

Alpha Delta News

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"Let's Sparkle"

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

From the President

Greetings All!

I hope you are as excited as I am to start a new year with six new members of our Alpha Delta Chapter! We are so lucky to have these accomplished women joining us and I know we will have much to learn from them as we work together to "Sparkle" in this new biennium.

Our new ETA State president, Connie Savell has made "Let's Sparkle!" our theme for the next two years. We are to consider ourselves as jewels with multi-faceted sides, different strengths and skills. Together we have the power to change the world. We should not hesitate to let others see us shine and need share the accomplishments of our members. Connie has also started a wellness initiative hoping to encourage us to take better care of ourselves. She will be our guest at our March meeting and will have lots to share with us!

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From the President (cont.)

I have invited Dr. Tiffany Perkins to speak at our October 6th meeting. Tiffany is the Director of K-12 Standards, Curriculum and Instruction for the NC Department of Public Instruction. She will be the perfect "Voice of Influence" for our first meeting, supporting ETA State's vision statement. Many of us know Tiffany as she held several teaching and administrative positions in Rockingham County before accepting a position at DPI. She is strong role model as a woman in education, balancing working in Raleigh with being a wife and mother for her family in Reidsville. Tiffany will have a great message for us regarding women in education.

I look forward to seeing all of you next week. Be ready to shine!

Your Alpha Delta President,

Catherine Massengale

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October Meeting

The October meeting of the Alpha Delta
Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society
International will be at Prospect United Methodist Church
in Yanceyville, NC on Friday, October 6, 2017. The church
is located on 1900 US Hwy 158 W in Caswell County. Bonnie Brewer is a member there. The social time will begin at
6:00pm and the initiation of new members will be
6:30pm. The meal will be at 7:00pm. The price of the meal
will be \$15. This includes the meal and an honorarium for
the church. Hostesses for the meeting will be Martha Davis, chair; Bonnie Brewer and Susan Lassiter.

Directions: The church is located on Hwy 158 East for those coming from Rockingham County. It is on the 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 UMC on it. It is approximately 18 miles from the Hwy29/158 crossover.

Our meal will be catered by Aaron Patterson:

Pork loin with cherry and apple compote

Tossed salad

Roasted vegetables

Garlic creamed potatoes

Cornmeal muffins

Chocolate layer cake/blackberry cobbler

Coffee, Tea, Water

Welcome New Members

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From the Leadership Development Committee

As we begin another year in DKG, we would like to encourage each of you to be involved in the community is the various ways that you have always done. Again, we are encouraging you to keep track of you volunteers hours. Each hour is worth one point. In order to better encourage you to do so, we will be gathering that information at each meeting and awarding a small prize for the member who has the most accumulated hours since the last meeting. Of course, in May we will have a larger recognition for the member who has the most hours for the entire year.

If you attended the summer book club, you can count that in your October report as 2 points as well as any hours earned since the May meeting. In addition to any community volunteer hours, we have the following:

Meeting attendance: 3 points

Auction donation: 2 points (actual items or sending a check if you did not attend)

Remembering a member with a card: 1 point

Box Tops for Education: 1 point for every ten box tops

Service Opportunity (from Susan Thompson)

The Salvation Army will need bell ringers during the Christmas season as always. The more volunteer ringers we have, the more money that can do to help the clients. When a kettle is not manned (or womanned) by a volunteer, we have to pay someone to do it. And while this provides opportunities for the un- or underemployed, it is not the most effective way to reach the public. I hope you will give some thought to volunteering to ring the bell for several hours or even commit to an entire day for you and your friends, church, or social group. There are opportunities in Eden, Reidsville, and Madison/Mayodan.

The contact information is:

<u>Burnita.Fuller@uss.salvationarmy.org</u>; 336-349-4923, Ext: 104 Paula.Young@uss.salvationarmy.org; 336-349-4923, Ext: 102

If you would like to help with the registrations of families for Christmas assistance, below are the dates. Contacts are the same as above.

