

Alpha Delta News

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From the President

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Sharing Our Vision. Strengthening Our Society

Together, We are Stronger—Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating

When we welcome Karyn Collie Dickerson, North Carolina's Teacher of the Year, to our meeting on March 7, we will take extra pride in the fact that Karyn is a graduate of our local school system. I think all those who taught Karyn as she progressed through the Rockingham County Schools can feel a special satisfaction in having had a part in her education. Praised for her outstanding personal and academic qualities, she has demonstrated remarkable teaching skills with her students at Grimsley High School in Greensboro. We celebrate your achievements, Karyn, and support your efforts on our behalf as you travel across the state (and beyond) representing educators and students.

Karyn's selection as NC Teacher of the Year reminds me of all the good that teachers do in their schools and communities. My overwhelming impression of my colleagues in education is that they are hardworking and goodhearted people trying to make the world a little better. More than anything else, teaching is per-

sonal. Educators meet students one by one, hour by hour, throughout a string of class days. Altogether, these many interactions during a school year amount to much more than test scores or raw data can calculate. The positive effects we have on our students, on so many individual lives, are vast. *Continued page 2*

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It is the mark of an educated mind is to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

~Aristotle

Although sometimes it is difficult to hold on to these positive thoughts as public schools are labeled “failing” and teachers are increasingly the targets of scorn, deep down I think we all realize that we have helped many students and their families. How moving it is to have a former student remember us with a comment of thanks or kindness.

For those like Karyn who are active in the classroom, our Delta Kappa Gamma organization stands ready to sup-

port you. As educators, we have made and continue to make important contributions to others through our local schools.

Welcome back to Rockingham County, Karyn!

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March Meeting

The March meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma will be on Friday, March 7, 2014 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church. The church is located just off Highway 14 between Eden and Reidsville. The address is 1891 Bethlehem Church Road, Reidsville, NC. Fellowship time will begin at 6:00 and the meal will be served at 6:30. Winky Pasour and her family will be preparing a delicious meal for us. The price of the meal is \$15.00 which includes the meal and an honorarium for the church.

We hope everyone will be able to attend and enjoy the meal and the informative program.

Members are reminded to wear their DKG pin to the March meeting.



Hostesses

Paige McCargo

Melissa Bailey

Donna Rawlins

Times of Interest

5:45 p.m.

Executive Board Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Fellowship time

6:30 p.m.

Dinner

Menu

Marinated Chicken Breasts

Green Beans

Sweet Pasta Salad

Fruit Salad

Yeast Rolls

Assorted Desserts

A Special Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to our guest speaker tonight, Karyn Collie Dickerson. Karyn is a graduate of Rockingham County High School and is presently North Carolina's ***Teacher of the Year***. She is a high school English teacher at Grimsley High School in Guilford County, where she teaches English II Inclusion and IB English.

Convention 2014 Project

April Showers for New Teachers

"Showering New Teachers with Supplies," the 2014 Eta State Convention Project, will benefit beginning teachers in Region II. In order to collect a wide variety of supplies, each region has been assigned a supply to bring. Let beginning teachers know Delta Kappa Gamma chapters across NC are supporting them by being generous in your donations!



Alpha Delta Chapter members are reminded that we are collecting dry erase markers and erasers for this project. Please bring them to the March meeting.

Eta State Convention Workshops Scheduled

First Vice President Shelia Groves has announced that convention workshops are scheduled for Saturday afternoon, April 26. A variety of sessions highlight our digital world, classroom tips, educational issues, travel, and Society work. Bring your mobile devices—smart

phones, tablets, laptops. Several presenters will offer opportunities to use digital technology. **Look for a list of workshop titles and descriptions on the Eta State website March 1.**
www.dkg.org/NC/

Education Law and Policy Committee Update

The Educational Law and Policy Committee has been busy this fall and is making plans for the spring, including distributing a sample letter to the editor for use by chapters, making plans to resend the survey to members in an email, prioritizing the survey results, and presenting a preconference and regular workshop session at the convention. Read more of their committee update at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/EduLawCommitteeUpdate.pdf>

