

Alpha Delta News

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"Let's Sparkle"

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education World

From Our President

As your new president, I must share

with you what an awesome group of ladies you are. You have been a tremendous help in this transitional period. Your words of encouragement have inspired me. Your willingness to chair and serve on the committees has motivated me. Your commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma has astonished me. I knew this to be true from the moment I first joined our organization but seeing you in action from a leadership position is truly amazing. During my tenure at South End I had several principals. One of those principals was Joe McCargo, the husband of our very own Paige McCargo. One year he gave us a motivational poem entitled "Lessons from Geese." I still have the geese lapel pin that was attached to the card. The following is very similar to what Joe gave his staff, and I thought it fitting to share this with you. Alpha Delta Chapter could be included as part of the definition for teamwork because you aspire to make our chapter better and that means working as a team. You strive to improve the society as a whole, and I am honored to be the president of Alpha Delta.

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Lessons from Geese



Lesson 1 - The Importance of Achieving Goals

As each goose flaps its wings it creates an UPLIFT for the birds that follow. By flying in a 'V' formation the whole flock adds 71 percent extra to the flying range.

Outcome

When we have a sense of community and focus, we create trust and can help each other to achieve our goals.

Lesson 2 - The Importance of Team Work

When a goose falls out of formation it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back to take advantage of the lifting power of the birds in front.

Outcome

If we had as much sense as geese we would stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

Lesson 3 - The Importance of Sharing

When a goose tires of flying up front it drops back into formation and another goose flies to the point position.

Outcome

It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks. We should respect and protect each other's unique arrangement of skills, capabilities, talents and resources.

Lesson 4 - The Importance of Empathy and Understanding

When a goose gets sick, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to the ground to help and protect it.

Outcome

If we have as much sense as geese we will stand by each other in difficult times, as well as when we are strong.

Lesson 5 - The Importance of Encouragement

Geese flying in formation 'HONK' to encourage those up front to keep up with their speed.

Outcome

We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups and teams where there is encouragement, production is much greater. 'Individual empowerment results from quality honking'.

Wanda Smith, President



October Alpha Delta Meeting

The October meeting of Alpha Delta Chapter of DKG will be held on October 5, 2018 at Calvary Baptist Church. The church is located at 7860 Hwy 87 North. It is located at the intersection of Hwy 87 and Sandy Cross Road. The cost of the meal is \$15.00 which also covers an honorarium for the church. We look for-



Menu

Chicken Casserole
Green Beans
Red Roasted Potatoes
Rolls
Tea
Dessert

Hostesses

Patsy Snyder, Chair
Winky Pasour
Donna Rawlins
Rachel Scott

Times of Interest

Executive Board
5:45
Fellowship Time
6:00
Meal
6:30 PM

From The Beginning Teacher Support Committee

Carol Holcomb, Chair

Pending chapter approval, the Beginning Teacher Support Committee will issue the 2018-2019 mini-grant applications in early October. A \$200 mini-grant will be awarded to a beginning teacher in both Caswell and Rockingham Counties. Currently, Caswell County has 47 beginning teachers and Rockingham County has 100. The coordinators of each school district assist Alpha Delta with the distribution and collection of the applications.

In addition, those attending the summer planning meeting expressed a desire to support the beginning teachers with books to add to their personal classroom libraries. The BTS Committee will recommend that each member bring two or more books for elementary teachers to the March meeting. Further, the committee hopes to provide gift cards to be used as door prizes at one of the meetings in each district to support the middle and high school beginning teachers. Funds from the budget will be requested for the gift cards.

From Our State President

Why is it important for your chapter to be represented at the October 13, 2018, Fall Executive Board Meeting?

As chapter president, you are a voting member of the Executive Board and need to be informed.

Learning about state committees assists you in carrying out the work of International and state initiatives.

Committee reports will be given and we will be voting on the 2018-2019 Adjusted Eta State NC Budget.

A special report will be shared about how your chapter can invite collegiate students to join your chapter.

During the afternoon, Regional Directors will be meeting with chapter presidents to share other information and answer questions.

DKG Purpose number one: To unite women educators of the world in genuine spiritual fellowship, and we do this by networking and getting to know other members.

See you at Elon!

Connie Phifer Savel

Eta State NC President

2017-2019



Call to Action Encouraged

Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

The November 2018 election is just around the corner and your Educational Law & Policy Committee is issuing a Call to Action to all DKG members. It is imperative that North Carolina elects pro-public-school lawmakers because our schools from pre-K through graduate school are suffering severely from budget cuts that continue long after the major recession of 2007-2008. Funding for education is lower than it was a decade ago adjusted for inflation and increased student population. Schools are being asked to do more with less. It's time for that to change. Let us all seek information about where candidates stand on public education. Look at their websites and position papers. Read between the lines to ascertain their true beliefs. In other words, become educated about those who seek your vote. The local Boards of Elections in each county seat can tell you who is on the ballot in your area.

