



Alpha Beta Bits

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DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 26 - 28
2013**

Eta State
Convention
Charlotte, NC

**July 10 - 13
2013**

Southeast Regional
Conference
Kissimmee, FL

**July 28 - Aug. 1
2014**

International
Convention
Indianapolis, IN



ALPHA BETA CHAPTER OFFICERS

Lynn Ragsdale
President

Debra Avery
1st Vice President

Jennifer Moore
2nd Vice President

Glenda Toler
Secretary

Becky Kuszmaul
Treasurer

Message from President Lynn Ragsdale

Ladies:

I hope you have had a wonderful summer. DKG officers and some committee chairpersons met at Bess Ragsdale's lovely home to reorganize and restructure our 1992 by-laws. They are now referred to as chapter rules and you will get a copy to peruse and print before our first meeting in September.

Much work went into these rules, using other chapter rules in the

area, our 1992 by-laws and the Eta State Constitution. We will meet an hour early at our first meeting September 25th to approve these chapter rules in order to turn them in to ETA State by October for final approval.

Our group also restructured our committees to correlate more with Eta State Requirements. The group worked many hours on this and I would like to personally

thank our officers and committee chairpersons who took time out of their summer vacation to complete this monumental task.

As Legislative Coordinator for ETA State, I met with Representatives and Senators this summer to discuss DKG concerns. I am pleased to say that many more legislators now know ... See Page 2

**Lynn
Ragsdale**

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Congratulations to our New Officers

I know you are very excited about our new slate of officers for 2012-14. I'm looking forward to implementation of the wonderful plans and goals developed by this team.

Five members of our Chapter attended a day long training session for new Chapter leaders on June 22, 2012 in Goldsboro, NC. The training promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in

education globally.

Over three hundred chapter leaders, representing ninety-one (91) chapters attended the training.



Pictured (L to R): Mary Helen Wyatt - Parliamentarian, Jennifer Moore - Second Vice President, Lynn Ragsdale - President, Debra Avery - First Vice President, Rebecca Kuszmaul - Treasurer, and Glenda Toler - Recording & Corresponding Secretary.



Message From President cont.

who DKG is and what we stand for. We did not win all our battles, but we are happy state employees who finally got a small raise after four years. We will have new battles in January when the General Assembly goes back into session.

I would like to especially thank Jennifer Swartz and Lorine Davis who met with me one entire morning to start working on the new chapter rules. Their expertise and knowledge was extremely helpful as this is my first officer position in DKG in NC. Many of you have told me you will help in any way possible and I certainly appreciate your support. You will be hearing from me. Lynn Ragsdale - lharloe@hotmail.com

Nancy Tunstall, Region III Director

We are happy to have as our **Region III Director, Nancy Tunstall**. Nancy is also the President of Gamma Chi in Warren County.

Nancy retired as Warren Campus Coordinator, Vance-Granville Community College, also Mathematics, Computer Technology and Office Science Instructor.

One of Nancy's goals is to visit each DKG Chapter in her region. We are fortunate to have her meet with us at our first meeting in September.

She has created a newsletter entitled, **Booting Up**, for Region III. I plan to share information from her newsletter. If you have a questions you would like to ask Nancy, her email address is: nancytunstall@gmail.com



Nancy Tunstall
Region III Director



Alpha Beta Chapter Rules

This summer the Executive Committee meet at the home of Bess Ragsdale to revise the Alpha Beta Chapter Rules. At the September 25th meeting, the Chapter membership will be asked to come an hour earlier (5:00 PM) to discuss the proposed chapter rules and then approve them.

A copy of the chapter rules will be sent to each member prior to the meeting. Each member is asked to read through the rules and be prepared to discuss any changes, additions or deletions you would like to recommend. If you have questions prior to the meeting regarding the rules, please contact Lynn Ragsdale.



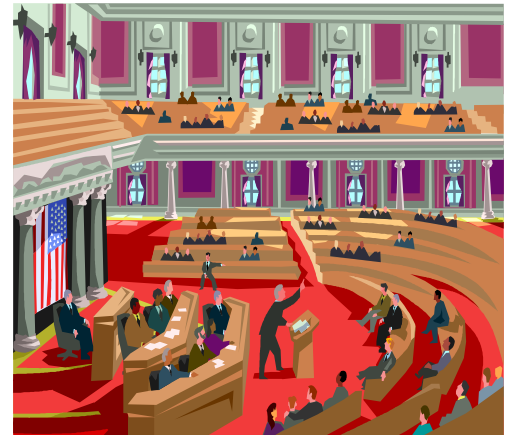


Legislative Update

Eta State Legislative
Coordinator
Lynn Ragsdale

The Regular Session of the 2013-2014 biennium will convene on **January 30, 2013**, following a one day meeting on **January 9, 2013** held solely to elect officers, adopt rules, and otherwise organize the session.

