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2018

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April 27 - 29,
2018

Eta State
Convention
Charlotte, NC

July 16 - 20,
2018

DKG International
Convention
Austin, TX



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Message from President Lorine Davis

I'm an early riser. There is peace in the transition from darkness to light, and joy in the colors of sunrise and the possibilities that exist in a new day. God's presence can be felt in the quiet of predawn. The world wakes gently. It's solitary and gives me a chance to focus.

My alarm is set to "rainforest", with the first chorus of birds & sounds very faint so as not to awaken my husband, who "sleeps in" till 6. Most mornings the second chorus

doesn't have a chance to begin its louder version of birds and forest sounds. I've rolled out of bed, hit the alarm and am padding down the hall. We have the "new" curly light bulbs in our bathroom. They begin dimly and transition slowly into full light, giving me time to adjust to bright light.

Once the day begins, light and noise and bustle and focus surround us. Life is full of energy and laughter and problems and solutions and direction.

Most of our work is accomplished during daylight hours. We work till lunch, grab a bite to strengthen our bodies and work till day's end.

As educators, we find joy in learning, in encouraging and helping others learn, and in accomplishing goals. This is true of beginning teachers, of seasoned teachers, and retired teachers. It is a driving factor of our life's work. It's a **...See Page 2**

**President
Lorine Davis
2016-18**



Alpha Beta Endowment

Lydia Evans of Princeton, NC has been named the **2017 recipient** of the **Alpha Beta Chapter Endowment**. Lydia is a native Johnstonian. Her parents are Mark and Janet Evans of Princeton.

Lydia was chosen to receive the Endowment based on her strong academic standing, her plans to become an educator, and her well-rounded activities in high school. She graduated from Princeton High School and

attended one semester at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She is going to be attending Johnson Community College in the spring, then transfer to East Carolina where she will continue to work on a major in Elementary Education.

We hope Lydia will make plans to return to Johnston County so she can follow in the footsteps of the great teachers that inspired her to go into education.



Lydia Evans
2017 Alpha Beta
Chapter Endowment
Recipient



Message From President (Cont.)

commonality of leading women educators and is reflected in our work as members of Delta Kappa Gamma. I don't know any retired teachers who don't continue to teach others in their conversations – it's the way they approach life.

Day's end is a time to draw closer to family and friends. We gather and catch up on our days, laugh together and encourage one another. We finish our day's tasks, which often include preparation for the next day, and hopefully have a bit of time to relax together.

The patterns of our days are reflected in our years. The first month or two are short days, with softer morning light. After that the bustle takes over. By March we educators are focused on getting our work done and accomplishing our goals. We are full of energy through May and June, ending the formal teaching, celebrating accomplishments and saying good-bye to co-workers and students. June through August are full of plans. Visits, vacations, cleaning our closets and garages and drawers, hobbies, reading the next author or watching the mini-series we missed because we were "teaching" – if we are going to attend to our personal goals, it is concentrated during the summer months. Shopping and preparing for the next school year and yes, some resting, are all squeezed in during our two month "vacation". The summer months are often our fodder for beginning our next school year.

August is that time "after lunch" that requires renewed strength and resolve, followed by full work mode in September through November. December is like day's end. As the days grow shortest, we draw together with those we cherish, our family and friends. We celebrate accomplishments, encourage each other, and prepare for the coming new year.

This new year, 2018, began slowly enough. There was an unusual snow event here in Johnston County, giving us a cushion of extra time at home before returning to work. The result for me is that I feel like a "slept in". There are things to get done! I have a DKG President's report due the end of this month. (I did take a bit of time during the snow to work on it.) We have nominations coming up in February and Eta State Convention in April. In May our incoming Chapter leaders will be installed. There will be a bustle of year-end reports in June and during the summer the incoming executive board will meet and plan. Delta Kappa Gamma continues to be part of my personal plan of work. I am hopeful that is true for each of you, because the work of Alpha Beta isn't accomplished by the president, but by the Chapter members. Each of you was chosen to be a part of this organization because of your excellence. While you have friends and family members in the sisterhood, it was your leadership as an educator that resulted in your nomination. It was your resume that convinced the members to include you. I encourage you to weave the goals of Alpha Beta into your resume. Some of you will do so in a large way; others will find a smaller niche and advance the organization there. All of us have skills that can be used to advance the goals of leading women educators. In the words of Eta State President, Connie Savell, it's time to SPARKLE. Go make it a great day! Lorine – alphabetapreslorine@gmail.com

Alpha Beta Chapter Minutes/Treasurer's Report



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

Upcoming Alpha Beta Chapter Meetings

Feb. 20, 2018

May 1, 2018

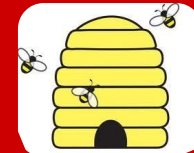
First Baptist Church in Smithfield, NC



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 10**.