Reidsville

Reidsville Corps, 704 Barnes Street

October 7th: 9am - 12pm October 9th: 9am - 3pm

October 10th: 9am - 12pm and 1 - 6pm October 11th: 9am - 12pm and 1 - 6pm

Madison/Mayodan

New Vision Fellowship Church, 1135 Academy Street, Madison

October 2nd - 3rd: 3pm - 6pm

<u>Eden</u>

Eden Corps, 314 Morgan Road, Eden, NC October 4th: 9am - 12pm and 1 - 6pm

October 5th: 9am - 12pm

October 6th: 9am - 12pm and 1 - 6pm



CASWELL COUNTY:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6:30 PM, Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor YANCEYVILLE CITY COUNCIL: 1st Tuesdays, 7pm, Yanceyville Municipal Services Building, 158 E. Church

CASWELL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30pm, Whitley Administration Building, Central Office, Board Room

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6:30pm, Governmental Center, Wentworth CITY COUNCILS:

EDEN: 3rd Tuesday, 6pm, Eden City Hal, City Council Chambers

MADISON: 2nd Thursday, 7pm, Madison Municipal Bldg

MAYODAN: 2nd Mondays, 7pm, Mayodan Town Council Chambers, City Hall

REIDSVILLE: 2nd Tuesdays, 6pm, Council Chambers, City Hall

STONEVILLE: 1st Tuesday, 7pm Town Hall

WENTWORTH: 1st Tuesdays, 7pm Town Hall

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: 6pm, Administration Building, Eden.

Schedule for 2017: October 9, November 20, December 11

Delta Kappa Gamma Society Alpha Delta Chapter May 5, 2017 Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of DKG met May 5, 2017 at Woodmont United Methodist Church, Reidsville NC. Hostesses were Sarah Quate, chair, Cindy Sarwi, Wanda Smith, and Norma Williams. Twenty-nine members attended.

The Beginning Teacher Support Committee led the program. Guest Speaker Angela Boggs was unable to attend. The Grant-In-Aid/Scholarship Committee chair Patsy Snyder presented Makenzie Wilson with the \$1000 scholarship. The chapter also presented Makenzie with a dorm shower.

President Catherine Massengale conducted the business meeting. The minutes were approved. Treasurer Sharon Vaughn reported a balance of \$8540.28 with the Grant In Aid consisting of \$3106.32. Rachel Scott and Debbie Russell attended the Eta State Convention in Wilmington and reported that the chapter received two awards, the Newsletter Excellence Award and the Webpage Excellence Award. Russell served on the state committee for the Founders Award and the Rising Star Award. Recognition of Mary Hux was made in the Sunday Service of Remembrance. Committee Reports

Beginning Teacher Committee chair Lynne Haynes presented motion that the new mini grant application form changes be accepted. The application due date be changed to October with dispersal in December and the grant amount be increased to \$200. Rachel Scott seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Educational Law and Policy chair Tee Price presented information on the upcoming lobbying event in Raleigh. She also explained the proposed change in NC state law for raising the legal age from 16 to 18 for adult records.

Leadership Development co-chair Susan Thompson presented gift to Rachel Scott for achieving the most volunteer hours this year. The summer reading book is *The Pecan Man by Cassie Selleck. The chapter will meet July 20th at the Woodmont Church Library for the summer book discussion.*World Fellowship chair Winky Pasour thanked everyone for donating books for the used book sale and for making their purchases.

Membership chair Debbie Russell presented a committee motion that the chapter pay for the key pins for each new member and for the meals of each new initiate at the October meeting. Susan Thompson seconded and all were in favor. The chapter voted to invite six new members and there will be orientation meetings in the summer for them.

Old Business

President Massengale thanked the chapter for the donation to the Rockingham Schools Reading Festival. She presented flowers to the nine members with perfect attendance for the past year.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeryl Rice, Secretary



Congratulations to Makenzie Wilson our Alpha Delta Grant in Aid recipient for 2017.

