



# Alpha Beta Bits

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 14,  
2019

Fall Executive Board  
Meeting, Burlington, NC

May 1-3,  
2020

NC DKG State  
Convention  
Embassy Suites  
Greensboro, NC

July 7-14  
2020

International Conference,  
Philadelphia, PA



## ALPHA BETA CHAPTER OFFICERS

**Karen Parker**  
President

**Trudy Farnell**  
1st Vice President

**Terri Sessoms**  
2nd Vice President

**Ann Brown**  
Secretary

**Becky Kuszmaul**  
Treasurer

## Message from President Karen Parker

It has been a true pleasure to serve Alpha Beta as president for the past two years. I am still honored and humbled at the confidence that you placed in me by electing me as your president. I have learned and grown, and you, my gracious sisters, have been so patient with me. Serving as president of this wonderful organization is an eye opening experience, to say the least. I have learned so

many lessons that will make me a better member of Delta Kappa Gamma. I share them with you, along with a challenge for you to grow as an Alpha Beta sister along with me.

☑ I have learned that the work that we do in Delta Kappa Gamma is so much bigger than what we do in Alpha Beta. We are definitely a part of a much larger picture.

This is a noble organization and one that we should be proud to be a part of. I, again, challenge each of you to make an effort to attend one of our NC State Conventions to see the work that is going on in our state. I hope to one day get a glimpse of DKG from the international...**See Page 2.**

**President  
Karen Parker  
2018-2020**



## New Slate of Officers



The **Nomination Committee** shared their slate of members they would like to be accepted as officers for the **2020 - 2022 biennium**. Chair member Lynn Ragsdale presented the following members for our

consideration: **Trudy Farnell, President; Mary Daughtry, First Vice President; Angie Proctor, Second Vice President; and Heather Pennica, Secretary. Becky Kuszmaul** agreed to continue as **Treasurer**. The

memberships unanimously accepted the nominations as presented.

We really appreciate the work done by the outgoing officers and are looking forward to the vision of the new officers who will be inducted at our May meeting.



## Message From President (Cont.)

perspective by attending one of the international conventions.

- ☑ I have learned that there is much work to be done. If being president has taught me anything, it has opened my eyes to the areas where I can be a more active part of the work of our organization. There is plenty of work to be done. I challenge you to find a place in Alpha Beta to be active. There is so much truth to the old adage: "You get out of it what you put into it."
- ☑ I have learned that our chapter is comprised of some of the most gracious, encouraging women in Johnston County. Serving in this position has given me the privilege to get to know some of you that I didn't know very well. At each and every meeting, several of you have spoken the kindest words to me, and I am so appreciative of your kindness. I am honored to have you as "sisters". I challenge each of you to continue to offer that same support to Trudy as she undertakes this huge responsibility. You are such a wonderful group of women!

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve you! I look forward to the next biennium.. We are very fortunate to have such capable leadership. May God bless each and every one of you, my Alpha Beta sisters! ~**Karen Parker** - [abetapresident@gmail.com](mailto:abetapresident@gmail.com)

"We are more **powerful** when we **empower** each other."

Serena Williams

### Alpha Beta Chapter Minutes/Treasurer's Report



Please read the minutes and treasurer's report before each meeting.

### Alpha Beta 2019-20 Chapter Meeting

**May 5, 2020**



Our meeting place is at **First Baptist Church** in Smithfield, NC. **Meal is \$15.**



Don't forget, you can donate to our **Alpha Beta Chapter Endowment Fund** in honor and/or memory of one of our Sisters. See copies of the form on **Page 14.**

# Volunteering for a Worthy Event

One of our members, **Amy Stanley, Director of Digital Learning for Johnston County Schools**, asked for volunteers to help with the **Battle of the Books**. Several of our retired members were able to participate. It was such an outstanding competition with both middle and elementary students.

The students competed with such conviction and grace. It was heart warming to see the dedication of these students who had a strong thirst for knowledge.

I want to applaud all of the teachers who coached these teams. Congrats on a great event.