Saving the Bees



BEES CAN HELP US CATCH SERIAL KILLERS

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.

"Serial killers behave like bees. They commit their crimes close to home, but far away enough that the neighbors don't get suspicious. Similarly, bees collect pollen near their hive, but far enough that predators can't find the hive. To understand how this "buffer zone" works, scientists studied bee behavior and wrote up a few algorithms. Their findings improved computer models police use to find felons."

<http://mentalfloss.com/article/53691/13-fascinating-facts-about-bees>



Celebrating Success

We have outstanding representation in the Johnston County community. **Mary Daughtry** and **Lynn Ragsdale** were appointed to the **Johnston Community College Board of Trustees**. Mary was appointed by the Johnston County Board of Education and Lynn was appointed by the Johnston County Commissioners.

Jennifer Roberts was promoted to **Director of Professional Development** for Johnston County Schools (JCS) and **Pam Batchelor** has accepted a position at **NC DPI**.



Show & Sell

I'm pleased to announce we had a very successful **Show and Sell Program**. Thank you for providing such wonderful items for the sell.

We were able to raise **\$481** The raffle was a success also with **\$230** raised. The funds from the **Show and Sell** will benefit the **Alpha Beta Endowment** and raffle funds will be used to benefit several of our ongoing projects.

Remember, if you would like to donate to the **Alpha Beta Endowment Funds**, you can complete the form provided in this newsletter on **Page 10**.



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 ?**

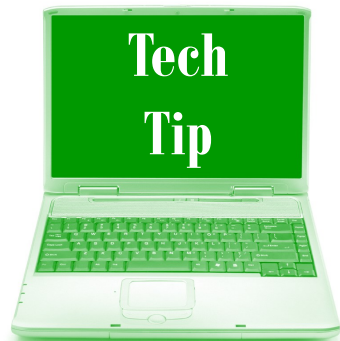
1. I have three grandchildren: two grandsons and one granddaughter.
2. I love visiting shut-ins and nursing home residents.
3. I love reading spiritual books.
4. I love to travel.



Find name of "Mystery Member" on **Page 4**.



Tech Tip



Remind 101

www.remind.com/

REMIND 101

Remind 101 is a Web 2.0 tool that has been around for several years. I thought I would share information about it again because the company has done an excellent job of keeping the tool up-to-date.

All of the features teachers have grown to love are still a part of the tool. The good news is there are several new features that allow teachers to do a better job of communicating with students and parents. If you haven't used the tool in a while, give it another try. I don't think you'll be disappointed.

Reasons Why You Should Use Remind 101 with Students/Parents

Use it for Free

Use Remind 101 completely free on a desktop or smart phone.

Download Smart Phone App

Download an app to your smart phone and send and/or receive messages from the app.

Send Real-Time Messages

Send a message to a group or just a single person.

See Participant Interaction

See who receives and reads each message you send.

Send Attachments

Send files with your messages. Some of the file types include photos, PDFs, and voice clips.

Share Office Hours

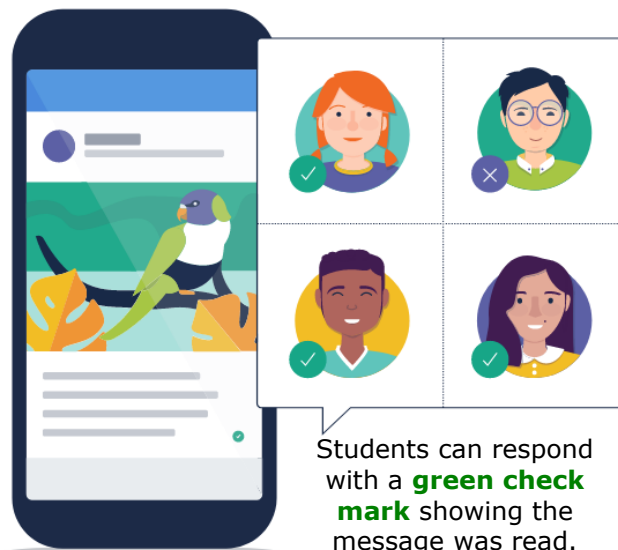
Show students and parents the best times to reach you.

