rooms. He examines each room, explains the décor, the history, the servants who worked there, etc. It is quite entertaining. After this read, I will probably find me a fluffy little book to read that will not necessitate many brain cells.



The selection this year is “the Invention of Wings. Please note this correction. Donna

## Happy Birthday

### January

Jennifer Jones- 5

Debbie Russell- 7

Martha Davis- 10

Deborah Crumpton- 22

Lynne Haynes- 27

### February

Vanessa Richmond - Graves - 6

Hilda Purgason - 24

### March

Cathy Fleming - 4

Ginny Sharrow - 21

*A birthday is just the first day of another 365-day journey around the sun. Joy the trip. ~ Author Unknown*



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Delta Kappa Gamma Society  
Alpha Delta Chapter  
October 3, 2014 Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society met October 3, 2014 at the 912 Bethlehem restaurant in Eden, NC. Hostesses were Kay Diehl, chair; Angela Southard, and Karen Wakelee. Twenty-eight members attended with three guests.

Following dinner, the program was given by Eta State President Patricia Taylor. She was accompanied by Tobey Worthington, the President of Mu Chapter. President Taylor went over society themes for 2014-15. The program included the video presentation "Eta State Celebrates Eighty." North Carolina was the 7<sup>th</sup> state to organize. Thus DKG National headquarters assigned NC the 7<sup>th</sup> letter of the Greek alphabet which is Eta. The program concluded with President Taylor singing "Top of the Mountain" by Gwen Yocom.

President Debbie Russell conducted the business meeting. The minutes were approved. Secretary Jeryl Rice read a letter of resignation from Anna Pruitt. The chapter accepted the resignation with regrets. Treasurer Sharon Vaughn reported a balance of \$9,584.09. The Grant in Aid balance is \$3,147.57. Second Vice President Catherine Massengale distributed the handbook inserts. A correction for the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting date should be December 5<sup>th</sup>.

The President's Report and Report of the Executive Board :

Gift presented to Teresa Price upon her return to Alpha Delta Chapter

Report on the Elon College summer meeting

Plan to contact former Alpha Delta members and invite them to reactivate their membership

Reviewed the new biennium committee assignments and meeting sites

Suggestion for organizing an Alpha Delta group to attend the Southeast Regional in Savannah, Georgia

July 2015

Committee Reports:

Education Law and Policy: Wanda Smith requests that members notify her when they contact legislators on issues in order to recognize the chapter's involvement.

Finance: Carol Holcomb presented the 2014-15 chapter budget. Her motion to accept the budget was seconded by Carolyn Lester.

Communications: Donna Rawlins requests book reads for the Newsletter.

Social: Sandra Dickens thanked the chapter callers and the people who assisted in arranging venues.

Grant in Aid/Scholarship: Patsy Synder read a thank you note from Sarah Bowen, last year's scholarship recipient. Patsy is contacting past recipients for information on their teaching careers. Scholarship application forms were sent to the high schools this month and are due in February.

Leadership Development: Kay Diehl and Susan Thompson presented a list of suggested activities for members. October's project featured financially assisting Alpha Delta members who are currently in the classroom. Members contributed gift cards and money.

New Business: Eta State information was distributed on the "100 Challenge" for the Educational Foundation. Each region in Eta State is challenged to get 100 pledges of \$10 each.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Jeryl Rice

## Treasurer's Report

Corrected Balance October 3, 2014	\$9,583.26
Income	1,566.98
Total Balance	11,144.24
Expenses	3,315.58
Balance December 5, 2014	\$ 7,828.66
Grant-In-Aid Balance December 5, 2014	\$3,151.58

## Get Connected

The bimonthly newsletter from the International Communications Committee, formerly called *Strengthening the Buzz*, has been renamed and revamped as *Get Connected!* You can find it at <https://www.dkg.org/content/get-connected-novdec-2014>. It has articles for all members.

## Convention Dates

**April 24-26, 2015** - Eta State Convention, Chapel Hill Sheraton, Chapel Hill (Region V)

**June 17-20, 2015** - Eta State Leadership Development Seminar, Raleigh, NC

**July 15-18, 2015** - Southeast Regional Conference, West Harbor Resort, Savannah, GA

**April 22 -24, 2016** - Eta State Convention, Winston Salem, NC (Region IX)

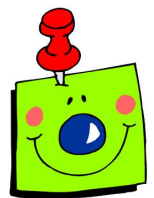
## LEROY (Leadership Experiences Relevant to Others and Yourself)



I have been reading about the seasons of the year, the seasons of life and the seasons of leadership from a book by Jeff Iorg. The title of the book is *Seasons in a Leader's Life*. He describes these three seasons in a leader's life: Learning (passion); Leading (advancing a mission); and Leaving (her legacy--the wisdom). Leroy the Leadership Guy

## 2015 Convention Update

Plans for the 2015 Eta State Convention, to be held in Chapel Hill, April 24-26, 2015, are moving right along.



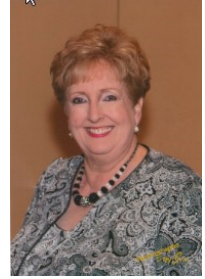
Pre-conference speaker will be past Eta State Founders Award recipient, Jo Ann Norris, whose topic will be "Leadership Matters."