**Looking for Volunteers:** Join the Literacy Committee on **Saturday, March 7th**, at the **Smithfield Public Library** from 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. to assist with the creation of the "**encourage**"mint" notes". Additionally, the committee is looking for volunteers to help deliver these notes to schools during the weeks of **March 23rd-April 3rd**. If you are willing and able, to assist the Literacy Committee

## Let's Stay Connected



# Supporting Beginning Teachers

We were so fortunate to have Dr. Todd Holmes speak at our February meeting. He has been an educator for the last 24 years and his educational career has all been in Johnston County Schools (JCS). He shared that one of our Alpha Beta Sisters, Jenny Moore, was the very first teacher he met when he was on his first teaching interview in JCS. He is now on the Beginning Educator Support Team in JCS and one of his major goals for beginning teachers is to empower them to ask for assistance.

One of the first statistics he shared with us regarding the beginning teachers in JCS was 60% of 1st year teachers didn't go through an education program and have an alternative license. JCS also hires additional teachers each December and this past December 80% of the teachers hired had an alternative license also. Members found this to be a very challenging fact. Additionally, 50% of all K-5 teachers in JCS have an alternative licenses and didn't get to have a student teacher experience.

Dr. Holmes has three members on his team who work with specific schools so they can work on building lasting relationships with beginning teachers. He shared his departments greatest challenge is providing the best support possible for teachers with alternative licenses. First, an orientation is provided at the beginning of each school year for 1st—3rd year teachers. He thanked us for providing refreshments for this event. Next, a late hire orientation is provided for teachers. His team provides professional development in the fall and spring on a variety of topics to include Exceptional Children, ELL and literacy. He challenged us to become a presenter at one of his orientation events. His team also conducts over 500 classroom visits to get a snapshot of what is going on in each teacher's classroom. This enables Dr. Holmes team to give very specific support exactly where the teacher needs it.

Our Beginning Teacher Committee has been working hard on ways to support the teachers in JCS and they presented several ideas at the meeting after Dr. Holmes spoke. One of the ideas was to ask members to complete a ballot with a list of ways to support beginning teachers to include mentoring face-to-face, or virtually. Members were asked to help monetarily also and this could also include providing materials at the beginning of the school year. A motion was passed to provide funds to support this endeavor.

We were so appreciative to Dr. Holmes for sharing details that we need to know in order to provide the best support possible for the new teachers of JCS.

**"Teaching is more than imparting knowledge; it is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts; it is acquiring understanding."**

**William Arthur Ward**



# Importance of Fellowship



"When women  
work  
together,  
it's a bond  
unlike any  
other."

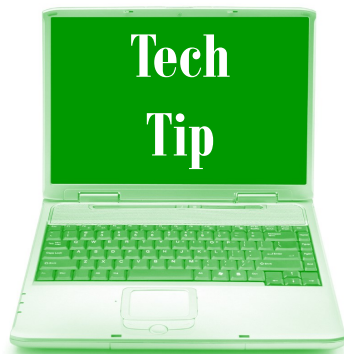
Victoria Principal







# Tech Tip



## 20 TECH TIPS FOR TEACHERS

[shakeup.link/techtips](http://shakeup.link/techtips)

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I discovered a wonderful resource developed by **Kasey Bell**. I have shared the first twelve (12) of twenty of her tips. She believes these tips will help teachers be even more successful as they embrace technology in the classroom.

There is a short description of tips thirteen (13) - sixteen (16). If you want to get additional information, you can check out the links and resources provided by Kasey in her book, ***Shake Up Learning!*** Also, you can subscribe to Kasey's podcasts and blog posts on her Web site.

