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85 Years and Beyond Advancing Key Women Educators for Life

From Our President

“Still Learning”

Dear Alpha Delta Sisters,

It has been an honor to serve as our chapter president since 2012. It is hard to believe that time has gone so fast! Because it is the nature of teachers to stop and assess what we know, here is some of what I have learned over the past four years.

It *is* possible to lead a business session (even if not very skillfully). My biggest fear in becoming president was being able to run a meeting according to the expected rules of order. Thank you for your patience with me as I had never in my life “called a meeting to order” before that October 2012 meeting!

It is very stressful to call a meeting off because of bad weather! I gained a stronger appreciation for the school officials who have to make this decision regularly in the winter. Thank you (especially Sandra and Winky) for being so supportive and helpful during that 48 hours in March 2014.

It is important to respond promptly to phone calls and emails.

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It is great to hear the words "Yes, I will." Chapter presidents have to do a lot of asking for help.

Our committee structure and our society traditions are important. Thanks to each of you who were willing to be chairpersons and to all members who served well on their assigned committees. This is the way we get things done. Please let the new officers know in what areas you would be happiest to work in the new biennium. As I helped plan meetings and attended state conventions, I have also gained a deeper appreciation for our society traditions and founders. Many of these formalities emphasize our seriousness of purpose and honor the women (pioneers in their time) who came together decades ago to further education. What a different world it was for women educators in Rockingham and Caswell counties who came together in 1953 to form our Alpha Delta chapter.

We *are* stronger together. As a group of over 40 committed women educators, we come together to do much more than what each of us can accomplish individually. We provide thousands of dollars in funds and donations to education in our two counties and give of our time to many projects that make a positive difference. As a state organization, our 4000+ members in 104 chapters are doing amazing things together for education in North Carolina in a very challenging time. I am proud of what we do together for education in our communities.

I am also grateful for the opportunities our chapter provides us for personal growth and friendships. When I started out, I had meant to write you all on your birthdays each year, to get in touch after each meeting with those not in attendance, to get to know each member better. I have not done all of what I had intended, but I hope that each of you has felt my regard for you as valued members. Let us continue to keep our chapter strong and lend our full support to Catherine, Wanda, Ruth, Jeryl, Sharon and Nell as they lead us in the new biennium.

In sisterhood,

Debbie

Thank You Debbie

For your leadership and a job well done.

President Alpha Delta Chapter 2012-2016

Alpha Delta Chapter



The May meeting of Alpha Delta Chapter of DKG will be Friday, May 6, 2016, at Woodmont Methodist Church on Richardson Drive in Reidsville. Social time will be at 6:00 p.m. and the meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. We will have our scholarship recipient, Katelyn Zimmerman and her friend/parent as our guests. A surprise dorm shower for her is a fun part of the meeting. We are also asked to bring books/cds for the book sale to benefit World Fellowship. Our state president, Sheila Groves, will be our guest also. We hope to see everyone at this special meeting.

May Meeting Menu

Chicken Salad Croissant

Deviled Eggs

Orzo Salad

Fruit Salad

Assorted Cupcakes

Tea/Lemonade

Meal price of \$15 includes the meal and a gratuity for the church.

May Hostesses

Lynne Haynes, Chair

Evangelina Balmori

Carol Holcomb

Ruth Williamson



Times of Interest

Executive Board Meeting

5:45 p.m.

Fellowship Time

6:00 p.m.

Dinner

6:30 p.m.

May Meeting Reminders

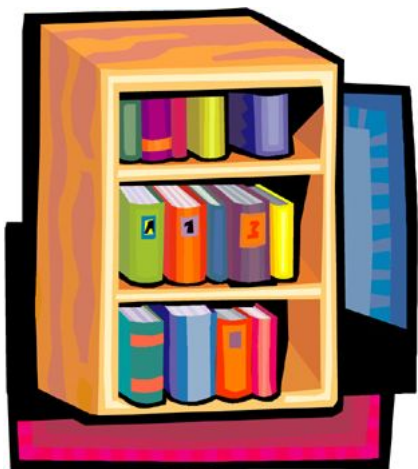
Box Tops of Education

Our members have been encouraged to collect Box Tops for Education over the past year.

