



Alpha Beta Bits

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – Eta State, NC

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 15,
2018

Fall Executive Board Meeting, Elon College

May 2–5,
2019

Eta State Convention
Hickory, NC

May 1–3,
2020

Eta State Convention
Greensboro, NC



ALPHA BETA CHAPTER OFFICERS

Karen Parker
President

Trudy Farnell
1st Vice President

Terri Sessoms
2nd Vice President

Ann Brown
Secretary

Becky Kuzmaul
Treasurer

Message from President Karen Parker

Greetings ladies!

I sincerely hope that this newsletter finds each of you safe after our adventure with Florence. I know that this past week has made me increasingly aware of the blessings in my life! If any of you are in need in the aftermath of the hurricane, **please reach out to your Alpha Beta Sisters**. We would all be honored to help!

I am excited to get our 2018-19 year started. Our executive committee met this summer, and we have some great things planned for this year. As we met, we reflected on our chapter “glows” and “grows”....our

“glows” being what we excel at as an organization, and our “grows” being those areas in which we can use to grow. The “glows” list was long, and I’d love to take a moment to brag on you a little:

- * Great professional comradery,
 - Pleasant tone of fellowship at our meetings,
 - Successful raffles that enable us to promote literacy in our community, and
 - Generous contributions to the NC Education Foundation Scholarship that enable us to offer scholarships to perspective young teachers.
- The list goes on! Alpha

Beta has so much to be proud of! I am sure that most of you, like me, are so honored to be a part of an active professional organization that is making a difference in our county.

So, how can we grow from here? As we pondered the areas in which Alpha Beta could use to grow, we all agreed that we would love to see more of our women experience the full measure of sisterhood that Alpha Beta has to offer. As we begin this year, I want to... **See Page 2**

President
Karen Parker
2018-20



Sessoms Running for School Board

Congratulations to **Terri Sessoms**! She was endorsed by **Johnston County Schools** as a member of **Board of Education**. We are so proud of Terri. She has been an outstanding member of Alpha Beta for 23 years and an educator for 32 years.

We all know that Terri Sessoms has a strong commitment to the children and the citizens of Johnston

County and for that reason we are excited that she has been endorsed to represent us on the Johnston County Public Schools Board of Education.

Terri has been posting videos to share what she is doing on the campaign trail. To follow Terri, you can go to her Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/terrijocoschoolboard/>



Pictured L to R: Terri Sessoms and Lorine Davis



Message From President (Cont.)

encourage all of our sisters to step up to the next level. The professional relationships formed in Alpha Beta are rich and meaningful in our lives. One of my personal goals as president for the next biennium is to promote that spirit of sisterhood and capitalize on the benefits of being an active part of this organization.

As one avenue of growth for our chapter, our executive committee decided to form a new committee, the **Show and Sell Committee**, to enhance the effectiveness of our annual Show and Sell event. This committee will be chaired by our Second Vice President. You will not want to miss as they share plans for our Show and Sell at our meeting.

In keeping with **Delta Kappa Gamma's vision to "...impact education..."**, our chapter has been active this summer on a local level, as the Beginning Teacher's Support Committee provided snacks and drinks at the New Teacher Orientation for Johnston County Public Schools in August. It was an awesome opportunity to make ourselves known. I had the pleasure, as president, to have a few moments to address these teachers as they embark on their journey in this noble profession. What a privilege to be able to represent you and champion the work of the Alpha Beta Chapter!

It is a season of change in Delta Kappa Gamma. This summer's International Convention brought about some changes in the constitution. I will be attending the Eta State Executive Board meeting in October and will be updating you on these changes, as I understand them all better myself. Our Chapter Rules Committee will be working throughout this year to align our Chapter Rules with any changes that may affect us.

I hope that you will make every effort to join us at our meeting. If you haven't replied, it isn't too late to notify Karen Creech that you will be attending. In an effort to help you make informed decisions, we have invited all of the **candidates for the Johnston County Public Schools Board of Education election** to join us at our meeting and share briefly concerning the issues in education that they are passionate about.

It is an honor to serve you as president! I am so thankful for your support and prayers as we embark on these next two years. I look forward to seeing you. Karen abetapresident@gmail.com

Alpha Beta Chapter Minutes/Treasurer's Report



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

Upcoming Alpha Beta 2018-19 Chapter Meetings

Sept. 25, 2018

Nov. 27, 2018

Feb. 26, 2019

May 7, 2019



First Baptist Church in Smithfield, NC



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 13**.

Feeling the Fellowship

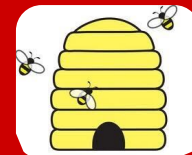


Register to Vote in the 2018 Election
Your voice is important and very powerful.
Don't forget to vote!





