



# Alpha Delta News

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**Create the Future — Imagine, Inspire, Ignite**

**85 Years and Beyond Advancing Key Women Educators for Life**

## From Our President

### Hope

At my good friend's wedding this summer (a teaching colleague for over twenty years), there was an amazing sight-- a double rainbow. She was married outdoors in a lovely mountain setting, but there had been periods of light rain during the afternoon and even a little during the ceremony. However, just as the last prayer and song ended, an enormous double rainbow filled the sky overhead. What an awesome sight! Everyone was amazed, inspired, and filled with hope for the couple and their future.

Thinking of this rainbow reminded me of how teachers and students feel every fall when school starts back-- full of hope. Everyone is hoping for a good year, for success, for a feeling of belonging, for the joy of learning, for friends, for good relationships, even for some fun along the way. I am hoping that all of you are off to a very good start if you are in the classroom. Teaching itself is an act of hope. Please let your colleagues in DKG know how we can help you. *Continued p. 2*



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## From Our President *..continued*

I am also hoping that this year in our chapter will be very enjoyable and productive. This will be my fourth year as president and I hope it will be a year in which we make a positive impact on our communities and encourage each other.

Please come to the October 2 meeting if at all possible to get our year in DKG started out right! We will welcome our two new members—Carla Rierson and Megan Robertson-- and hold an initiation ceremony for them. There will also be time for our chapter committees to get together and plan at our first meeting. (This will take place after the initiation and the dinner, but before the business meeting.) Working together through Delta Kappa Gamma, we can share our hope and turn it into action.

In sisterhood,  
Debbie



## October Meeting



The October meeting of the Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will be at Prospect United Methodist Church in Yanceyville, NC on Friday, October 2, 2015. The church is located at 1900 US Highway 158 W in Caswell County.

Bonnie Brewer and Pam Page Starr attend Prospect United Methodist Church and they hosted our meeting two years ago. The social time will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the initiation service will be at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be served at 7:00 p.m. The price of the meal is \$15.00. This includes the meal and an honorarium for the church.

## Hostesses

Susan Thompson, Chair  
Martha Davis  
Patsy Snyder  
Vanessa Richmond - Graves

## Times of Interest

Executive Board Meeting - 5:45 p.m.  
Fellowship Time - 6:00 p.m.  
Initiation - 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

## Menu

Lemon Garlic Chicken  
Roasted Pork Loin w/Apples & Cherries  
Green Beans & Glazed Yams  
Seasoned Rice  
Oven Roasted Potatoes  
Tossed Salad & Dressing  
Rolls  
Tea & Coffee

## Directions:



The church is located on Hwy 158 East for those coming from Rockingham County. It is on your left (a red brick church with a sanctuary and fellowship hall equal in size and side by side) just before you come into Yanceyville. It sits back from the highway and has a sign with Prospect UMC on it. It is approximately 18 miles from Hwy 29/Hwy 158

## Annual Book Club Meeting

### Leadership Development Committee

Eleven Alpha Delta members met at Madison's Blue Naples restaurant on July 23rd for an experience that encompassed much excellence: outstanding food, intense book analysis and most importantly, much sisterhood bonding.

The committee chose Sue Monk Kidd's work, *THE INVENTION OF WINGS*, for our summer event, the same novel selected for the annual ROCKINGHAM READS experiences. Due to snow, the County events were cancelled.

The book, which is based on factual events, describes struggles women endured prior to the Civil War concerning liberation and empowerment. As the main characters, Charlestonian slave Hetty "Handful" Grimke and her owner Sarah Grimke, form a lasting bond of friendship, the novel focuses on the prejudices both face as each seeks freedom from an oppressive society.

Committee member Carolyn Lester facilitated the discussion. As the group explored the novel's themes. Carolyn encouraged attendees to relate personal experiences they have witnessed or experienced in their own lives. With the history teachers' assistance, the group related heartfelt memories of national and personal events prior to and including the Civil Rights' movement along with those with immigrant relatives revealing what their loved ones had endured.