13. **Use New Tools to Do New Things** - You need to think beyond using digital tools to complete only traditional assignments such as papers and reports. Digital tools can be used to do new things. Use new tools to go further, go deeper and extend your students' learning. Reach beyond what you think a digital tool can do and challenge your students to demonstrate their learning in a new way.
14. **Give Students Voice and Choice** - This may be as simple as giving students a choice in the digital tool they use to demonstrate their learning. It doesn't have to be complicated, but you will be pleasantly surprised at the outcome and the depth of understanding when you give students a little extra room to make their own decisions in their learning.
15. **Get Organized** - You can organize the information, directions, objectives, and resources online for your learners. Give students ONE central location or website will allow students to focus on the learning tasks. and to help you enhance this learning experience.
16. **Package Your Online Assignments** - Give your students ALL of the information they will need for the assignment/project online. Provide the detailed directions, the rubric, the due date, detail collaborative expectations, where and how to turn it in, what to do if they finish early. This will save you so much time answering questions.



# NC DKG Convention

Ready, Set, GROW! The **2020 Convention** is **May 1-3, 2020**. **Region VII** invites you to join them at the NC DKG Convention being held in **Greensboro, NC**. Details are provided below.

**Nancy Teague** is the convention chair and she wants to personally invite us to register to attend the convention, She says we will "See How We GROW" as we fellowship, learn, and deal with Society business together. She doesn't want us to miss this opportunity to be involved beyond the chapter level and to learn more about this wonderful Society to which we all belong. In President Parkers message she challenged us to attend the convention.

A variety of fifty minute workshops will be held at the convention on **Saturday, May 2nd**. The sessions will include:

- ☑ presentations on DKG Society Business,
- ☑ Cultivating fellowship with Generations of members,
- ☑ Nurturing membership with Research-based strategies,
- ☑ Energizing members with Opportunities for leadership, and
- ☑ Developing chapters with Well-defined programs.

Renewal credit and a certificate of attendance will be provided.

## NC DKG 2020 Convention

**Greensboro, NC**  
**Region VII Hosting**

**"See How We Grow!"**

Embassy Suites  
204 Centreport Drive  
Greensboro, NC



## Convention Registration

**Early Registration Ends April 15, 2020**

An interactive registration form can be found on the NC DKG website:

<http://bit.ly/2020NCDKGConvention>

See the form for payment options.

## Hotel Reservations

**Embassy Suites Greensboro**

Call the hotel at **336-668-4535**  
to make a reservation.

Ask for the DKG room block.

**YOUR  
INPUT  
IS  
NEEDED!**

Have you visited the NC DKG Website recently to respond to the survey?

If not, go to  
**[www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org)** to  
answer this question  
regarding  
**NC DKG  
Legislative Day.**

1. The Educational Law and Policy Committee is working to set the date for the NC DKG Legislative Day. What is your preference?

☐ May 13, 2020

☐ May 20, 2020



# Message From President Cowan

**Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, NC DKG President,** shares that the DKG's Founders crafted core values and goals that laid the foundation of the Society. Next came the seven purposes as the "pillars" of the Society. She believes there is a cornerstone of sorts found in **Purpose 1—"To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship"** and it is that cornerstone for DKG. She wants to know if we can see how Purpose 1 and NC DKG Ready, Set, GROW! bring serendipitous moments into the lives of DKG members. She wants to offer first-hand experiences that showcase this purpose while capturing **Ready, Set, GROW!**



**Dr. Teresa H.  
Cowan NC DKG  
President**

In the summer of 2019 an auction was held at the DKG Arts & Humanities Conference in Asheville. A piece was priced to sell but plans had been made to auction if needed. The auction resulted in four times the amount for which the piece was originally marked. The bonus was the recipient (a DKG member from TN) and the weaver have now

become dear DKG sisters, and the Society benefited from the proceeds as the funds were donated to the DKG Emergency Fund.

In the winter of 2020 a Region IV member placed a badge order. The recipient of the order noticed the name of the purchaser was the exact name of a person she taught with years ago but had not seen or heard from in ages. They were able to unite because she had scheduled to visit that person's chapter in the next two weeks. When the two connected it was like they were still standing at their old school.