Saving the Bees



MEMBERS OF THE BEE COLONY

Honeybees are intriguing! Each newsletter will feature interesting facts about bees. If you become fascinated with bees, contact Karen Creech and share in her quest to help reverse the current trend of declining numbers of honeybees.

"Honey bees live in hives (or colonies). The members of the hive are divided into three types:

Queen: One queen runs the whole hive. Her job is to lay the eggs that will spawn the hive's next generation of bees. The queen also produces chemicals that guide the behaviour of the other bees.

Workers: these are all female and their roles are to forage for food (pollen and nectar from flowers), build and protect the hive, clean and circulate air by beating their wings. Workers are the only bees most people ever see flying around outside the hive. **Drones:** These are the male bees, and their purpose is to mate with the new queen. Several hundred live in each hive during the spring and summer. But come winter, when the hive goes into survival mode, the drones are kicked out!"

<https://www.natgeokids.com/za/discover/animals/insects/honey-bees/>



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Don't forget you can get all of the **Eta State Newsletters**, **Eta Data**, online. The **FALL** issue of **Eta State News** is now available in a colorful pdf at: <https://bit.ly/2vxooQe>. If you would like to have a black and white copy of the newsletter, go to <https://bit.ly/2vzrsLA>.

To access archived copies of the **Eta State Newsletter**, go to the Eta State Web site at: <https://www.ncdkg.org/publications.html>. Next, click on the issue you would like to preview. The list of newsletters begins with **Winter 2016–Summer 2018**.

Getting to Know You

Each newsletter highlights an Alpha Beta members who shared interesting facts about herself 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 featured below.

**WHO
AM
I ?**

1. I am a hand bell ringer.
2. I enjoy water color.
3. I student taught under Ramona Cash.



Find name of "Mystery Member" on **Page 6**.

“Order of the Long Leaf Pine”



Congratulations to **Jean Stowers**. She received the **Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award**. Jean recently retired from Johnston County Schools at the end of the 2018 school year.



Pictured L to R: Jennifer Bare and Jean Stowers

This award is among the most prestigious awards conferred by the Governor of North Carolina. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is awarded to persons for exemplary

service to the State of North Carolina and their communities that is above and beyond the call of duty and which has made a significant impact and strengthened North Carolina. Jean certainly deserves to receive this outstanding recognition. We are so proud of her.

Connecting with DKG



This is a friendly reminder to download the new DKG app. If you downloaded the app last year, you should delete the outdated app. The **new app has two parts:**



- an everyday app (called the **365**) with news and updates you'd normally find on the website but in a format easier to use on your mobile devices, and
- the **convention app** with maps, schedules, speakers and more, specifically about the convention.

Use the DKG app to stay connected!

Download updated app at:
<http://www.dkg.com>





Please use the new url for our state web site -

<http://www.ncdkg.org/>

Let's Stay Connected



Alpha Beta Chapter NC
Closed Group

Joined ▾
➔ Share
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Tech Tip



Flipgrid
flipgrid.com



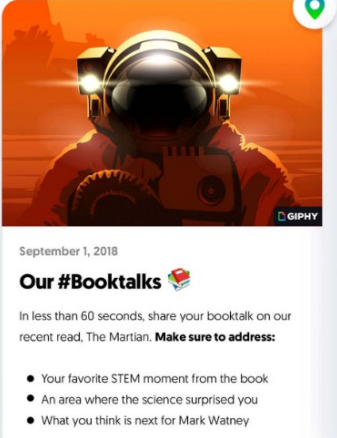
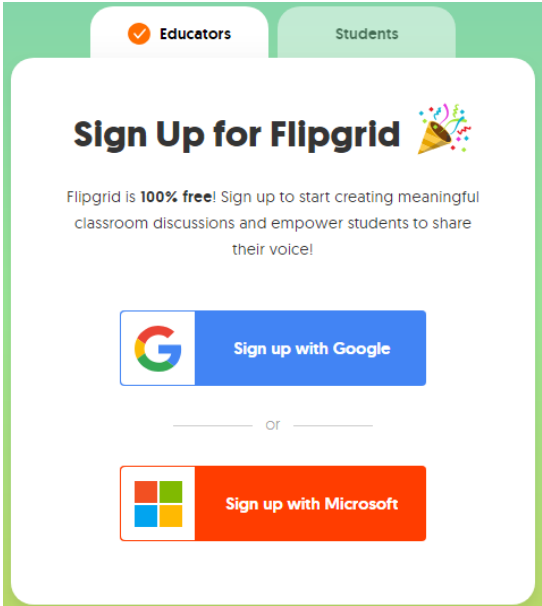
Flipgrid is a new Web 2.0 tool that will be a great way to get your students talking about any topic, reflect on a book or film, or ask questions about something you're exploring in class.