Attendees contributed donations for Eden's Morehead Memorial Hospital's nursing facility in remembrance of our beloved sister, Brenda Atkins, who was in residence there prior to her passing.

## Finance

The annual audit conducted this summer shows we are doing well financially! Thanks to all of our members who generously support our only fundraiser, the December auction, we are a viable chapter. We are able to meet our state obligations, to fund local projects, to send chapter representatives to meetings, to provide a scholarship, and to pay for our operational expenses.

Because of the diligence of our treasurer, Sharon, our reports are filed on time and expenditures and deposits are documented by receipts, invoices, or other means. As members, we can continue to help Sharon keep these detailed records by giving her documentation of any expense we incur. Our chapter rules/by-laws explain the expenses covered by the chapter.

The Finance Committee extends a special thank you to Sharon, who works hard to provide us with accurate treasurer's reports year after year. What a wonderful contribution she makes to our chapter.

Carol Holcomb

### Treasurer's Report

<b>Balance: May 1, 2015</b>	\$8,426.36
<b>Total Income:</b>	<u>1,369.36</u>
<b>Total Available:</b>	\$9,795.82
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<u>\$1,590.67</u>
<b>Balance: October 2, 2015</b>	\$8,205.15

#### Grant in Aid

<b>Balance: October 2, 2015</b>	\$3,169.79
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## Member News

**Martha Davis** - Steve and I enjoyed a May trip to Asheville to tour the beautiful Biltmore home and gardens and to see the "Downton Abbey" costumes. In July, we traveled to Abingdon and enjoyed a stay at the Martha Washington Inn and Spa. The highlight of the trip was a night at the Barter Theatre to see a wonderful musical production of "Mary Poppins"! In August, we spent a week in Pennsylvania Dutch country enjoying the sights, the food, the theatre, and the antique markets....**Debbie Russell** - I have been asked to serve on the Eta State Awards Committee for this biennium. In June, I went to Louisville, KY to read AP U.S. History exams for 8 straight days - 8 to 5 each day. This is quite a hard job, but it is good to stay involved in the program, which I think is valuable for our high school students. Having completed my coursework and passed my comprehensive exams, I am now able to focus on finishing my doctorate in History. For the first semester since 2008, I am not working at a TA or instructor, but am focusing on my dissertation research. I hope to be finished in the next calendar year...**Melissa Bailey** recently had foot surgery and is now on the mend. (You can't keep a good girl down).

## LEROY (Leadership Experiences Relevant to Others and Yourself)



## Birthdays

### October

Susan Lassiter - 13

Rachel Scott - 15

Sandra Dickens - 29

### November

Carolyn Boswell - 4

Evangelina Balmori - 16

Melissa Bailey - 19

Barbara Smith - 28

### December

Jeryl Rice - 7

Kay Diehl - 8

Karen Wakelee - 27



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## Alpha Delta Book Corner

The past hot summer days found us either curled up on the couch in the cool of air conditioning or on the beach enjoying a good book. Here are some books enjoyed by members this summer: **Carolyn Lester** - Instruments of Darkness, Anatomy of a Murder, Island of Bones, and Circle of Shadows by Imogen Robertson; Beautiful Day by Elin Hilderbrand; Dorothea Benton Frank's All the Single Ladies; Anthony Doern's All the Light We Cannot See; and Cassandra King's The Sunday Wife and Making

**Donna Rawlins** - Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger, The Insect Farm by Stuart Prebble, Bel Canto by Ann Patchett.

## One County, One Book

## Rockingham County Reads

This year's selection is TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD by Harper Lee. More Info to come.

