

ALPHA DELTA NEWS

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From the President

Debbie Russell

I enjoy having something to look forward to, don't you? Early spring seems like the time of year when I do this most often. I look ahead to warmer weather after so many cold and gray winter days. I look forward to completing the school semester even though it means grading lots of final papers and exams. I especially enjoy planning some trips and summer activities. Right now on my calendar, I have only a trip to New York City in May and a week in Louisville to grade AP exams in June, but I do hope a beach trip or two will find its way onto my schedule?

We have plenty to look forward to in Alpha Delta, too. This spring we continue our support efforts with early career educators in our communities. Our March meeting should be full with new member nominations, projects, and a meaningful program the Leadership Development Committee. I hope we will have a large number of members there to learn from the speaker, contribute to our projects, spend time together, and enjoy the wonderful meal prepared by Winky, her family, and others.

Looking forward to April, I hope that Alpha Delta can be well represented at the Eta State convention in Charlotte. Please consider going, especially if you have never attended. I know many of us were involved at the Greensboro convention, when it was hosted by Region VII, and it is harder to go when it is not nearby, but I would be very happy to have a large contingent from Rocking and Caswell there. I have been invited by President Linda Little to participate in a pre-convention meeting about building chapter involvement. Please let me know if you have particular ideas that I could share. I know that all of us want to maintain our chapter's vibrancy. *Continued page 2*

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President's Column - continued

And then we have our very busy May meeting to look forward to, strong finishes to the school year, our summer book club, and maybe even other Alpha Delta summer outings as well! Could we possibly even plan to travel to Orlando for the Southeast Regional Conference in July?

Hope to see all of you in March and hear about some of the things you are looking forward to in the following weeks.

Best,
Debbie

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March Meeting

The March meeting of Alpha Delta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will be held on Friday, March 1, 2013 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church just off of Hwy 14 between Reidsville and Eden.

Winky Pasour and other members of her church are preparing a delicious meal including parmesan crusted chicken breasts, macaroni salad, green beans, fruit salad yeast rolls and assorted desserts. The cost of the meal will be \$15.00.

The Leadership Development Committee has asked Amy Chan, a Peace Corps volunteer, to be our guest at the March meeting. She will present a program on her experience serving on an island in the Pacific.

March Hostesses

Deborah Crumpton, Chair

Jane Lockhart

Norma Williams

Times of Interest for March Meeting

5:45 p.m.
Executive Board Meeting

6:00 p.m.
Social Hour

6:30 p.m.
Dinner

A Reminder for March Meeting

In October our chapter voted to spend \$100 to help the *Battered Women's Shelter* to better serve its clients. Book bags have been purchased with those funds. To finalize this project, our chapter decided to bring school supplies to the March meet-

ing. Any items which will help a child with his/her school work will be appreciated --composition books, loose notebook paper, pens, pencils, folders, markers, scissors, glue, crayons, etc.



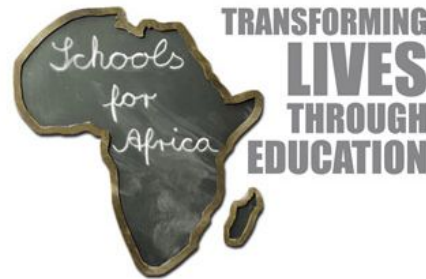
Schools for Africa Project

Kay Diehl

The Schools for Africa Committee requests that each member donate a minimum of \$2.00, which will be collected at the March meeting.

Donations are tax deductible, so checks will be accepted. Our goal is to forward \$100 or more to UNICEF for this project.

This project will assist 1,000 schools in eleven African countries to build/renovate, create new schools, provide clean water, and school supplies, train 100,000 teachers, and teach hygiene and disease prevention



Alpha Delta Members...Making a Difference

Carol Holcomb

In the fall of 2012, thirty-two Alpha Delta members completed a volunteer information survey. For the purpose of this survey, volunteer was described as any activity in which one participates and is not compensated. The Leadership Development committee compiled the results.

