



# Alpha Beta Bits

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 14,  
2019

Fall Executive Board Meeting, Burlington, NC

May 1-3,  
2020

NC DKG State Convention  
Embassy Suites  
Greensboro, NC

July  
2020

International Conference,  
Philadelphia, PA



## ALPHA BETA CHAPTER OFFICERS

**Karen Parker**  
President

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1st Vice President

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2nd Vice President

**Ann Brown**  
Secretary

**Becky Kuzmaul**  
Treasurer

## Message from President Karen Parker

Well ladies...tomorrow is December 1st!!! Can you believe it? At my house, we have jumped head first into the holiday season busyness...cooking, decorating, shopping, holiday events...then add to that list a December wedding for my oldest son! If you are like me, just looking at your calendar can be a tad bit overwhelming!

Today, we visited a holiday event for our granddaughter, as she and other young entrepreneurs participated in the JoCo

Kidpreneurs Small Business Fair. It was such a fun experience to see these young people marketing and selling their own original products. There were a couple of budding authors selling their books, one selling homemade musical instruments, a few selling baked goods, as well as a few others. As I walked around and talked with each about his/her products, it was so refreshing to see the excitement in their eyes and hear the eagerness in their voice. As a teacher/librarian, I was

especially drawn to the young authors. I found myself wanting to do everything I could to encourage their dreams and efforts.

This experience brought to my mind, my own dreams as a young child...not for a future in the business world, but in the education world. From a very early age, I knew that I wanted to be a teacher. As a Kindergartner, I began teaching my younger sister in my...**See Page 2**

**President**  
**Karen Parker**  
**2018-2020**



## Annual Show and Sell



Our **Show and Sell** is close at hand and it is one of my favorite projects. I'm most excited about seeing some of the talents our members have, especially in the homemade goods, including pickles, freshly baked brownies, and pies. There is no pressure to bring anything fancy.

The Show and Sell Committee has encourages us to bring hand-crafted items instead of bought items. I know there are a lot of DIYers in our chapter. I can't wait to see the variety of items we will have to choose from this year. I know that everyone will have something of interest to bid on.

Remember, it is our biggest fundraiser of the year and supports our endowment fund, allowing us to give scholarships to worthy recipients. I can't think of a better project to help grow our profession.

If you are unable to attend, I hope you will send your item with someone. Thanks in advance for supporting our endowment fund.



## Message From President (Cont.)

bedroom/classroom. As a 3 year old, she lacked the enthusiasm for learning that I felt she should have, but that did not hold me back. I persevered and continued to make her sit, often against her will, to listen to my well-planned lessons (in my self-created lesson plan book) and complete her assignments (which I recorded in my self-created grade book).

I imagine that some of you can relate to my childhood experience. It seems that some of us were just born to be educators. I know that I cannot imagine myself as anything else; however, sometimes I need to be reminded, as I was today, of where that passion was birthed. These kinds of reminders renew my energy to keep on keeping on in this noble profession and to do my part to encourage those who are beginning their careers. This month, we will be privileged to hear a brief word from a beginning teacher in Johnston County Schools. This beginning teacher holds a very special place to us as Alpha Beta Sisters, as she was the recipient of our scholarship during her time in college. The opportunity to encourage and inspire beginning teachers is a special part of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

I look so forward to our time together on Tuesday night. Our December meeting is always one of my favorites with our Show and Sell project. It is always so exciting to see all of the special, unique items that you ladies will bring to our silent auction. This event is the primary funding for our scholarship that enables us to assist young women who have those same dreams and goals that brought us to where we are today.

Merry Christmas to you all! ~**Karen Parker** - [abetapresident@gmail.com](mailto:abetapresident@gmail.com)

### Alpha Beta Chapter Minutes/Treasurer's Report



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

### Upcoming Alpha Beta 2019-20 Chapter Meetings

**Dec.3, 2019**  
**Feb. 25, 2020**  
**May 5, 2020**



Our meeting place is at **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**.

# Like Mother Like Daughter

I have always heard the highest form of flattery is for someone to copy you. Well, I think that Amy Stanley would be the first to share that having her daughter, Anna, follow in her footsteps and become a middle school teacher in her same district is one of the highest forms of flattery for her.

Amy has been an educator in Johnston County Schools for 28 1/2 years. She has held several roles in the school system to include in the classroom and at the district level. Today, Amy is the Director of Digital Learning. One of the things Amy loves to do and is really good at is working with new teachers. This year she has had the opportunity to have her daughter participant in her workshops.



**Amy and Anna Stanley**

Anna graduated from East Carolina University (ECU) and was able to get a position as a language art teacher at Swift Creek Middle School. I had the pleasure of talking with Anna about her first year. What I took away from our conversation was how important it is to support our beginning teachers. Anna shared that she has enjoyed building relationships with her students, but realized that it takes a lot of time and she was not sure that she acquired that set of skills in her undergraduate studies. Just like her Mother, Anna wants to instill the love of reading in her students. Some of the things Anna loves about her first year is the people she works with and especially the new curriculum.

