

Alpha Delta News

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

We extend a special welcome
 to
Linda S. Little
 Eta State President (2012-2013)
 Our Guest of Honor
 Program: Early Educators

October Meeting

Sandra Dickens



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 7, 2011. The church is located at 1900 US Highway 158 W. in Caswell County. Bonnie Brewer and Pam Page attend Prospect United Methodist Church and they hosted our meeting two years ago. The social time will begin at 6:00 PM and the initiation service will be at 6:30 PM. The meal will be served at 7:00 PM. The price of the meal is

\$15.00. This includes the meal and an honorarium for the church.

Menu

- Pork loin with apples and cherries
- Green bean casserole
- Oven roasted potatoes
- Spring mix salad
- Chocolate cake or cheese-cake
- Rolls
- Coffee and Tea

Hostesses

Carol Holcomb
 Bonnie Brewer
 Susan Lassiter
 Karen Wakelee
 Martha Davis

Each member should bring a shoebox composed of the following: several items of memorabilia or other items they find at home/school that represents them. **NO PICTURES ALLOWED.** Bring shoebox in a covered bag and please on designated table (secretly).

From President Sarwi

New Eyes

There was a blind girl who hated herself because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She told her boyfriend, "If I could only see the world, I would marry you."

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend. He asked her, "Now will you marry me?"

The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her. She had not expected that. The thought of looking at them for the rest of her life led her to a refusal of marriage. Her boyfriend left in tears and days later wrote a note to her saying, "Take good care of your eyes, my dear, for before they were yours, they were mine."

This is how the human brain often works when our status changes. Only a very few remember what life was like before and who was always by their side in the most painful situations.

Life is a gift. Today, before you say an unkind word, think of someone who can't speak. Before you complain about the taste of your food, think of someone who has nothing to eat. Before you complain about your husband or wife, think of someone who's crying out to God for a companion. Today before you complain about life, think of someone who went too early to heaven. Before whining about the distance you drive, think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet. When you are tired and complain about your job, think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job. And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down, put a smile on your face and think : *you are alive and still around.*

~ Author Unknown

Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters,

I located the poem above in a box of papers saved over the years. I found it fitting as an introduction to the start of our new year together in Delta Kappa Gamma. The recent global events have caused many of us to stop and think in depth about our future and the future of our country.

We are facing an ever changing world. A world full of the unexpected! It is up to each of us to adapt to these changes while minimizing our failures and maximizing our successes. Let our mistakes be opportunities for learning -- stepping stones to future successes.

The Alpha Delta Chapter is a conglomerate of diverse women representing a wide array of educational backgrounds and experiences. The title one holds in the educational arena is insignificant. A leadership title no more makes a person a leader than the absence of a title keeps a person from being one. Educators are not bound by formal positions or titles. True educators are leaders of change, growth, opportunity. We as educators know what creates success and are willing to contribute to that success.

The sisters of Delta Kappa Gamma are all leaders in education. Thank you for your consummate professionalism, collaboration, and many contributions to helping Alpha Delta fulfill its vision: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

Dr. Cindy Wall-Sarwi



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

"Becoming Voices of Influence"

Eta State Conventions

Cary, North Carolina

Embassy Suites

April 27-29, 2012

Charlotte, North Carolina

Hilton Charlotte University Place

April 26-28, 2013

Southeast Regional Convention

Orlando, Florida

Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center

July 10-13, 2013

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

International Convention

New York, New York

Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers (Seventh Avenue)

July 24-28, 2012

Train ride from Raleigh (discount for Seniors) \$161.84



Welcome to Our New Members



We extend a special welcome to our new members who will be installed on Friday, October 7, 2011. We are happy that (not in order of picture) Cathy Fleming, Barbara Smith, Melissa Bailey, Geneva Robertson, Evangelina Balmori and Anna Pruitt will be joining our society.

From the Treasurer

Sharon Vaughan

I hope that everyone has had a good summer and is eager to meet in October to get started when we will be welcoming some new members. I have met them and enjoyed a luncheon with them at Reuben's Cabin.

