



# Alpha Beta Bits

Delta Kappa Gamma International Society – Eta State, NC

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 24 - 26  
2015**

Eta State  
Convention  
Chapel Hill, NC

**July 15 -18  
2015**

Southeast Regional  
Conference  
Savannah, GA

**April 22 - 24  
2016**

Eta State  
Convention  
Winston-Salem, NC



## ALPHA BETA CHAPTER OFFICERS

**Lorine Davis  
President**

**Karen Parker  
1st Vice President**

**Karen Creech  
2nd Vice President**

**Mary Helen Sills  
Secretary**

**Becky Kuszmaul  
Treasurer**

## Message from President Lorine Davis

Alpha Beta Sisters are so very blessed! The executive committee and the committee chairs met in late July to plan for 2014-2016. I am grateful for the dedication of these leaders and for the wisdom and guidance they shared as we discussed options for our Chapter.

One of the most important goals that day was to determine committee members. Sisters, I covet your wisdom and participation as we fulfill our DKG goals this year. Each of us was

*chosen* to become a member of DKG. Someone thought enough of us to ask us to join and we each were honored to become a part of an organization with lofty goals and effective, responsible, respected members. It's imperative that we remember that we were brought into the fold because someone else saw our leadership abilities and potential and we have pledged to share our gifts and talents in this forum. The adage that "Busy people get things done"

plays out in the lives of our membership. I am glad we are all busy – Alpha Beta benefits from us! I pledge to keep Alpha Beta a KEY priority in my life for the next two years.

As incoming president, I'm grateful to the past presidents who set examples and paved the way for me. Please accept my heartfelt thanks. Your leadership encouraged the...**See Page 2.**

**Lorine Davis**

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## Beginning Teachers Support Project

The Beginning Teachers Support Project Committee made a lot of Johnston County new teachers feel very appreciated last year and the project is still going strong. Last year the committee donated and served refreshments at the Beginning Teacher Institute in Johnston County on August 12th at Selma Elementary School. Approximately 120 beginning teachers were served. To see pictures from the event, go to **Page 4.**

The purpose of the goodie bags was to help bridge the gap between Christmas and Spring break and the bags were a great

way to help first year teachers know that they are appreciated.

To get the 2014 school year started for beginning teachers, the committee hosted refreshments for the Beginning Teacher Institute in Johnston County on August 12th at Selma Elementary School. Approximately 120 beginning teachers were served. To see pictures from the event, go to **Page 4.**



**Yvette Davis is helping to prepare "goody bags."**



## Message From President (Cont.)

membership to be strategic and committed in promoting the seven Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma International.

I am excited about our September 23 meeting. First of all, we'll be meeting at Parkside Restaurant in Pine Level in September and again in February. The Parkside buffet will cost \$12.50 for each member in attendance. We'll continue to meet at churches for our Show & Sell meetings and for our induction/installation meetings. Mary Ann Yansom has graciously agreed to continue catering meals for the meetings in churches. The Executive Committee will be responsible for raffle items for the September meeting.

There are a couple of organizational changes that will begin in September. Each member will have a meeting folder that you will pick up at the beginning of the meeting and return at the end of the meeting. That folder will contain your agenda and I'm hoping that will have information that you will want to take home with you at the end of the meeting. However, there are a couple of items that will need to stay in your folder. The first is the Alpha Beta song. The second is a record of participation in Delta Kappa Gamma initiatives that will be used to determine Alpha Beta Excellence Awards for our Chapter members. The participation record is also tailored to help me with record keeping for State reports. I'll be able to accurately report our progress in hopes that our Chapter will continue to qualify for State level awards.

Lastly, we will be retiring the "mug shots" used in our current member handbooks. We will have a photographer at the September meeting to take professional, uniform photos of members to replace the mug shots. She will also return in November to take a group photo. Please put September 23rd on your calendar now so that you'll be included in the new handbook in the group photo. I am looking forward to hanging a framed copy of the group photo on my wall at school. It will be a catalyst for conversations about my Alpha Beta sisters and the work we do as Key Women Educators.

As North Carolina educators, it's important that we remain courageous. I look forward to seeing you on September 23rd!



