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DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 22 - 24
2016**

Eta State
Convention
Winston Salem, NC

**July 5-9
2015**

International Convention
Gaylord Opryland Resort
Nashville, TN

**April 28 - 30
2017**

Eta State
Convention
Wilmington, NC



ALPHA BETA CHAPTER OFFICERS

**Lorine Davis
President**

**Karen Parker
1st Vice President**

**Karen Creech
2nd Vice President**

**Mary Helen Sills
Secretary**

**Becky Kuzmaul
Treasurer**

Message from President Lorine Davis

As the fall season arrives, full of family and love ones, I am reminded that it is a privilege to be a member of Alpha Beta Chapter. Before being tapped for membership, I never considered that I would have Sisters who shared my passion for education. Now my DKG family encompasses all of you and all of our Sisters worldwide! Alpha Beta exudes

the genuine caring that makes a chapter strong, creating a special bond. You were each *chosen* to be a member of this family. Someone saw your professionalism, your passion, your leadership, your caring and asked you to join DKG. As a group, you represent many of the jobs available for professional educators. You respect the work of our Sisters in a

variety of disciplines. You give of personal time to support students and beginning teachers through our projects. You celebrate others' successes and support others in their time of need. You are the best of the best!

Find a way to tell colleagues of the importance of Delta Kappa...**See Page 2**

Lorine Davis

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Show and Sell

November means many things to many persons, but to an Alpha Beta Society member November means **Show and Sell!** This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Some important information you need to know about the annual **Show and Sell** is:

- * The money raised at this event goes toward our endowment fund.

* Items can be homemade baked goods or handcrafted.

* A starting bid amount needs to be placed on each item.

* Money may be given in honor or memory of a friend and/or a loved one.





Message From President (Cont.)

Gamma to professional educators. If you aren't comfortable sharing your membership with others, perhaps you can refer to an article you read from Delta Kappa Gamma or Eta State News. Have you been a good ambassador? Our state and international leaders are working diligently to give us an organization that is worth our loyalty. So are your chapter leaders!

Our November meeting plans are coming together nicely.

Karen Parker will be leading the *Show and Sell* effort this year. Rack your brains and make plans to bring items for the *Show and Sell*. "What kind of items?" you may ask. Items that others might want to have or give as gifts! Paintings, wreaths, wine glasses, homemade baked and canned goods, jewelry, tickets to events, a week-end get-away... the possibilities are endless. Secondly, bring your checkbook or some cash! All of the items will be made available in a silent auction format. As we gather, as we eat, as we meet, feel free to slip away for a moment and up your bids if needed. The funds from our *Show and Sell* will support our Alpha Beta Endowment. Earnings from the endowment support a scholarship which is awarded annually to a top female graduate in Johnston County Schools who plans to enter the field of education. The scholarship follows the student as long as her studies include a focus on education.

In addition to our *Show and Sell*, each of our committee chairs will have an opportunity to share updates during the business meeting. We'll do our best to keep this part of the November meeting short, allowing us to concentrate on each other.

This is *your* meeting – you set the tone and bring the news. Your experiences and sharing give meaning to our time together. Your joy in seeing and learning about your Sisters in Alpha Beta makes us a caring chapter. I can hardly wait for November 17th!

Following in the footsteps of the best of the best, Lorine.



Just a friendly reminder, the **North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation**, is going to be awarding **grants** totaling **\$1,000** this spring. The maximum award for each grant will be \$250. Individuals, teams or chapters may apply. Application forms and submission details are now online on at the Foundation's new Website. If you are interested, go to: <http://www.ncdkgef.org>. Look under the **Grants** tab.

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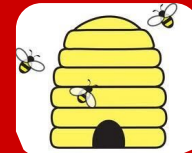
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Saving the Bees



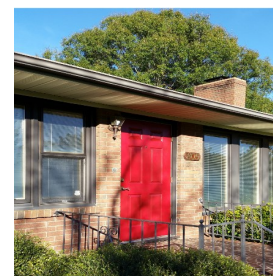
As a friendly reminder, I have added this new section to our newsletter for the advancement and understanding of honey bees. I hope you find the fun facts shared interesting. **Karen Creech**

- ☑ Bees produce honey as food stores for the hive during the long months of winter when flowers aren't blooming and therefore little or no nectar is available to them.
- ☑ Flowers and other blossoming plants have nectarines that produce sugary nectar. Worker bees suck up the nectar and water and store it in a special honey stomach. When the stomach is full the bee returns to the hive and puts the nectar in an empty honeycomb. Natural chemicals from the bee's head glands and the evaporation of the water from the nectar change the nectar into honey.
- ☑ To make one pound of honey, the bees in the colony must visit 2 million flowers, fly over 55,000 miles and will be the lifetime work of approximately 768 bees.
- ☑ Honey is 80% sugars and 20% water.
- ☑ A single honeybee will only produce approximately 1/12 teaspoon of honey in her lifetime.
- ☑ A single honey bee will visit 50-100 flowers on a single trip out of the hive.

http://www.utahcountybeekeepers.org/fun_facts.html

Supporting Eta State Headquarters

Eta State Headquarters, centrally located in Asheboro, houses official documents for our state organization, provides a place for meetings of chapters and committees, and provides limited lodging for members who are attending official business there. Chapters are asked to support Headquarters with a **\$2.00 contribution per member**. The good news is our chapter contributes this amount each year as part of our dues. We'll get 30 points on the **Chapter Achievement Award** form for this donation.