There are those in the NC Legislature who want to privatize education for the benefit of their cronies who own for-profit schools. One way to eventually privatize a government service is to slowly cut its funding and declare it a failure. Sound familiar? Be vigilant! There are a number of proposed amendments to the NC Constitution that could limit funding for public schools in the future. Several of them have been challenged in court with the resulting rulings being appealed as this article is being written. Couple this with the longstanding issue of statewide gerrymandering of state House and Senate districts, which has been ruled unconstitutional a number of times by the courts and then appealed and then re-appealed. The result is that ballots cannot yet be printed for the 2018 election. When these issues are finally settled, your ELP Committee will inform members of the benefits or consequences of these proposed amendments - hopefully next month. Stay tuned...

Meet Our New Region VII Director

Peggy Stuart, member of Beta Xi Chapter, lives in Jamestown. She served her chapter on the Membership Committee, and as secretary, president, and co-president. Peggy is currently chairman of the Coordinating Council in Region VII and a member of the Eta State NC Awards Committee. Peggy treasures the friendships she has made through her Eta State participation over the years.

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Delta Kappa Gamma
Alpha Delta Chapter
Proposed Budget 2018-2019

Fund Balance:		\$7653.23
Projected Income		
Dues	(\$ 623)	
Auction	(\$ 900)	
From Fund Balance	<u>(\$ 612)</u>	
Total Projected Income		(\$ 2,135)
Projected Expenses		
Regional Activities	(\$ 50)	
State Convention	(\$ 700)	
Executive Board Meeting	(\$ 50)	
State Related Total	(\$ 800)	
Printing	(\$ 160)	
Postage	(\$ 20)	
Communications Committee	(\$ 20)	
Chapter Supplies	(\$ 100)	
Chapter Total	(\$ 300)	
ECT Mini-grants	(\$ 400)	
Leadership Development Committee	(\$ 150)	
Rockingham Reading Assoc.	(\$ 75)	
Headquarters	(\$ 150)	
Schools for Africa	(\$ 50)	
Misc. Donations/Projects	(\$ 210)	
Chapter Donations Total	<u>(\$ 1,035)</u>	
Total Projected Expenses		(\$ 2,135)

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Alpha Delta Chapter

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Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of DKG met May 4, 2018 at Woodmont United Methodist Church, Reidsville, NC. Hostesses were Tee Price, chair; Kay Diehl, Hilda Purgason, Holly Williamson, Ruth Williamson. Twenty-seven members and three visitors attended.

Following dinner, Grant In Aid/Scholarship Chair Patsy Snyder presented the Alpha Delta Chapter scholarship check (\$500) to recipient Rachel Barnwell from Bartlett Yancey High School. Dorm shower gifts were also given to Rachel. Tee Price reminisced about UNC-G campus life in earlier years.

The Educational Excellence Committee chaired by Wanda Smith was in charge of the program. Guest Speaker Dawn Charaba, Executive director of the Rockingham County Education Foundation presented information on the College Advising Corps, STRIVE Initiative, and the Parent Engagement program.

President Catherine Massengale conducted the business meeting. The March 2, 2018 minutes were approved. Treasurer Sharon Vaughn emailed the treasury report that recorded a May 4, 2018 ending balance of \$8,165.42 and the Grant in Aid \$3,141.18.

President Massengale and Rachel Scott attended the ETA state convention. Chapter members were gifted with a convention DKG decal. Alpha Delta Chapter received the Website Excellence Award, Newsletter Excellence Award and the Chapter Distinitive Award. The 2019 and 2020 state convention date will move to the first weekend in May. Thus Rachel Scott made the motion to move the Alpha Delta Chapter meeting date to the second Friday in May. Catherine Pasour seconded the motion and all were in favor.

President Massengale recognized chapter members with perfect attendance.

Committee Reports

Social Committee Sandra Dickens thanked the hostesses for decorating and ask for suggestions on meeting locations.

Educational Law and Policy Committee Tee Price encouraged members to vote in upcoming elections.

Leadership Committee Susan Thompson recognized Lynda Perry as the member with the most volunteer hours and second place recognition to Debbie Russell. A flower gift was presented. Summer book club will meet in July.

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Carolyn Lester will lead a discussion of the book *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*.

World Fellowship Catherine Pasour thanked everyone for the Used Book donations and money.

Schools for Africa Committee Donna Rawlins presented prizes to members participating in the Schools for Africa newsletter quizzes. Members donated their coins for this cause.

The meeting concluded with the installation of officers; President Wanda Smith, 2nd Vice President Patsy Snyder, and Secretary Jeryl Rice.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Jeryl Rice



Summer Book Club Attendees

Front Row: Debbie Russell, Sandra Dickens, Susan Thompson, Jeryl Rice.