## Getting to Know You



Each newsletter is going to highlight Alpha Beta members who shared interesting facts about themselves so we can get to know each other a little better. Remember, if you didn't get to share your facts, please email them to Karen Creech or bring them to the next meeting. Facts about our mystery member is featured below.

**WHO  
AM  
I ?**

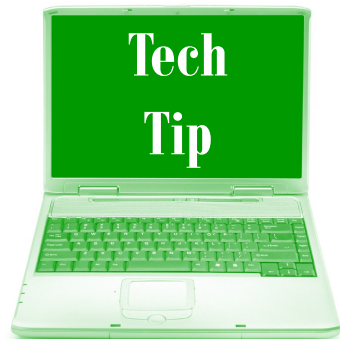
1. **I have 2 kids, Adam and Anna.**
2. **I love spending time at the beach and playing games on my iPad.**
3. **I love to bake, but hate to cook.**
4. **I love doing things with the church youth group. I help with the middle school and college age groups.**



Find Name of Mystery Member on  
**Page 3.**



# Tech Tip



## Wordle—

<http://www.wordle.net/>

## Wordle - Word Cloud

If you want to enhance assignments, activities and/or projects, try out this Web 2.0 tool, **Wordle**. This tool is used to generate "word clouds" from text. The more frequently a word appears in the text, the larger it shows up in the word cloud. An example of a Wordle is shown below. Notice the larger words are the ones that show up the most in the text used to create the Wordle.

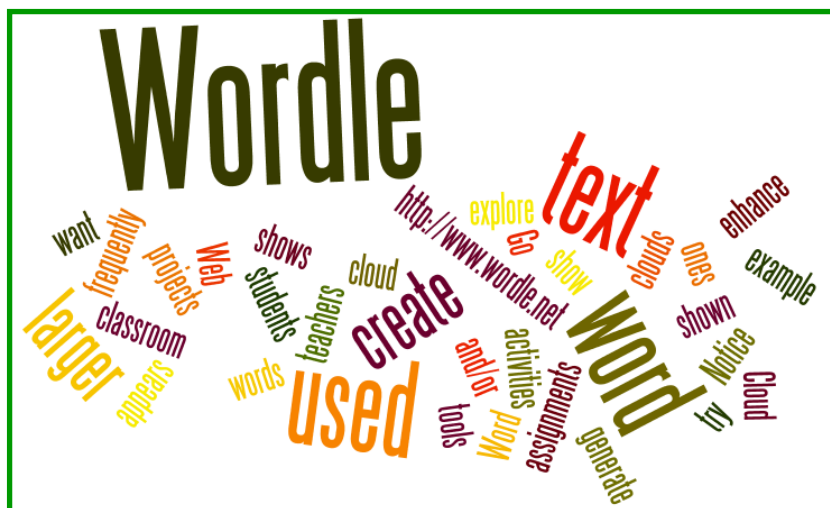
21st Century Educational Technology and Learning is an educational Web site that shares 125 ways to use Wordle in

the classroom. This article includes ideas for specific subject areas such as language arts, science, math, music and art.

To find all of these ideas, do a Web search for the article, **Word Clouds: 125 Ways... And Counting... To Use Wordle In The Classroom**

I think this quote does a good job of depicting Wordle.

"If a picture paints a thousand words, then what can a thousand words paint?"



This Wordle was created using text in the paragraph above. To create your own Wordle, go to <http://www.wordle.net/>

### 21 st Century Educational Technology and Learning

<http://21centuryedtech.wordpress.com/2012/05/14/12-valuable-wordle-tips-you-must-read-word-clouds-in-education-series-part-1/>

## Change 4 Literacy

The Literacy Committee would like to remind everyone to bring any extra change you would like to donate to put in the collection jar.

The funds collected will go the **Harbor House**. This house is a shelter for woman and children of domestic violence.



## Alpha Beta Chapter Minutes



Please read the minutes from the last meeting before each meeting.

Did you guess right? The Mystery Member highlighted on Page 2 is Amy Stanley .

# Beginning Teachers Support Project (Cont.)



Pictured (L to R): Angie Jacobs, Director of Professional Support for Johnston County Schools, Janice White, Paula Bullock, Lorine Davis, Becky Kuszmaul, and Debra Avery.



