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“Together, We are Stronger, Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!”

85 Years and Beyond Advancing Key Women Educators for Life

In Memoriam

Brenda P. Atkins

Member of

Alpha Delta Chapter

of

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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From Our President

Dear Alpha Delta Sisters,

I recently sang at a wedding. I was asked to sing for my friend while she and her son danced the Mother-Son dance at the reception. The words were perfect for the occasion, a mother giving her son some valuable advice on his wedding day --about how to treat his new wife with kindness-- but most of all to remember that he would always be her cherished son. For my own son's wedding, I requested what some would probably not consider a traditional choice for our Mother-Son dance: James Taylor's "Shower the People." One reason was that I just love James Taylor! Another was that each time I hear the words of that chorus, I want to do better. I admit that a few of the lyrics would be puzzling in the context of a wedding, but the overwhelming message of the song was one that I find inspiring and try to keep in mind: "Shower the people you love with love. Show them the way that you feel."

I have thought of the words of this song several times in the past few weeks and have regretted that I do not follow this advice more closely. I especially felt this regret when I heard of the passing of Brenda Atkins. The recent loss of our friend and colleague to cancer has left us heartbroken. Brenda was an exceptional teacher, a good friend, and a fine human being. We will miss her in Delta Kappa Gamma and all across Rockingham County.

May Meeting

The May meeting of DKG will be on Friday, May 1, 2015, at Woodmont United Methodist Church on Richardson Drive in Reidsville. The social time will be at 6:00 and the meal will begin at 6:30. We will have our scholarship recipient, Megan Abernathy, and her sister 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

2015 Grant in Aid Recipient - Megan Abernathy

The 2015 Alpha Delta Chapter grant-in-aid recipient is Megan Ann Abernathy. Megan is the daughter of Mitch Abernathy. She lives in Eden and is currently a senior at Morehead High School.

Megan plans to attend UNC-CH this fall. She plans to major in Classical Studies and minor in Humanities and to receive a teaching degree.

Brenda's funeral, though a sad time for all gathered there, was also a celebration of her life and a real tribute to her community contributions. Brenda not only served as the president of our Alpha Delta chapter, but she worked for numerous charitable causes and served on several boards. What I think Brenda may have liked best about the service was the eulogy given by her former principal. He recounted several moments of Brenda's teaching career when she showed extraordinary caring for her students and good-humored camaraderie with her fellow teachers. At the end of the service, Brenda's pastor gave a call to action to all her family, friends, and acquaintances: Follow Brenda's example of service and become involved in the lives of others. Let us continue to strive for this as we move forward in the work of our chapter, in our classrooms, homes, and in our broader communities. And let's remember to "shower the people."

In friendship,

Debbie

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Fellowship. Karyn Collie Dickerson, NC Teacher of the Year for 2013 and graduate of Rockingham County High School, will present the program. Hope to see everyone at this special meeting.

Megan was highly influenced by all her teachers in pursuing a career in teaching, especially by her Latin Teacher.

Megan has been active in Marching Band, Swim Team, and Drama Club as well as other organizations in her school, is an active member of her church Youth Group. and also works at Pizza Hut.

CONGRATULATIONS! Megan!!

May Meeting Info

Times of Interest

Executive Board

5:45 p.m.

Fellowship Time

6:00 p.m.

Dinner

6:30 p.m.

May

Hostesses

Alison Wright, Chair

Teresa Price

Hilda Purgason

Cindy Sarwi

Menu

Chicken Salad

Ham Rolls

Marinated Vegetables

Deviled Eggs

Fruit Salad

Dessert Tarts

Coffee/Tea



**Dorm Shower
For
Megan Abernathy
Our
2015 Grant in Aid Recipient**

Have you ever been named your school's **Teacher of the Year**? If so, please pick up a special tag at the sign-up table to wear at the May meeting. We will recognize our **TOY** members in honor of our speaker, Karyn Collie Dickerson, NC 2013 **TOY**.

We eagerly anticipate a report on the Eta State Convention from President Debbie Russell and Rachel Scott.

We extend a warm welcome to our guest speaker, Karyn Collie Dickerson, NC Teacher of the Year 2013 and a graduate of Rockingham County High School.