Back Row: Wanda Smith, Kay Diehl, Carolyn Lester, Carol Holcomb and Rachel Scott.

Attendees enjoyed English tea and finger foods while discussing the book *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* led by Carolyn Lester.

Email Changes?

Has your email address changed recently? If your answer is yes, you need to sign in to your DKG profile on the International website and update your email. This is important so that you receive messages and publications from DKG International. Our state officers also use the list of emails from International to contact members, so it is important that this information is accurate. Thank you for helping DKG

Convention Dates

March 22-23, 2019 - Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro

May 3-5, 2019 - Eta State Convention, Crowne Plaza, Hickory, Region X

Stay Connected with DKG



International Website: www.dkg.org

Eta State NC Website: www.ncdkg.org

Facebook: Delta Kappa Gamma

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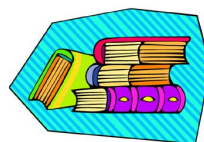
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Alpha Delta Book Corner

Susan Thompson ...Promise by Minrose Gwin is a book based on the disastrous tornado that struck Tupelo, Mississippi in 1936. The author grew up hearing her grandmother talk about the event and decided to write this book. Additionally, I visited a member of our church who lived through this event. That is what sparked my interest in the book. A good read! If you have not already discovered her, Sandra Dallas is a wonderful writer. I have read several of her books this summer. The Cavenden Hall series by Barbara Taylor Bradford has recently caught my interest, and I am looking forward to starting the second in the series. The first was a real page-turner. John Swytek, a character in a series by James Grippando, has captivated me, also. I get one of that series every time I go to the library. If you have not read our summer-read book, Major Pettigrew's Last Stand, put that on your list as well as The Summer Before the War, both by Helen Simonson. When you stay at home a lot, you have lots of time to read! **Rachel Scott**...To Be Where You Are by Jan Karon, Redemption, Remember, Return, and Reunion by Karen Kingsbury with Gary Smalley...**Donna Rawlins**...Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover about a homeless child who leaves her survivalist family and ends up at Cambridge.

The Lido by Libby Hart, Down River by John Hart. The President is Missing by James Patterson and Bill Clinton.



Member News

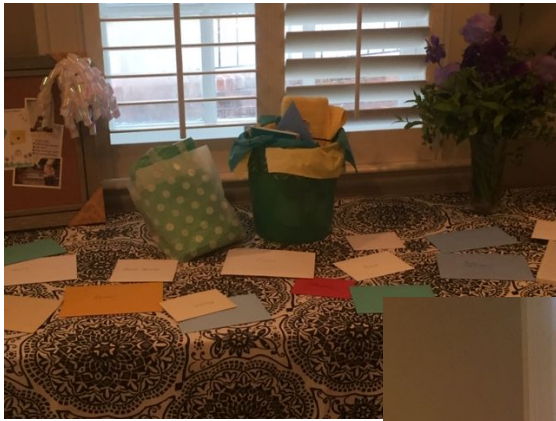
Winky Pasour is a contributor to a Bible Study published by Lighthouse Bible Studies. *Heart Renovation: A Construction Guide to Godly Character* can serve as a group or individual Bible Study or a Daily Devotional. Winky is one of 30 Christian authors contributing to the book. Her article is entitled "Work with Joy." The study is available at lighthousebiblestudies.com and Amazon.com. Winky also has copies that cost less than Amazon!



On Monday night, June 24, 2018, Commissioners' Chairman Kevin Berger presented **Nell Rose** with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, which is awarded to individuals for exemplary community service to the State of North Carolina and their local communities.

Well done, Nell!!

May Meeting Highlights



Dorm Shower for our scholarship recipient, Rachel Barnwell.

Pictured l to r: Rachel's Mom, Rachel, and Patsy Snyder, Scholarship Chair.



2018-2020 Officer Installation

Nell Rose, Jeryl Rice - Secretary, Patsy Snyder - 2nd Vice President, and Wanda Smith - President.



October

Susan Lassiter - 13

Rachel Scott - 15

Amy Wilson - 23

Sandra Dickens - 29

November

Evangalina Balmori - 16

Melissa Bailey - 19

December

Carla Rierson - 6

Jeryl Rice - 7

Kay Diehl - 8

Kristie Spencer - 12

Sparkle and Shine

Priorities, Priorities. It's easy to set priorities.

The challenge comes when we set those priorities

And forget to plug ourselves into the plan.

Well, not any more. Now is the time
to put our dreams into action, reprioritize
our lives, and put ourselves back on top.

So regroup, reorganize, and rethink
all those goals and bucket lists.

In the process, you may come up with
an even better plan, filled with more magic, sparkle, and shine
than you ever dreamed possible.

Don't overthink it... just do it!

Make your life and your actions into a story worthy telling.

Start now!!

Found on a coffee cup. DR, Editor

