

# Alpha Delta News



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
 Eta State, North Carolina  
 Alpha Delta Chapter  
 Rockingham/Caswell Counties  
 Region VII

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## From The President - Dr. Cindy Wall Sarwi

A blind boy paid his way to a mater's degree at Northwestern University by taking notes on class lectures in Braille, typing them, and selling copies to classmates who had stronger eyes but weak ambition.

One of the great mysteries of life is why some people who seem to have all the advantages --the right connections, education, and experience -- never seem to amount to much while others who have to struggle for everything they have reach incredible heights of success. It hinges on determination. If you have the will to succeed, you will somehow find a way, regardless of the obstacles you encounter. Do you use all of your assets to achieve your goals, or are you

handicapped by your lack of ambition? No other person can create in you a desire to succeed. With enough motivation, you will see things all around you that will help you reach your objectives, things that you may have overlooked many times before.

*Wisdom from  
 Napoleon Hill*

Alpha Delta Sisters,

This has been an intense year for our chapter as we faced the challenges presented to us from Eta State and International. You welcomed these challenges and stepped up when called upon to execute the task at hand. You created opportunities to better our

chapter and revised our committees to meet our chapter needs and goals. As mentioned in the excerpt above. Your determination and the will to succeed can overcome most obstacles. You utilized the right resources and the right motivation to drive our chapter business. Thank You to all.

Reflections on the biennium: Jeryl Rice receiving the state Cornetet Award; Carol Holcomb receiving the Regional Golden Key Award; Rachel Scott serving on a state committee (Headquarters); All-State School Board honoring Nell Rose; Chapter Achievement Award; International, State and Chapter Rules and Strategic Action Plan revision; visits from state president and regional director,

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**Times of Interest**

- 5:45 PM - Executive Board Meeting
- 6:00 PM - Social Hour
- 6:30 PM - Dinner

Linda Little and Ellen Midkiff; Eta State Newsletter and Alpha Delta Newsletter going electronic; Salvation Army bell ringing; establishment of Educational Excellence Committee; Creation of Alpha Delta Book Club; Adoption of Schools for Africa and Early Career Educators projects; Leadership training for officers; Personal development workshops, Going Green Project; annual grant in aid auction; and Hilda's lovely music at each of the meetings.

As we close out the 2010 -2012 Delta Kappa Gamma biennium, we spring

forward into a new realm of leadership. I pass the gavel to your new president, Debbie Russell, with mixed emotions. With sadness I will miss the intricate involvement of Delta Kappa Gamma at local, regional, and state level. I learned so much during my presidential tenure not only about the history, policies, and ongoing activities of DKG; but, I learned a lot about my fellow sisters. I am truly blessed to be a part of an organization with so many talented, intelligent, dedicated, and genuine women. You have enriched my life in more ways than you will ever know.

With happiness and excitement, I look forward to working with Alpha Delta's new leadership:

2012-2014 Officers: President, Debbie Russell; First Vice President, Catherine Massengale; Secretary, Jeryl Rice. Their passion for education is vibrant. Collectively, their wealth of knowledge and accumulation of experiences will serve our chapter well. Let us continue to strive to make a difference in the lives of others!

Sincerely,

Dr. Cindy Wall Sarwi

Alpha Delta President



## May Meeting

Sandra Dickens

The May meeting of Alpha Delta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will meet May 4, 2012 at Woodmont United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Fellowship time will be at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

Our 2012 Grant in Aid recipient, Caroline Nicole Fraser will attend this meeting with her mom.

We will have a combined World Fellowship/Research program. You will learn more about the first official project of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International: Schools for Africa. Be ready to learn about the project and how donations meet the needs in each of the countries served.

