



# Alpha Delta News

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**“Let’s Sparkle”**  
***Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide***

## From the President

### Catherine Massengale

Holiday Greetings,

I hope that you are all looking forward to our meeting next week. This meeting, for many of us, is one of our most enjoyable as we combine fundraising for our grant-in-aid/scholarship with the excitement of the Christmas season. The auction highlights the creativity of our members and shows how we truly “SPARKLE”. The amazing talents of our members seem endless as I reflect on the variety of auction items from past years, too many to list! I know that many of you have special memories of previous auction purchases.

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## Holiday Blessings to All

## From the President (cont.)

Our new members have something to look forward to that evening. The Christmas season seems to come to life for me each year on the first Friday in December. If you are unable to attend, I hope that you will remember to make a donation to our scholarship fund. In the midst of the busy Christmas season, this auction allows us to do something that will benefit someone else in such a positive way! I wish all of you the very best this Christmas and for the New Year as well!

Your Alpha Delta President,

*Catherine Massengale*

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## December Meeting

The Alpha Delta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will be held on Friday, December 1, 2017. The meeting will be held at First Baptist Church in Eden at 511 Greenwood Street.

The social hour will be at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite dishes/finger foods for our meal.

We will have our annual Christmas Auction which will benefit our Grant-In-Aid/Scholarship fund. Members are encouraged to bring items for this auction. If you are not able to attend this meeting, please consider making a donation to our scholarship fund.

As in the past, this night always is full of fun and fellowship. Word has it, that Rachel is bringing an extra special gift for the auction this year.

We look forward to seeing you all on Friday night.

## Directions to Church

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.

### From the Leadership Committee:

Don't forget to total up your points for volunteer hours to the Leadership Committee. There will be a mini-prize for the winner.

### December Meeting

#### Hostesses

Lynda Perry, chair

Deborah Crumpton

Nell Rose

Carol Summerlin

Catherine Massengale

#### International Website:

<https://.dkg.org>

#### Eta State NC Website:

[www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org)

#### Alpha Delta Website:

[www.nclphadelta.weebly.com](http://www.nclphadelta.weebly.com)

## Delta Kappa Gamma Society

## Alpha Delta Chapter

October 6, 2017 Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of DKG met October 6, 2017 at Prospect United Methodist Church, Yanceyville, NC. Hostesses were Martha Davis, Bonnie Brewer, and Susan Lassiter. Thirty-two members attended.

The chapter inducted six members with a formal initiation ceremony. The new members are Tania Martin, Sarah Jane Spencer Penn, Kasie Pruitt, Kristy Spencer, Holly Smith Williamson, and Amy Price Wilson. Following the service, dinner was served.

Dr. Tiffany Perkins, formerly an employee of the Rockingham Schools System, is currently working at the Department of Public Instruction. She presented the program on effective leadership.

President Catherine Massengale conducted the business meeting. The May minutes were approved. The emailed treasury report recorded a balance of \$9511.23 and the Grant in Aid \$3108.20.

The President encouraged members to brainstorm ways to publicize Alpha Delta's activities and individual members' leadership achievements. The DKG Educational Foundation is currently conducting a fundraiser. The Eta state President will be attending the March chapter meeting. Handbook inserts were distributed and checked for corrections.

**Committee Reports**

**Social Committee:** Sandra Dickens explained the meeting RSVP phone tree needed for the meal reservations. The December meeting will be at First Baptist Church in Eden.

**Grant in Aid:** Patsy Snyder encouraged members to bring auction items and spend largely for the Scholarship fundraiser in December.

**Leadership Development:** Susan Thompson encouraged recording volunteer hours. This committee distributed \$10 gift cards to all Alpha Delta members currently working in education.

**Educational Law and Policy:** Teresa Price distributed the meeting schedule for county governmental groups to encourage members to attend and participate. The NC law passed raising the age for juvenile records to 18.

**Beginning Teacher:** Lynne Haynes reported on the new application deadline for the Alpha Delta New Teacher Grants.

**Old Business:** Susan Lassiter reported on the scholarship gift collected from individual Alpha Delta members and given to one of the 2016 Grant in Aid applicants.

Teresa Price made the motion that Vanessa Richmond Graves and Kathryn Scott be given reserve membership status. Lynda Perry seconded the motion, followed by unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeryl Rice, Secretary

## Sheila Groves Nominated as Southeast Regional Director

Eta State NC Immediate Past President Sheila Groves has been nominated as Southeast Regional Director for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The Eta State NC Executive Board voted at their fall meeting in September to endorse Sheila



for this position. Dr. Ann Pember, president of Beta Delta, Sheila's chapter, made the motion for the endorsement. Sheila is currently serving as a member of the International Leadership Development Committee and helped conduct the trainings at the regional conferences in Hawaii and South Carolina for the new state organization presidents. She has also served on the International Constitution Committee. Election of new regional directors occurs at the DKG Interna-

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One-hour sessions will be presented Saturday afternoon, April 28. The strands of focus are DKG Society Business, Personal Growth, and Professional Growth. Deadline for submissions is January 26, 2018.

### Convention Dates

**April 27-29, 2018** - Eta State Convention, Hilton

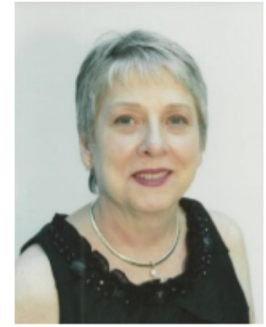
Charlotte University Place, Charlotte, NC (Region VII)

**July 26-20, 2018** - DKG International Convention, JW

Marriott, Austin, TX

## From Our Eta State President

As we approach Thanksgiving, it is time to truly reflect on the things that make us thankful. I am thankful for a country where I can worship freely, Jim, family, good friends, and for being healthy. In October, my mother turned 100 and we celebrated with over 225 people. It was a time of visiting with old and new friends! What a blessing that my mother was able to celebrate 100 years! I am so thankful!