DKG members are invited to visit their NC Senate and House members whenever possible to acquaint them with DKG and education issues of importance to them. DKG will put together proposals to support when we know what education issues the General Assembly will tackle this year. The pay raise was appreciated by all state employees!



November 2012 Election Candidates

Please go to the Johnston County Board of Elections Web site to find a list of all of the candidates running for election. Remember Johnston County is now in Congressional District 7.

Johnston County Board of Elections Web site

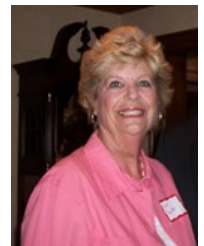
To access the Web site go to:

http://www.johnstonnc.com/joconcelections/econtent.cfm?page_desc=2012cand

IMPORTANT DATES

October 12	Deadline to register for General Election
October 18	One-Stop Voting Starts
November 3	One-Stop Voting Ends—11:00 PM
November 7	General Election

If you have questions regarding legislative information, please feel free to contact Lynn Ragsdale at: lharloe@hotmail.com.



Alpha Beta Chapter Endowment



Mackinsay Howe, daughter of Garland and Janine Howe of Smithfield, NC, was chosen to receive the Alpha Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Endowment for 2012 from among ten applicants throughout Johnston County.

Ms. Howe was ninth in her class of 263 at Smithfield-Selma High, graduated with Honors and was an NC Scholar. This fall, Howe plans to attend East Carolina University, where she will major in Special Education.

Fund Raising Raffles



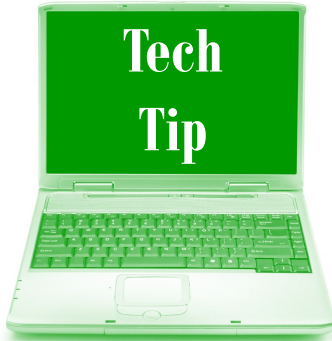
We are happy to announce we will continue to have raffles to raise funds for different projects throughout the year. The raffles will include 50/50 and door prizes.

The first door prize to be raffled at the September meeting is a wreath made of colorful mesh. Please remember to bring lots of \$1.00 bills to the meeting.

Visit our Chapter Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com>. Search for Alpha Beta Society International.



Tech Tip



How To Screencast Video
<http://www.screencast-o-matic.com/>

Recently I helped to facilitate a one (1) day workshop called TPACK Extravaganza sponsored by the Friday Institute and NC Department of Public Instruction. There were several Web 2.0 tools introduced to the workshop participants. One of the easiest to use tools was called **Screencast-O-Matic**. This Web 2.0 tool allows you to create screencasts, online instructional videos created by capturing your own computer screen in motion.

Generally consisting of both video and audio, screencasts are an excellent way to differentiate instruction and present information for viewing asynchronously. This Web 2.0 tool will allow you to implement screencasts and video creation skills to make instructional videos for reference and resource purposes.

Before you create a screencast, consider the following steps:

1. **Determine the topic** for your screencast. There are many different and innovative uses for Screencast-O-Matic.
2. **Define a goal** for your screencast, as well as the steps and/or information you need to cover to reach the goal.
3. **Reflect on your audience** and create a general idea of how you will present information, taking into consideration your tone of voice, language, and video persona.
4. **Open any files, programs, or windows** you plan to use in your screencast. navigation bar.
5. **Open the screencast tool, Screencast-O-Matic**. Check all the settings, and start practicing!
6. **Record and save** your screencast.

Benefits of Screencast-O-Matic

- Doesn't require log-in to use.
- Provides free storage for recordings (limited).
- Ability to download videos in different file types onto computer.
- Free video recordings up to 15 minutes.
- No limit to amount of videos produced.
- HD quality recordings.
- Some editing features.

Permission to Share Resources Granted by Friday Institute

<http://nclitpack.ncdpi.wikispaces.net/Session+C+-+Screencast-O-Matic>



DialMyCalls.com
you record it, we send it...

DialMyCalls continues to benefit us as an electronic communication tool. As you know, I can create a recording and set a schedule for the message to be sent to your phone, email, and Facebook. If you have access to our Facebook page, please check out the DialMyCalls message posted there.

We will continue to try innovative ways to communicate with you using the different ways you like to receive information.

Mark Your Calendar Alpha Beta Chapter Meetings 2012-13



September 25, 2012

November 27, 2012

February 26, 2013

April 23, 2013



Eta State & DKG Newsletters



There are several publications available to help keep us informed on topics around the state, nation, and internationally. The **Eta State News** is available to members through electronic delivery. Each Chapter was asked to submit the email addresses of their members. If you are not receiving the Eta State newsletters, please contact **Karen Creech**.