As the educator, you are the topic designer with specialized resources and attachments that are provided by **Flipgrid**. The possibilities are endless for students to verbalize their learning!

Every student has a voice when given the opportunity to record short, authentic videos. They can reply to each other's videos and you are 100% in control with video moderation, and access controls.

Reasons Why You Should Use Flipgrid

- ✓ **Use it for FREE!**
- ✓ **Create topics to ignite discussions.**
- ✓ **Provide students with easy-to-use recording tools.**
- ✓ **Allow students to capture widescreen videos, pause while recording, add more after reviewing, and trim to perfect.**
- ✓ **Allow students to use any device, anywhere to access the tool.**
- ✓ **Get over 1000s of educator-created topics.**
- ✓ **Access a list of Do's and Don'ts for best practices for using Flipgrid.**

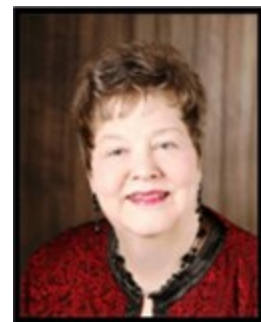




NC Southeast Star



We have a **STAR** among us, our very own, **Nancy Tunstall**. She has been a member of DKG since 1999, served two terms as chapter president and is currently serving as **newsletter editor, webmaster, and parliamentarian** of Gamma Chi. She was appointed a **state regional director** and **committee chair**. That is where we know her best! In 2012, she received **NC's Golden Key Award**. She has presented at numerous state conventions and attended International events. While teaching full-time, Nancy served on the **Board of Directors** for two local organizations and continues to maintain databases for three nonprofits. In 2011 her county honored her with the **Women of Achievement in Education Award**. Because of these outstanding accomplishments, Nancy was awarded **The Star of the Southeast Award** at the Southeast Regional Breakfast at the 2018 DKG International Convention earlier this year.



**Nancy
Tunstall**

Each state recognizes one member with this award. The president in the southeast region selects a member who has meet the following criteria: given distinctive service to her chapter, state organization, and community; often serves behind the scene, rather than in the spotlight; and has not served on the International Executive Board or on an international committee. I'm so delighted that North Carolina honored **Nancy Tunstall** as our **Star of the Southeast**.

2018-2020 INTERNATIONAL THEME

***DKG: Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide***

2017-2019 ETA STATE NC THEME

"Let's SPARKLE!"

DKG MISSION STATEMENT

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
promotes professional and personal growth of
women educators and excellence in education**

DKG VISION STATEMENT

***Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide***

ETA STATE NC VISION (VIEW)

***Voices of Influence Empowering
North Carolina Women Educators***

DATES TO REMEMBER - ETA STATE NC

September 30	Deadline to submit NC DKG Educational Foundation proposal for a grant (up to \$500)
October 10	Deadline to submit to the Eta State News
October 27	Eta State NC's Founders Day (Eta State NC will be 84)
November 15	Deadline for nominations for Eta State NC Officers for the 2019-2021 biennium
December 1	Deadline for amendments to the Eta State Bylaws and/or the Eta State Standing Rules

2019

January 10	Deadline to submit to the Eta State News
February 1	Deadline for scholarship applications to Eta State NC; \$1,000 for master's, \$4,000 for doctor's
February 1	Deadline for Founders Award nomination
March 1	Deadline to submit Chapter Achievement form, Rising Star and Golden Key nominations and Communications Excellence form
March 22-23	Leadership Development Seminar, Asheboro, NC
April 10	Deadline to submit to the Eta State News
May 3-5	Eta State NC Convention, Crowne Plaza Hickory, NC (Region X)

2020

May 1-3	Eta State NC Convention, Embassy Suites Hotel, Greensboro, NC (Region VII)
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DATES TO REMEMBER - DKG INTERNATIONAL

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| October 1 | Deadline to submit to the Bulletin: Journal |
| November 1 | Deadline for Lucile Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Award application |
| December 15 | Deadline to submit to the Bulletin: Collegial Exchange |

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| January 3 | Deadline for applications for the DKG Educational Foundation Projects |
| February 1 | Deadline for scholarship applications to DKG International; \$6,000 for master's, \$10,000 for doctor's |
| February 1 | Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadlines: May 1 and September 1) |
| February 5 | Deadline for DKG Fine Arts Gallery submissions |
| March 1 | Deadline to submit to the Bulletin: Journal |
| May 1 | Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadlines: February 1 and September 1) |
| May 11 | DKG's Founders Day (DKG will be 90 years young!) |
| May 15 | Deadline to submit to the Bulletin: Journal |
| June 21-24 | Leading Effective Meetings Seminar, Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC |
| June 27-29 | Southeast Regional Conference, Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC |

Message From President Savell



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

President Savell shared in her message this month that she believes the Eta State's goals for this biennium were exhibited at the 84th Eta State NC Convention by our officers, related personnel, regional directors, presenters, facilitators, past presidents, and members, Region VI members, hosts, convention treasurer, registrar, and chairman. She was inspired with the teamwork and collaboration as they **SPARKLED** all weekend.

