

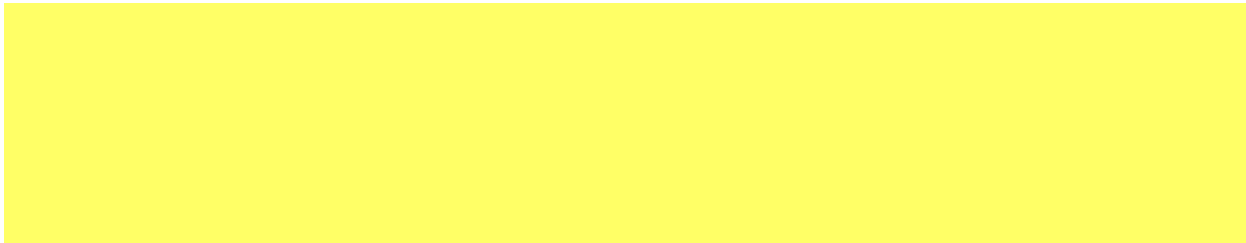


Alpha Delta News

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From Our President

HAPPILY INVOLVED

At the recent DKG Executive board meeting at Elon, Dr. Barbara Day presented an inspirational talk, giving pointers from recent studies about to live to be 90 (or beyond). As most of us realize, moderate exercise and eating a variety of nutritious foods are good ideas. Vitamins, it seems, really do not make much of a difference. But what seemed to be most prevalent among those active into their nineties was **being happily involved in many things.**

No doubt most of us are already engaged in many activities. (Our First Vice-President Vanessa may be the most active of us all! (See her update in the Personal and Professional News {page 6} or ask her about her summer....) Still I hope that you will continue to make time for active involvement in our Delta Kappa Gamma meetings and projects. Each member has been asked to serve actively on at least one committee for the coming biennium. I have heard from some committee chairs about some exciting plans. Please feel free to offer your ideas to your committee and look about for ways that we can positively affect education and enrich the lives of students, teachers, and our own members. And put all of our meeting dates on your calendar and make a

commitment to be present if possible.

With our jobs, families, and community and church groups, our days get filled very quickly, but if we approach each task as an opportunity and are happily involved in the lives of others., that may be the most important of all.

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October Meeting

The October meeting of Alpha Delta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will be on Friday, October 3, 2014 at 912 Bethlehem Restaurant in Eden, NC. We are excited to try a new setting and look forward to a fun meeting. Since the restaurant closes at 9:00 PM, we are starting the social time at 5:30 PM and will have our meal at 6:00 PM. We will meet in the large dining room with the fireplace.

October Meeting Menu
Boneless Chicken Breast/Sauce
Baby Red Potatoes
Broccoli
Salad
Coffee/Tea
\$15.00

Hostesses
Kay Diehl
Karen Wakelee
Angela Southard
Times of Interest
5:30 - Fellowship
6:00 - Meal
Meeting following

We extend a heartfelt welcome to our Eta State President, Pat Taylor, who will be our guest and speaker for our meeting. We are thrilled she could fit us in her busy calendar.

President Pat's Message from August, 2014

How I Became a DKG Member

"In 1999, a co-worker invited me to a meeting of a group of women educators. She did not tell me the name of the organization. When I arrived, there were several members I knew. Some worked at my school and in the education community. The group was filling boxes with items for the homeless. I expressed my desire to join the organization and the group said they were excited that I wanted to join! They said they would send an invitation to me!"

So begins President Pat's story of how she became a DKG member. You'll be surprised what happens next! Read the entire message at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/Presidents%20page.htm>

We are so excited to hear what else she has to share with us. We are also happy that she will be here to help celebrate Eta State's 80th Birthday.



Happy Birthday

Eta State

October 27

Box Tops for Education

The Stoneville Public Library is accepting Box tops for Education on behalf of Stoneville Elementary School. Each non-expired Box Top earns 10 cents, which is used for field trips, library books, and classroom items. The total can really add up so please help Stoneville Elementary by placing your box tops into the Stoneville Library drop box in a sealed envelope. The Library also accepts Labels for Education and used ink cartridges, all benefitting Stoneville Elementary School. Thanks for your support.

Leadership Development

The Leadership Development Committee requests that all retired chapter members or those not employed in education donate a \$5.00 WalMart gift card at the October meeting. Our members who are actively employed in education will receive the cards and may use them for educational needs or for their personal use. The Committee thanks all in advance for your donations.