The EL&P Committee met last week to review their first semester work. The following actions have been accomplished:

- ◆ Chapters were encouraged by the committee to invite their superintendents to speak to the effects of the 2013 N.C. legislation on local systems and their legislators to speak to their opinions on 2013 legislation as well as 2014 proposals.
- ◆ The committee developed a protocol for working with elected leaders that should serve as a guide for legislative communications.
- ◆ The committee developed an on-line survey to determine the views of the membership regarding selected legislative action. While we had a good response and the initial results have been published, we have heard that a number of members who have not done so would like to complete a survey. Susan Kuenzel will distribute the survey again to the membership to allow all members to respond.
- ◆ U.S. Forum Representative Lynn Harloe and committee chair Elaine Jenkins have presented 11 programs to chapters across the state regarding Eta State's plan to address legislative issues.

The following actions are scheduled for the spring:

- ◆ ELP will distribute sample "letters to the editor: for chapters to consider sending to their local newspapers. All letters should be approved by the chapter's membership and sent in advance to President Pat Taylor before submission.
- ◆ ELP will use the survey results to develop an instrument that will allow state convention regarding the committee's priorities and plans.
- ◆ ELP will encourage the organization of small delegations to meet with legislators in Raleigh.

Our committee is working hard to communicate as accurately and effectively as possible the opinions of the majority of our members. Your comments are most welcome!

International News

2014 International Convention

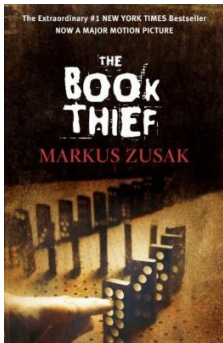
Indianapolis, Indiana
July 28—August 3, 2014

Want to know more? Go to www.dkg.org, find the box pertaining to International Convention and click details. You will hear a wonderful message from Dr. Beverly Helms, International President.



Summer Book Club Selection

“The Book Thief”



The Book Thief is a novel by Australian author Markus Zusak. Narrated by Death, the book is set in Nazi Germany, a place and time when the narrator notes he was extremely busy. It describes a young girl's relationship with her foster parents, the other residents of their neighborhood, and a young Jewish man who hides in her home during the escalation of World War II. First published in 2005, the book has won numerous awards and was listed on The New York Times Best Seller list for over 230 weeks ...*info from from Wikipedia*

Alpha Delta Book Corner

Susan Thompson—Last Ride on Chamberlain's Ferry by local doctor, Steve Luking and The Discovery by Dan Walsh....**Donna Rawlins** — The Book Thief by Markus Zusak, Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese;

Whistling Past the Graveyard by Susan Crandall....**Marguerite Holt** recommends The Monuments Men and Saving Italy by Robert Edsel.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Vaughan

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

December 6, 2013 – March 7, 2014

BALANCE: December 6, 2013 **\$ 7,715.12**

INCOME:

Auction 2013 Income	1,896.00
Handbook	5.50
Transfer from Grant-In-Aid (Cover Sec. Half S. Elkins Sch.2013 Recipient)	500.00
Interest (Dec. – Feb.)	<u>5.99</u>

TOTAL INCOME: **\$ 2,407.49**

TOTAL AVAILABLE **\$10,122.61**

EXPENSES:

Membership Exp.	7.92
Miscellaneous Exp.	
Honorarium- Morehead Memorial	
Hospital - Brenda Atkins	50.00
Samantha Elkins Sec. Half 2013 Scholarship	500.00
Transfer ½ 2013 Auction to GIA	950.00
Service Charges (Dec. – Feb.)	<u>3.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$ 1,510.92**

BALANCE: December 6, 2013 **\$ 8,611.69**

GRANT-IN-AID BALANCE: December 6, 2013 **\$ 3,176.95**

INCOME:

One-half 2013 Auction	950.00
Interest	<u>5.95</u>

+ 955.95

EXPENSE:

Transfer to Checking to cover	
Sec. Half Samantha Elkins 2013 Scholarship	<u>- 500.00</u>

GRANT-IN-AID BALANCE: March 7, 2014 **\$ 3236.90**