Dr. Cowan shared that serendipity is the phenomenon of finding valuable or pleasant things that are not looked for. She believes that Purpose #1 is just that purposeful. She wants us to know that DKG is more than just fellowship. The examples she shared showcases how genuine spiritual fellowships can take us across state, regional and generational boundaries. She wants to challenge us to take time to reflect upon moments in your DKG life when things happen that you cannot explain. She wants to chalk them up to Serendipity! **It is a DKG thing!**

To read more examples of serendipity from Dr. Cowen, go to the NC DKG Web site at <https://www.ncdkg.org>. Next, click on the news tab. Under Publications, select, President's Page. There you will find more details.

You can contact Dr. Cowen at [cowan2019eta@gmail.com](mailto:cowan2019eta@gmail.com).

## 2019-2021 NC DKG Theme

Ready, Set, **GROW!**

**Cultivate** fellowship with **G**enerations of DKG members

**Nurture** membership with **R**esearch-based strategies

**Energize** members with **O**pportunities for leadership

**Develop** chapters with **W**ell-defined programs

You **GROW**, girl!





# 2020 International Convention

The International Convention is going to be held in **Philadelphia, PA July 7-11, 2020**. On the DKG Web site all the details for the convention are provided to include hotel, travel, speakers, schedule, and forms. An additional link is provided for first time convention goers traditionally know as **"First Timers."** The convention is taking on a new theme to spark interest in bees. As you know that is a passion of mine. These members will sport **"New BEE"** ribbons. Additional perks will be provided such as being teamed with a veteran convention attendee (**a "Keeper"**), and a room (**HIVE**) will be set aside for networking and seeking information designed to enhance their total convention experience.

I don't believe many of us have had the opportunity to attend an international convention for DKG. It would be great to get a group together since the convention is so close to us. We could be "New Bees." First time convention attendees will be contacted prior to their arrival in Philadelphia to receive tips as they prepare for the trip. More details are provided below.

**Meet-and-Greet on Tuesday, July 7th from 3 – 4 p.m.**

**At this event "New BEEs" will:**

- Focus on the convention program and how best to navigate the packed schedule.
- Meet their "Keepers" face-to-face for the first time.
- Learn how to share their convention experiences through social media and the DKG phone app.

**Go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) to register for the convention.**

## REGISTRATION ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLINE

### Early Bird Ticket Prices:

Member: \$180  
Collegiate: NA  
Nonmember: NA

### New

Member Combined Registration - \$325  
- Conference registration  
- Opening night event ticket  
- Vision Luncheon

\* Individual days and events can be purchased as well

## REGISTRATION ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLINE

### Regular Ticket Prices:

Member: \$200  
Collegiate: \$100  
Nonmember: \$250

### New

Member Combined Registration - \$345  
- Conference registration  
- Opening night event ticket  
- Vision Luncheon

\* Individual days and events can be purchased as well

# Feb. - July Birthdays



A special **“Birthday Wish”** from your Alpha Beta Sisters

February	March	April
Morgan Dickens - 3	Darla Peedin - 9	Frances Warren - 14
Kristy Stephenson - 4	Carol Massburg - 13	Olive Cooke - 16
Gayle Barbour - 21	Angie Proctor - 14	Yvette Davis - 27
Jean Stowers - 26	Renee Wiggs - 28	
Mary Helen Sills - 26	Marlene Sanders - 30	



May	June	July
Terry Dickens - 1	Amy Stanley - 8	Stacy Holloman - 1
Trudy Farnell - 8	Noela Sue Woodall - 9	Paula Bullock - 5
Jennifer Moore - 13	Kathy Hamilton - 13	Ann Carper - 15
Karen Hicks - 17	Tucker Twisdale - 19	Edna Luper - 20
Sybil Edwards - 18	Lynn Ragsdale - 25	Amy Creed - 21
Lorine Davis - 23		

**\*SPECIAL NOTE :** If you have a birthday in the months listed above and you do not see your name on the list, please contact Karen at: [alphabetachapternc@gmail.com](mailto:alphabetachapternc@gmail.com). She will make sure you are included on the list.

# Purpose and Mission



The Delta Kappa  
Gamma Society  
International

promotes professional and  
personal growth of women  
educators and excellence in  
education.

