

ALPHA DELTA NEWS

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From the President

Debbie Russell

*"Together, We Are Stronger -
Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!"*

Our December meeting is always a highlight of the holiday season. What fun we have together as we raise funds for our grant-in-aid recipient!

First, many thanks to Brenda Atkins for hosting us again this year. We can all imagine the work that has to go into making things ready for 30-40 guests! Brenda always has her home beautifully decorated for Christmas and we feel the holiday spirit in such a welcoming place. Thank you so much, Brenda.

Also, we are all grateful to those who contribute so generously to the auction. There are always many great items for sale-- small and large are all needed and appreciated. Special thanks to those who have made exceptional contributions to the success of the auction. Sandra Dickens has made amazing baskets and Ginny Sharrow exquisite quilts over the years, handmade creations that must take them hundreds of hours to complete.

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President's Column - continued

Mauguerite Holt has been so very generous in offering the rental of her family's beach house repeatedly. Many others make homemade goodies, accessories, and crafts to share. I am not one of those with these skills, but I truly appreciate the creations of those who can bake, create jewelry, can preserves, grow herbs, and make decorative items.

Another person's contributions we really appreciate are those of Rachel Scott, our auctioneer! What fun to have Rachel lead us in this activity, a task she took on when Peggy Phillips, our previous longtime auctioneer passed away unexpectedly. Many others, especially members of the Scholarship Committee, assist in organizing the auction items, bringing them out to the group, and generally helping Rachel keep everything moving.

Thanks to all! This is truly a group effort for a worthy cause—helping to fund a young future teacher's college expenses. I look forward to seeing you on December 6.

All the best,
Debbie

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December Meeting

Sandra Dickens

The December meeting of the Alpha Delta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will be held at Brenda Atkins' home at 317 Highland Drive in Eden. We appreciate her kind invitation to have our Christmas meeting in her home on Friday, December 6, 2013.

The social time will begin at 5:30 and dinner will be at 6:00. (Times

have been adjusted because of our Christmas auction).

Each person is reminded to bring something for the dinner and an item, or items, for the scholarship auction. We hope to have a good attendance for this fun meeting and a successful auction.

If you are unable to attend, we hope you will want to make a donation to the scholarship fund.

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.

Carpooling is suggested.

December Hostesses

Allison Wright, Chair

Karen Wakelee

Barbara Smith

Cathy Fleming

Times of Interest

5:30 PM

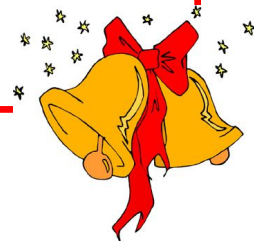
Social Time

6:00 PM

Dinner

Business and Auction

to follow



Eta State and DKG International Scholarships Available

One of the benefits of Delta Kappa Gamma membership is the opportunity to receive scholarships for advanced degrees from both Eta State and DKG International.

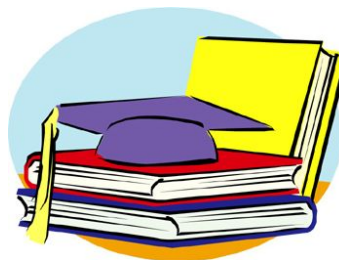
Eta State sponsors \$4,000 academia scholarships for Doctoral and Sixth-Year graduate study, as well as smaller scholarships for either Master's level work requiring graduate school enrollment or non-degree activities, such as special projects, research, or certifications.

International awards up to 30 scholarships annually in the amount of \$6,000 for Master Degree candidates and \$10,000 for Doctoral Degree candidates. Last year, four Eta State sisters received International scholarships.

Those who have been DKG members for two calendar years or more are eligible to apply for Eta State Schol-

arships. Those who have been members for at least three years can also apply for International scholarships. Eta State members may apply for both an Eta State and an International Scholarship within a given year.

To be considered, a member must complete and post-mark Eta State and International scholarship application forms by February 1, 2014. Eta State scholarship application forms and a Checklist for Applicants for 2014 can be found on the state website under [Scholarship Committee link](#). Contact Scholarship Chairman [Nancy Griffin](#) if you have questions.



EEC Newsletter Online

The latest *EEC News*, the Educational Excellence Committee newsletter, is now online at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/EEC/Octob2013.pdf>. It lists the goals and committee chairmen, plus highlights of the Schools for Africa and Beginning Teacher Support projects, among other things.

Members are encouraged to go to this site and “read it all!”



Eta State News - www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/



A Message from Our President Patricia Taylor, 2013-2015



In elementary school, it was a privilege to serve as the line leader, leading the class to lunch, the library, or other places, including in our classroom. Serving as a line leader gave me a sense of responsibility and pride, even at a very young age. As an educator, it never ceased to amaze me how much pride my students exhibited in leading the class; whether it was leading a song or leading a line.

Each of us has a story to tell about a mentor that has impacted our life in a positive way and continues to encourage us to lead. I will tell you a secret! It can sometimes be uncomfortable to serve as a leader! However, where there is the feeling of being uncomfortable, there is a need to lead! There is a need to lead as we work together to move Eta State and educational excellence forward; sharing our voices of influence with legislators and school officials, voicing our needs as educators and the needs of our students, and voicing the needs that will strengthen our chapters and Eta State. Some of this can feel uncomfortable at times. At the same time, all of it can be the most rewarding experience we will ever have in our lifetime because our leadership makes a difference worldwide and is encompassed in a worldwide sisterhood; a sisterhood that believes in and supports each other and wants to see Delta Kappa Gamma sisters succeed in everything they do!