**Alpha Delta's
Annual Book and CD Sale
To
Benefit
World Fellowship
At
May Meeting**



Member News

Paige McCargo continues to be on the mend after recent hip replacement surgery.

Norma Williams is in Moses Cone Hospital .

Our continued prayers and love go to **Catherine Massengale** in the loss of her dear mother, **Brenda Atkins**.

Happy Birthday

June

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

July

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

August

Cindy Sarwi- 4
Carolyn Lester- 7
Sara Quate- 16
Wanda Smith- 16
Mary Hux- 21
Angela Southard- 23

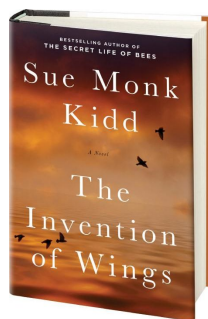
September

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

Alpha Delta Book Corner

Sharon Vaughan - "The Unfinished Gift" by Dan Walsh'; **Donna Rawlins** - "In This Mountain" and "A New Song" by Jan Karon, "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah.

Summer Book Club



Blue Naples Restaurant, Madison
July 23, 2015, 11:30 AM
Carolyn Lester discussion leader

From Leadership Development Committee

As the year winds down, please remember to calculate the points you have earned participating in community and DKG activities during the year. We would like for you to write your totals on a sheet of paper along with your name so that we can have a record and announce who has accumulated the most points. In addition to the list of ways to earn points you already have, we are awarding points for the following:

Being an officer: 3 points; being a committee chair or co-chair: 1 point; attending the state convention: 3 points; bringing a dorm shower gift: 1 point; nominating a new member: 1 point

Also, we would like to remind you of the summer book club. We will be reading and discussing Sue Monk Kidd's *The Invention of Wings*. Carolyn Lester will be leading the discussion and we will meet on Thursday, July 23, at 11: 30 AM at the *Blue Naples* restaurant in Madison. We will contact you again about this to get an idea of who is planning to attend.

March Minutes

Delta Kappa Gamma

Alpha Delta Chapter

March 6, 2015 Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met March 6, 2015 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Reidsville, NC. Hostesses were Rachel Scott, chair; Donna Rawlins, Jennifer Jones, and Carol Summerlin. The meal was prepared by Katherine Pasour and family. Twenty-nine members attended.

The Leadership Development Committee, Kay Diehl and Susan Thompson, chairs introduced the program speaker Heather Adams. Ms Adams is the executive director of the Rockingham County Partnership for Children. Following the program chapter members contributed books and money for the Rockingham and Caswell County Smart Start.

President Debbie Russell conducted the business meeting. The December 5, 2014 minutes were amended to read

President Russell attended the Region VII Presidents meeting in High Point. She shared information and surveyed members concerning a possible region wide project – a NC writers workshop.

Rachel Scott stated that the treasurer's report is in the chapter newsletter. The treasury balance is \$8699.37, with the Grant in Aid \$3510.34.

The President's report: President Russell reminded the membership of the 100 Challenge and to send in a pledge if they wish to participate. Concerning State Convention preparation, Region VII is assigned to provide Subway gift cards. Nell Rose made the motion that the Alpha Delta Chapter spend \$50 from the budgeted Miscellaneous and Donations line item to purchase Subway gift cards for the State Convention projects. Teresa Price seconded the motion.

President Russell gave a door prize for wearing the DKG pin. Carol Holcomb was selected.

Committee Reports

Scholarship - Patsy Snyder announced the Grant in Aid recipient chosen was Megan Abernathy from Morehead High School. The chapter will give a dorm shower for the honoree at the May meeting.

Schools for Africa - Rachel Scott reported that the budgeted \$50 will be sent to the Schools for Africa program.

Finance – Carol Holcomb explained the budgeted money for State Convention expenses.

Leadership Development – Susan Thompson announced that \$300 was collected from the membership for Smart Start. Caswell CCPC will be given \$50 and the Rockingham RCPC will be given \$250 to sponsor two children for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Beginning Teacher Support – Ruth Williamson reminded members that applications for the mini grants to beginning teachers is due March 15th.

Educational law and Policy – Teresa Price presented information on the teaching fellows and master's pay.

World Fellowship Committee- Mary Hux reminded members to bring used books to sale at the May meeting. The money raised is for the World Fellowship fund.