To access a copy of the **Eta State News**, go to: <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/> and click **News for Members**.

For the latest copy of the **DKG News**, go to the DKG International Web site at <http://www.dkg.org/>. The newsletter is linked from the main Web page.

The **Bulletin**, the official journal of The DKG Society, promotes professional and personal growth of members through publication of their writings. Download journal from <http://www.dkg.org/>. Click on the **Library** link to find the latest issue of this journal.



Membership Directory

It is that time of year again to make sure we have the most up-to-date information on each chapter member. We would like to collect this information before we send the directory to the printer.

We will have a computer set up at the September meeting for you to make sure it is correct. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you have 2 options:

1. Go to the following Google doc and update your information: <http://tinyurl.com/AlphaBetaDirectory>
2. Send your address, phone number and email address to Karen Creech at karen.creech@ncpublicschools.gov.



f We're on Facebook

Alpha Beta Society
International

Don't forget we are on Facebook. If you are interested in following us on Facebook, go to www.facebook.com and search for **Alpha Beta Society International**. Both Karen Creech and Amy Stanley monitor our Facebook page and post important Chapter information.

If you have questions about our Facebook page, or need help, please contact either Amy at thestanley4@gmail.com or Karen Creech at karen.creech@ncpublicschools.gov for more information.

If you would like to follow **Eta State** on Facebook, go to www.facebook.com and search for **Eta State, The Delta Kappa Gamma International**.

Alpha Beta Chapter Dues



It is almost time to think about paying our membership dues. **Active** members pay **\$80** and **Reserved** members pay **\$33**.

The good news is you will be able to pay your dues in 2 separate installments. Also, you can bring your checks to our September meeting.

Please make your checks payable to **Alpha Beta Chapter**. Mail your check to:

Becky Kuszmaul
2861 Yelverton Grove Road,
Smithfield, NC 27577

2012-14 Committees

Executive		Awards	Beginning Teacher Support	Educational Excellence Program	Educational Law and Policy	Literacy
President	Lynn Ragsdale	Renee Oliver - Chair	Terri Sessoms Chair	1st VP Past President	Lynn Ragsdale Chair	Noela Sue Woodard Chair
1st VP	Debra Avery	Ramona Cash	Debbie	Music Chair	Mary Helen	Pama Kirby
2nd VP	Jennifer Moore		Martha Bradshaw	World Fellowship Chair	Carol Blakely	Susan Auman
Secretary	Glenda Toler			Beginning Teacher Chair		Eva Creech
Treasurer	Becky Kuzmaul			Educational Law/Policy Chair		Mary Sauls
Parliamentarian	Mary Helen Wyatt			Membership Chair		Helen Ellerbe
Membership	Music	Scholarship	Chapter Rules	Communications	Finance	Nominations
Cathy Cox Chair	Karen Parker Chair	Abby Salas Chair	Betty Ferrell Chair	Karen Creech Chair	Tucker Twisdale Chair	Allette Hale Chair
Allette Hale	Carolyn Riddick	Mary Nell Ferguson	Edna Luper	Amy Stanley	Becky Kuzmaul	Denise Luper
Joyce Matthews	Camille Boone	Jennifer Swartz	Eloise Bonds	Margaret Walker	Peggy Batten	Jennifer Swartz
	Olive Cooke	Denise Byrd	Freddie Creech	Mary Daughtry		
		Ramona Cash	Parliamentarian	Lorine Davis		
World Fellowship	Necrology Remembrance	Social	Historian			
Denise Luper	Ann Parrish	2nd VP	Ramona Cash			
Anne Carper	Rose Walker	Mayleen Sanders				
	Mary Ann Lee					
	Jean Simmons					
	Janice White					
	Sybil Edwards					

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
Cynthia Toudle – 5	Ramona Cash – 5	Mary Ann Lee – 22
Mary Fred Daughtry – 25	Dorothy Driver – 6	Karen Creech – 22
	Becky Kuszmaul – 11	Terri Sessoms – 25
	Carol Blakely – 19	
	Mary Helen Wyatt – 23	
	Laura Faye Canady – 24	
	Betty Ferrell – 28	



November	December	January
Karen Parker – 2	Susan Auman – 5	Carolyn Riddick – 1
Janice White – 5	Margaret Lee Walker – 6	Debra Avery – 4
Denise Byrd – 9	Leon Parrish – 10	Joyce Matthews – 13
Eloise Bonds – 11	Abby Salas – 15	Cathy Cox – 16
Barbara Barnes – 14	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. 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 or their family members who are not doing well. I know they will appreciate you keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

Susan Auman	Bess Ragsdale
Barbara Barnes	Margaret Walker
Dorothy Driver	

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