### May Menu

Chicken Salad

Ham Roll

Deviled Eggs

Marinated Vegetables

Fruit Salad

Dessert Tarts

\$15.00



### Hostesses

Kay Diehl, Chair

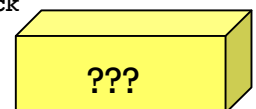
Paige McCargo

Vanessa Richmond-Graves

Anna Pruitt

Donna Rawlins

Get your memorabilia boxes ready for a fun evening of learning about your fellow DKG sisters. Can you guess which Alpha Delta sister taught overseas? Which sister has a rock collection?



## Eta State News: <http://www.deltakappagamma>

From Our State President Linda Little:

Spring is in the air and that automatically puts a “spring” in our steps. Just as April represents the beginning of new life around us; it also represents time for chapters to invite and initiate new members; to install new officers and to give the outgoing president time to reflect on her legacy. One of the best gifts an outgoing president can leave her chapter is to provide time for a smooth transition between her officers and the incoming ones.

This will give the new ones, new spring in their steps to continue moving the chapter forward.....As for the outgoing chapter president, celebrate your accomplishments, continue to use your leadership skills in other areas of the Society, and think of ways to get to enrich your own chapter by supporting the incoming president. We encourage incoming presidents to get to know their new Regional Directors. These ladies have been chapter presidents before and they are the

liaisons between chapters and the state organization. It’s a new beginning for incoming presidents as well as Regional directors and what opportunities for both to “spring forward” with new ideas.

Happy Spring!

Linda

We look forward to a Eta State Convention report at the May meeting from our representatives.

## International News: <http://www.deltakappagamma.net>

*Do you “tweet” or “blog?” Check out these two short articles to see how these technology “tools” affects DKG.*

### Share a tweet or two on Twitter

Twitter is a micro-blogging tool usable on smartphones, iPads or tablets, laptops and desktop computers. To create an account go to **Twitter.com**, set up an account via the sign up link, follow each of the steps provided, establish your chosen username and password. Follow other people, companies and things of interest to you. *Twitter* users post a tweet that can be only 140 characters, including spaces and punctuation. It is designed for quick, short, informative bits of information to be shared with

all others on *Twitter*.

If using *Twitter* on smartphone, you can stay up to date on news as it happens, be aware of what your friends are doing, and share interesting happenings you experience. From the *Twitter* ABOUT page, “*Twitter* is a real-time information network.” CNN has *twitter* feed along with most other broadcasting companies. But the impact of *Twitter* comes from people who share what they see happening in the world today. Using *Twitter* is the fastest method for staying informed. Perhaps we should try it.

The four administrators at Society Headquarters and the international president will be tweeting between now and convention indi-

vidually. Sign up and follow Dr. Jensi Souders @jensips; Corlea Plowman @coleaplowman; Phyllis Hickey @phyllisinausstin; Nita Scott @nitascott; and Dr. Linda Eller @lseller. During convention follow @dkgcon to stay abreast of happenings on location.

### Do You Read Blogs?

Several of our international officers have blogs that are very informative and fun to read. Go to <http://www.deltakappagamma.net> and look for the shortcut to blogs. Dr. Jensi Souders our outgoing international president has a wonderful blog.

## What is the Golden Key Award?

This award is designed for those members who are often times in the background getting things done with personal glory or gain for themselves. The Eta State Golden Key Award honors Delta Kappa Gamma members who have made significant contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma at various levels of the Society. One member from each of the eleven (11) regions will be honored at the Eta State Convention. Recipients must be active members of Delta Kappa Gamma in Eta State for at least seven (7) years. No current elected state officer, appointed personnel, past Eta State

president, or current member of the awards committee are eligible. Recipients must uphold the principles and purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma by being involved in local and state initiatives.

No member may receive this award more than once. Members nominated in previous years, but not selected may have their names resubmitted. Names of nominees shall remain anonymous. Each chapter can nominate one member annually.