At our October meeting I will be collecting dues for the year, and I am asking a special favor of everyone this time. As many of you know, I am the Power of Attorney for my 82 year old cousin in Kingsport, TN who quickly developed dementia in the last 18 months and I have to be out of town frequently to handle her situation. I just received word this week that I need to return to probably move her again.

So, if you know ahead of time that you are not going to be there on Oct. 7, I would gratefully appreciate it if you would send me your dues before then so I can record them and begin to get my report ready. I would really like to leave here by October 17. If you sign up to come to the meeting but do not make it, please send me your dues and payment for the meal the next day if you can so I can get them by Monday. I would really like to do this report this year and not have to ask Rachel to step in again. The dues : New Members \$85 (first year only); Active \$71; and Reserve \$27. If anyone needs to order a new pin or handbook,

please let me know at this meeting so I can order that along with the member orders. The cost of those items are: Small Pins \$13.95; Large Pins \$15.45; and Handbooks \$5.50.

If you are not going to be at the meeting , please send your dues to the address below. If you want to order any of the above items, you should do so at the same time.

Sharon Vaughan

170 McEdward Hills Drive

Reidsville, NC 27320

I am looking forward to working with everyone this year. See you in October.

2010-2011 Annual Reports as of June 30, 2011

Sharon Vaughan

Checking Account:

Total Income:	\$6,196.35
Auction	1,640.00
Dues	3,249.00
Interest	16.35
Meals	1,215.00
World Fellowship	76.00

Total Expenses	\$5,437.56
Conferences	395.00
Dues	2,566.00
Headquarters	100.00
Grant-in-Aid	750.00
Meals	1,277.00
Service Charge	12.00

Grant-In-Aid Account

Auction Inc: \$820. Int. Inc. \$26.51/Grant Expense \$750--Net Income \$96.51.

Balance: June, 2011 \$1,929.54

Memb. \$136; Wld Fellowship \$76

Net Income \$758.79-\$70= \$688.79 (\$70 more transferred to Grant -in-Aid from Auction then transferred back to Cash account to pay for Scholarship.)

Treasurer's Report

October 7, 2011

Checking Account:

BALANCE - June 30, 2011	\$4,955.00
INCOME: Interest	3.24
EXPENSES	
Member Supplies	181.95
Initiates Luncheon	100.00
Service Charge	3.00
BALANCE - October 7, 2011	\$4,673.29

Grant-in-Aid

BALANCE- June 30, 2011	\$1,929.54
Interest Income	7.08
BALANCE - October 7, 2011	\$1,936.62

Directions to Prospect United Methodist Church Yanceyville, North Carolina

Prospect United Methodist 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, side by side) just before you come into Yanceyville. It sits back from the highway and has a sign with Prospect UNC on it. It is approximately 18 miles from Highway 158 crossover of Hwy 29.

Alpha Delta Summer Book Club

The Summer Book Club met at the lovely home of Karen Wakelee on July 14, 2011. The participants enjoyed a morning of lively and entertaining discussion about the book *The Unlikely Disciple: A Sinner's Semester at America's Holiest University*.

Karen, as usual, had a lovely and delicious spread of eats. We appreciate Karen opening her home to us for our discussion.

Alpha Delta "Book Corner"

Here are some books recently read by members:

Mary Hux: The Help, The List, Radical, and The Road to Devotion... Donna Rawlins: Harry Potter Books 1-7, Mudbound, and The Last Child.

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Traveling with Mary

Mary Hux

We, Deb, Ken and Beth, Steve and Lynn and I arrived in Stockholm and checked into a quaint, authentic, 14th century hotel located in the central part of Stockholm called "Olde Towne." We explored this lovely city by way of bus and canal boat. Walking on the old cobblestoned streets in 60 degree weather and being in a city so clean and inviting was such a delight. We toured a Viking ship museum, a royal palace, experienced the changing of the guards and much more.

From Stockholm, we traveled by train and enjoyed a four hour trip through the Swedish countryside. We arrived in Copenhagen and boarded the Italian cruise ship "Costa Luminosa" for a seven day tour of Norwegian towns, fjords, breathtaking waterfalls, snow-capped mountains and quaint, thatch-roofed cottages. The beauty of this entire country is beyond descrip-

tion. Our ship carried over three thousand passengers, a combination of Italian and Spanish. There were about 60 English speaking guests - talk about being a minority.

