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From Our President

.A Simple Treasure

Sometimes gifts are a surprise, sometimes they are unexpected treasures. Gifts let you know that someone has been thinking about you. Many gifts say to the receiver that you are treasured and you are special.

The following is a story written in memory of a father who went to glory in 1991. After he died, the daughters and sons met to clean out his house. As the father's chest of drawers was emptied, an ordinary rock tumbled out from the back. As one of the daughters handled the rock, a flood of memories came to her about its discovery. This is the story of the gift of the rock.

Several years ago there was a little girl six years old who lived on a farm in the country. She wanted to give her father something special for Christmas, but she came from a poor family and



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she knew there was no extra money. One day she was strolling on one of the farm roads that ran through the family's land. She was pondering what could be done about the gift to her father. She so wanted to give him something nice. As she was walking, kicking the rocks that threatened to send her tumbling on her hands and knees, she glimpsed down and saw a shimmer of something. It was white and yet it appeared to have tiny diamonds sparkling throughout it. Slowly she bent down to get a better look. What she saw was a beautiful rock. On one side it had dozens of tiny pyramids with different colors reflecting from them. The other side of the rock was milky white. It was as if the Creator had placed two rocks into one. In an instant, the little girl knew what her father's gift would be. She wondered would the rock be as beautiful to him as it was to her. After all, she didn't find it anywhere special – just on the farmland.

Christmas day came, and the little girl had wrapped the gift as best as her little six year old hands would allow. She crept up to her father with the package behind her back. With a twinkle in his eyes, the father asked if she had something for him. She timidly pulled the package from behind her back and gave it to her father. When he opened the package his face shone like the sun, She could tell he liked the gift and for a minute there appeared to be tears in his eyes. That couldn't be though; her father never cried.

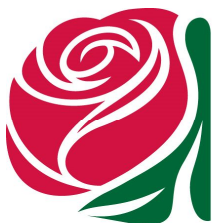
The father never mentioned the gift again and the little girl never saw the rock again. That is, until 35 years later after her father had died an old man. The girl, now a woman, went to clean out the farm house with her brothers and sisters. She carefully folded and packed her father's belongings, lingering over many of the items recalling the happy memories of her father. As she began closing the last drawer, she noticed that something was still in it. She reached toward the back, and much to her astonishment, she grasped the rock she had given her father so many years ago. What a surprise! She had totally forgotten about the rock. She now knew her father was truly touched by her gift and that he treasured it enough to keep it with him for all his earthly days. The rock was now the father's gift to his daughter as a reminder of the love they had for each other.

As you can see the gift had no monetary value. Many gifts are often intangible. You can't touch them physically; but they touch the heart providing memories that warm the soul. One's love is the best gift we can give, but the greatest gift of all is that of God's love.

An ordinary rock – yes; yet, made extraordinary by God. Each of us is ordinary made extraordinary by God's touch. I wish each of you a wonderful holiday season filled with God's love, grace, peace, and joy.

In Sisterhood,

Wanda Smith, President



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December Alpha Delta Meeting

Our December meeting of the Alpha Delta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma International will be on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 5:30 pm for the social time and 6:00 pm for dinner (note earlier time). We will be meeting at Mission First at 1520 South Scales St. in Reidsville. This church was originally First United Methodist Church and is directly across from Penrose Mall. Parking is in the back of the church and members should enter the back door for the fellowship hall

Please bring something for the dinner and an item or items for the scholarship auction. We hope to have good attendance for this fun meeting and a successful auction. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please consider making a donation to the scholarship fund. This meeting is a wonderful fundraiser for our scholarship but is also a fun time for fellowship and laughter. Hope to see you in December!



December Hostesses
 Susan Thompson, chair.
 Carol Holcomb
 Tania Martin
 Sarah Jane Spencer Penn



From The Beginning Teacher Support Committee

Carol Holcomb,

Applications for the \$200 mini-grants are being reviewed by committee members. Winners will be announced at the December meeting. Six beginning teachers from Rockingham County and five beginning teachers from Caswell County applied for the grants which will be awarded in December.

