



Alpha Beta Bits

Delta Kappa Gamma International Society – Eta State, NC

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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 Kuzmaul
Treasurer

Message from President Lynn Ragsdale

Ladies:

Hopefully all of our teachers had a great school opening and things are going smoothly with your students. Be sure and encourage all the new teachers you come in contact with in your school. I still remember the first year with trepidation and was fortunate to have a great mentor next door.

Thank you all for making my first meeting so enjoyable. It went so smoothly and I appreciate the assistance I had in planning for this meeting.

We were fortunate to have such a wonderful speaker and a large attendance.

Moving on, our goals this year are **membership** and **helping our new teachers**. Terri Sessions and Debbie Woodruff will do a great job in planning and will appreciate your assistance when they call on you.

Cathy Cox is patiently waiting for membership applications to flow in. I know she has at least three, but we have room for many more. Think about all the great teachers you come in

contact with and complete an application for one or two and send the form to Cathy. Think beyond classroom teachers to include administrators, faculty trainers, instructional assistants, and college level educators. Also, make personal contact with members who have not been coming to our meetings. Personal contact can make a powerful impact.

Our wonderful... (See Page 2)

**Lynn
Ragsdale**

lharloe@hotmail.com



Chapter Rules Awaiting Approval

The Alpha Beta Chapter Executive Committee's hard work over the summer paid off. The Chapter Rules are in the process of being approved by Eta State.

Thanks to **Nancy Tunstall, Region III Director**, who reviewed the Chapter Rules before members discussed and approved them at our Chapter meeting on Tues. Sept. 25th. Nancy used the "**Checklist Chapter Rules**" to provide us

feedback on our rules.

Each Chapter is responsible for aligning Chapter Rules with the **Constitution/ International Standing Rules**, the state organization's designated parliamentary authority, and its bylaws.

We are eagerly awaiting approval from Eta State. We are confident the Alpha Beta Chapter Rules will be approved.



**Checklist
Chapter Rules**

<http://www.deltakappagam.org/NC/rulesChecklist.pdf>



Message From President (Cont.)

holiday meeting will be **November 25th**. Please start looking now for items to bring in or make for **Show and Sell**. As I mentioned in an earlier email, if you have a beach house to auction for a weekend that would be wonderful! All these monies will go to support the Alpha Beta Endowment Scholarship.

Now think about the three questions I asked you at our first meeting:

1. What would you like from this organization?
2. What can be our Chapter's role in supporting a beginning teacher? I think we have a good start on this one.
3. How can our Chapter effectively expand our membership?

Lynn Ragsdale - lharloe@hotmail.com



Alpha Beta Chapter Minutes

Please read the minutes from the last meeting before each meeting.



Supporting Beginning Teachers



It may have been 25 years ago when I began my teaching career, but it seems like only yesterday. My teaching experience those first few years were very special because I had a lot of support. I'm happy DKG believes it is essential to support our new teachers. I believe it is imperative to make sure our Chapters create committees to support new teachers.

I'm happy to share this year our Chapter has created a committee to support beginning teachers. Terri Sessoms, Committee Chairman, of this newly created committee asked members to hand-write notes of support and encouragement to the 156 new teachers in Johnston County Schools (JCS) at first Chapter meeting this year. She plans to deliver the hand-written notes to the new JCS teachers. I'm excited to learn what this committee has in store for supporting our new teachers.



Terri Sessoms
Committee Chairman



Alpha Beta Endowment Recipient



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. In addition to outstanding academics, she served as president of the SADD Club, was project director for Future Teachers of America, was a member of the swim team and volunteered with the Life Skills class at Selma Middle School. This fall, Howe plans to attend East Carolina University, where she will major in Special Education.



Mackinsay Howe
2012 Endowment Recipient

For more information regarding the **Alpha Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Endowment**, please contact the Committee Chairman, **Abby Salas** at abbysalas@johnston.k12.nc.us.