We rode the vernicular up the mountain to the highest point in the city of Bergen, where we could view the entire city and most surrounding islands. Next, we visited Oslo, where we experienced the "Ice Hotel" where everything was made out of ice - the chairs, tables, walls, floors - even our drinking glasses! In Oslo, we could appreciate everyone speaking English, a required subject in grades 2-7. This was a city that was clean and safe feeling. However, three weeks after we returned home the city-center was bombed and the young people killed. Hard to believe.

After seven days our ship docked in Copenhagen. Here we

toured by bus and boat, and a lot by "foot." We saw the famous statue of "The Little Mermaid" from the canal, the modern, unusual Opera House, an authentic, restored Viking ship and one of the homes of Hans Christian Anderson. This was early July and the temperature was still about 60 degrees. We were in the south where the sun set around 11:00 PM. and rose at 3:00 AM. We loved these long days to explore this beautiful land.

A word to the wise" Have a pocket (and bank) full of money!! We paid \$26.00 for one hamburger! (We did get fries.)

Professional and Personal News

We offer our congratulations to **Lynda Perry** of Lincoln Elementary and **Jennifer McCollum** of Wentworth Elementary who were recently selected as their respective school's Teacher of the Year.

Thank You ladies for being such an exemplary role model for your students and peers.

Congratulations to new grandmothers in our group. **Ruth Williamson** welcomed a new granddaughter, Emalyn Austin May born on June 6. Parents are Anna Williamson May and Jake May. Her brother is two year old Eli. Ruth plans to add volunteering and a leading a chess club at Huntsville Elementary to her grandmothering duties.... Congratulations to **Lynda Perry** on the birth of a new grandson, Ethan Tigen on September 20..... **Rachel Scott** and husband, Jim, took their grandson, Jake, to Washington, DC in July. Jake wanted to go back to see the things he did not see on his class trip. It was very, very hot!!

They stayed in Alexandria, VA and rode the Metro to Washington. They enjoyed Ford Theatre, The Spy Museum, going to Union Station, Arlington Cemetery, National Mall, Postal Museum, National Museum of American History. They also enjoyed a Washington Nationals ballgame, a ride on a double decker bus and an evening tour of the city...**Paige McCargo** and husband, Joe, has spent the summer traveling to Chicago and Eastern North Carolina visiting children and grandchildren. She also discovered the food "cheese curd" this summer . Mmmm or Hmmm?

Happy Birthday

Apologies to Ruth Williamson. I omitted her birthday from newsletter in May. Her birthday was September 28.

October

Susan Lassiter - 13

Rachel Scott - 15

Sandra Dickens - 29

November

Carolyn Boswell - 4

December

Jeryl Rice - 7

Kay Diehl - 8

Jane Lockhart - 17

Brenda Atkins - 21

Karen Wakelee - 27



May Minutes

Jeryl Rice

The Alpha Delta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met May 6, 2011 at Woodmont United Methodist Church in Reidsville. Hostesses were Susie Parks, Kathryn Scott, Mary Hux, and Marti Hyatt. Twenty six members attended.

The meeting began with a used book sale to raise money for the World Fellowship Fund. Scholarship Chair, Patsy Snyder presented Grant-in-Aid recipient, Emily Connor, and her mother. Emily received a \$750.00 grant and a dorm shower.

The program was Alex and Katherine Patterson. They showed slides of their home, life and educational experiences in Argentina.

President Sarwi led the business meeting. The minutes were approved. Rachel Scott gave the treasur-

er's report with a balance of \$4,906.25. Membership Chair Wanda Smith presented ballots for the selection of new chapter members. Catherine Massengale made the motion for preferential voting to select up to seven new inductees. Rachel Scott seconded the motion. Personal Growth and Services Chair Karen Wakelee announced she will host the summer book club at her house on July 14, 2011 at 10:30 AM. President Sarwi presented Donna Rawlins, Communications Chair, an Eta State certificate of excellence for the chapter newsletter. President Sarwi finished the meeting with some comments on the Eta State Convention which was attended by President Sarwi, Rachel Scott, and Mary Hux. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeryl Rice, Recording Secretary