

# ALPHA DELTA NEWS

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## From the President

Debbie Russell

It's already May! The end of the school year is near. And we are approaching the end of a year of involvement with Delta Kappa Gamma. I think we should feel good about our contributions to the betterment of education in our Rockingham and Caswell communities in 2012-2013.

We have learned about and supported the efforts of the newly established Museum and Archives of Rockingham County by meeting there in October, contributing financially, and volunteering. We also widened our own perspectives and knowledge of local history by touring the Greensboro Historical Museum.

We have gathered a wide variety of needed school supplies for the children who need to stay temporarily at domestic abuse shelters in our two counties.

We have contributed financially to the good work of the Rockingham Reading Association and supported the countywide reading program of the public library. We have shared our favorite books with one another and gathered for our own yearly book discussion.

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**Lead - Serve - Impact**

**Sharing Our Vision - Strengthening Our Society**

## President's Column - continued

We have identified local early career educators and made dozens of contacts with them during the school year, offering our assistance and support and generously contributing gifts to both teachers and their students.

We have awarded two mini-grants to beginning teachers that will allow them to enrich their classroom activities. We will continue to consult with early career educators in the coming year and look forward to hearing about their experiences and needs from a panel at the May meeting.

We have made a substantial financial donation to Schools for Africa which should provide much needed support to educators and children there.

We have once again raised scholarship funds that will support a young woman from our local schools as she begins her college training. I'm sure we will enjoy meeting her and her parent on May 3.

All of these worthy projects and more have been completed through the collective efforts of our Alpha Delta members.

Going forward, we have identified potential new members and will be offering them the opportunity to join us in the coming weeks.

I am excited about the possibilities for the coming year working with you in Delta Kappa Gamma. Have an idea for our chapter? Please let me know your thoughts and let's keep in close contact as we plan for another active year.

Best,  
Debbie



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# May Meeting

The Alpha Delta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma International will meet on May 3, 2013 at the Fellowship Hall of Woodmont Methodist Church in Reidsville.

The program will be presented by the Beginning Teacher Support Committee which is chaired by Pam Page.

We will also welcome our Grant-in-Aid recipient, Samantha Elkin, and her mother as our guests. We will honor Samantha with a dorm shower at this meeting.

Members are also reminded that this is our annual "Alpha Delta Book Sale." Members are encouraged to bring books and DVDS. Proceeds will go towards the World Fellowship Fund.

**Menu**

Chicken Salad  
Ham Roll  
Deviled Eggs  
Marinated Vegetables  
Fruit Salad  
Dessert Tarts

\$15



**May Hostesses**

Anna Pruitt, Chair  
Marti Hyatt  
Sara Quate  
Susan Thompson  
Ruth Williamson

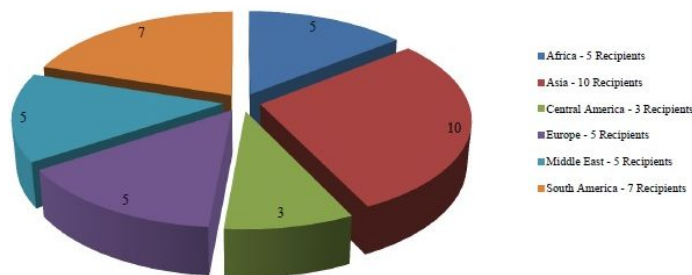
**Times of Interest for May Meeting**

5:45 p.m.  
Executive Board Meeting

6:00 p.m.  
Social Hour

6:30 p.m.  
Dinner

**2012-2013 World Fellowship**  
Impacting Education Worldwide



Total amount for awards and extensions  
\$92,800.00

## International News - [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

### Miss Annie Blanton

Here is some biographical information on our Miss Annie Blanton, the educator who founded The Delta Kappa Gamma International. As we remember our Society's educational leaders during Founder's Day celebration, let's find out more about "Miss Annie."



Annie Webb Blanton, teacher, suffragist, and the first woman in Texas elected to a statewide office, was born on August 19, 1870, in Houston to Thomas Lindsay and Eugenia (Webb) Blanton. Her twin sister, Fannie, died as a girl. Annie Blanton attended school in Houston and La Grange. After graduating from high school in 1886, she taught in a rural school in Fayette County. In 1888, she moved to Austin, where she taught in both elementary and secondary schools. While attending the University of Texas, she supported herself by teaching and graduated in 1899.