Karen Hyler, public information officer for Rockingham County Schools, wrote this message: "That is so kind of you to collect box tops and share with our schools! I know Stoneville Elementary collects them each month. Their contact would be Pam Shope. I know they would appreciate extra box tops so much!"

Those of you who have collected Box Tops can take them to Stoneville Elementary (or another school you know of) or you can bring them to the May meeting and Debbie will deliver them for our chapter.

Dorm Shower



Alpha Delta Book/CD Sale

It's time to clean out the bookshelves and CD racks. Bring your treasures to Alpha Delta's World Fellowship Book/CD sale on May 6, 2016. Proceeds go to World Fellowship.

Rachel Scott Wins Golden Key Award

Alpha Delta's Rachel Scott, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 26 years, won the 2016 Golden Key award for Region VII, which includes eleven chapters from across Piedmont North Carolina. She was honored at the opening session of the Eta State Convention in Winston-Salem and presented a Golden Key pin. Chapter President, Debbie Russell, said of Scott, "She is so deserving of the award. Rachel is truly the backbone of our chapter!"

Scott has served as chapter president and assistant treasurer of Alpha Delta and has chaired numerous committees. At the state and regional level, she has chaired the Headquarters Committee and attended two Southeast Regional conferences. "Carol Holcomb, herself a Golden Key winner, did a wonderful job of conveying Rachel's contributions on the nomination form," Russell said. "Rachel has many DKG friends across the state who were very pleased that she was recognized with this award."

According to the *Eta* State website, Rachel truly embodies what the Golden Key was meant to recognize:

"The Golden Key Award is designed for those members who are in the background getting things done without personal glory or gain for themselves. The committee is searching for those members who are the backbone of chapters all across the state. With over 4,500 Eta state sisters in 104 chapters, the Golden Key is for those dedicated members who are the thread that holds the chapter together and have a deep and abiding love for DKG."

"After all," Russell commented, "who else has attended every state convention since she was initiated in 1995 and, to help reduce maintenance costs, power-washed the Eta State Headquarters building?"



Rachel Scott (left) and Debbie Russell (right) were our delegates to the Eta State Convention in Winton-Salem, NC. We look forward to their report at the May meeting.

Chapter Rules are Reviewed Every Four Years and 2016 is the Year!

All chapter members are asked to read over our Chapter Rules and suggest revisions by June 1. Send your thoughts to Debbie Russell. You can access the Chapter Rules at our Alpha Delta web site : <http://ncalphadelta.weebly.com.chapter-rules.html>.



Heads Up from the Education Law & Policy Committee

By: Susan Phipps, Chair of the Education Law & Policy Committee

Please alert your members that the General Assembly in Raleigh is contemplating major changes to the NC Teachers and State Employees' Retirement Plan. Under consideration is the discontinuation of the Defined-Benefits Retirement System and the introduction of a Defined-Contribution System. The difference is stark and has implications for North Carolina's ability to attract high quality educators and other workers to our state in the future.

The current Defined-Benefits System has state employees contributing 6% of their salaries and the state contributing the other 9.15% for retirement. These funds are invested and monitored by the state treasurer and results in a guaranteed pension based on a standard formula of service time and money invested. The Defined-Contribution System, on the other hand, has no guaranteed benefits and all the risks and benefits of any investment are shouldered by the employee instead of the state. Retirement benefits will fluctuate with market ebbs and lows. (During the stock market crash of 2008 this retirement system would have been very debilitating for retirees.) Money invested by an employee would also be subject to management fees.

Please do all you can do to head this idea off before it can get any traction. Contact your Senator and Representative to urge their support for a Defined-Benefits Retirement System. To find your representatives' contact information, go to www.nleg.net and click on "Who represents me?" at the top right side of the homepage. Find your District numbers for House and Senate on the map, put in the numbers and see your representatives' contact information. Committee meetings happen before the 2016 session begins on April 25, so NOW is the time to act!

Treasurer's Report

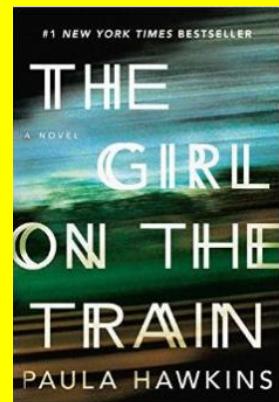
Sharon sent out a copy of the treasurer's report earlier this month. If anyone would like a copy of the full report, we can email you a copy. Here are our numbers as of May 6, 2016.