Membership – Cindy Sarwi reported there are two nominations for membership to be considered at the May meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Jeryl Rice

Treasurer's Report

ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER March 6 - May 1, 2015

BALANCE: MARCH 6, 2015		\$ 8,699.37
INCOME:		
March Meal Receipts	\$ 435.30	
Additional 2014 Auction Contributions	85.00	
Smart Start and Caswell County Partnership for Children Donations	318.00	
Transfer from GIA for 2015 Recipient Megan Ann Abernathy	500.00	
Add back uncashed check	4.20	
Interest Income: (March, April)	3.69	
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>\$ 1,346.19</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE		\$10,045.56
EXPENSES:		
March Meal Expenses & Honorarium	\$ 450.00	
Yearly Contribution ETA State Headquarters Fund	100.00	
Honorarium for Dec. Mtg. to Morehead Memorial Hospital in Honor of Brenda Atkins	50.00	
Donation Payments:		
RCPC: Smart Start	250.00	
Caswell Co. Partnership for Children	<u>68.00</u>	318.00
Conference Exp: State Convention Project		50.00
2015 GIA Recipient: Megan Ann Abernathy		500.00
Transfers to GIA:		
Memorial Brenda P. Atkins	50.00	
1/2 Adtl. 2014 Auction Cont.	<u>95.00</u>	145.00
Service Charges: (March, April)		2.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:		<u>\$ 1,615.00</u>
BALANCE: MAY 1, 2015		\$ 8,426.36

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GRANT-IN-AID

BALANCE: MARCH 6, 2015		\$ 3,510.34
INCOME:		
Ad'tl. 2014 Auction Cont.	\$ 95.00	
Memorial: Brenda P. Atkins	50.00	
Dividend Income: (March, April)	4.64	
	149.64	
EXPENSE:		
Transfer to checking-1st payment		
2015 Recipient Megan Ann Abernathy	<u>500.00</u>	
DIFFERENCE		-350.36
BALANCE: MAY 1, 2015		\$ 3,159.98

Headquarters Needs Support

Headquarter Committee met on March 3, 2015 and looked at the budget, contributions, and usage of the facility. The budget for 2014-2015 approved by the Executive Board at the convention last year, is \$10,000. At the end of February, donations have amounted to less than \$4,000. To make our budget for this year, we need donations of \$6,000 in the next few months.

In the past two years, Eta State members, committees, and chapters have used Headquarters over 50 times as of the end of January 2015. We invite all of our members to take a day and

visit. Bring your lunch and eat in our kitchen, meeting room or conference room.

Call or email President Patricia Taylor when you wish to see Headquarters. A big "Thank You" to all those who have contributed this year.

Headquarters Committee: Dot Snyder, Martha Webb, Rachel Scott, Betty LeRoux, Bonnie Edwards, Patsyanna Barker, chair.

Pack Your Bags

It's not too late to sign up for the
Southeast Regional Meeting in

Savannah!

Please consider going.

July 15-18, 2015

A special buss will be traveling from
Greensboro.

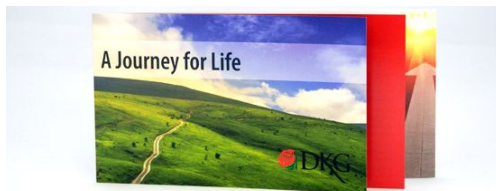


Tech Tip

Ever wanted to make a video of what's happening on your computer screen or to create a video to teach students steps in a process? Jing is your tool. Jing is a free service that lets you capture basic video, animation, and still images. You can easily save them and/or share them on the web. Add videos to your blog or send pictures through email or Twitter. Jing is available for Mac or PC and has step by step tutorials and free tech support. Find out more at <https://www.techsmith.com/jing.html>.

New Marketing Brochure

A new marketing brochure is available for order through the Society Supply Store. Rather than the two separate brochures that were previously used for internal and external marketing, one brochure will be available that markets the vision and mission of the Society. Use it to recruit new members with exciting information about the Society and benefits of membership. Include the brochure in teacher gifts and supplies provided as part of the chapter's efforts to support early-career educators. Or, use it to remind current members why they joined!