In Delta Kappa Gamma, I am thankful for our wonderful officers, related personnel, regional directors, committee chairs, and especially our members. You sometimes give up time with your families and personal time for DKG. Without you there wouldn't be 103 chapters!! The 2017-2019 leadership team is made up of some Savvy leaders who care passionately about DKG! Collectively we are carrying out the theme Let's Sparkle!

One of the rewards of being Eta State President is visiting chapters around the state and hearing how your chapters are impacting students, teachers, and communities in North Carolina. I am grateful for the creativity and planning of the 103 chapters in Eta State.

Let us give thanks to everyone for their dedication and service as we carry out the mission and purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Let's Sparkle!

Connie Phifer Savell

Eta State NC President 2017-2019

### Let's SPARKLE!

#### Goals:

- Encourage **S**avvy leadership
- Inspire **P**assion, meaningful programs and projects
- Analyze and **A**rticulate current educational issues
- Further **R**espect for diversity in membership
- Promote **K**nowledge through lifelong learning
- Establish and **L**aunch a member wellness initiative
- Advocate **E**xcellence in education

## Break Out Leaders Needed



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## Educational Law & Policy Committee Urges Organized Action

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, Educational Law & Policy Committee

We have almost two months before the full General Assembly returns to Raleigh on Wednesday, January 10, for a special session. This is a perfect time to let every legislator know that supporters of excellent public schools in North Carolina are very concerned by last year's unfunded mandate by the General Assembly that class sizes in K – 3rd grade classrooms be lowered. While lowering K – 3 class sizes is a worthy goal, it takes money to do that. The state did not provide such funding and additionally added that school systems could not use any of their state teacher allotment funds for art, music, world languages or physical education teachers. Local school systems also do not have the capital funds needed to provide the actual extra classrooms that lower class sizes will require. Local school systems are scrambling to find ways to do everything that is required, but it is doubtful that local governments will have sufficient additional funds to provide everything mandated by the state.

The EL&P Committee urges all chapters to organize efforts to draw their legislators' attention to this conundrum faced by school systems across the entire state. Suggested actions for January 10 include emailing respective lawmakers, calling the offices of each and every legislator, visiting the General Assembly in Raleigh and meeting with Senators and Representatives,

or signing the petition on this matter provided by the Public Schools First NC organization. An Advocacy Day is being organized for January 10 and Delta Kappa Gamma should let our voice be heard.

## DKG News Has a New Look



The DKG News has a new look with the publication of the Nov/Dec 2017 issue. Issues began arriving in members' mailboxes last week.

In place of the name on the left with a preview of the news on the right, the new DKG News crosses the top. The "What's Inside" on the top left gives the preview of contents and the mission statement and a new graphic are below it. Drop caps in the related color scheme highlight the beginning of each article.

The top story this issue is the announcement of two 2018 convention speakers. Other articles of interest include President Pittman's column, DKGNext, membership news, and updates on the Emergency Fund, which has sent \$72,000 to members since the end of August this year.

## A Note from Susan Thompson

As usual, I am asking for your help in adopting angels through the Salvation Army Angel Tree program this year. If you will let me know, I can get an angel(s) to you at our December 1 meeting or I can mail you one. All Reidsville gifts need to be returned to the Barnes Street location by December 15. If you

live in the Eden area, I can get you an angel from that area. The drop-off location for Eden angels is beside the Dollar Tree store in the Peebles shopping center and the deadline for Eden is December 14. Thanks for your help. Contact me



at [smthompson507679@gmail.com](mailto:smthompson507679@gmail.com) or (336) 349-4199 and I will get you what you need.



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## Birthdays



### December

Carla Rierson - 6

Jeryl Rice - 7

Kay Diehl - 8

Kristie Spencer - 12

### January

Jennifer Jones - 5

Debbie Russell - 7

Martha Davis 10

Deborah Crumpton - 22

Tee Price - 23

Lynne Haynes - 27

### February

Vanessa Richmond Graves - 6

Hilda Purgason - 24

### Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance	\$9,511.23
Income	<u>1,525.00</u>
Total Available	7,939.23
Expenses	<u>3,096.81</u>
Ending Balance	7,939.42
Grant-In-Aid	
Opening Balance	3,108.21
Interest	<u>.51</u>
Ending Balance	3,108.72

A detailed Treasurer's Report will be mailed with newsletter.

## New Member Installation

October 2, 2017



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## Vanessa Richmond-Graves Honored

The Danville Middle Border Forward Fellow's Project, "Unique Stories of the District", showcased Vanessa "Twinkle" Richmond-Graves of Milton, NC recently. She shared her story of Milton and her unique ways of giving back to the community and being appreciative of the Danville Regional area. Mrs. Graves does extensive work in Milton promoting The Thomas Day House/ Union Tavern Museum, The Milton's Woman's Club, and the Preservation Beautification Society of Milton. There are countless hours she dedicates to helping these organizations to keep Milton alive amidst caring for her parents and a few other seniors in the community. We have displayed her photo on buildings in several locations within the Danville downtown area along with others who stand out in their respective communities. Her unique story showcases the beautiful diversity in her community of Milton.

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