Membership Promises



The members of Alpha Beta were fortunate to have **Nancy Tunstall, Region III Director**, meet with us at our September Chapter meeting. She read the Membership Promise to us because she believes it is imperative that each member periodically renew and activate her promises to the Society. With every honor is a corresponding responsibility. The pride of being recognized by professional educators as a key woman educator is culminated in the wearing of the Delta Kappa Gamma keypin.

Each Alpha Beta Chapter Member Promised To:

1. **Attend** Chapter meetings. Although the Society does not have a specific attendance policy, each Chapter has the responsibility to adopt a suitable policy to encourage active participation and incorporate it into the Chapter Rules.
2. **Learn** about the Society and be a contributing member. Read the publications and participate in Chapter activities.
3. **Wear** the keypin with pride. If the keypin has not been purchased by the time of initiation, it should be purchased as soon as possible and worn to Society events and on other occasions as desired.
4. **Attend** state, regional and international conventions, conferences, seminars and workshops. The motivation, information and inspiration received at these meetings are immeasurable.
5. **Present** a positive image of our profession and of our Society.
6. **Recommend** worthy candidates for membership. It is each member's responsibility to seek, observe and suggest key women educators as prospective members.
7. **Look** for opportunities to tell others about the Society. Publicize worthwhile projects, activities and programs that reflect the Society's work.
8. **Accept** leadership roles. Each level of Delta Kappa Gamma offers valuable opportunities for leadership training and experience.
9. **Present** practical, pertinent, informational programs. If the Society is to meet the challenges of the home, job and community, along with the competition of time demands, the programs MUST be relatively brief and worthwhile.
10. **Take the responsibility** of providing encouragement for members unable to participate. A telephone call, a note or an offer of transportation are some ways that concern may be exhibited to members who have contributed to our legacy.

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Go-To Guide

for Chapter Members



Handbook of The
Delta Kappa Gamma
Society International
2012

Need some information regarding our Society? Why not utilize the **Go-To- Guide**, an official document of DKG created as a reference to go to when in need of information about the Society.

This publication provides a supplement to the **Constitution/International Standing Rules**. The topics are alphabetized to assist the reader in finding a subject of interest. The reference list contains the governing documents, other official publications of the Society, and sources outside the Society which were used during compilation of the data.

You can access the **Go-To-Guide** at:
<http://www.dkg.org/atf/cf/%7B70E631E4-44B9-4D36-AE7D-D12E4520FAB3%7D/Go%20To%20Guide%202012.pdf>

Visit our Chapter Web site at: <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-alphabeta/index.htm>

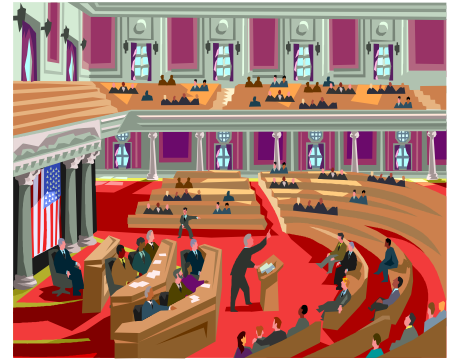


Legislative Update

Eta State Legislative
Coordinator
Lynn Ragsdale

There is no legislative information to report this month. I will know more after the election, but doubt the General Assembly will appoint committees (education in particular) until January. Hopefully you have voted early or will vote on Tuesday November 6th!

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



Membership Drive

One of the three main goals President Lynn Ragsdale has is to increase the number of members. She wants to encourage us to include some of the brightest and best teachers, administrators, and community college faculty in Johnston County.

To make a nomination, please complete the form found on **Page 5**.



Mail Form To:
Cathy Cox

850 Old Creech Rd.
Selma, NC 27576



Special Award

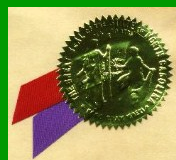
We are so happy to announce that Jennifer Swartz was name Assistant Principal of the Year for Johnston County Schools (JCS.)