Eta State chapter members and state leaders are now encouraging members to serve as regional directors, chapter officers, and chapter committee chairmen for 2014-2016. This means they have confidence and faith in these members to become future line leaders to use their voices of influence to make a positive impact on education and in the world. When a mentor asks you to consider leading Eta State in one of these positions, say 'yes!' It will be a life changing experience you will never regret!

As we embark upon the season of Thanksgiving, take a few minutes and reflect upon and be thankful for the mentors, including our Eta State Founders, which have shared their knowledge to guide us to become the leaders we are today and the leaders we will become in the future, both personally and professionally. Whether we are beginning teachers, have been actively teaching for a number of years, retired teachers, or reserve members, we continue to have mentors. Together, we can mentor and commit to encourage and grow successful leaders in Delta Kappa Gamma. Show our future leaders the joy of leadership and support them with positive voices of influence! Together, we are stronger!

Educational Law and Policy Committee is Active Across the State

Eta State Educational Law and Policy Committee member Lynn Ragsdale and Chairman Elaine Jenkins have brought attention to recent legislation and encouraged members to take action to support education as they've spoken to numerous chapters around the state.

Lynn and Elaine report that all chapters have access to a summary of the 2013 legislation. They are encouraging chapters to distribute contact information on their legislative representatives and senators and use the summary to discuss issues with them.

Members are reminded to complete the survey online so that the committee can have solid data which to base their conversations with legislators next spring.



Reminders



International Web Site: www.dkg.org

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State Web Site: www.deltakappagamma.org/NC

Voices of Influence Empowering NC Women Educators

Convention Dates

April 25 - 27, 2014 — Eta State Convention, Greenville Hilton, Greenville, NC

July 28 - August 1, 2014 — International Convention, JW Marriott, Indianapolis, IN

April 24 - 26, 2015 — Eta State Convention, Chapel Hill Sheraton, Chapel Hill, NC

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Scenes from Our October Meeting



October brings out the beautiful colors and a new Alpha Delta year.



Social Hour prior to the meeting and meal is always enjoyed by all.



DKG Initiation Ceremony for new member Lynne Haynes



Our Alpha Delta president, Debbie Russell singing during the Initiation Ceremony.



Guest speaker Dr. Angela Kerns, Region VII director.



Dr. Kerns and Alpha Delta President, Debbie Russell

Alpha Delta Book Corner

Rachel Scott: The Water is Wide - Pat Conroy, True Color - Kristin Hannah, Just Beyond the Clouds - Karen Kingsbury, Songcatcher - Sharon McCrumb, Take One - Karen Kingsbury....**Donna Rawlins:** The Truest Pleasure - Robert Morgan, More Things in Heaven and Earth - Jeff High, Uncommon Grace - Serena B. Miller, Cane River - Lalita Tademy, and Driftless - David Rhodes.

Personal and Professional News

Please keep Vanessa Richmond-Graves in your prayers as she has hip replacement surgery at Wesley Long Hospital on January 7, 2014. Our prayers are for a speedy recovery.



Birthdays

January

- Susie Parks - 5
- Jennifer Jones - 5
- Debbie Russell - 7
- Jennifer McCollum - 9
- Martha Davis - 10
- Anna Pruitt - 14
- Lynne Pruitt - 27

February

- Vanessa Richmond-Graves - 6
- Hilda Purgason - 25

March

- Cathy Fleming - 4
- Ginny Sharrow - 21



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Keep
BUZZING
About DKG!!

October Meeting Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met October 4, 2013 at Prospect United Methodist Church in Yanceyville. Hostesses were Susan Lassiter, Chair; Evangelina Balmori, Martha Davis, and Mary Hux. Thirty members attended. The Initiation Committee chaired by Bonnie Brewer arranged the initiation ceremony in the church sanctuary. Guest Region VII Director Dr. Angela Kern participated in inducting Lynne Haynes into the DKG Society. After the meal, Dr. Kern who serves on the faculty of Pfeiffer University presented a program on nurturing new teachers. She led the chapter in completing an achievement project of filling gift bags with candy and notes of encouragement to her student teachers.

President Debbie Russell conducted the business meeting. The minutes were approved. Rachel Scott reported a balance of \$7007.34 in the treasury, with \$3172.97 Grant in Aid. The President recognized the member present with the most years of chapter membership, Hilda Purgason.

Committee Reports:

Membership-Rachel Scott introduced new member Lynne Haynes to the chapter. Kay Diehl sponsored Angela Southard for membership who was unable to attend due to illness.

Beginning Teacher Support-Pam Page recommended that the mini grants once again be offered to two beginning teachers in Rockingham and Caswell Counties. Evangelina Balmori made the motion to add \$150 to last year's unused \$150 to present as mini grants for two beginning teachers in Rockingham and Caswell Counties. Winky Pasour seconded the motion.

Leadership Development-Carol Holcomb announced that the chapter will participate in the Rockingham Reads at RCC.

Educational Excellence-Catherine Massengale presented the new changes for DKG Society membership.

Old Business- President Russell described the chapter participation in the summer's Region VII blood drive in Greensboro. The chapter provided snacks and drinks, with five members attending.

New Business- President Russell ask the membership survey questions concerning the Eta State Convention. She also reviewed the chapter's Strategic Action Plan which will be sent to headquarters.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary Jeryl Rice