### Local Women in Print *Event*

**SATURDAY**







**October 3 - 10am-2pm**

**GTCC Jamestown Campus,**

**Medlin Building Lower Level**

601 East Main Street Jamestown, NC 27282



-  **Open to the Public**
-  **No Charge**
-  **Meet** the women who write for children, teens and adults from this area!
-  **Attend** a Panel: How to start writing! How to be published! and more!
-  **Book signings and readings by the authors!**
-  **Canned food, used books for backpack programs accepted**

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Books will be available for purchase in the GTCC bookstore prior to and on the day of the event. Cash or Check only (ATM is available on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

Alpha Delta Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma  
Minutes May 1, 2015

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met May 1, 2015 at Woodmont United Methodist Church, Reidsville, NC. Twenty-nine members attended. The hostesses were Allison Wright, chair; Sara Quate, Hilda Purgason, and Cindy Sarwi. Guests included Region VII Director Dr. Barbara Leonard and the Grant in Aid recipient Megan Abernathy and her sister.

Following dinner, the Educational Law and Policy Committee chaired by Nell Rose and Wanda Smith was in charge of the program. The program was given by Karyn Collie Dickerson, 2013 NC Teacher of the Year.

Presentations followed with President Debbie Russell recognizing chapter members who were Teacher of the Year during their career. Patsy Snyder presented the scholarship check to Grant in Aid recipient Megan Abernathy. The chapter also gifted Megan with a dorm shower.

President Debbie Russell conducted the business meeting. The minutes were approved. Treasurer Sharon Vaughan reported a balance of \$8426.36. The Grant in Aid balance is \$3159.98. Remarks were given by Region VII Director, Dr. Barbara Leonard, Associate Dean, Department of Education, High Point University. She proudly announced that all Region VII newsletters received awards this year at the ETA state convention. She also encouraged the chapter members to participate in the 100 Challenge project.

The President's report began with the reading of thank you notes for Alpha Delta donations from the Rockingham County Reading Association and the Smart Start of Rockingham and Caswell Counties. President Russell, Rachel Scott, and Vanessa Richmond Graves attended the ETA state convention in Chapel Hill, April 24-26<sup>th</sup>. The Alpha Delta Chapter received the Distinctive level award. The chapter newsletter was also recognized with an award.

#### Committee Reports:

Leadership Development-Susan Thompson and Kay Diehl recognized Sandra Dickens with a Volunteer Service Award. She was presented with a gift.

Finance-Carol Holcomb asked that budget requests be submitted. Evangelina Balmori made the motion that the chapter appropriate \$200.00 to be used by President Russell for expenses to the Southeast Regional meeting. Jennifer Jones seconded the motion.

Beginning Teacher Support-Martha Davis reported the chapter mini grant of \$150.00 was awarded to Nicole Gardner of Western Rockingham Middle School for math workbooks. Also Matthew Trent of Dillard Middle School received \$150.00 to start a Poetry Tree garden.

Membership-Pam Page announced two new nominees for chapter membership.

World Fellowship-Mary Hux thanked the membership for participating in the Used Book Sale.

All money raised will be contributed to the World Fellowship fund. Remaining books will be donated to the Caswell County and Mayodan Libraries.

#### New Business:

A moving tribute for Brenda Atkins was presented by Rachel Scott and Kay Diehl. Brenda will be greatly missed. In her memory \$50.00 will be transferred to the Grant in Aid account.

#### Announcements:

The summer book club sponsored by the Leadership Committee will meet July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There was a drawing from the names with perfect attendance to the chapter meetings. President Russell presented Donna Rawlins with a gift of a book.

A second drawing involved chapter members who are currently teaching. Rachel Scott gifted winner Allison Wright with a DKG logo lunch bag.

The meeting closed with Hilda Purgason leading the members in singing the Alpha Delta song.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeryl Rice, Secretary

## North Carolina DKG Educational Foundation

Eta State members generously made 1,130 pledges totaling \$17,020 during the 100 Challenge. The Foundation expresses sincere gratitude to those who believed in the dream.