To continue Alpha Delta's support for early career teachers, members are asked to bring at least two books for elementary students to the March meeting. A good opportunity to purchase appropriate books will be the upcoming book fair at the Rockingham County Schools' Parent Resource Centers. The book fair is scheduled for December 3-13. Monday through Thursday each week.

In addition, the chapter voted at the October meeting to provide several gift cards to each district as a token of support for middle and high school beginning teachers. The BTS Committee will work with the district coordinators to distribute both the books and the gift cards.

From Our State President

In the last few weeks we have witnessed fall in the coolness of the air and the changes of the colors of the leaves on the trees. In DKG, we are experiencing changes in membership, International conferences, and training for our incoming officers by the International level. As leaders we know with change, we experience new opportunities.



Our DKG International Constitution allows chapters to induct collegiate members. They must be in an institution offering an education degree, have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education, and be enrolled in the last two years of their undergraduate education degree or in a graduate program. If your chapter wishes to invite collegiate members, you will need to change your chapter rules to address this change.

Did you notice I used the word induct? DKG will induct members rather than initiate in an effort to be more professional. Inductees become members of DKG at the time of paying dues.

In 2019, regional conferences, such as the Southeast Regional Conference, will now be called International Conferences and have a theme. In June Eta State NC will host the International Conference for Arts and Humanities in Asheville, NC, June 27-29, 2019. The International Conference: Leadership will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, July 10-12, 2019.

Who will be trained in Iowa from NC? Training is for the 2019-2021 state president, the EEC chair who is NC's first vice-president, the Membership Chair that is appointed by the incoming state president and the Treasurer who will be appointed in May. Nomination deadline for Eta State NC officers is November 15 and Treasurer January 16, 2019.

Embrace change and let's strengthen DKG in North Carolina. Wishing your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

Connie Phifer Savel

Eta State NC President

2017-2019



Nominations Wanted for Recognition at Birthday Celebration

Who in your chapter has made notable contributions to education or to DKG on the local, state or international levels? Nominate those leaders to be recognized at the Eta State NC 85th Birthday at the 2019 Convention.

President Connie encourages chapters to think outside the box and determine members in your chapter, past or present, who deserve recognition.

A Google form has been set up to collect chapter nominees at <https://goo.gl/forms/ozSOMHGozGad73gN2>.

Say Cheese!

The planning committee for the 2019 International Conference: Arts & Humanities, Asheville, is looking for someone to take the traditional photographs of each state group attending the event, June 27-29, 2019. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about this assignment, please contact Sheila Groves, committee chair, at svgeta97@gmail.com, or Tobey Worthington, volunteer chair, at tobeyv8@aol.com.



New Design for Online DKG News

The November/December edition of DKG News is now online at https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Publications/NEWS_Flipbook_Issue.aspx. This online edition features more graphics in the new design and is available as a pdf or flipbook version. Members must be logged in to see it.

FAST NC Supporting Affected Schools

As a partner with FAST NC (Florence Aid to Students and Teachers of North Carolina), Eta State NC, through President Connie Savell, received this update from Drew Elliot at DPI: We've been raising funds and we've collected almost \$45,000 for FAST NC. Thanks for helping us get the word out!

Please share the website information with your network and encourage folks to donate. FAST NC can accept donations by check and credit card. The website is <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/fastnc/>.

The FAST NC application for assistance is now available at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/fastnc/apply/>. Applications will be considered in cycles, and the first round of applications will be due on or before Nov. 16, 2018. The application will also be announced to the 28 counties declared federal disaster areas and will be announced in electronic mailings of the Department of Public Instruction to district superintendents and charter schools.