The Beginning Teacher Support Committee is encouraging each chapter to bring one beginning teacher to the convention.

Watch for more information and the registration form in the Spring issue of *Eta State News*.



## A Message From President Pat



Editor's Note: *Our newsletter doesn't always coincide with President Pat's message date wise, but her words are always worthy of passing along.*

*One of my favorite songs during the Thanksgiving holidays is "Simple Gifts." My favorite part in the song are the words: "...And when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight." How true. It seems I am happiest when I am in a place "just right." Is it the same way for you?*

*The international Educational Excellence Committee met recently to brainstorm ideas of how Delta Kappa Gamma can work together to "empower women" in the Society. What are ways we work together in Eta State to empower women; to empower each other?*

*In Eta State, we have many who are there to help us to walk in the "valley of love and delight;" to "empower us." Our state leaders are there and know the challenges we face each day as teacher leaders. Our state leaders are there to promote, support, value us, and help us succeed. Have you invited a current state leader and/or a past Eta State President to visit your chapter meeting this year?*

*Our international leaders give us perspectives from a "worldwide view." "Have you found DKG (and/or Eta State) on Facebook to connect with other members around the globe? If you tweet about chapter events, remember to use the hashtag #dkgsi. DKG members can connect professionally through LinkedIn. They may 'pin' interests and ideas with Pinterest. Members, when surveyed, indicate that the personal relationships and professional connections are a valued benefit of membership. Digital and social media can be a great way to bring members from all around the world together!"*

*(from the 2014 September/October President's Page publication).*

*Dr. Lyn Schmid, our new International President, said it best when she said, "For some, DKG becomes a destination, a check off on life's to-do list... get it on my resume. For me, it remains with me as part of my journey. When I joined, I thought of it (Delta Kappa Gamma) as a group of like-minded women. But somewhere along the line, I think it clicked for me that it's more than a group of like-minded women. It is a spirit that I take with me for the rest of my life. Said in a very simple way, that's the magic of Delta Kappa Gamma." (from Dr. Schmid's acceptance speech at the 2014 International Convention).*

*We are never alone in Delta Kappa Gamma. We have seen many DKG members blessing others, lifting up others, and working to empower women educators. Together, we are stronger in Eta State when we value and support each other. Eta State is a safe place for its members; another place to call "home;" another place we feel supported and valued; another place we feel "empowered." This Thanksgiving, I am thankful for you, my Eta State sisters. Keep helping each other as we walk in*

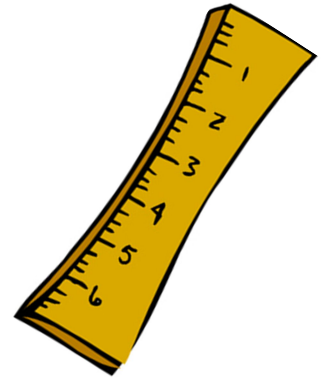


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## Chapter Yardstick Success

Some state organizations consider a number of criteria to determine successful chapters. If you cannot say “that’s my chapter” to most of these, your chapter may need some “measuring up!”

- Chapter rules have been updated within the past four years (yes)
- One or more chapter members attend state organization meetings (yes)
- President or representative attend state organization executive board meeting (yes)
- Average two new members a year for past three years (yes)
- Members participate actively in chapter/state organization projects (yes)



## International Honorary Member



photo by Jaxon White, courtesy of the Vineyard Gazette

Cora Weiss, president for The Hague Appeal for Peace, was initiated as an international honorary member in a ceremony held November 1st in Connecticut during a state organization fall conference.

Weiss also currently serves as UN Representative for the International Peace Bureau. In addition to her Nobel Peace Prize Nomination in 2000 and 2001, she has been awarded multiple awards for her work on behalf of women and children and the establishment of peace around the world. Weiss was the Co-initiator of Women’s Peace Petition to the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1997 and a member of the NGO Working Group On Women, Peace & Security.

Numerous awards to Weiss include the Peace Caucus UN Award (1999), the Aggrey Award of the Phelps Stokes Fund for her work with African students (1998), and the Leadership Award, New York City (1998). Weiss has devoted most of her adult life to the support of peace and the promotion of human rights.





## In Memoriam



### Remembering Eta State Finance Committee Chair

Lynda Tamblyn

It is with heavy hearts we learned that Lynda Tamblyn, an active Alpha Chapter member and present chair of Eta State's Finance Committee, passed away suddenly last Saturday, November 8. Lynda had served as Finance committee Chairman for four years, among other Eta State, including 2nd Vice President and Region VII director. She received Eta State's "Star of the Southeast" this past summer.

Lynda had been an active member of Alpha chapter in Greensboro since her initiation in 1981. She served two biennia as president and 12 years as treasurer, as well as chairman of many committees. The chapter recognized her with their McNairy Award for being a "doer and a giver and a friend to us all."

Lynda taught physical education, photography, and computer science for Greensboro Public Schools before retiring in 1992. She coached tennis and basketball and was selected Conference Coach of the Year eight times, and awarded a lifetime membership in the North Carolina Coaches Association, the first woman awarded this status.

Her legacy also includes many community and church activities and recognitions. She is survived by one brother and his wife, her special "adopted" Montagnard refugee family and countless friends.

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