She has been given the opportunity to provide feedback to ECU about her first year experience. She hopes this will help the university better prepare the teachers in their program.

What I am so proud of is the emphasis DKG puts on beginning teachers. Our chapter has a strong Beginning Teacher Committee. Anna reminded my how difficult it is to start out. I don't want to forget that!



# Lights on the Meadow

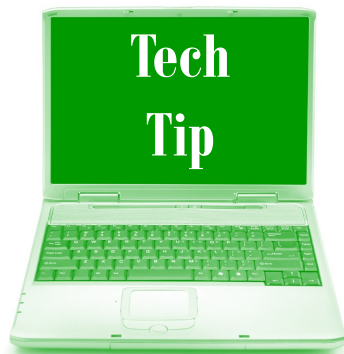


One of the highlights of the Christmas Season for me is the Meadow Light Display. It is a very magical time of the year for our families to celebrate. This tradition has been going on for 22 years in our community. There is nothing as rewarding than seeing the faces of children as they drive through the light display. I always look forward to seeing some of my favorites to include Frosty, Rudolph and Mickey, but one my most favorite part is seeing Santa. It brings back such wonderful memories of my childhood. The good news is there is always a beautiful display of the first Christmas so we don't forget the true meaning of Christmas.

I hope you will take the time to visit the light display. I know that it will put me in the spirit of Christmas.



# Tech Tip



## 20 TECH TIPS FOR TEACHERS

[shakeup.link/techtips](http://shakeup.link/techtips)

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I discovered a wonderful resource developed by **Kasey Bell**. I shared the first four (4) of twenty of her tips. She believes these tips will help teachers be even more successful as they embrace technology in the classroom.

There is a short description of tips five (5) - eight (8). If you want to get additional information, you can check out the links and resources provided by Kasey in her book, ***Shake Up Learning!*** Also, you can subscribe to Kasey's podcasts and blog posts on her Web site.

5. **Shop for Tools Like You are on Amazon** — It can be overwhelming to choose through the many devices, digital tools and learning ideas and gadgets available in the twenty-first century. Having too many choices can be a good problem. You need to be discrete over what tools to use with your students. Shop for your learners as if you are on Amazon! Read reviews, talk to friends, get ideas from blogs and social media. You can gather information on just about any idea or product. Find out what you can before sharing using the tool in your classroom.
6. **Don't Get Sweep Away by New Tools** — If you are always trying to integrate something new, you run the risk of focusing on the tool and not on the learning. New tools and ideas are exciting, but you must be cautious when jumping into something new that hasn't been proven or tested.
7. **Be Consistent** — It is tempting to try a new tool every day in your classroom, but learners need consistency. Stick with your tried and true tools, then sprinkle new tools into classroom. Be consistent so learners have an opportunity to learn in-depth, focus on learning goals and become savvy with the best digital tools. Don't become so consistent that it becomes predictable and mundane.
8. **Don't Integrate to Many Tools at Once** — Start off small and resist the urge to integrate too many digital tools at once. Don't risk focusing on the tool and just using technology for technology sake. Gradually build your student's digital toolbox. Remember it doesn't have to happen in one day.



# “Pave the Way” Project Completed

Great news! The headquarters brick paver project on the front porch is completed. I understand that it was a very emotional event as members stood back and read the printed pavers. As they quietly read, they reflected on the chapters and members who have meant so much to the DKG Society and education in North Carolina and internationally. I take a lot of pride knowing that as a society we took the time to celebrate members of DKG in a very special way. Every brick has a story of some dedicated member or some beloved chapter. Members do not forget those who led the way for education.

The **“Pave the Way” Project** began as a fundraiser for the North Carolina DKG headquarters building. This is a centrally located site for officers and committees to work and plan goals for the state society. All NC DKG members are beneficiaries of the work accomplished here. Any chapter or group of members may reserve and use the building. Records, equipment and memorabilia are stored in this comfortable, safe and well-maintained facility. All members are welcome!



# Let's Stay Connected





# Message From President Cowan

**Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, NC DKG President**, shared that the NC DKG Executive Board met at the First Presbyterian Church in Burlington on Saturday, September 14, 2019, for the fall meeting. The highlights of the meeting included reports from each of the committee chairmen. Beginning Teacher Support Committee Chair, Thommi Hendricks, shared her message of hope for all of the teachers on the NC coast affected by hurricanes Florence and Dorian. Just like the wild ponies of the Outer Banks who stick together during storms, we have and will continue to “step up and surround teachers on the coast with our support.”



**Dr. Teresa H. Cowan**  
NC DKG President

President Cowan introduced the theme “Ready, Set, GROW!” with an emphasis on cultivating, nurturing, energizing, and developing chapters and members. She presented a state “Health Check-up” using data from chapter participation. She then introduced the NC DKG Mentor Project to support under-achieving chapters and the NC DKG See How We GROW! State Initiative to encourage chapters to Ready, Set, GROW! and to showcase chapter and member accomplishments.