A Few More Bricks Needed

The "Pave the Way for DKG Memories" project to line the walkway at Headquarters is seeking a few more bricks!

With 100 bricks, the shipping for the engraved bricks is free! The project is so close to that goal that the Head-quarters Committee is extending the project in hopes of getting enough bricks for free shipping.

If your chapter has not purchased a brick in honor or memory of someone or to celebrate a chapter achievement, now is a good time. Individuals are also invited to purchase a brick.

The cost per brick is only \$125. They can be engraved with three lines of up to 18 characters per line. More information on the project and forms for purchasing can be found on the Forms tab of Eta State NC website.

Mail the form and payment to Eta State NC Treasurer Ruth Jones at 3607 Wyneston Road, Greenville, NC 27858.

International Website:

https://.dkg.org

Eta State NC Website:

www.ncdkg.org

Alpha Delta Website:

www.nclphadelta.weebly.com

Convention Dates

April 27-29, 2018 - Eta State Convention, Hilton

Charlotte University Place, Charlotte, NC (Region VII)

July 26-20, 2018 - DKG International Convention, JW

Marriott, Austin, TX

From Our Eta State President

How can Eta State Sparkle in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma? One of the best ways our members can support other members is with donations to the DKG International Emergency Fund. The Emergency Fund provides \$500 for members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wild fires, and other natural disasters. Do you know the process to receive funds?

- ~ Inform the state organization president of a need.
- ~ State president contacts International Headquarters.
- ~ Executive Director approves the request and mails check. It is with pride I share this visionary fund that Delta Kappa Gamma Society International began in 1948! Consider donating to this worthy cause.

Connie Phifer Savell

Eta State NC President

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How to Donate to the DKG Emergency Fund

DKG has posted this on their website (http://member.dkg.org/DKGMember/DKGMember/Hurricane_harvey.aspx):

Based on the number of calls and emails we have received at DKG Headquarters, we want to remind all members that contributions to the DKG Emergency Fund will help members impacted by Hurricane Harvey... as well as those with damage from other natural disasters.

To contribute to the Emergency Fund by credit card, go to https://www.dkg.org/DKGDONATE/ DKGDONATE/ Donate to DKG.aspx and click on "Emergency Fund."

If you would prefer to make a donation by check, please download Form-43. Mail this form with your check to the address listed on Form-43. As additional information becomes available about how best to help chapters and members as they recover from the hurricane, Headquarters personnel will spread the word and help make the connections that so well illustrate the spirit of DKG.

As of September 29, 2017, 8:30 PM, \$64,000 has been given to sisters who were affected.

A Memorable Trip to a Memorial - Jennifer Jones

In 2008, I attended the Holocaust Educators program at NCCAT. We spent a week at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. It was incredible. As part of the program, each teacher was offered a stipend at the museum bookstore. A teacher recommended <u>Paperclips</u>, a movie about a school in a small town in Tennessee that wanted to learn about the Holocaust. I bought it, and I watched it. The movie was inspirational and the story was incredible.

It was such a simple idea – a student told the principal that she couldn't imagine six million (the number of Jewish citizens who perished during the Holocaust.) Mrs. Hooper said for the students to do a little research, and if they could find something relevant, they could collect six million of it. The students did some research and discovered that the paperclip was invented by a Norwegian jeweler. During the Nazi occupation of Norway, the Jewish population was forced to wear stars. As a symbol of solidarity, the Norwegians wore paperclips on their lapels. The students wrote a few letters, and put a blurb on the US Holocaust Memorial Museum website. The story was picked up by two White House correspondents, who happened to be German. Then it was picked up by the Washington Post, then NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw. Over 30 million paperclips came to the school by the end of the project. With each paperclip came a letter, stating who the paperclip represented. Eventually, an authentic German railcar became the resting place for the paperclips.