The survey reveals the majority of members spend their time and talents involved in some type of church activity. While many members are involved in musical activities and teaching groups, three-fourths of the respondents participate in small group activities and serve in leadership or committee member positions.

Surprisingly, the smallest amount of volunteer activity falls in the school/education category. The level of involvement in this area is concentrated in the following activities: tutor/reading buddy/mentor, Back Pack Program, lunch bud-

dy/lunch guest, fundraising volunteer, book fair assistant, and carnival/festivals/ Harvest Days.

Members are involved in an array of community activities. Ten of the members who completed the survey are members of the Retired School Personnel. Nearly as many volunteer in some capacity for the Salvation Army. While numerous organizations receive the benefit of involvement from Alpha Delta members, the other leading community organizations include: Friends of the Library, Theatre Guild, MARC, Dental Clinic, YMCA, and Meals on Wheels.

Some of the unique ways members volunteer their time and talents include serving as a church lay speaker, judging senior projects, participating in various local food efforts, judging for History Day at the NC History Museum, coordinating the Caswell Parish activities, and preparing taxes at a senior center.

When we asked to indicate ways in which one volunteers other than giving time, over half responded the bake/prepare food for others such as shut-ins, bake sales. Fourteen indicated they ring the bell. Other high levels of participation include working festival/booths, sponsor and/or participate in charitable golf tournaments/walks, and donate blood or work at bloodmobiles. Some member indicated they donate money to favorite charities/organizations.

Clearly, this survey is not an example of scientific research nor does it include all of the possibilities of volunteer participation. However, one can certainly conclude Alpha Delta members are busy and active and make a difference in their communities.



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February Message

Have you ever reached your hand into your pocket and pulled out some money that you weren't aware was there? I did that this week and to my surprise it was more than enough to buy a cup of coffee. Well, when I looked at the February calendar, to my surprise, in addition to it being our 48th wedding anniversary and Kaylee's tenth birthday, I had some very special chapter visits to make, eight to be exact. I knew I had scheduled them, but when I looked at February as a whole, it was evident that all eight of them came in this month.

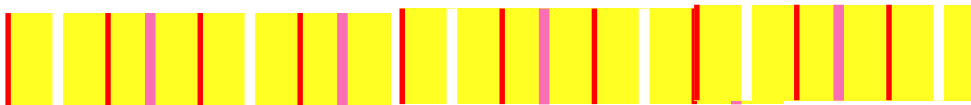
February is the month when a lot of our chapters vote on prospective members. Members who nominate speak to the group about her nominee in relation to her professional background, but also to her community outreach and other activities with which she's involved. Once all of the nominees are described, a vote among chapter members is taken. What a surprise the chapter members may have when they look at the roster as a whole to see how many prospective members have fewer than five years of experience and/or how many of them represent greater diversity within their chapter.

When chapter members take the time to review their own chapter profile to determine the gaps either by age, professional educational levels, and/or by job positions, it's easy to spot those areas in which the chapter is lacking representation. As you approach the time for your chapter to make membership decisions, I hope you consider "closing the gap" and what a surprise you'll have at initiation time!

It's like looking at February as a whole and realizing what a special treat I have in store by making eight chapter visits. It's also like finding that extra money in my pocket and having more than enough to buy a cup of coffee. May you and your chapter have a fabulous February, full of surprises, as you nominate, invite, orient, and initiate new members, not only in your chapter, but for Eta State, and our Society as a whole!

Respectively,

Linda Little, (Eta State President 2011-2013)



Announcement: Opening for Treasurer of Eta State

Our current treasurer, Chris Waters, has informed the Personnel committee that she desires to complete her six year term of office effective June 30, 2013, and she does not desire an extension. We thank her for her years of devoted service as our treasurer and extend our warmest wishes to her.