From 1901 to 1918 Annie served on the English faculty of North Texas State Normal College (now the University of Texas) in Denton, where she became active in the Texas State Teachers Association. In 1916, she was elected president of the association. She was the first woman to hold this position.

In February 1918 women obtained the right to vote in Texas primaries. Annie was asked by the Texas suffragists to run for state superintendent of public instruction. After a bitter campaign, Blanton won the election in a large margin. She was the first woman in Texas elected to a statewide office.

During her tenure as state superintendent a system of free textbooks was established, teacher certification laws were revised, teachers' salaries were raised, and efforts were made to improve rural education. Blanton was re-elected in 1920 and served through 1922. She later ran unsuccessfully for the United States Congress. She returned to the University of Texas and acquired her master's degree in 1923. She taught at UT until 1926 when she took a leave to pursue her Ph.D. from Cornell University. She then returned to the University of Texas and remained there as professor of education for the remainder of her life.

Blanton published several books during her career. In 1929, she founded the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, an honorary society for women teachers. She was active in national educational groups and served several terms as president of NEA. Her passion throughout her career was the needs of rural schools.

Blanton never married and was a Methodist. She died in Austin on October 2, 1945. Several schools in Texas and a women's dormitory at the University of Texas bear her name.

Information for this article was found at this web site:

<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fb116>

## Scenes from our March Meeting



Amy Tan our guest speaker



Fatsy and Donna



Winky and Jeryl



School supplies for Battered Womens' Shelter



Anna and Sandra



School supplies for Battered Womens' Shelter

## March Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met March 1, 2013 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Eden. Thirty-two members attended. Hostesses were Deborah Crumpton, chair; Jane Lockhart, and Norma Williams. The Leadership Development Committee presented a program on volunteerism. Amy Chan, a Peace Corps volunteer spoke on her experiences serving in the Republic of Vanautu, located in the South Pacific Ocean.

President Debbie Russell conducted the business meeting. The December 7<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved. Treasurer Sharon Vaughn reported the December auction raised \$2506. The Grant in Aid fund is \$3573.52, with an account balance of \$8009.27.

President Russell submitted two Executive Board recommendations that were approved by a vote of the membership. The chapter will purchase a one fourth page ad (\$45) in the Eta State Convention program announcing the publication of Winky Pa-sour's book and congratulations.

The Chapter will make a \$75 donation to Rockingham County Reading Association to assist in funding the Reading festival.

### Committee Reports

Schools for Africa-Chair Kay Diehl requested membership donations for the UNICEF sponsored project. The committee made the motion that the chapter treasury match the donations collected. Rachel Scott seconded the motion. \$138 collected and the treasurer will send \$276 for the Schools for Africa project.

Grant in Aid /Scholarship-Chair Patsy Snyder announced the chapter's \$1000 scholarship recipient this year is Bartlett Yancey High School senior Samantha Elkin. The chapter will also give a dorm shower at the next meeting.

Leadership Development-Carol Holcomb reported that participation in Rockingham Reads is the chapter activity. *Light Between Oceans* by M L Stedman is the summer book club selection. The chapter members donated school supplies and this will be delivered to shelters in Caswell and Rockingham.

Membership- Rachel Scott presented two nominations for chapter membership. Voting is scheduled for the May meeting.

Educational Law and Policy-Ruth Williamson reported that Congress reauthorized the 1994 Violence Against Women Act which assists victims of domestic and sexual violence. The committee encourages members to contact state representatives on issues in education and voice an opinion.

Beginning Teacher Support-Pam Page requests that chapter members choose a beginning teacher to sponsor. Participates are to record activities and hours on the prescribed form. The committee is awarding a \$150 Alpha Delta Grant to beginning teachers Stephanie Sanders of Caswell County and Melissa Merritt of Rockingham County.

World Fellowship- Mary Hux reminded everyone to bring their used books to sell at the May meeting. Money raised will be sent to the World Fellowship Fund.

President Russell announced the creation of an ad hoc committee for the chapter's Strategic Action Plan. Pam Page volunteered for the new committee.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeryl Rice, Secretary



## Eta State News - [www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/)

### April Message

#### Just Do It!

Accepting the challenge to run a 5K came with following a program entitled "Your Couch to the 5K." Accepting the challenge to lead a group of women educators did not come with a program entitled, "Your Chair to the Podium," but it did come with looking at models who came before me, reading governing documents, visiting with chapters showing me the real-world of chapter contributions to our Society, and being a part of state committees working to fulfill responsibilities that make the organization run smoothly.