At our summer book club meeting, members donated bingo prizes for the Penn Nursing Center in Reidsville. Once again our chapter far exceeded expectations by donating beautiful and useful items including jewelry, handmade items, and many other outstanding gifts. We have received a thank you note from Juliette Miller, activity coordinator at PNC. She is very appreciative of our donations since the Center was out of prizes. Because of the positive comments about this project

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Summer Book Club

Alpha Delta's summer book club has become a tradition that provides excellent fellowship and personal enrichment for all those who participate. This year the meeting was held on July 24 at the Blue Naples restaurant in Madison.

Carolyn Lester led the discussion of our selection, The Book Thief. Her thought provoking questions and comments encouraged participation from everyone who attended. In addition to Carolyn, participants included Nell Rose, Rachel Scott, Karen Wakelee, Kay Diehl, Brenda Atkins, Debbie Russell, Jeryl Rice, Ruth Williamson, Mary Hux, and Carol Holcomb.

Summer book club participants also responded to a request from Kay Diehl to donate bingo prizes for the residents of The Penn Center. Kay coordinated this effort, and the book club was an excellent way to implement a simple summer project that would make a big impact on the enjoyment of those who play bingo at the center.

Alpha Delta Book Corner

Alpha Delta members spent their time reading during this hot summer. Here are some of their favorites: **Carolyn Boswell** - Every Day by the Sun: A Memoir of the Faulkners by Dean Faulkner Wells; Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail by Ben Montgomery; Empty Mansions: The Mysterious Life of Huguette Clark by Bill Dedman and Paul Clark Newell, Jr. **Sharon Vaughan**—Plain Truth by Jodi Picoult; Crossing Oceans by Donna Carrick.

Mary Hux—Love Has a Face by Michele Perry; Adam and Eve by Serra Jeter Naslund.

Donna Rawlins - Love Idol by Jennifer Dukes Lee; The Long Walk by Slavomir Rawicz; Virgin River by Robin Carr; Women's Diaries of the Westward Journey by Lillian Schlissel.

Debbie Russell - The Daring Ladies of Lowell by Kate Alcott and The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd.

Professional and Personal News

Here is some news from our members. **Carolyn Boswell**—We drove to California pulling our travel trailer and camping in April. Our children met us in Los Angeles. We enjoyed many sites including Universal Studios, San Diego Zoo, Disneyland, and Hearst Castle. Also, we camped along Highway 1 and in the Kings Canyon. We plan to leave for Maine around September 22. Catherine (our Belgium daughter) now lives in Montreal and we plan to visit her. We will be gone around three weeks.

Jennifer Jones—My family knocked another item off our "bucket list" this summer. After we collected our older son from Summer Symposium Band Camp at WCU, we decided to make a day of it and toured Biltmore Estates. The boys enjoyed the walking tour of the mansion. We also visited Pisgah National Park and heard the elks bugle. They are huge and walk right up to the car. Then, a few weeks, later, we crossed the state for a few days in Emerald Isle. I have also created several pieces of art using old pallets. This has become a hobby I enjoy. **Cindy Sarwi**—I have been busy supporting

my daughter, Katelyn, in her performing arts adventures. Katelyn played the role of “Jane” in Peter Pan; “Susan” in The Shoemakers Daughter; and “Wacky Cat” in Aristocats. She is currently cast as “Lucy” in The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe which will take place the same weekend as the Alpha Delta meeting. Katelyn is also starring in the newest American Girl Doll Video, Isabelle. Taping is still in progress. **Mary Hux**— In May of this year, 2014, I took my son, Ken, his wife Beth, and Deb to Israel and Jordan for 14 days. We were fortunate to be there when the Pope was visiting and we were able to take a close-up picture of him as his car passed by. There was of course lots of police protection him. We felt very safe.

The hotels and streets in Israel were crowded with tourists—lots of families and children. The food was native, most of it grown on Israeli farms such as bananas, olives, figs, and melons.

We flew into Tel Aviv, Israel and visited the Biblical towns of Caesarea, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, and Bethlehem, to name a few. Each site we visited left us in awe that we were walking the paths that Jesus walked!

We rode camels, donkeys, had hot tea in a Bedouin tent, floated in the salty Dead Sea, and were baptized in the Jordan River. Our experiences were so many, there is not enough paper to tell it all.

We left Israel and entered Jordan the last five days of our trip. We still felt safe but did have an armed “tourist officer” on our bus at all times. We were impressed by the castle built by the Crusaders and the many Roman ruins still intact.