*Stacy Holloman*



*Karen Hicks*



*Lynn Ragsdale*



## Important Dates

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Eta State Convention  
Sheraton Chapel Hill  
Chapel Hill, NC

**July 15-18, 2015**

Southeast Regional  
Convention  
Westin Harbor Resort  
Savannah, GA

**April 22-24, 2016**

Eta State Convention  
Winston-Salem, NC

**July 5 - 9, 2016**

International Convention  
Gaylord Opryland Resort  
& Convention Center,  
Nashville, TN

## Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to Casey Quiel, daughter of Greg and Darlene Quiel, who was chosen to receive the Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship from among potential applicants throughout Johnston County. Her outstanding application highlighted her strong academic standing, her plans to become an educator, and her well-rounded activities throughout high school. Casey is attending Appalachian State University.



**Casey Quiel**  
**Alpha Beta**  
**Scholarship**  
**Recipient 2014**



# News From Eta State President

President Taylor shares in her President's Message that she was once told she had the **"leadership look,"** and she believes this look is present in most every teacher. She wants us to think about how we can encourage others to share their "leadership look." I've taken the ideas she wanted us to think about and turned them into questions for us to consider.

1. Are we sharing the joy of our experiences as leaders with others? Are we letting non-members know how leadership opportunities in DKG have transformed our lives and how spending time with our DKG sisters has become a valued part of our time and of who we are as women educators?
2. Can we take a few minutes in chapter meetings to hear the fun experiences of leadership from present and past chapter, state, and international leaders to help shed new light on the leadership experience for future leaders?
3. Have we taken the time to thank leaders that are now serving and/or honoring a leader present or past (chapter, state, international, and/or community)?
4. Are we highlighting the experiences of teachers as leaders in a visual way with pictures to give future leaders motivation to share their "leadership look" as they serve as future leaders?
5. Last but not least, are we being the best role model, as a current "teacher leader," for future leaders who may surround us at any given time and view that "leadership look" in us?



**Patricia Taylor**  
Eta State President  
2013-2015

## Let's Tweet



Tweets by  
[@Eta\\_State](https://twitter.com/Eta_State)

After reading these questions closely, I realized I need to challenge myself and you to honor our **"leadership look."** I am confident we can do this by continuing to influence our fellow members and non-members who share this very special connection. To read more of President Taylor's message, go to <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/Presidents%20page.htm>.



## "The 100 Challenge - Launching a Dream"

During the Fall Executive Board Meeting at Elon on September 6th, Dr. Judith Carlson, chairman of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation, announced the Foundation's **"The 100 Challenge — Launching a Dream" initiative.**

Each region is challenged to get 100 pledges of \$10 each before March 15, 2015. These pledges can come from individuals or chapters. President Lorine Davis will collect pledge cards and send them to our Regional Director. No money will be collected at this time; the Board will follow up to collect the pledge.

Pledges will give the Foundation a way to project the amount of money that may be donated when contributions start and the Board can begin to plan for grants from the Foundation. To learn more, go to <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/100%20challenge%20brochure.pdf>. A copy of the pledge form is on **Page 9**. Please print it and be ready for the challenge.



# News From DKG President

Our newly elected International President, Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid has been reflecting on the longevity of DKG and she believes her job is not a one-biennium job when you are an 85-year-old Society. She wants to encourage us to make decisions for the long run and continue to move to a higher level of value for members if we are to survive.

She believes both parts of our vision, **LEADING WOMEN EDUCATORS** and **IMPACTING EDUCATION WORLDWIDE**, could put Delta Kappa Gamma on the way to making a local and global impact on teacher-leader development.