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 visit the Selma Library once a week. I read books listed in Sunday's News and Observer's Best Seller List.**
2. **Olive Cooke and I worked together several years at Four Oaks School. We ate out together once a month.**
3. **My daughter makes a special effort to transport me to our Alpha Beta Chapter Meetings.**
4. **I have been a member of Alpha Beta for 45 years.**



Find Name of Mystery Member on **Page 4.**



Tech Tip



Photos for Class

<http://www.photosforclass.com/>



Photos for Class

I know you would agree that it is so hard to find a Web resource where you can access safe images that are available to be used in the classroom and for educational purposes. **Photos for Class** is a Web 2.0 resources that not only provides safe images, but includes image citations. The images come from Flickr SafeSearch and are appropriate for school use. The downloaded images automatically cite the author and the image license terms. The photos shown are, licensed by Creative Commons for public use.

1. Go to <http://www.photosforclass.com/> and put the name of the image/photo you want to search for in the text box.
2. Next, click **Find Photo** button. Pages of photos/images will be provided.
3. From the gallery of photos/images, you will find three choices: **Download, View on Flickr, and Report Photo.**
4. Click, **Download** to see the image and the citation will be provided so you can save it to your computer. See example of citation below.
5. Choose, **View on Flickr** to see where the image/photo originated.
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Example of citation for honeybee image.

You're so DKG if...

"You find yourself telling your friends about the wonderful speakers and meaningful volunteer work you've been doing."

Pamela Erickson, Delta Rho Chapter, CA

Alpha Beta Chapter Minutes/Treasurer's Report



Please read the minutes and Treasurer's Report before each meeting.

Did you guess right? The **Mystery Member** highlighted on **Page 3** is **Freddie Creech**.

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



News From Eta State President

President Groves shared she has stood on the strong shoulders of all of her NC sisters who encouraged, inspired, and even gave her a little push from time to time. She believes the NC Delta Kappa Gamma meetings and events not only offer opportunities for personal and professional growth, but they generate meaningful relationships.

She also knows we are able to make a difference in our communities, our state, and reach far beyond to impact the global society through our dynamic programs and projects. She believes our many service-oriented opportunities feed children and families, provide support for women's shelters, and put books and educational materials in the hands of students.

In this biennium she wants us to continue to live the **Purposes of our Society**, seeking new ways to support women, children, and excellence in education.

She wants to challenge us to:

- * **Imagine** what we can do as active members of a community seeking solutions to problems that hinder the growth of positive educational programs.
- * **Inspire** others to join us in the work that will support the wellbeing of our children, the advancement of our schools, and the growth of women leaders.
- * **Ignite** a passion for programs and initiatives that will meet the goals of Delta Kappa Gamma and keep us *forward moving ever!*

I believe Alpha Beta is up for these challenges. We can rise **TOGETHER** and make a difference.



**President
Sheila Groves
2015-2017**

DKG International President



In Dr. Schmid's article in the **DKG News**, she shares who she thinks DKG women are that make us a vibrant professional organization for both future active and retired educators. She believes we are women who:

- * **Want to do good** in our communities, in our state organizations and in places around the world we may never visit;
- * **Volunteer** to leave our families to work with other people's children and for other people's causes;
- * **Stay up at night working** on programs, organizing agendas, and struggling to find enough folders and boxes to haul materials to meetings and trainings;
- * **Are passionate** about education, about making a difference by being a role model for younger women;
- * **Are never thanked enough**, but who are the bedrock of this organization as we work to realize its seven Purposes.

To become these women, she expects that we will **work hard** to do good for education. We'll **have fun** by making our gatherings motivational and friendly. We'll need to **treat all members with the same dignity and respect**. Lastly, we'll need to **appreciate the amazing honor** we have received as members.

She quotes John Wesley to describe the women she believes will advance DKG.

"Do all the good that you can, by all the means that you can, in all of the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." She wants you to do that good as long as ever you can.



**Dr. Lyn Babb
Schmid**

**International
President
2014-2016**

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Nov. – April Birthdays



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

November	December	January
Karen Parker - 2	Ann Pittman - 6	Carolyn Riddick - 1
Janice White - 5	Margaret Lee Walker - 6	Joyce Matthews - 13
Denise Byrd - 9	Abby Salas - 15	Cathy Cox - 16
Eloise Bonds - 11	Martha Bradshaw - 27	Jennifer Swartz - 27
LarKeysha Sheppard - 11	Johna Faulconer - 29	Ann Parrish - 28
Barbara Barnes - 14		Glenda Hales - 31
Ana Lucia Milazzotto - 18		
Sonya Kiser - 28		



February	March	April
Suzanne Mitchell - 12	Allette Hale - 19	Freddie Creech - 1
Gayle Barbour - 21	Renee Wiggs - 28	Bess Ragsdale - 14
Jean Stowers - 26	Marlene Sanders - 30	Frances Warren - 14
Mary Helen Sills - 26		Olive Cooke - 16
		Yvette Davis - 27

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.

Barbara Barnes	Freddie Creech	Maylene Sanders
Laura Faye Canaday	Glenda Hales	Margaret Walker
Betty Ferrell	Bess Ragsdale	Mary Helen Wyatt

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