Jennifer is Assistant Principal at West Johnston High School. I know she will represent JCS very well. We are so proud of you, Jennifer.



Jennifer Swartz
JCS Assistant Principal of the Year

Order of the Long Leaf Pine



Terri Sessoms received the **Order of the Long Leaf Pine** for more than 30 years of exemplary service in North Carolina. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is one of the highest honors the government can bestow on a North Carolina citizen. Congratulations, Terri.

See more details at:

<http://www.johnston.k12.nc.us>



Terri Sessoms

Don't forget to bring your items for the **Show and Sell** to our November meeting. The purpose of this project is to raise funds for our Endowment Scholarship.

The items can be homemade baked goods or handcrafted. Don't forget to place the prices on the items you bring.

There will be several gift certificates to local restaurants you will be able to bid on. Remember money can be given in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one.

Show And Sell



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

RECOMMENDATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Instructions: Please complete and return this form. For information about qualifications for membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, refer to sections on membership in the *Constitution* and the *International Standing Rules*. **Mail form to Cathy Cox , 850 Old Creech Road, Selma, NC 27576**

Type of membership: Active____ Reserve____ Honorary ____

Name of person recommended:

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip Code:_____

Phone number:_____ Fax number:_____

E-mail:_____

Current position title:_____

Employer:_____ Total years of professional educator:_____

Highest educational degree granted:_____ Year:_____ Field:_____

Professional accomplishments: Include items such as professional development presentations, camps or departmental leadership roles, published materials, offices in other organization honors and/or awards. (A brief resume may be attached to this application.)

Community activities:_____

Endorsed by one or more members:_____

Signature(s):_____ Date:_____

Chapter/State: Alpha Beta Chapter, Eta (NC) State Organization



2012-14 International President

The **International President for 2012-14 is Dr. Beverly Helms**. She has great ideas for helping to ensure the DKG vision is shared which will ultimately strengthen our Society. She believes we can do this by adopting the following principles taken from Sarah Sladek, author of *The End of Membership as We Know It*:

1. **Finding our focus,**
2. **Setting significant goals,**
3. **Making the most of marketing,**
4. **Troubleshooting and targeting our progress.**

It is important to Dr. Helms that we strengthen our Society and this can be done as we share our vision and build relationships within our Chapters. She wants each Chapter to connect with and engage every member. When Chapters take care of their members, she believes they will grow, state organizations will be revitalized, and the international Society will be strengthened.

Let's ask the question, **"Are we connecting with and engaging every member in our Chapter?"**



Dr. Beverly Helms

2012-14 Administrative Board

International President: Dr. Beverly Helms, Florida
First Vice President: Carolyn Pittman, Arkansas
Second Vice President: Dr. Lynda Schmid, Pennsylvania
Executive Director: Corlea S. Plowman, Texas Society Headquarters

Regional Directors

Europe: Marika Helmbach, Germany
Northeast: Mary Lee Mkinen, Maryland
Northwest: Dr. Lace Brodgdgen, Saskatchewan
Southeast: Dr. Hanna Fowler, Georgia
Southwest: Heidi Chadwick, California
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Members-at-Large

2010-2014: Jeannette Zuniga, Costa Rica
2012-2016: Barbara Whiting, Minnesota

Area Representatives

Canada: Agnes Moynihan, Ontario
Latin America: Monica Ochoa, Baja California
Parliamentarian: Jean Gray, Maryland

Future International Conventions

2014

Indianapolis, Indiana
July 28-August 1

2016

Nashville, Tennessee
July 5-9

DKG News

Check out the new site for the DKG News at: <http://publ.com/17qbUxw#/10/zoomed>

Want to stay more informed? Download the **DKG App** at the Apple App Store on your iPhone or Android phone.

The app will provide general information, meeting dates for



international committees and future regional conferences and international conventions. Members are encouraged to use the App and make suggestions for new features.