Set Reminders

Set reminders in advance. They'll send automatically.

Remind 101

Our vision is to give every student an opportunity to succeed.



Students can respond with a **green check mark** showing the message was read.

Another New Feature

You can add other owners to your class account so the two of you can send announcements and manage settings.



Together, Making a Difference!

The **NCDKG Educational Foundation** is launching a major three-year campaign. The goal is to raise **\$50,000** each year for the next three years. Working together, members and community partners can reach this goal.



Opportunities for giving include:

- Contributions from individuals
- Family & friends
- Community sponsors
- Matching gifts
- Honoraria & Memorials
- Estate Planning
- Fund-raising events
- Endowments

The Foundation Board invites all Eta State NC members to help the Foundation continue to grow. For more information contact Dr. Barbara Leonard: ncdkgfund3@gmail.com. A copy of the 2017 brochure is available on **Page 11 and 12** of this newsletter for your convenience.



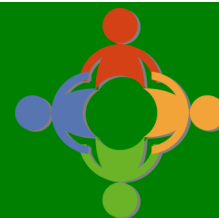
Eta State Convention

Mark your calendars for the **2018 Eta State NC Convention**. You can register now at the convention hotel, the **Hilton Charlotte University Place**. The convention begins **Friday, April 27, 2018**, and ends on **Sunday, April 29, 2018**.

The **rate of \$115 plus taxes** is available until **April 3rd or until the block is filled**. Registrations may be made by calling **704-547-7444**. Ask for the **DKG room block**.

Let's get a group together to show our support for the state convention.

Web Site Revisions



The DKG website www.dkg.org has a **new look**—and a different one for members once they are logged in! The general web site welcomes visitors and tells what DKG is. The **Mission and Vision** are **on the top** and **benefits of membership** are **prominent**. The members' site has **more links** and **specific information related to membership**, such as the Emergency Fund, the new Executive Director, the Gallery of Fine Arts, and the DKG Store. The **menu bar** is **more condensed**, and **quick links** to DKG publications are on the home page. **My Profile** is still the portal of member's personal information.



International Web site:
<http://www.dkg.org>

Eta State NC Web site:
<http://www.ncdkg.org>

- Breakout Session Proposal Form Submission Deadline January 26, 2018
- One-Hour Long, Afternoon Sessions on Saturday, April 28
- Strands of Focus: DKG Society Business, Personal Growth and Professional Growth
- Proposal Form Page 13**

Eta State Convention Proposal Forms



Message From President Savell



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

President Savell shared that the month of December is one of her most favorite times to teach third graders because she gets to spend a month teaching them about the diversity of Christmas traditions from around the world. She believed the children loved learning about the symbols and cultures of other countries. There are two special activities that she does with her students every year. One is making dough ornaments to adorn their Christmas trees and the other activity is reading her favorite Christmas stories to them. She shared it seemed like there was never enough time to read all the stories she loved.

In DKG, she believes we are a very diverse group of women who may or may not celebrate this season. Educators around the world continually teach students to value the importance of understanding others. She wants to thank each of you for making a difference in the lives of the children you teach. She hopes you saw the holiday spirit in the air all around you: in the malls where you heard the sounds of Christmas music; in the grocery stores where you smelled cinnamon; and from the wonderful aroma of the freshly cut Christmas trees. She hopes you didn't feel the stress of getting everything done and you were able to take time to smell the roses and take time for you. She is visiting Eta State Chapters and is so amazed at the spirit of giving all year round. She wants to thank you for the difference you make in North Carolina. Keep **SPARKLING!**



**President
Connie Savell**

2017-2019

GOALS

- Encourage **S**avvy leadership
- Inspire **P**assionately, 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

Email President Savell at:
[**mcdpm59@gmail.com**](mailto:mcdpm59@gmail.com)

Accessing DKG Web site

Make sure you check the **ID number** printed on your **Alpha Beta Chapter membership card**. The number on your card will be the **username** you will use to access the resources on the **DKG Web site**.

Member login (Username = DKG member ID)

Enter # found on chapter card.

Username

Password

Remember me

If you need assistance, you can email [**mem@dkg.org**](mailto:mem@dkg.org) or call **512-478-5748**.

