

ALPHA DELTA NEWS

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From the President

Debbie Russell

Dear Alpha Delta Sisters,

I am excited to work with all of you in the coming months as chapter president. I am new, however, and I will need plenty of help, especially with staying focused.

To be honest, for much of my life I have struggled with focusing on just one thing at a time. The world seems so full of possibilities and I tend to go from one good project to another, juggling several commitments at once. I think we probably all do this to some extent. Most teachers I know have, out of necessity, learned to be expert multi-taskers. To keep me focused and positive, I have always been a list maker. Some of you may be able to identify with this behavior. Sometimes I even write "Make a list of things to do" at the top so that I can check off at least one thing as completed. Lists also help me remember my good intentions, so mine are often lists of possibilities, things I hope to do someday.

This summer I have been making lots of lists related to our chapter: lists of committees and members, lists of pointers from other chapter presidents to help me get started, and, most of all, lists of as many possible projects and programs as I could think of or gather from others. This last activity made me realize just what potential Alpha Delta has for being a positive force for education in our communities. As educators coming together to carry out the seven purposes of our society, we really do have a multitude of good possible paths forward. For this reason, it is sometimes hard to focus on just one or a few projects and get started.

But we do have a format in Delta Kappa Gamma that should help us. Our committee structure makes our efforts more focused and efficient. It is true that some committees have been combined and others renamed, but the work of our remains the same.

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President's Column - continued

Your chapter officers realize that many of us are still working those long hours with students and that all our members already have plenty to do. We have tried to organize our committees so that no one member has too many tasks on her "to-do list." As committed members of Alpha Delta, we come together only four times a year, so there will always be plenty on the agenda each time. With each member contributing to her assigned committee's duties, we can focus on a few good projects and pro-

grams and truly make a positive impact on education.

I do look forward to working with all of you and welcome your suggestions. I will put them on my list!

Best,
Debbie

October Meeting

The October meeting of the Alpha Delta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will be at the Museum and Archives of Rockingham County in Wentworth, NC on Friday, October 6, 2012. The museum is located in Wentworth in the former courthouse. The museum will be open Friday from 5:00 - 6:30 pm and members are encouraged to come early to view the exhibits. The museum will not be open to the public during that time since the Smithson-



ian exhibits will be gone and the new exhibits will be "under construction." Please park at the museum (courthouse) and tour the museum.

The social time will begin at 6:00 pm and the meal will be served at 6:30 pm.

October Hostesses

Marguerite Holt, chair.
Melissa Bailey
Rachel Scott,
Barbara Smith
Patsy Snyder.

Menu

Chicken Salad Croissant
Potato Salad
Cookie
Tea/Water

Cost is \$12 for the meal
and for an honorarium to museum

2012 - 2014 Officers

We're off and running into a new
Biennium...2012-2014

President: Debbie Russell
First Vice-President: Vanessa Richmond-Graves
Second Vice-President: Catherine Massengale
Secretary: Jeryl Rice
Treasurer: Sharon Vaughan
Parliamentarian: Nell Rose
Past President: Dr. Cindy Wall - Sarwi



Summer Book Club

Karen Wakelee

Alpha Delta's "Summer Book Club" met in July at the home of chairman Karen Wakelee. Nine members were present. After a delicious brunch members engaged in a lively discussion of the WWII memoir, Unbroken, by Laura Hillenbrand. A few members were able to offer their own memories of the war. Pam Page shared the story of a personal friend who was a pilot and was lost after being shot down. Kay Diehl had done internet research on the subject and had much insight to offer. Several members said that after a slow start the book became very gripping and they could not put it down. Even Debbie Russell, who hadn't had time to read the book, enjoyed the discus-

sion. In all a good time was had by everyone and we look forward to next summer's selection which will be announced at a later date.



Allison, Pam and Karen.

International News - www.dkg.org

Sharing Our Vision - Strengthening Our Society

A successful 2012 International Convention concluded Saturday night, July 28, 2012, with the passing of the gavel to the 2012-2014 International President, Dr. Beverly Helms. The theme for this biennium is **Sharing Our Vision- Strengthening Our Society**.

Helms spoke of moving toward the future referring to analyzing of data for good decision making, continued improvements of technology use and the importance of chapters and individual members.

The 2014 International Convention will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. *From www.dkg.org*



Dr. Beverly Helms new DKG International President.