Of course we visited the magical city of Petra. It was breathtaking.

The five days in Jerusalem gave us time to explore places like the Garden of Gethsemane, the Last Supper location, the Old City, Calvary and the Temple Mount. We came home to search our Bibles and digest and relive some of the accounts of places we saw and had been familiar with through Bible study most of our lives. **Donna Rawlins**— During the month of July My husband, George, daughter Caroline and I traveled across the USA. We had a fabulous time and saw many sights and enjoyed the beauty of America. You can read about our travels at

“ridingwiththerawlins@blogspot.com” I enjoyed writing about our adventures during our 9,200 mile ride. I do agree with Dorothy, however, “There’s no place like home.” **Debbie Russell** - I went with the Meredith college Alumnae and Friends group on a wonderful trip to England and Scotland in June. For two weeks, we toured rural areas and towns that are not often on tourists’ itineraries including York, Durham, Lindisfarne Island and Grasmere. We also went to Edinburgh, Bath, Windsor, and London and made other stops along the way. I toured castles, country estates, museums, and Roman baths, and saw dozens of quaint villages and thousands of sheep! I rode the London Eye, ate fish and chips at a coastal village, spent a night in Matfen Hall, saw Hadrian’s Wall, and even went into a coal mine. It was an amazing experience. I am still marveling at all we saw and did!

Vanessa Richmond-Graves - Summer Solace started with the Leadership conference in Asheboro for DKG! Amazing, informative, and energizing. Our

President, Patricia H. Taylor led the morning session with singing, movement, and a pledge to dedicating yourself to a wonderful year with DKG! I was immediately hooked and pledged my commitment!

Now as the summer progressed, I was deeply involved with the changes for historical Milton. We paired with **PearlDamour** and had our first annual Street Fair. Three power packed days for Milton and Thomas Day. On Friday, I conducted tours for the Thomas Day Tavern with Jack Williams. We told our visitors about all things Milton and Thomas Day with a bit of whimsy on our tales. Saturday, Ed Hobbs did demonstrations with tours on a workbench replica from the 1800's. Sunday concluded with Jerome Bias and Joe Graves conducting a workshop on how to identify Thomas Day furniture. We had teenagers present they were attentive and quite inquisitive. The Street Fair had crafts, blacksmiths, cart shows, music, produce, food and more. Three full days of activity which brought at least 3500+ people into tiny Milton over the full weekend.

This led to our premier performance of the **MILTONS**. Featuring five cities name Milton, talking to people about their towns, their lives and the world. This live performance explored the dreams and struggles of the American towns named Milton. Mixing singing , poetry, and gorgeous videos of the sky over each Milton, this show also featured professional actors from NYC. A mesmerizing event, which featured, yours truly with my nickname, "Twinkle" as well as others from our Milton. I was interviewed by **UNC Radio, New York Times**, and numerous other media venues. This three day event drew people from all over America. A soldier from Fort Hood

(Klein, Texas) came and chatted with my father who was stationed there prior to my birth. I wrote a feature article of my experience for **PearlDamour** as well. Catch up with the Miltons (North Carolina, Freewater Oregon, Wisconsin, Louisiana, and Massachusetts by visiting the website www.skyovermilton.com and www.pearldamour.com. I was selected by the Dan River Foundation to do a historical interview of Milton past and present from two perspectives. Our eldest resident, now 91, Mrs. Cleota M. Jeffreys and me. We are doing StoryCrops in October with interviews to be archived in the National Library of Congress. Join in on the fun at Riverfest in the historical downtown district of Danville, VA. I will partner with the Caswell County Historical Association representing Thomas Day / Milton for children in a fun packed way to learn history. This will be held on October 11 and 12 at the children's park within the festival. **Carol Holcomb** - Bill retired this summer! I am happy to report that Bill has started working on the "honey do" list. **Bonnie Brewer** - I enjoyed a trip to Southwest visiting Hoover Dam, Las Vegas, Zion NP, Bryce Canyon NP, and Grand Canyon NP this summer.

Paige McCargo continues to recuperate from recent back surgery. She is looking forward to getting back into the "swing of things."

Rachel Scott will be have knee surgery in the near future. Hope the doctor is able to slow her down long enough. :)

Congratulations to **Pam Page** on her upcoming nuptials. Blessings to you Pam.