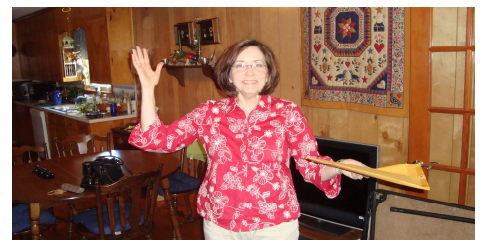
Special emphasis is directed toward Delta Kappa Gamma participation ,

community involvement, involvement in other organizations and involvement in education in general are important in the selection process.



**Who can forget the fabulous job Carol did as registrar Eta State Convention when in Greensboro?.....You made Alpha Delta proud...You are always ready and willing to serve with expertise and a gracious smile.**

*Congratulations*  
to  
**Carol Holcomb**  
for being  
the first recipient  
of the newly created  
**GOLDEN KEY AWARD**  
for  
**Region VII**



## 2012 Grant in Aid Recipient

The 2012 Delta Kappa Gamma Grant in Aid recipient is Caroline Nicole Fraser. She is from Eden, N.C. and is a senior at John Motley Morehead High School. Caroline has been an outstanding high school student. She is ranked 13th in a class of 248 students. Caroline has received many honors and achievements during her years at Morehead High School. She is in the national Honor Society, been drum major for marching band for two years, received numerous recogni-

tions for her participation in the band on the school level, as well as by the Rockingham County School Board and the Eden City Council, and served as a member of All County Band for four years.

Caroline has been extremely active in the community. She volunteers at the Community Reading Conference, tutored elementary students in ready through church, and has tutored elementary students at the Parent Resource Center. In addition, Caroline volunteers at the Madison-Mayodan Recreation Site for Council on Aging.

Caroline enjoys performing on her clarinet and tutoring students. She also like to cook and experiment with new recipes.

Caroline is planning to attend Appalachian State University and major in music education. Her ultimate goal is to be a lead band director at public high school.

Best Wishes

Good Luck

Aim for the stars



Our dorm shower!  
Let's send Caroline to

Appalachian State University  
with many gifts to enhance her  
freshman year!!

The future belongs to those  
who believe in the beauty of  
their dreams.

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

## World Fellowship Committee Sale

Don't forget to bring your books, DVDs, and CDs to sell for the World Fellowship Fund. World Fellowship helps women pursue advanced study in the United States and Canada. To date, DKG has helped over 555 women in 101 countries.

Now is the time to clean off your bookshelves and take home some "new" books and also help by going green.

### World Fellowship Committee Book Sale

**Paperback Books: \$1**

**Hardback Books: \$2**

**DVDs: \$2**

**CD:\$2**

## Alpha Delta Book Corner

Alpha Delta Sisters love to read. Here are some selections they have read:

**Rachel Scott:** The Litigators by John Grisham, Dog on It by Spencer Gunn, The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein, Courageous by Randy Alcorn, The Hunger Game by Suzanne Collins, Miss Julia Delivers the Goods by Ann B. Ross, and A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini...**Mary Hux:** Sleeping with Patty Hearst by Mary Lambeth Moore, Life Stories by Ted Hopkins, The Hunger Game by Su-

zanne Collins, A Chance to Die by Elizabeth Elliott, a moving story of missionary Amy Carmichael who served orphans in India for over 53 years. ....**Donna Rawlins:** Courageous by Randy Alcorn, The Hunger Game by Suzanne Collins, The Angels Were Silent by Max Lucado, Cross Country by James Patterson, Sizzling Eighteen by Janet Evanovich, and Lone Wolf by Jody Picoult.....**Susan Thompson:** In the Garden of Beasts and The Art of Racing in the Rain.



## Summer Book Club Selection: Unbroken by Lauren Hillenbrand

“On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of young lieutenant, the plane’s bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War.