Message From International President Pittman



President Pittman shared that the international committees and boards, groups of members, and individual members have been working really hard. They have submitted approximately 100 proposals for amendments to the **DKG Constitution** and **International Standing Rules (ISR)**.

She shared that committees have written proposals and sought endorsement from other committees and committee chairs have "met" via GoToMeeting to discuss ways to **SIMPLIFY** our governing documents and the work assignments of committees. She is happy to report that the discussions have raised voices regarding **WHY the Society does WHAT it does and HOW**.

She believes that members are taking ownership of their membership. Discussions, questions, fact-checkings, writings and rewritings, and the ultimate proposals are crucial to the future of this Society. The elected and appointed Society leaders are taking seriously the trust of our members to be proactive about DKG.

Their work – and it is work – has value only if all members engage in understanding the proposed possibilities and speak out. **UNDERSTANDING** the proposals and reasons for them is **YOUR duty**. Making a pro or con decision is honorable and proper so long as YOU know **WHAT and WHY** you make that decision. An emotional, knee-jerk reaction is not honorable or proper. Exploring the reasons for proposals before votes are taken is **YOUR charge**. She wants you to be sure you understand the reasons for and implications of proposed amendments. If you do not understand a proposed amendment, ask someone about it. Ask your regional representative on the committee, an Administrative Board member, or Headquarters staff for clarification. You can attend a Q & A session at the convention before the voting.

She is asking **if YOU agree** with a proposal, say so, support it, explain its import, and engage in its consequence. **If YOU do NOT agree** with a proposal, say so, support it, explain its import, and engage in its consequence. Either approach to proposed amendments is correct! The important point is that anyone could propose amendments, and **ALL have a voice to express opinions** about them. She believes **YOU are a DKG stakeholder so you need to take charge of your membership**.

The official (and current) **DKG Constitution** and **ISR document** is available online at www.dkg.org under the **Resources tab**. The printed and Kindle versions have had a few updates that may differ from the digital version on the DKG website. EVERY member has access to a free Constitution and ISR.

YOUR input, your thinking, your insights are WANTED. Disinterest, passivity, Monday-morning quarterbacking will not serve well the people we hold in high regard — our members, potential members, ourselves. Mathematician George Polya said this well: **"The best of ideas is hurt by uncritical acceptance and thrives on critical examination."** DKG governance is our shared duty and requires our shared attention.

The amendment process is specified in Article XVI. Let's make sure your voice is heard. This is our Society and we need to take charge. To read more details, go to www.dkg.org and search for **Ideas...Thrive on Critical Examination**.



**INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT**

**Carolyn Pittman
2016-2018**

Nov.— April Birthdays



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

November	December	January
Karen Parker - 2	Jenny Batten-Wiley - 1	Carolyn Riddick - 1
Janice White - 5	Ann Pittman - 6	Leigh Ann Nichols - 4
Denise Byrd - 9	Jennifer Roberts - 7	Joyce Matthews - 13
Eloise Bonds - 11	Abby Salas - 15	Cathy Cox - 16
LarKeysha Sheppard - 11	Pamela Batchelor - 29	Jennifer Swartz - 27
Barbara Barnes - 14	Johna Faulconer - 29	Heather Barbour - 31
Ana Lucia Milazzotto - 14		Glenda Hales - 31
Ashley Radford - 18		
Sonya Kiser - 28		



February	March	April
Morgan Dickens - 3	Darla Peedin - 9	Freddie Creech - 1
Kristy Stephenson - 4	Carol Massenburg - 13	Bess Ragsdale - 14
Gayle Barbour - 21	Angie Proctor - 14	Frances Warren - 14
Mary Helen Sills - 26	Renee Wiggs - 28	Olive Cooke - 16
Jean Stowers - 26	Maylene Sanders - 30	Katie Speer - 19
		Yvette Davis - 27

***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.

**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	Freddie Creech	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



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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Exciting things are happening for education in North Carolina since the establishment of the NC Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation!



Funding innovative educational projects and professional development for teachers is the Foundation's mission, in keeping with the tradition of Delta Kappa Gamma for the past 80 years.

We invite your partnership in making more opportunities like these available for teachers and students.



Inviting Connections

The NC DKG Educational Foundation invites you to be a part of creating endless possibilities for teachers and students across North Carolina through Foundation grants. To give more grants and impact more students, teachers and communities, we need your support.