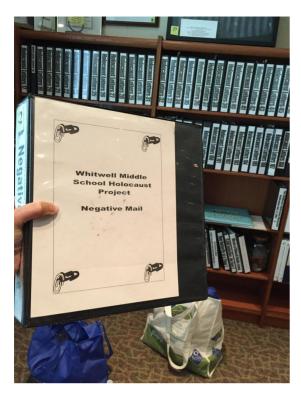
Every year, I shared this story and movie with my students as part of my Holocaust study. I wanted to do something different with the movie, and began researching the story online. It was then I discovered that the movie was only the beginning. The nonprofit organization in charge of the student-created memorial offered symposiums to teachers. I applied and was accepted. This past July, I went to Chattanooga, TN for a two day symposium called *One Clip at a Time*. The first day was spent in a workshop in Chattanooga, receiving lessons on using the movie, primary documents, a cd filled with resources, and an additional copy of the movie. The next day, we travelled to Whitwell, Tennessee.

At the school, we met Linda Hooper, the principal of Whitwell Middle School during the project years. I was overwhelmed to hear her speak about the community coming together to build the memorial. I've watched the movie hundreds of times, but to be able to hear her tell the story of this incredible memorial was truly an honor. We toured the archive room, where all 30,000 pieces of mail are stored, along with projects and artwork sent from children all over the world who were inspired by this little school. Out of the hundreds of binders, filled with positive letters, only one binder contains negative mail. Almost every piece of mail the children received was positive and uplifting.

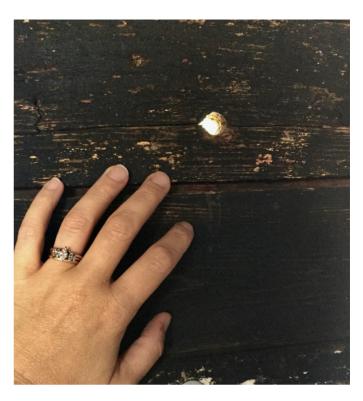
We were able to spend time in the memorial. It is still a community project. Mrs. Hooper said, "The fella at the grocery store has the key to the gate. If the school is closed, folks just ask around and someone will come let them in. It belongs to all of us." We could hold the paperclips in our hands and ponder, not only the person the paperclip might represent, but the children who poured so much into the creation of the memorial.



With Linda Hooper, former principal of Whitwell Middle School



The one binder containing negative mail in front of the shelves of binders containing 30,000 letters and messages that were sent with the paperclips



Inside of the boxcar, formally used to carry victims to prison camps, labor camps, or death camps. The boxcar had substantial wear and needed repair, but **the walls were original.**



Paperclips inside boxcar.



The Tennessee Children's Holocaust Memorial

Summer Book Club

The "Summer Book Club" got together in July at Woodmont Methodist Church to discus our selection "The Pecan Man." Carolyn Lester led the group through some thought provoking discussion (even for those of us who couldn't remember what it was about...Rachel and Donna).. It was an enjoyable morning of fellowship, laughter and insight. Thank You Carolyn!! for your astute leadership.











Witnessing a Solar Event

On August 21, 2017, Donna Rawlins along with her husband, were witnesses to one of the most profound and amazing events that she will ever see. They were in Cookeville, TN at Tennessee Tech for the total solar eclipse. It was everything you could expect. They watched the shadows grow dimmer, felt the temperatures drop, heard the birds stop singing and the crickets and cicadas join in chorus and watched the street lights come on early in the afternoon. Once the last sliver of the sun was covered, there was a gasp, then a cheer from the crowd. They even saw stars and a planet.....After this amazing spectacle, they were part of a man made phenomenon. The world's biggest traffic jam. People from all over the East Coast were making their way home. Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Michigan, Connecticut, Indiana. It was a "trip" getting home but well worth it!!









Birthdays

Susan Lassiter - 13

Rachel Scott - 15

Sandra Dickens - 29

Evangelina Balmori - 16

Melissa Bailey - 19

Barbara Smith - 27

Carla Rierson - 6

Jeryl Rice - 7

Kay Diehl - 8

Karen Wakelee - 27



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