To read Dr. Beverly Helms inspiring acceptance speech go to this link.

http://www.dkg.org/site/c.meJMIOOwErH/b.8278925/k.8BA4/Acceptance_Speech.htm



The DKG App found success as an interactive tool for the International Convention. The app has been updated to provide general information, meeting dates for international committees and future regional conferences and international conventions. As the App is used and members ask for features, they can be added easily. The DKG App is a native application for the iPhone and Android phones. For other mobile platforms, use the mobile site for the DKG App found at <http://118.m.amp.avai.com/>

DKG App now updated



Available in the Apple App store or Google Play store.

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

When I was invited to join DKG in 1990, I was impressed with the credentials of the members of my chapter. I was honored to have been asked and I was amazed at the quality of relationship building that was evident among the members (I now know it as the “genuine spiritual fellowship” that was present) and how this fellowship made networking among our members so meaningful. This happened twenty-two years ago for me and the networking continues to be meaningful. Another dimension has been added to our meaningful networking and it’s referred to as our **Delta Kappa Gamma Social Network**. International is excited about launching its Social Network and I want to be sure our Eta State members are aware of it.

It is a private, confidential social network that is used to connect our members from all over the world so just think if you get excited about the “genuine spiritual fellowship” among your chapter members how much more exciting it is to get that same kind of fellowship and networking with members all over the world.

If you are interested in joining the social network just follow these directions:

Go to www.dkg.org and click on the **DKG Network** at the top of the page in the right corner.

- Next, click on **log on** and enter your **email address**.
- Next, click on the password and enter: **delta01**.
- When you are ready to change your password, you will need to log out of your webpage and put in your email address as your log on and click on “**Forgot Password**” to reset your password from **delta01** to your password.
- Please remember that if you change your password, International will be unable to retrieve the new password. Try to use a password that is familiar to you.

Please make sure International has your correct email address. You can contact Virginia Pearson directly to confirm your email address and she can update it in the database. Her email is virgin-iape@dkg.org.

You can start a group or join a group that is already formed. This is a great way to join a book talk group.

The impressive credentials still exist among DKG members; the honor of being asked to join DKG still exists, and the meaningful networking still exists. Yes, my first taste of quality networking came twenty-two years ago when I accepted the invitation to become a part of DKG and I invite **YOU** to explore and become a part of another dimension of quality networking- the Delta Kappa Gamma Social Network.

Warmest Wishes,

Linda Little (Eta State President (2011-2013))



Alpha Delta Book Corner

Summertime brings us time to sit back and relax and read a good book. Here are some suggestions from our members: **Rachel Scott** - Walking Shadow by Robert Parker, Metro Girl by Janet Evanovich, Alex Cross by James Patterson, Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins, Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor, Motor Mouth by Janet Evanovich, Unnatural Acts by Stewart Woods, Explosive Eighteen by Janet Evanovich, Family Ties and The Gift by Danielle Steele, Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen, and No Place Like Home by Mary Higgins Clark. **Donna Rawlins** - Miss Julia Rocks the Cradle by Ann B. Ross, One Breath Away by Heather Gudenkauf.



Happy Birthday

October

Beth Blaney - 2
Geneva Robertson - 6
Rachel Scott - 15
Sandra Dickens - 29

November

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

December

Kay Diehl - 6
Jeryl Rice - 7
Jane Lockhart - 17
Brenda Atkins - 21
Karen Wakelee - 28



Professional and Personal News

Anna Pruitt's son, Adam, was married at Emerald Isle NC on Sept 23. He is married Krystal Hooker, a 2nd year teacher for Rockingham County. She is a self-contained EC teacher at Williamsburg... **Jane Lockhart** and her son, Cory, visited London this summer for Cory to perform with the ACDA National Honor Youth Choir. Youth from all across America auditioned and were selected to sing in this prestigious choir in London. They were in London for 10 days and were able to visit Stonehenge, Bath, Stratford-upon-Avon, and London. Jane was fortunate enough to be there during the "Trooping of the Colours" and got to see the Queen, Prince William, Prince Harry, Kate, and Camilla up close during a parade! Unfortunately,

Cory was rehearsing with the choir during this ceremony. The choir did perform at Bristol Cathedral and Southwark Cathedral under the direction of Simon Carrington, a 25-year member and co-founder of the King's Singers in London.....Congratulations to **Carol Summerlin** upon the birth of a new grandson, Levi Michael Summerlin, born August 14, 2012 in Charleston, WV. Also, Carol and her 4 grandchildren (Tripp, Kimmee, Dylan, Breanna) along with her oldest son, Gerald Jr. went to Pennsylvania to see her nephew, Kyle in the Lancaster Sight and Sound Theater production of JONAH! While there they toured the Amish Country, Gettysburg, Philadelphia and Hershey.