"Your Couch to the 5K" started with walking briskly and rotating running and walking for short periods of time which gradually built up to running for longer periods. My president "training" began with wonderful experiences provided by International that involved "walking briskly" through logistics and rotating through scenarios with real-life situations that I might encounter

The intensity of my "training" increased as committee chairs/members were identified; as strategic action planning with committee alignment came into play; as biennial reports were submitted and analyzed; as communication with all stakeholders made its way to the forefront; and as just everyday questions, decisions, situations, mistakes, and problem solving emerged.

The weeks of training for the 5K have elapsed. The time to "just do it" is right around the corner and a feeling of accomplishment is emerging. So it is with my tenure as state president. Only a few more chapter visits to make; only a convention to plan; only a leadership seminar to facilitate, and only a few more decisions to make, and the "just do it" will come to an end.

Accepting the challenge to leave the couch and run the 5K has taught me some valuable lessons about myself. I've also learned that when I accepted the challenge of being YOUR state leader "the chair to the podium" really was in effect. "In the chair" I was listening, looking, and leaning on ALL of you. While at the podium, I felt you supporting me; you cheering me on, and even you being patient with me. Thank you for participating in my "training" and thank you for giving me that feeling of accomplishment.

I challenge YOU to set goals for yourself and for our organization- move from your chair to the podium in whatever arena you wish to pursue. Take time for what matters and lead, serve, and impact! Your "just do it" is right around the corner!

God bless you,

Linda Little (Eta State President 2011-2013)



## Alpha Delta Book Corner

The cool spring days have offered some time for Alpha Delta members to snuggle up and read. Here are some books that our members have enjoyed. ...

**Allison Wright** - *Dangerous Inheritance A Novel of Tudor Rivals and the Secret Tower* by Alison Weir, *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn and a delightful collection of essays by an author/college professor's sabbatical year in Paris, entitled *Paris in Love: A Memoir* by Elosia James...**Donna Rawlins** - *Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea*, a book that tells of the horrors and shocking living conditions of the poor in North Korea. The author interviewed people who had escaped and left all behind to start a new life of freedom.....**Vanessa Richmond - Graves** - *Advent Conspiracy* by Rick McKinley, Chris Seay, and Greg Holder.**Rachel Scott** - *Buried Secrets* by Joseph Finder, *Mrs. Miracle* by Debbie Macomber, *As Good as She Gets* by Roxanna Green, *Up Island* by Ann Rivers Siddon, *Look Again* by Lisa Scottolina, and *Double Play* by Rob Parker...**Sharon Vaughan** - "I want to recommend to members they read Winky's book by *Sheltered by an Angels Wings*. Not only did I read a compelling story about a terrorist attack, miraculous healing by the power of prayer when conventional medicine did not work, and the fighting of strong attractions where they should not be; I was amazed at Winky's knowledge of biblical scriptures and her abundant ability to bring the right scripture in at the right time. It was astounding. I highly recommend members read her book." Sharon also read *Not a Sparrow Falls* by Linda Nichols and *Crossing Oceans* by Gina Holmes.

## Member Birthdays

### June

Carol Summerlin - 2  
Catherine Massengale - 3  
Cindy Wall-Sarwi - 4  
Winky Pasour - 7  
Sharon Vaughan - 13  
Blanche Page - 21  
Kathryn Scott - 24

### July

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

### August

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

### September

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

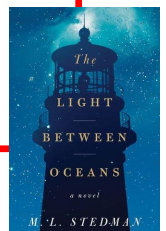
## Personal and Professional News

Congratulations to **Brenda Atkins** who is serving as co-chair of the Rockingham Community College Foundation Drive. Brenda has served three terms with the RCC Foundation....**Cindy Wall-Sarwi** is proud to announce that her daughter, Katelyn, will be playing the part of "Molly" in the Rockingham County Theatre Guild's production of "Annie." Performances will be June 21-22, 28-29 at 7:30 PM and June 23 and 30 at 2:30 PM at Rockingham County High School. Cindy urges all members to come out and support the Guild and the actors from the area....**Winky Pasour** will be traveling to Dublin, Ireland in May along with three colleagues and 21 Teaching Fellows. The group will be visiting secondary and primary schools and several colleges and universities. We will also have some time as tourists and will check out historical sites, castles, and beautiful churches (St Patrick's Cathedral and Christ Church Cathedral)....**Vanessa Richmond-Graves** is thrilled to report that her cancer scans for the last six months was clear and on a happy note for our society she says when she wins the Publisher's Clearing House she will donate some of her \$5000.00 per week. (Vanessa, I'm saving your email.)...**Martha Davis** and her husband, Steve, are retiring at the end of this school year and are looking forward to new adventures and "life after school."