Ways to Give

- *Individual Gifts* may be made by check, cash or through our secure online donation process at www.ncdkgef.org/donation-page.html.
- *Honor and Remember* a friend, relative or someone special through a donation. The honoree or family will receive a personalized letter notifying them of your special gift.
- *Recurring Gifts* allow you to conveniently transfer funds directly from your banking account via electronic funds transfer (EFT) automatically at a designated time.
- *Matching Gifts* increase your giving if it qualifies for a company match.
- *Planned Giving* allows you to defer your gift until a future date, leaving a legacy for future generations.

More information on any of these options is available on the website. www.ncdkgef.org

Tiers of Giving Recognitions	
Friend	\$25 to \$99
Fellow	\$10 to \$499
Mentor	\$500 to \$999
Bridge Builder	\$1,000 to \$4,999
Scholar	\$5,000 to \$9,999
Benefactor	\$10,000 and up

Inviting Connections, Creating Possibilities!



The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation

2017-2020 Major Campaign



Creating Possibilities!

Community Projects



Funds from the Foundation provided Tutor Toolkits for volunteers in Mano al Hermano's Home Literacy Tutoring Program for Latino children in Dare County.



Warm fleece blankets and books given to homeless shelters in Buncombe and Madison counties enabled parents and children in crisis to "Cuddle Up and Read."



Guilford County volunteers worked with preschoolers in an artifact-based program for letter recognition and literacy at the High Point Museum through a Foundation grant.

School and Classroom Projects



Through a Foundation grant, a special needs Girls Scout troop in Burke County received art instruction and the opportunity to earn Painting Badges.

A Foundation grant funded learning and literacy materials for SCOTTIE the bus that travels to preschoolers in Avery County.



"Uncle Sam" and other teacher candidates from Pfeiffer University work with students in Randolph County through Foundation funds.



Students learn thinking skills by using robots purchased with grant funding.

Professional Development



Teachers in Forsyth, Lincoln, and Wilkes counties have benefitted from grant recipients attending conferences and sharing innovative teaching methods.

You can make more grants and opportunities like these available through your donation to the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Donate through the attached form or online. For more giving options, visit our website at www.ncdkgef.org.

The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation Inviting Connections, Creating Possibilities!

- \$25 \$50 \$250 \$500 \$1,000
 Other \$ _____

Make checks payable to: The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation and mail with this form to Betty Marshall, Educational Foundation Treasurer, 6212 Dresden Lane, Raleigh, NC 27612.

Online donations may be made at <http://www.ncdkgef.org/donation-page.html>.

Donor Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Individual Company Organization/Chapter

This gift is made in memory of honor of

Name _____

Please Notify _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

If you have questions, please contact Campaign Chair Dr. Barbara Leonard at ncdkgfund3@gmail.com.

The NC DKG Educational Foundation is approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Your donation will be recognized in our list of donors unless notification of exception is received in writing.

Eta State NC Convention - Charlotte, April 27-29, 2018

Convention Theme: *Let's Sparkle*

2018 Eta State NC Convention Breakout Form

Have you been involved in an educational endeavor worthy of sharing?
 Looking for the right setting to share your professional insights?
 Engaged in a personal interest that others may love to know more about?

Eta State NC Convention is the place for you.

Saturday, April 28 - One Hour Long Afternoon Sessions

Strands of Focus: *DKG Society Business, Personal Growth and Professional Growth.*

Deadline for submissions: January 26, 2018

*Date of Submission: _____ Date Received (*to be completed by Dr. Cowan*): _____

*Breakout Title _____

*Provide a brief synopsis of the session. _____

*Presenter Name(s) _____

*Address _____

*City/State/Zip _____

*Phone Number of Contact _____

*Email of Contact _____

*Chapter/Group/Committee _____

*Required

***HANDOUTS, COMPUTERS AND/OR PROJECTORS are the responsibility of the presenter/s.
 Personal equipment should be labelled.***

Check all Strands that apply:

DKG Society Business

Personal Growth

Professional Growth

The **Facilitator** will introduce presenters and help with setup and pack up of materials. You may list a facilitator for your breakout session or a volunteer will be assigned to you.

Facilitator Name _____ Email _____

Provide a brief biographical profile for use in introducing the presenter/s.

Submit form (by January 26, 2018) to: Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, drthcowan@gmail.com or 26 Wolf Rd., Asheville, 28805

A confirmation message will be generated when submission is received.