She said the speakers were passionate about their topics. Members learned about the DKG Icon Woman from Dr. Lynn B. Schmid and laughed at the stories shared by Edna Thayer. She also shared that it was amazing how members across the state displayed **Savvy** leadership as they carried out individual responsibilities!

She believes it takes a village to hold a state meeting and she thanked everyone for making it memorable. The theme and goals will remain the same for the last year of the biennium. She looks forward to seeing how each chapter embraces the theme **Let's SPARKLE** in 2018-2019. You can email President Savell at: mcdpm59@gmail.com



**President
Connie Savell**

2017-2019

GOALS

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Encourage **Savvy** leadership

Inspire **P**assionate, meaningful programs and projects

Analyze and **A**rticulate current educational issues

Further **R**espect for diversity in membership

Promote **K**nowledge through lifelong learning

Establish and **L**aunch a member wellness initiative

Advocate **E**xcellence in education

Message From International President Carolyn Pittman



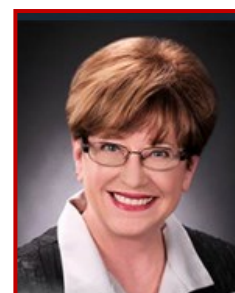
President Carolyn Pittman shared in her message that the DKG Administrative Board members sat together being inspired by **Emily Dickinson's** words, "**Dwell in Possibility**" and **Annie Blanton's** words, "**Be progressive. Keep up with the moving world while not discarding what in the old has value. But, don't cling to the old when its worth has passed. Don't be a person so set in your views that nothing can change you.**" as they reviewed and revised the strategic plan and grew their thinking. These are words that helped them through their challenges, and can also inspire us.

As President Pittman looks at this biennium, she believes it mirrors other biennia with complicated issues that can affect the present and future of DKG. She wonders if the Founders of DKG really began our society primarily to give women educators a much needed and sorely lacking social and political outlet.

She notes that the conditions for women educators when DKG began included smaller percentage of administrators, scrutiny and rigid control in and out of the schoolhouse, lack of pensions, limited classroom resources, and deplorable teaching conditions. Think about the conditions teachers face today and the similarities. She says it is no wonder that a group of modern women educators in 1929 took a stand and formed The Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

She believes Annie Blanton would be proud of DKG in 2018 because she would see us promoting professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

To read more details from President Pittman's message, go to www.dkg.org, and look under **Resources**.



**INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT**

**Carolyn
Pittman
2016-2018**



Aug.— Jan. Birthdays

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

August	September	October
Debbie Woodruff - 1	Mary Nell Ferguson - 4	Glenda Toler - 4
Ann Brown - 2	Ramona Cash - 5	Karen Creech - 22
Melissa Finch - 3	Dorothy Drive - 6	Mary Ann Lee - 22
Cynthia Toudle - 5	Becky Kuzmaul - 11	Terri Sessoms - 25
Mary Daughtry - 25	Jennifer Bare - 18	
	Mary Helen Wyatt - 23	
	Laura Faye Canaday - 24	
	Heather Pennica - 27	
	Betty Ferrell - 28	



November	December	January
Karen Parker - 2	Jenny Batten-Wiley - 1	Carolyn Riddick - 1
Janice White - 5	Jennifer Roberts - 7	Leigh Ann Nichols - 4
Denise Byrd - 9	Abby Salas - 15	Joyce Matthews - 13
Eloise Bonds - 11	Pamela Batchelor - 29	Cathy Cox - 16
LarKeysha Sheppard - 11	Johna Faulconer - 29	Jennifer Swartz - 27
Barbara Barnes - 14		Ann Parrish - 28
Ana Lucia Milazzotto - 14		Heather Barbour - 31
Ashely Radford - 18		Glenda Hales - 31
Sonya Kiser - 28		

***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. 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.

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.

Alpha Beta Chapter

Organized April 19, 1952



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	Bess Ragsdale

If you would like to add someone to this list, please contact Karen at: 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



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