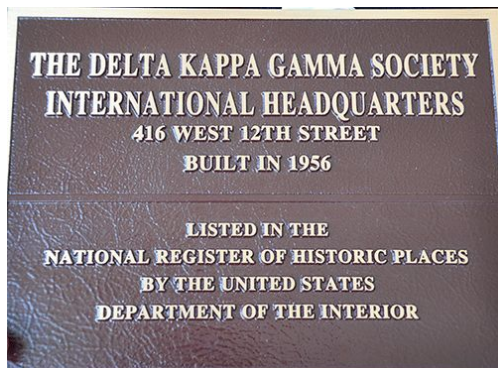
Therefore, *The Personnel Committee will accept applications until March 20, 2013. Interviews of selected candidates will be held on April 10, beginning at 10:30 am at the Headquarters in Asheboro. Please send your application to: Dr. Barbara Day, Chair, Personnel Committee, 1038 Torrey pines Place, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. If you have any questions, please call Dr. Day at 919-818-6663.*

International News: www.dkg.org

Society Headquarters Selected as a Historic Place

Have you ever wondered how buildings or locations become part of the National Register of Historic Places? It is a process that involves research and time. First, is an important question- is the property old enough and still looks close to the original? If the property is 50 years old or more and maintains the integrity of its era, the next step in the process becomes available. Then a property is nominated, reviewed, goes through an evaluation and after meeting rigorous standards may be granted the distinction.

Society Headquarters in Austin, Texas, opened in the downtown area in 1956. The interior has been decorated since the original pink and blue color scheme but remains much the same in furnishings. In 2012, the building was recognized as a property of the National Register of Historic Places. Dr. Beverly Helms, international president and Corlea Plowman, executive director, will work with Phyllis Hickey, operation services administrator, Nita Scott, membership services administrator and Dr. Linda Eller, information services administrator, to establish the ideal location for the distinguished plaque. When the plaque displaying the honor is installed, all members and employees can celebrate.



Happy Birthday

March

Cathy Fleming - 4

Virginia Sharrow - 21

April

Allison Wright - 10

Paige McCargo - 19

May

Norma Williams - 6

Nell Rose - 15

Marguerite Holt - 19

Susan Thompson - 31

Professional News

Congratulations to **Jennifer Jones** who recently was recognized by the Rockingham County School Board for renewing her National Boards.

Treasurer's Report

Checking: \$8009.27

Grant-In-Aid: \$3573.52

Sharon will be emailing a detailed copy at a later date.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

The summer book club selection is The Light Between Oceans by M. L. Stedman. Be sure to get a copy and plan to join us this summer as we discuss this novel. Several members have already read the book and can attest that it is an excellent book with unlimited discussion possibilities. The time and date for the book club meeting will be announced later.

Mission

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education

Vision

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.

Alpha Delta Book Corner

The winter months have kept some of our members busy reading. Here are some of their suggestions: **Rachel Scott: The Racketeer** by John Grisham, **My Last Dutchess** by Rachel Goodwin, **Sheltered by an Angel's Wing** by Katherine Pasour, **Santa Fe Edge** by Stuart Woods, **Light Between Oceans** by M. L. Stedman, **I Am A Seal Team Six Warrior** by

Howard E. Wasdin and StephenTemplin.....**Susan Thompson: The Devil in Pew Number Seven** a true story that takes place outside of Whiteville, NC.....

Donna Rawlins: **The Light Between Oceans, Safe Haven** by Nicholas Sparks, **Defending Jacob** by William Landay, **Faith** by Jennifer Haigh, **Sen-**

tence of Marriage by Shayne Parkinson, and **Sheltered by an Angel's Wings** by Katherine Pasour....

Editor's Note: Katherine's book come highly recommended by all the members who have read it.

An Author in Our Group: Katherine Pasour

We are so proud of Katherine, better known as Winky, and the publication of her first novel, "Sheltered by An Angel's Wings." She shares the following to give us some background on how her book came to be.