First Vice-President Tobey Worthington announced that EEC will focus on the International projects Schools for Africa and Supporting Early-career Educators. In addition to numerous International resources, NC DKG is beginning our own list of activities, pictures, and speakers for SFA. Items should be submitted to Tobey Worthington.

Second Vice-President Hilda Parlér recognized the 11 NC DKG Regional Directors. Treasurer Leslie Black announced that International will drop any members that have not paid dues by October 1, 2019. She reported on the current numbers of NC DKG members and gave an update on the budget. She presented a new website specifically to help chapter treasurers and reported on the new NC DKG Digital Expense Form and Wells Fargo direct pay. Presidents were asked to remind treasurers that the mandatory 990-N for the IRS is due by November 15, 2019. NC DKG News editor Carol Bostian introduced the communications goal that every NC DKG member is visible in the DKG online member directory. She also reminded presidents to respond when they get newsletter messages and demonstrated access to the NC DKG Leadership Directories.

To read the detailed notes from the meeting, go to the NC DKG Web site at <https://www.ncdkg.org>. Next, click on the news tab. Under Publications, select, choose Current Issue—Winter 2019. You will find the details on Page 14.

**2019-2021 NC DKG Theme**

**Ready, Set, GROW!**

Cultivate fellowship with **G**enerations of DKG members

Nurture membership with **R**esearch-based strategies

Energize members with **O**pportunities for leadership

Develop chapters with **W**ell-defined programs

You **GROW**, girl!



# Celebrate a Teacher



The NC DKG Educational Foundation's 101 Donations Challenge encourages members to celebrate teachers who are making an impact in our schools and our communities by making a donation in their honor. Each NC DKG region is challenged to recognize 101 teachers with a contribution of \$10 each to the NC DKG Educational Foundation. All donations will support the Foundation's Grants Program. All of the information, forms, and Celebration Certificates are available on the Foundation website at <http://www.ncdkgef.org/101-challenge.html>.

There are many new additions to look forward to this year. This project not only supports the Educational Foundation, it will recognize any and all teachers—a win-win!

## Message From International President Cathy Daugherty



**President Cathy Daugherty** wants to know if you have ever felt that the answer to a huge question, a pressing dilemma, or an ongoing problem was just out of reach, hiding amid your little gray cells. She shared that especially this last year she grappled with why some chapters thrive and others don't, why the multiple generations represented in our Society often resist acceptance of one another, and why many members are at opposite poles on any number of nonissues that must be resolved amicably to sustain DKG for future generations. She has found herself in unfamiliar territory because she has not experienced these concerns in her own chapter and is very baffling to her.

On two occasions this fall, she said she witnessed members working on different tasks that revealed clues and ultimately answers she had long sought. During the Editorial Board discussions she noted that DKG was based on a "culture of relationships" and this was an "Ah-ha" moment for

her. She said someone had put into words what she had been trying to grasp for years. Later, members discussed the relevance of our seven Purposes. Several members reiterated similar thoughts and added that they thought DKG was not only a culture based on relationships but, more importantly, on both personal relationships and professional relationships. President Daugherty wondered if this was not our unspoken quest as individuals to seek one over the other, personal versus professional — directly determining the ultimate success or demise of chapters. She thought this was very profound because we were beginning to recognize the dilemma and working toward a more unified view of our culture, not exclusively professional or personal. She believes this might be a first step to rectifying situations hampering DKG's evolution.

To read more details from President Daugherty's message, go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org), and look under **Resources**.



**INTERNATIONAL  
PRESIDENT**

**Cathy P.  
Daugherty  
2018-2020**

# Sept. - Feb. 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	Lynda Sutton - 2	Leigh Anne Nichols - 4
Denise Byrd - 9	Jennifer Roberts - 7	Joyce Matthews - 13
Sandra Edwards - 9	Abby Salas - 15	Cathy Cox - 16
Larkeysha Sheppard - 11	Pamela Batchelor - 29	Kimberly Drown - 21
Barbara Barnes - 14	Johna Faulconer - 29	Jennifer Swartz - 27
Ashley Radford - 18		Ann Parrish - 28
Sonya Kiser - 28		Heather Barbour - 31
		Glenda Hales - 31



February	March	April
Morgan Dickens - 3	Darla Peedin - 9	Frances Warren - 14
Kristy Stephenson - 4	Carol Massburg - 13	Olive Cooke - 16
Gayle Barbour - 21	Angie Proctor - 14	Yvette Davis - 27
Jean Stowers - 26	Renee Wiggs - 28	
Mary Helen Sills - 26	Marlene Sanders - 30	

**\*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](mailto: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.

<b>Barbara Barnes</b>	<b>Betty Ferrell</b>	<b>Maylene Sanders</b>
<b>Laura Faye Canaday</b>	<b>Glenda Hales</b>	<b>Cynthia Toudle</b>

If you would like to add someone to this list, please contact Karen at:  
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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](mailto:alphabetachapternc@gmail.com)



**Contribution to: Alpha Beta Chapter Endowment Fund**  
Established 5-11-2000

Date of Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 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                          |

### 2019

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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   |