She wants to challenge us to extend our audience and reach by bringing in the new **Delta Kappa Gamma Icon Women** who will advance us into the next generation and evolution of our Society. She would like to encourage us to assemble a diverse team of committee members and chairs to jumpstart this initiative in four simple steps:

1. **Set High Quality Targets**
2. **Enlist Diverse Opinions**
3. **Take Multiple Shots on Goal**
4. **Learn from experience and experiments**

**DKG — a spirit to take through life.**



**Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid**  
**International President**  
**2014-2016**

Dr. Schmid shared this quote from Rosalynn, "A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be." She would like for us to join her this biennium in evolving the Society where it ought to be in order to sustain the magic. Our theme will be: **85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life.** To read more of her article, go to [https://www.dkg.org/sites/default/files/files-for-download/Sep\\_Oct2014\\_0.pdf](https://www.dkg.org/sites/default/files/files-for-download/Sep_Oct2014_0.pdf)

## DKG Gallery of Fine Arts



Have you had a chance to look at the incredible display of fine arts in the DKG Gallery? If not, I would like to encourage you to take a few minutes to look at the talent we have in DKG.

I know we have some talented members in our chapter. I would like to encourage you to look at the criteria for showcasing one of your talents.

Newly selected artistic works will appear in the DKG Fine Arts Gallery by **November 1, 2014**. The **Arts & Humanities Gallery Application Form** will be available **January 1, 2015**. To learn more, go to <https://www.dkg.org/content/dkg-gallery-fine-arts-0>

## DKG News



The **September/October 2014** edition of DKG News should have arrived in your mailboxes. It shares highlights of this summer's International Convention in Indianapolis, the 2014 Achievement Award Winner, newly installed Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid's acceptance speech, author Rachel Adams' Educator Book Award, actions approved by the International Executive Board for 2012 - 2014, and more. If you didn't receive a copy, you can find it online at [https://www.dkg.org/sites/default/files/files-for-download/Sep\\_Oct2014\\_0.pdf](https://www.dkg.org/sites/default/files/files-for-download/Sep_Oct2014_0.pdf)



# Sept. – Feb. Birthdays

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

September	October	November
Mary Nell Ferguson – 4	Glenda Toler - 4	Karen Parker - 2
Ramona Cash – 5	Mary Ann Lee – 22	Janice White - 5
Dorothy Driver – 6	Karen Creech – 22	Denise Byrd - 9
Becky Kuszmaul – 11	Terri Sessoms – 25	Eloise Bonds - 1
Jennifer Bare – 18		Barbara Barnes - 14
Carol Blakely – 19		Sonya Kiser - 28
Mary Helen Wyatt – 23		
Laura Faye Canaday – 24		
Betty Ferrell – 28		



December	January	February
Susan Auman - 5	Carolyn Riddick - 1	Mary Helen Sills - 26
Margaret Lee Walker - 6	Debra Avery - 4	
Leona Parrish - 10	Joyce Matthews - 13	
Abby Salas - 15	Cathy Cox - 16	
Martha Bradshaw - 27	Eve Creech - 17	
	Jennifer Swartz - 27	
	Ann Parrish - 28	
	Glenda Hales - 31	

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

# Purpose and Mission



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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

**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



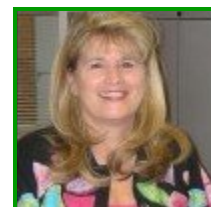
We have several members who I know would appreciate you keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

Laura Faye Canaday	Maylene Sanders
Leona Parrish	Margaret Walker
Bess Ragsdale	Rose Walker

If you would like to add someone to this list, please contact Karen at:  
[karen.creech@ncpublicschools.gov](mailto:karen.creech@ncpublicschools.gov)



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 [karen.creech@ncpublicschools.gov](mailto:karen.creech@ncpublicschools.gov)





## Launching A Dream PLEDGE FORM

### The 100 Challenge—*Launching A Dream*

Your pledge of \$10 will advance the work of the Foundation, supporting education and educators.

Please give pledges to your chapter president or Regional Director before March 15, 2015.

DO NOT send money at this time.

Yes, I want to help *Launch A Dream*

\_\_\_\_\_ with a pledge of \$10

\_\_\_\_\_ with a pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(fill in amount)

Submit a separate form for each Pledge.

You may duplicate this form as needed.

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DKG Chapter

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Region

Each Regional Director will collect forms from her region and send them to Connie Savell, Eta State Second Vice-President, by March 15, 2015.

You will be contacted later with information about making your tax deductible contribution. Thank you!

If you have questions please contact a member of the Educational Foundation Board of Directors.