May Minutes

Delta Kappa Gamma Eta State
Alpha Delta Chapter
May 4, 2012 Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International met May 4, 2012 at Woodmont United Methodist Church in Reidsville. Thirty-one members attended. Hostesses were Chair Kay Diehl, Paige McCargo, Anna Pruitt, Vanessa Richmond-Graves, and Donna Rawlins. The Research Committee initiated a shoebox memorabilia activity as part of the social and dinner time.

Scholarship Chair Patsy Snyder presented the \$750 Grant In Aid to recipient Caroline Fraser, who was accompanied by her mother. The members also contributed dorm gifts.

President Cindy Sarwi conducted the business meeting. The March minutes were approved. Rachel Scott reported that no treasurer's report was available at this time. The President's report included recognition of the National Board Certified chapter members. Also President Sarwi reported on the Eta state convention recognitions. Alpha Delta received an award for the chapter newsletter and an Award of Distinction. Special recognition went to Carol Holcomb who was awarded the first Golden Key for Region VII.

Second Vice President Debbie Russell reported on the Executive Board meeting she attended at the Eta state convention. She distributed a survey to all Alpha Delta members to determine individual and chapter strengths as well as needs.

Finance Chair Susan Thompson made the motion that the proposed 2012-2013 budget be accepted. Geneva Robertson seconded the motion and the membership approved.

Social Chair Sandra Dickens recognized the hostesses. The hostesses distributed potted petunias as door prizes.

The Personal Growth and Services committee reminded everyone that the summer book club selection is *Unbroken*. Everyone is invited to Karen Wakelee's home July 26th to discuss the book.

Money collected from the used book sale will be sent to headquarters for the World Fellowship fund.

Old business included the revision of Chapter rules. Nell Rose made the motion to accept the revisions. Pam Page seconded the motion and the members approved.

The World Fellowship Committee presented a program on schools for Africa with the viewing of a UNICEF video.

The installation of the 2012-2014 officers followed the business meeting. President Debbie Russell, First Vice President Vanessa Richmond-Graves, Second Vice President Catherine Massengale, and Secretary Jeryl Rice were inducted. The meeting concluded with the members personally congratulating the new officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeryl Rice, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Vaughan

March 2 - October 5, 2012

Balance: Mar. 2, 2012	\$6,345.60
Total Income	\$3,008.89
Total Expenses	\$2,228.09
Balance: Oct. 5, 2012	\$7,126.40
Grant-In-Aid Balance	\$2,311.87

Dates to Remember

April 26-28, 2013

Eta State Convention
Charlotte, NC

June 20 - 23, 2013

Leadership Development Seminar

William Peace University
Raleigh, NC

April 25-27, 2014

Eta State Convention
Greenville, NC

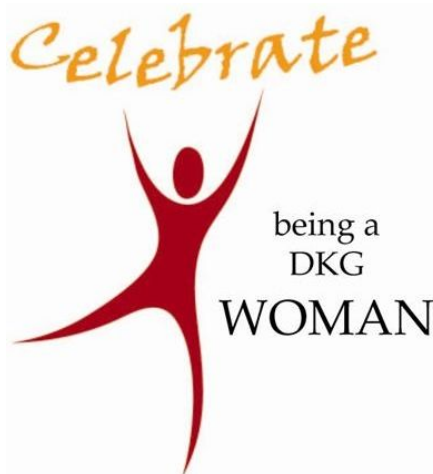
July 29 - August 1, 2014

International Convention
Indianapolis, Indiana

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The ABC's of Life

Accept differences, Be kind, Count your blessings, Dream, Express thanks, Forgive, Give freely, Harm no one, Imagine more, Jettison anger, Keep confidences, Love truly, Master something, Nurture hope, Open your mind, Pack lightly, Quell rumors, Reciprocate, Seek wisdom, Touch hearts, Understand, Value truth, Win graciously, Xeriscape, Yearn for peace, Zealously support a worthy cause.

Membership Pin

The gold key pin is inscribed with the Greek letters Delta Kappa Gamma, signifying key women teachers. The laurel wreath represents achievement. The cup signifies knowledge. The key is to be worn to official functions and meetings of the Society at local, state and international levels, and should always be worn as a pin.

The key pin is the emblem of membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Members are expected to order the key pin immediately after initiation. The key pin is worn in a vertical position over the heart; international, state and chapter presidents' pins are worn directly below the key pin.

Members are encouraged to wear their pin to the October meeting. One lucky member will win a door prize.