Balance - \$7,193.44

Grant In Aid - \$4,058.62

Summer Book Club

The selection for this summer's book club meeting is "Girl on the Train." More information will be shared at the May meeting. Susan Thompson read this book recently and gives it a thumbs up!!



A teacher affects eternity; he/she can never tell where his/her influence stops. ~ Henry Adams

Happy Teacher Appreciation to our teachers

Delta Kappa Gamma

Alpha Delta Chapter

March 4, 2016 Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met March 4, 2016 at the Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Reidsville, NC. Hostesses were Nell Rose, chair; Kay Diehl and Tee Price. Twenty- nine members attended. The meal was catered by Katherine Pasour and family.

The Schools for Africa Committee, Rachel Scott chairperson was in charge of the program. Speaker Andrea Earles present information on Lusaka, Zambia in South Central Africa where she spent two weeks on a mission trip. Her group served as volunteers in a primary school.

President Debbie Russell conducted the business meeting. The minutes were approved. Rachel Scott presented the treasurer's report which includes a 3/4/2016 balance of \$8446.72. The Grant in Aid is \$4075.23.

The Report of the Executive Board included a request for \$50 from the treasury to purchase children's books to take to the state convention. The chapter approved.

Committee Reports

Finance: Carol Holcomb reminded members to supply proper paperwork/receipts to the treasurer when requesting reimbursement. This is required for auditing procedures.

Communications: Paige McCargo announced the chapter website is up and running. She will follow up with an email with more information.

Social: Sandra Dickens thanked the hostesses and caterer Katherine Pasour.

Grant in Aid/Scholarship: Patsy Snyder reported on the scholarship selection process and asks for input on the selection criteria. Katelyn Zimmerman of Reidsville is the Grant in Aid recipient for 2016.

Leadership Development: Susan Thompson reminded the members to bring their volunteer point totals to the May meeting.

Membership: Cindy Sarwi encouraged the chapter to be actively recruiting new members.

Education Law and Policy: Wanda Smith reported on the new federal law "Every student Succeeds" and how it affects Gifted education.

Beginning Teacher Support: Ruth Williamson and Martha Davis will get the new applications ready for distribution to the schools.

World Fellowship: The May meeting is the used book sale for World Fellowship.

New Business: Nomination Committee chairperson Paige McCargo presented the slate of chapter officers for 2016-2018; President Catherine Massengale, Vice President Wanda Smith, 2nd Vice President Ruth Williamson, Secretary Jeryl Rice.

Following personal announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeryl Rice, Secretary

Personal and Professional News

Winky Pasour has written a Bible Study entitled "Honoring God with My Body: A Scripturally Guided Journey Towards Wellness." Based on the premise that it's never too late to develop healthy life-style habits, the nine week study focuses on the many dimensions of health. In a scripturally guided format, supplemented by discussion of nutrition, physical activity, and the importance of making healthy life-style choices, participants are encouraged to take control of their health. Winky has led the Bible Study for two groups at Bethlehem UMC and plans to offer another session this summer. If you are interested in joining a group at Bethlehem or would like the program presented at your church, please see Winky for more information.

Mark the Dates

May 11 - Founders Day

June 25 - Summer Officer Training Asheboro

July 1 - 2016-2018 Biennium begins

July 5- 9 - International Convention, Nashville
Tennessee

September 10 - Fall Executive Board Meeting,
Elon

Member Birthdays

May

Norma Williams - 6
Nell Rose - 15
Marguerite Holt - 19
Susan Thompson - 31

June

Carol Summerlin - 2
Catherine Massengale - 3
Winky Pasour - 7
Sharon Vaughan - 13
Kathryn Scott - 24

July

Pam Page Starr - 8
Lynda Perry - 19
Patsy Snyder - 21

August

Cindi Sarwi - 4
Carolyn Lester - 7
Wanda Smith - 16
Sara Quate - 16
Mary Hux - 21

September

Carol Holcomb - 12
Bonnie Brewer - 20
Donna Rawlins - 21
Ruth Williamson - 28



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