The lieutenant’s name was Louis Zamperini. In boyhood, he’d been a cunning and incorrigible delinquent, breaking into houses, brawling, and fleeing his home to ride the rails. As a teenager, he had channeled his defiance into running, discovering a pro-

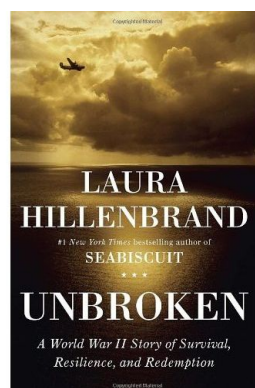
digious talent that had carried him to the Berlin Olympics and within sight of the four-minute mile. But when war had come, the athlete had become an airman, embarking on a journey that led to his doomed flight, a tiny raft, and a drift into the unknown.

Ahead of Zamperini lay thousands of miles of open ocean, leaping sharks, a foundering raft, thirst and starvation, enemy aircraft, and, beyond, a trial

even greater. Driven to the limits of endurance, Zamperini would answer desperation with ingenuity; suffering with hope, resolve, and humor; brutality with rebellion. His fate whether triumph or tragedy, would be suspended on the fraying wire of his will.

In her long-awaited new book, Laura Hillenbrand writes with the same rich and vivid narrative voice she displayed in *Seabiscuit*. Telling an unforgettable story of a man’s journey into extremity, **Unbroken** is a testament to the resilience of the human mind, body, and spirit.”

~Amazon.com



## Rules, Rules, Rules

Carol Holcomb

If you were at the last meeting, you already know that we will vote at our May meeting to accept or reject the proposed revisions to our chapter rules. Most of the changes are the result of aligning our rules with those of Eta State and International, which is required. For example, we will no longer have a limit on the number of years a proposed member may be retired. Previously, we could invite a retiree into membership only if she had been retired no more than three years. Further, if a former member wishes to be reinstated as a member, she may without a chapter vote.

The rules committee did a "local" change to our existing rules. To assist with the collection of dues, the committee added "An email dues notification may be sent by the treasurer in early September as a reminder." Our rules state dues are to be paid to the treasurer on or before the October meeting.

The biggest changes to Alpha Delta's chapter rules concern the reorganization of our committees. In order to be consistent with Eta State, the rules committee has proposed to organize our chapter into two main designations, Society Business and Society Mission and Purposes. Some committee names have changed, but the responsibilities and purposes of the committees have not. We may also add or keep committees we feel are important to our chapter.

In years past, we established a quorum of twenty members present in order to conduct business, and a majority vote is sufficient for most of our business. Also, on some matters which are deemed extremely important, we determined that we needed, for example, two thirds of the ballots cast.

As we begin a biennium July 1, these revised documents will be extremely helpful to those planning for our chap-

ter. Before our March meeting, members received by e-mail two documents regarding the changes: 2012 Changes to Alpha Delta Chapter Rules and the proposed Chapter Rules. Please review these documents and be ready to vote so that our leaders can proceed with their plans.

Carol Holcomb, Chair  
Rules Committee



**"Education is the most powerful  
weapon which you can use to  
change the world."**

*~Nelson Mandela*

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## Professional and Personal News

**Ginny Sharrow** is headed to Tennessee to look after her grandkids the first week in May. She does, however, send this news, "Ray and I spent a few days in NYC to celebrate our 50th anniversary! (Editor note...CONGRATULATIONS !!) We started there after college graduation--my first job was at a junior high on Long Island--and spent the last day of our honeymoon in the city as well; so thought it would be appropriate to return and enjoy a few shows and all the usual tourist venues in the city ...**Mary Hux** spent a week in Charleston, SC with her sister. Her brother, who had suffered a broken jaw in a brutish mugging earlier was able to spend a few days with them.....**Rachel Scott** spent a week at the beach with family and friends. They also enjoyed opening night at