Website Seal Of Approval



Each Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Chapter Web site must comply with the **Standards for Society Website Certification** before being approved. The standards used to evaluate a Chapter Web site can be found at the following Web page: <http://www.dkg.org/site/c.meJMIOwErH/b.7742577/k.C851/Website.htm>

I'm happy to report the **Alpha Beta Chapter Web site** has been approved for **2012-2014** and the certified seal of approval is placed

the main Web site page at: <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-alphabeta/index.htm>.

Please be sure to check out our Web site to see the different types of information being shared. We want to ensure that anyone visiting our Chapter Web site will know about the wonderful ongoing projects, program activities, and awards happening in Alpha Beta. Also, look for the latest copy and archived copies of our **Alpha Beta Bits Newsletter** on our Web site.

Eta State Region III Presidents

Chapter Presidents from across the state attended an Executive Board meeting in September. President Linda Little presided over the meeting.

The Chapter Presidents met to discuss several different topics to include the proposed vision statement for North Carolina, the merging of two ad hoc committees, and the **Leadership Seminar planned for June 20-23, 2013**.

Dr. Joyce Brigman extended an invitation to the **2013 Eta State Convention** to be held in **Charlotte April 26-28, 2013**. It was announced the **2014 Eta State Convention** will be held in **Greenville, N.C.**

The Regional Directors had a chance to meet with the presidents in their regions. Nancy Tunstall discussed several topics including how to make a change of address for a member, Chapter Rules, Chapter strategic action plans, Chapter achievement award, founders award, Golden Key Award, Chapter newsletters, the Eta State Convention, and the Leadership Development Seminar.

The discussions were so rich that Nancy reported the Region III Presidents may have been some of the last to leave the meeting.



Chapter Presidents from Region III

(Seated From Left to Right)

Hilda Parlér from Gamma Tau (Franklin), Nancy Tunstall from Gamma Chi (Warren) and Region III Director, Thera Pearce from Delta Epsilon (Wake),

(Standing From Left to Right)

Patty Carter from Delta Delta (Wake), Vivien Windley from Xi (Vance), Diane Walters from Beta (Wake), Lynn Ragsdale from Alpha Beta (Johnston), Bonnie Siegner from Gamma Omicron (Wake),



News From Eta State President



Linda Little shares on her official President's Web page that we now have officially founded our **80th DKG state organization**. Well wishes were sent to **Dr. Fusa Nakagawa**, the newest state organization president for Japan.

Linda would love for each Chapter to send best wishes to Dr. Nakagawa and congratulate her and the newly founded chapter. To email Dr. Nakagawa send messages to fussa.1230.kc@gmail.com.

She wants to remind us of this year's theme, **"Sharing Our Vision- Strengthening Our Society - Lead - Serve - Impact."** She desires to reinforce what Dr. Helms has asked us to do which is look at our Chapter as though we are looking at it for the first time.

Here are some of the questions, we should consider:

1. **What do you see- a Chapter which is engaging and involving its members in programs, projects, and activities?**
2. **Are members using Chapter profile information to determine diverse needs of Chapter membership?**
3. **Is your Chapter offering members something that they can't find in other organizations?**
4. **Is your Chapter tapping into the expertise of its own members?**
5. **Is your Chapter contributing time, money, and/or talent to supporting beginning teachers?**

Linda believes if what we see includes any and/or all of these, we are contributing to the growth of not only our state organization, but also our Society as a whole. She wants to ensure we are promoting the **personal** and **professional growth** of women educators.

To access the Linda Little's official President's Web page go to: - <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/Presidents%20page.htm>. If you like to **Twitter**, follow Linda on Twitter: **Linda@litle43**.



Linda Little
Eta State President

2013 International Scholarship

Working on your doctoral or masters? Take advantage of the \$10,000 for doctoral studies and \$6000 for other graduate studies. For more information go to:

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

Search for
Scholarship

Deadline
February 1, 2013



The Eta State News Letter Editor, Sue Roberts would like to remind us the following Web pages on the Eta State Web site will provide timely and important updates.