Shortly after 9/11, I had a dream which seemed to stick in my head. (I usually do not remember my dreams after awakening. I finally jotted down the main points and laid the note beside my beside table. It kept beckoning and calling, "do something with me!" So, in 2003, I began writing. Part 1 of Sheltered by an Angel's Wings is based on that dream. After several years of work, I put it aside again (things got really busy at Lenoir-Rhyne, but the book began calling to me again and in 2012, finally finished it. I pondered my reasons for writing--what did I want to do with this now that it was, at last, finished? I believe God has blessed me with a gift to write a good story (usually

that has been limited to Christmas plays at Bethlehem Methodist Church), but this time God was calling me to be a witness for Christ with my writing, so I sought out a Christian publishing company (CrossBooks) and now my story is a "read" book that I pray will be an inspiration for others.

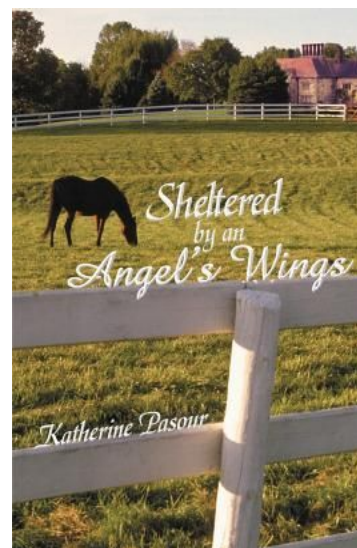
Winky will be bringing some copies to the March meeting.

If you are interested in an e-book, you can get one by going to www.amazon.com or www.CrossBooks.com site.

If you would like a soft cover copy, you can call (342-1106) or email her (Katherine.pasour@lr.edu) and you can work out the details.

CrossBooks (the publisher) sets the prices based on the length of the book (505 pages). Their

price is \$33.99; however, go to amazon.com for a lower price or from Winky at \$23.50 (or \$26.50 if shipped).



December Minutes

Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Delta Chapter December 7, 2012 Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met December 7, 2012 at the home of Brenda Atkins in Eden. Hostesses were Ginny Sharrow, Carolyn Lester, Geneva Robertson, Allison Wright, and Catherine Massengale. Twenty-nine members attended.

Vice President Vanessa Richmond Graves conducted the business meeting. Treasurer Sharon Vaughn submitted the treasurer's report with the balance of \$6,630.10. The Grant-in-Aid balance is \$2,314.71. The chapter minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

Kay Diehl announced that donations for the Schools in Africa project will be made in March.

Carol Holcomb reminded members to bring school supplies donations for the local shelter. The chapter will be purchasing backpacks instead of storage boxes.

Beginning Teachers Support Committee Chair Pam Page suggested a three part project:

\$100 mini grant to a beginning teacher

Each chapter member complete an activity involving a beginning teacher

The May program consist of a panel of beginning teachers

Marguerite Holt made the motion that the chapter gives two mini grants of \$150 each for a Caswell County and Rockingham County beginning teacher. The motion was seconded by Winky Pasour.

Vice President Richmond-Graves read letters of resignation from Blanch Page and Gretchen Parrish. Susan Thompson made the motion to accept with regrets. Mary Hux seconded the motion. The Executive Board recommendation was that Alpha Delta Chapter participate in the Reading Festival. Vanessa Richmond-Graves and Pam Page will coordinate the activity and ask others to assist.

Following the business meeting, the Scholarship Committee was in charge of the auction to benefit the Grant-in-Aid fund. Rachel Scott served as auctioneer and fun was had by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeryl Rice

Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 26 - 28, 2013

Eta State Convention

Charlotte, NC

July 10 - 13, 2013

Southeast Regional Conference

Gaylord Palms, Orlando, FL

July 28 - August 1, 2014

International Convention

JW Marriott Hotel, Indianapolis, IND

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Newsletter Submissions for May, 2013 Alpha Delta News are due April 19, 2014.