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May Minutes

Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Delta Chapter May 2, 2014

The Alpha Delta Chapter of DKG Society International met May 2, 2014 at Woodmont Methodist Church in Reidsville. The hostesses were Wanda Smith, Lynne Haynes, and Carol Holcomb. Thirty-five members attended. During social time members browsed the Used Book Sale and afterward enjoyed dinner.

The Educational Excellence Committee was in charge of the program. Catherine Massengale introduced speaker Diana Reid Haig. She is the author of *Walk Through Napoleon and Josephine's Paris* and several other books. Following the program, Beginning Teacher Support Committee Chair Pam Page introduced Brittany Moore of Caswell County, who received one of the two chapter mini-grants. Amy Deel of Rockingham County also a mini grant recipient was unable to attend. Scholarship Committee Chair Patsy Snyder presented the Grant in Aid recipient Sara Bowen of Rockingham County High School with a check. The chapter also provided Sara with dorm gifts.

President Debbie Russell conducted the business meeting. The minutes were approved. Rachel Scott presented the finance report which was in the newsletter. President Russell reported on the state convention with Alpha Delta earning the Distinctive Award. The Chapter newsletter earned an award for excellence. It was announced that nine chapter members had perfect attendance for the year.

Committee Reports

Schools for Africa-Kay Diehl reported that Alpha Delta had fulfilled chapter obligations

Communications-Brenda Atkins made the motion to activate the DKG Alpha Delta website. The second was made by Wanda Smith. The chapter members approved. Paige McCargo is the webmaster.

Leadership Development-Carol Holcomb announced the sign up for the summer reading activity featuring *The Book Thief*. The motion with second was made to provide up to \$50 for the Book Club refreshments if needed. Membership-Rachel Scott reminded everyone that next year is nomination time for new members and to be recruiting.

Educational Law-Ruth Williamson reminded members to inquire about political candidates' position on education.

World Fellowship-Mary Hux announced that the book sale funds will be donated to World Fellowship. Unsold books will be donated to the local library.

Following the business meeting the installation of officers took place. President Debbie Russell, First Vice President Vanessa Richmond Graves, Second Vice President Catherine Massengale, and Secretary Jeryl Rice committed to another term as officers. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeryl Rice, Secretary

Stay Connected with DKG

International—www.dkg.org

Eta State—www.dkg.org/NC/

Facebook—The Delta Kappa Gamma Society



Happy Birthday

October

Susan Lassiter - 13
Rachel Scott - 15
Sandra Dickens - 29

November

Carolyn Boswell - 4
Evangelina Balmori -16
Melissa Bailey - 19
Barbara Smith - 28

December

Jeryl Rice - 7
Kay Diehl - 8
Brenda Atkins - 21
Karen Wakelee - 27

Meet Leroy

(Leadership Experiences Relevant to Others)

Leroy is brought to you by the Eta State Leadership Development Committee

"While at the beach, I was thinking about something I recently read by Harold J. Seymour. He said, "Leaders are the ones who keep faith with the past, keep step with the present, keep the promise to posterity." This reminded me of DKG leaders.



Leroy the Leadership Guy

Alpha Delta Website

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM PAIGE:

Our Alpha Delta website is up and running the address is <http://www.ncalphadelta.weebly.com> (nc alpha delta). Please bookmark this site for easy access in the future! Keep in mind that this website is "a work in progress" and all suggestions for additions and/or improvements are welcome. It is our vision that we can utilize this website as another tool for better informing our members and for providing clarifying information from the chapter, ETA State as well as DKG International through postings and links to pertinent sites. Please let me know if you think of any information you would to include on our website. Contact Paige at pmccargo@hotmail.com for any comments, corrections, suggestions, etc.

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, Westin Harbor Resort, Savannah, GA

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

July 5-9, 2016 - DKG International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN

Educational Foundation Launches

The 100 Challenge

During the Fall Executive Board Meeting at Elon University on September 6, Dr. Judith Carlson, chairman of the board of Directors of the North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation, announced the foundation's "The 100 Challenge—Launching a Dream" initiative.

Each region is challenged to get 100 pledge of \$10 each before March 15, 2015. These pledges can come from individuals or chapters. Chapter presidents will collect pledge cards and send the to Regional Directors. No money will be collected at this time; the Board will follow up to collect the pledge when they have IRS approval. Members can read more about the Foundation on the Eta State website and find a copy of the brochure at <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/100%20challenge%20brochure.pdf>.