Us Forum Connection

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/ForumConnection.htm>

Eta State Committee Mid-term Progress Reports

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/>

Eta State Leadership Directory

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2012-2013LeadershipDirectory.pdf>

Call for Eta State Convention Workshops

Delta Kappa Gamma members and friends are invited to submit workshop proposals for the 2013 Eta State Convention. One hour workshop sessions are scheduled

Saturday, April 27, 2013. Sessions will focus on **Teaching & Learning, Personal Growth and DKG Society Work** emphasizing Educational Excellence and the Arts.

Please complete the form below and submit by **January 15, 2013** to:

Sheila Groves, svangroves@aol.com or 1804 Huntington Road, Greensboro 27408.

Convention Workshop Proposal Form
Submit by January 15, 2013

Date: _____

Presenter Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Chapter/Group/Committee: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Strand(s) Addressed in Presentation: _____

Title: _____

Brief Synopsis of Presentation:

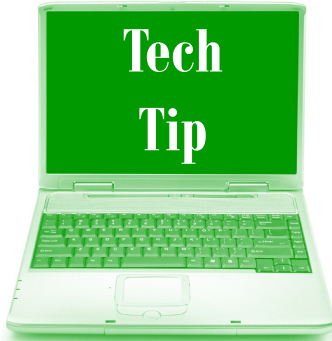
Brief Biographical Profile for Introducing Presenter(s):

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Computers and/or projectors used in sessions must be provided by presenter/s.
Handouts are the responsibility of the presenter/s.



Tech Tip



Citation Machine

<http://citationmachine.net/index2.php>

As you know North Carolina has been on the forefront adopting the Common Core and Essential Standards. I want us to look specifically at the following standard:

Information and Technology Essential Standards: 6.SE.1-Apply responsible behaviors when using information and technology resources.

One of the ways students can be responsible when they use information found on the Web is to cite where they find their information. There are many free tools on the Web to help students cite their sources easily. One of the tools is called **Citation Machine**. It has a very user-friendly interface where students and even teachers can generate both a bibliography and in-text citations. This free tool was created by a good friend of mine, David Warlick. He had the vision many years ago to create this tool as part of the Landmarks for Schools Web site.

Use the following seven (7) easy steps to use the Citation Machine:

1. Gather the source(s) before going to the Citation Machine Web site.
2. On the left side of the Web site, choose one of the following formats: MLA, APA, Turabian, or Chicago.
3. Choose a topic under either Print or Non-Print. There will be different source types listed under each topic. If you do not find the source type you are looking for, click the More button under MLA.
4. Next, type in all of the required information for your source(s) in the blank textboxes provided. **NOTE:** There are instructions in red under each box.
5. Proof the citation. If the citation appears accurate, you can copy and paste the citation from the text box into your document/presentation.
6. Format the citation within your document/presentation.
7. Proof the citation again making sure you correct any additional errors. Your citation is now complete.

Sharing Our Vision

Strengthening Our Society

Lead Serve Impact

Impacting Education Worldwide

Leading Women Educators

Mark Your Calendars

Alpha Beta Chapter Meetings
2012-13



November 27, 2012

February 26, 2013

April 23, 2013

Aug.- Jan. Birthdays



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

October	November	December
Glenda Toler – 4	Karen Parker – 2	Susan Auman – 5
Mary Ann Lee – 22	Janice White – 5	Margaret Lee Walker –6
Karen Creech – 22	Denise Byrd – 9	Leona Parrish – 10
Terri Sessoms – 25	Eloise Bonds – 11	Abby Salas – 15
	Barbara Barnes – 14	Martha Bradshaw – 27



January	February	March
Carolyn Riddick – 1	Mary Helen Sills - 26	Dorothy Harris -17
Debra Avery – 4		Allette Hale - 19
Joyce Matthews –13		Jean Simmons - 20
Cathy Cox –16		Renee Oliver - 28
Eve Creech – 17		Marlene Sanders - 30
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