**Vision Statement:** *Leading Women  
Educators, Impacting Education  
Worldwide*

**Alpha Beta Chapter**  
**Organized April 19, 1952**

**TO UNITE** women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

**TO HONOR** women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.

**TO ADVANCE** the professional interest and position of women in education.

**TO INITIATE, ENDORSE, AND SUPPORT** desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.

**TO ENDOW** scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.

**TO STIMULATE** the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.

**TO INFORM** the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.



## Thoughts and Prayers



We have several members or their family members who are not doing well. I know they will appreciate you keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Barnes	Betty Ferrell	Maylene Sanders
Laura Faye Canaday	Glenda Hales	Cynthia Toudle

If you would like to add someone to this list, please contact Karen at:  
[alphabetachapternc@gmail.com](mailto:alphabetachapternc@gmail.com)



If you have an idea for an article or information you would like to see added to the newsletter, please contact the editor, **Karen Creech**, at  
[alphabetachapternc@gmail.com](mailto:alphabetachapternc@gmail.com)







**March 30, 2020**

## **Catawba Country Club**

**1154 Country Club Rd, Newton, NC**



### **2020 Golfer Registration**

Enjoy a great round of golf and support NC students and teachers too!

- Register as an individual or create a team, both women and men golfers welcome
- Monday, March 30 at Catawba Country Club, 1154 Country Club, Newton, NC
- Check-in begins at 11:00 a.m. Driving range and putting green open for practice
- Lunch begins at 11:00
- Shotgun start at 1:00 pm, 18 Hole - Four Person - Captain's Choice
- Prizes awarded to the top three teams with the lowest scores
- Individual prizes awarded for closest-to-the-pin and longest drive
- Drawing for raffle items

**Register now!**



\_\_\_\_ Four person team \$400

\_\_\_\_ Single golfer \$110

Includes cart, goody bag, one raffle ticket, and lunch for each golfer

Team Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #1 (contact) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail form to Betty Marshall, Foundation Treasurer, 1112 Anchor Court, Raleigh, NC 27615**

#### **Payment:**

\_\_\_\_ Check payable to The NC DKG Educational Foundation enclosed with form

\_\_\_\_ Payment using PayPal on NC DKG Educational Foundation web site, [www.ncdkgef.org](http://www.ncdkgef.org)

Please indicate "Golf" in the area designated for *special instructions to the seller*.

Direct questions to Sheila Groves, [ncdkgef97@gmail.com](mailto:ncdkgef97@gmail.com)

Need an overnight? Discount rate for DKG Educational Foundation Golf Tournament at Crowne Plaza, 1385 Lenoir Rhyne Blvd, Se, Hickory, 828-323-1000. Includes breakfast for 2.

**All proceeds go to The NC DKG Educational Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization.**



**The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation  
Charity Golf Tournament**

## 2020 Sponsor Registration

**YES!** I want to be a sponsor for the **2020 Tee It Up For Teachers** Charity Golf Tournament.

**March 30** at **Catawba Country Club**, Newton NC

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$500 Tournament Sponsor** (golf package for 4 players & recognition in tournament signage)

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$400 Team Sponsor** (golf package for four players)

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$300 Awards Sponsor** (recognition in tournament signage and Foundation publications)

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$100 Hole Sponsor** (sign on one hole)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Friend of the Foundation** I'm unable to participate but would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the Foundation.



Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form to Betty Marshall, Educational Foundation Treasurer, 1112 Anchor Court, Raleigh, NC 27615.

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Please indicate "Golf" in the area designated for *special instructions to the seller*.

When sponsorship registration is received, additional information including player registration will be sent to person named as contact. Send questions to Sheila Groves, [ncdkgef97@gmail.com](mailto:ncdkgef97@gmail.com).

**DEADLINE: March 15, 2020**

The NC DKG Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization.  
Donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

**Contribution to: Alpha Beta Chapter Endowment Fund**  
Established 5-11-2000

Date of Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contribution in Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Person to be Notified of Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Person to be Notified: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contributor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks to Alpha Beta Chapter and mail to Becky Kuszmaul at: 2861 Yelverton Grove Road. Smithfield, NC 27577.

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