the ball park watching the Myrtle Beach Pelicans....Congratulations to **Jennifer Jones** who sponsored the Rockingham Middle School "Battle of the Books" team to a county win and a trip to regional competition....**Donna Rawlins, Paige McCargo, and Anna Pruitt** recently attended the NCAE meeting for retired educators in Winston Salem.....**Debbie Russell**-- "We plan a trip to New York City over Mother's Day weekend to attend a concert our daughter is singing in (with Essential Voices USA) as well as a graduation event at NYU. She is finishing her master's this semester and will be teaching again this summer at NC Governor's School at Salem College. I also look forward to seeing my son and daughter-in-law, who also live in NYC. I will be in Louisville, KY, the first week in June to be a reader for

the AP U.S. History exams. It is my first year doing this and I hope I can grade essays fast enough! This summer I will also be preparing my lectures for the class I am teaching at UNCG in the fall-- U.S. History since 1865. I have been a teaching assistant there for four semesters, but I have been assigned my own classes for next year. So, I'm back to teaching after a very short *retirement*."

Keep Kathryn Scott in your thoughts and prayers. She has had health issues requiring hospitalization over the last month. Her address is:

Kathryn Scott  
702 Sunset Avenue  
Madison, NC 27025

## Birthdays

### May

Norma Williams - 6  
Marguerite Holt - 19  
Susan Thompson - 31

### June

Carol Summerlin -2  
Catherine Massengale - 3  
Cindy Wall Sarwi - 4  
Gretchen Parrish - 6  
Winky Pasour - 7

Sharon Vaughan - 13

Blanche Page - 21

Kathryn Scott - 24

### July

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



### August

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

### September

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



# March Minutes

Jeryl Rice

Delta Kappa Gamma Society  
Alpha Delta Chapter  
March 2, 2012  
Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met March 2, 2012 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church. Thirty-eight members attended. The hostesses were Lynda Perry, Gretchen Parrish, Hilda Purgason, and Carol Summerlin. Eta State Region VII Director Ellen Midkiff was a special guest.

President Cindy Sarwi conducted the business meeting. The minutes were approved. Treasurer Sharon Vaughn reported a balance of \$6,345.60 and the Grant-In-Aid balance \$3,046.34.

### Committee Reports

**Nominating Committee:** Rachel Scott announced the new slate of officers; President Debbie Russell, First Vice President Vanessa Richmond Graves, Second Vice President Catherine Massingale, Secretary Jeryl Rice. Susan Thompson made the motion to accept and Pam Page seconded. The motion passed.

**World Fellowship:** Kathryn Scott announced that the used book sale at the May meeting will fund the donation for World Fellowship. The Executive Board made the motion that the club treasury should supplement the book sale receipts for the donation if the minimum amount was not raised. Pam Page made the motion to approve, with Linda Perry making the second. The motion passed.

**Grant-In-Aid:** Patsy Snyder announced the committee chose Morehead High School student Caroline Fraser to receive the Grant-In-Aid Scholarship. The chapter will give her a dorm shower at the May meeting.

**Membership:** Wanda Smith requested suggestions for how to recognize milestones of membership.

### Old Business

Chair of the Ad Hoc Rules Committee Carol Holcomb presented the changes to the Chapter Rules. The vote will be taken at the May meeting. Copies of the rules changes were distributed.

### New Business

Rachel Scott reminded the members that the Alpha Delta Chapter sends a \$100 donation for the Headquarters fund.

A special address was given by Region VII Director Ellen Midkiff. She recommended Garth Stein's *The Art of Racing in the Rain* and elaborated on its theme.

The Literacy Committee Co-Chair Catherine Massengale presented the program on Catch the Reading Bug: Community Reading Conference and Festival.

The Executive Committee nominated Carol Holcomb for the Eta State Golden Key Award. The Region VII award winner will be announced at the Eta State Convention.

Hilda Purgason led the chapter in singing the DKG song. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeryl Rice, Secretary



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Thank You

*Dr. Cindy Wall Sarwi*

for

Your outstanding leadership

and a job well done

as

President

of

Alpha Delta Chapter

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

2010-2012