Leadership Development Seminar Registration Open

Registrations are coming in for the Leadership Development Seminar to be held March 22-23, 2019, at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro. The registration form is available via a link on the Forms page of the Eta State NC website or on this direct link. Check-in will begin around 3:00 p.m. on Friday, with networking time prior to the evening meal. Meals are included in the registration fee of \$50. The seminar will end around 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. (Anyone who is traveling a long distance can request to stay at Headquarters on Saturday night if they don't want to drive home until Sunday.)

Convention Dates

March 22-23, 2019 - Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro

May 3-5, 2019 - Eta State Convention, Crowne Plaza, Hickory, Region X

Alpha Delta Chapter

October Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of DKG met October 5, 2018 at Calvary Baptist Church, Reidsville, NC. Hostesses were Patsy Snyder, chair; Winky Pasour, Donna Rawlins, and Rachel Scott. Thirty-one members and one visitor attended. The members enjoyed a catered meal.

The Schools for Africa Committee chaired by Kristy Spencer presented guest speaker Annette Kenealy. She spoke on her Zambia mission trip with slide photos.

President Wanda Smith conducted the business meeting. The May 4, 2018 minutes were approved. Treasurers Deborah Crumpton and Rachel Scott stated that the treasurer's report is delayed due to transferring and adapting to the recording technology. Eta state has changed the payment date of the next club dues to spring 2019. Chapter notebook inserts were distributed to members.

Committee Reports

Finance Chair Susan Thompson reported that the Alpha Delta 2018-2019 budget proposal was printed in the newsletter. The budget was approved.

Communications Co-Chair Paige McCargo stated that Eta state approved the chapter newsletter.

Social Chair Sandra Dickens thanked caterer Carol Drye and the hostesses. She announced the December meeting will be at Mission First in Reidsville,

Beginning Teacher Chair Carol Holcomb presented a proposal for project funding with the Executive Board's recommendation. Two beginning teacher mini-grants of \$200 each for a Rockingham and Caswell teacher will continue. Alpha Delta members are to bring 2-3 books to the March meeting. These books will be distributed to the beginning elementary teachers. Six gift cards of \$10 each (totaling \$60) will be given as a door prize for the beginning middle and high school teachers. Four of the gift cards will be for Rockingham teachers and two gift cards for the Caswell teachers.

Membership Chair Carla Rierson distributed membership applications that should be returned to her at the December meeting. DKG is now recruiting college education majors for membership.

Old Business

The membership approved the renewal of Vanessa Richmond Graves reserve membership status.

New Business

The chapter granted Lynda Perry reserve membership status. Jennifer Jones resigned her membership. Sharon Vaughn, Catherine Massengale, and Donna Rawlins volunteered to oversee the alignment of the chapter rules to the new DKG international rules. Debbie Russell volunteered to contribute information for the Eta state 85th anniversary celebration concerning an Alpha Delta member's contribution to education.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeryl Rice, Secretary

Let us all share our blessings during this holiday season.



New Chat Feature on DKG Website

If you need an answer to a question quickly, try the new chat feature on the DKG website!



The chat box, pinned on the bottom right of the website, is available during Headquarters business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. CST. Leave a message at other times and someone will respond the next business day.

Originally intended to unlock accounts, members have also asked questions about scholarships, forms, passwords, and more. Chat monitors responded to over 550 requests in a little over a month! They are there to help you!

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New Password Rule for DKG Website

As of November 6, your password for logging into the member side of the DKG website must be at least seven characters long and contain at least one number. The rotator directs you to click on sign in page and then “forgot password” to reset it using the new guidelines. You may also click the chat feature for help.

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Eta State NC Website: www.ncdkg.org

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Alpha Delta Book Corner

Wanda Smith - [You Don't Own Me](#) by Mary Higgins Clark, [A Dangerous Legacy](#) and [A Caring Venture](#) by Elizabeth Camden, [The Mark of the King](#) by Jocelyn Green.

Donna Rawlins - [A Spark of Light](#) by Jodi Picoult, [The Child](#) by Fiona Barton, and [The Cirque](#) by Martin Van Pelt.

Happy Birthday Wishes