### Summer Book Club

**The Light Between Oceans by M. L. Stedman. Members who are interested are asked to sign up and leave contact information at the May meeting**

**The time and date for the book club meeting will be announced later.**





## DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

### TREASURER'S REPORT

March 1 – May 3, 2013

**BALANCE: March 1, 2013** **\$8,009.27**

2012 Addt'l Auction Contribs.	70.00
Schools For Africa Contribs.	133.00
March Dinner Receipts	510.00
Transfer From Grant-In-Aid	500.00
Interest	<u>3.10</u>

**TOTAL INCOME:** **\$1,216.10**

Samantha Elkins	
(2013 Grant-In-Aid)	500.00
To Grant-In-Aid	85.00
(½ Addt'l Cont.)	
10 Backpacks	98.64
Rockingham Reading Assoc.	75.00
March Meal Expense – Including	
Bethlehem Church Hon.	510.00
U.S. Fund for UNICEF -	
“Schools for Africa”	276.00
ETA State	
(Ad—Winky's Book)	45.00
Mailings	6.72
Mini-Grants Project	300.00
Service Charges	<u>2.00</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES:** **\$1,898.36**

**BALANCE: May 3, 2013** **\$7,327.01**

## Alpha Delta's "Beginning Teacher Support Grant Recipients"



Martha Davis presenting Mini Grant to Stephanie with Evangelina Balmori.

Stephanie Saunders is our Caswell County recipient of the Alpha Delta mini grant. She is from New York City and came to North Carolina to attend N.C. A&T, majoring in English education. After graduation, she returned home only to be called /asked to take a teaching position at Bartlett Yancey High School. She has been there since December 2011.

She plans to use her mini grant for purchasing "TV Game Show" games to be used in various ways in her classroom. These interactive games are, according to Stephanie is "designed for the smart board and offers students an opportunity to be part of the lesson. After learning a specific skill, students will be able to apply their knowledge to questions in the core curric-



Melissa Merritt

Melissa Merritt, an eighth-grade language arts and social studies teacher at Rockingham County Middle School, has been awarded a Beginning Teacher Support Grant of \$150 from the Rockingham/Caswell chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Merritt plans to use the grant to purchase a class set of the novel *George Washington, Spymaster* by Thomas B. Allen. Her students will work with peers in literature circles as they explore history.

## **From Debbie...*Please take note of this article and vote at the web site***

Dear Chapter Presidents,

At the 2012 International Convention held in New York City, members voted to implement suggestions of the ad hoc committee to study possible electronic election processes. This necessitates that amendments to the Constitution and International Standing Rules be approved at the 2014 International Convention. The Ad Hoc Election Process Committee appointed by Dr. Beverly Helms has been exploring ways to handle the election process.

Key items explored:

Should each member of the Society be able to vote for officers, administrative board members and members of elected committees? Do we want one member, one vote?

Currently state organization presidents vote at international convention for officers, administrative board members and members of elected committees. In this representative election process, state organizations have a voting strength of 1 vote for every 5 active and reserve members. What are the issues surrounding this representative election?

Nomination process: Should more nominees be listed on the nomination slate? Should the duties of the international nominations committee be reviewed and evaluated?

How might we conduct a general election with every member voting? Yes, we know that many organizations do electronic voting and many vendors have been investigated. But what would be the best ways for DKG to handle this. Are we like every other organization? Should we be?

You are receiving this message because you are a chapter president who has an email address in the Society data base. We would like your opinion about the election process. Read the articles in each upcoming issue of the DKGNEWS and on the Ad Hoc Election Process Committee page on the Society website. No final decisions about amendments have been made yet, as we are seeking opinions from our members. The earliest date that any voting could take place is 2016.

Please take the survey available at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D5LGGW6>

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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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