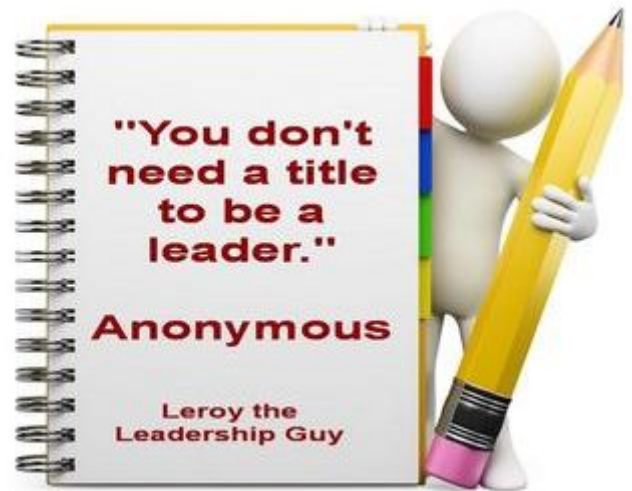
Convention Dates

June 17-20, 2015 - Eta State Leadership Development Seminar, Raleigh, NC

July 15-18, 2015 - Southeast Regional Conference, West Harbor Resort, Savannah, GA

April 22 -24, 2016 - Eta State Convention, Winston Salem, NC (Region IX)

LEROY (Leadership Experiences Relevant to Others and Yourself)



Scholarship Recipients Announced



The International Scholarship Committee awarded at total of \$96,000 in scholarships for the 2015-2016 year. Of the 10 recipients, 9 doctoral candidates received \$10,000 scholarships and 1 candidate received \$6,000 for advanced studies. Members from all regions are encouraged to apply. Applications are available on the DKG website July 1st of each year. *Congratulations to Leslie Baldwin, Zeta, from North Carolina.*

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A Message From President Pat



Spring is officially here! It is a time to enjoy the beautiful North Carolina scenery and to be thankful that the snow has ceased!!! Thank goodness!

Delta Kappa Gamma is in the “spring” of things at this time. The NC Eta State organization chapter presidents’ annual reports reflected new growth in chapters this past year. Some Eta State chapters reported as many as 12 new initiates. Regional Directors reported chapter programs that ranged from a variety of topics to programs that physically engaged members. More chapter leaders surveyed members to plan programs that assisted members both personally and professionally and some presidents say they will continue to survey members on a yearly basis. Some chapter presidents reported chapter programs that included information about community service and/or the sharing of information from school superintendents. Others reported information about programs on technology and supporting new teachers. The presidents wrote that these new ideas have made their chapter stronger! Reading about these new programs and new growth made me excited about the future of Eta State!

New growth has occurred in the Society; especially in the way members register for regional conferences. According to the March/April 2015 President’s Page from international, members wishing to register for regional conferences online will now enter their member ID number with the default password of dkg2014society. Passwords can be changed after login. Members needing their member ID number can contact mem@dkg.org or 512.478.5748 or contact your chapter membership chairman.

In order for anything to grow to its fullest, the planter needs a plan. The plan from last year may need updating and will definitely include pruning the dead growth and fertilizing the pruned stems to give an extra boost! What are some areas in our chapters and state that would benefit from new growth? It may be as simple as eliminating a committee and/or combining committees. It may involve “fertilizing” the chapter by utilizing a special speaker from outside the chapter for a “hands-on” chapter program in which all members are physically involved. Extra training may be necessary to find ways to become successful in our planting. If so, we will want to work together to find a way, financially, to help members attend a state, regional, or international conference and/or convention to gain information needed for new chapter growth. Chapter scholarships and/or, Grant-in-Aids are ideas to consider to help sponsor members to attend a DKG event, such as our state convention in April where we will learn more about how to “Dare to Lead,” and/or the regional conference in Savannah, Georgia. Some chapters may wish to consider planning a program about our Founders to present our Society’s history to new members and to provide a review for others. Researching the utilization of technology for attending chapter meetings may provide a cost effective way of attending chapter meetings! Some chapters may choose to celebrate a successful year with an end of the year celebration with quality time for genuine spiritual fellowship!

As we embark together on a new biennium in Eta State, let us continue to gather in our chapters to plan for and celebrate the new growth that will help members and the chapter, as a whole become and/or remain stronger and promote women educators worldwide to the fullest. Together, we are stronger! Happy spring!

Together We are Stronger