Thanks to 19 members of Alpha Delta who made contributions. Those were delivered at the Executive Board meeting at Elon on September 12.

The Foundation is going to be able to offer grants this school year, so if you have a project or need, consider applying for funds. For 2015-2016, the Board will offer \$1,000 total in grants up to \$250 each. The deadline for applications is November 15.

Grants are available in two categories: 1) Continuing Education for Professional/Personal Growth 2) Projects to Advance Learning or Literacy in a classroom, school, or community setting. Forms are available from the Foundation website ([www.ncdkgef.org](http://www.ncdkgef.org))

## Poverty Affects Brain Size

Our members might be interested in an article that was published in the Charlotte Observer this week entitled, "Severe Poverty Affects Brain Size, Researchers Find" by Guy Boulton from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. The article summarizes briefly a six-year study from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee that adds evidence to the effects of poverty on children's brain development. Trust me, you will want to read this one! You can find it at: <http://www.jsonline.com/business/growing-up-in-severe-poverty-affects-brain-size-uwmadison-study-shows-b99560996z1-323318361.html>.



## 2016 State Convention

April 22 - 24, 2016  
Winston-Salem Marriott  
425 Cherry Street  
Winston-Salem, NC

Room reservations can be made online at [Book your group rate for Delta Kappa Gamma](#)

or

Phone: 336 - 725-3500  
Toll-Free Reservation Center: 877-888-9762  
**Be sure to request the Delta Kappa Gamma group rate**

### Social Media Information

Join the conversations on:



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EtaState/>



Tweets by [@Eta\\_State](#)

## Dates to Remember

### 2016

April 22 - 24	Eta State Convention Winston Salem, NC
July 5-9	DKG International Convention Gaylord Opryland Resort Nashville, TN

### Web Sites

International - <http://www.dkg.org>

Eta State - <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/>

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**President Sheila Groves**

**2015-2017 Biennium**

### **Eta State President's Message**

I am honored to be your Eta State President. I stand on the strong shoulders of all my NC sisters who encouraged, inspired, and even gave me a little push from time to time. I'm delighted to serve along with First Vice-President Connie Savell, Second Vice-President Sharon Frazier, and Secretary Hilda Parler. A new biennium! A new adventure!

It's exciting to be a NC Delta Kappa Gamma member today. I am proud to belong to an organization that values the contributions of women in all roles of society, an organization that promotes self-knowledge and awareness, an organization that encourages networking and genuine fellowship.

NC Delta Kappa Gamma meetings and events not only offer opportunities for personal and professional growth, but they generate meaningful relationships. Our recent state convention and Leadership Development Seminar provided time for members to share information and ideas, to laugh and to enjoy conversations. A highlight for me at both events was the opportunity to talk with some of our youngest members: engaging, informed, and uninhibited. How refreshing!

Dynamic programs and projects offer ways for us to make a difference in our communities, our state, and to reach far beyond, to impact the global society. Our many service-oriented opportunities feed children and families, provide support for women's shelters, and put books and educational materials in the hands of students. Recent emphasis on beginning teacher support has moved beyond collecting supplies to include mentoring and counseling to help teachers deal with today's classroom challenges.

There's no shortage of complicated legislative issues in NC. Valuable updates and explanations of proposed legislation are available to all members. It's empowering! We are taking more proactive steps - inviting local and state officials into our classrooms and chapter meetings, writing letters, and visiting legislators. We are using our *voices of influence*.

In this biennium we will continue to *live* the Purposes of our Society, seeking new ways to support women, children, and excellence in education.

I challenge you to imagine what we can do as active members of a community seeking solutions to problems that hinder the growth of positive educational programs.

I challenge you to inspire others to join us in the work that will support the wellbeing of our children, the advancement of our schools, and the growth of women leaders.

I challenge you to ignite a passion for programs and initiatives that will meet the goals of Delta Kappa Gamma and keep us *forward moving ever!*

Let's ...

Create the future!

Shelia