



Alpha Beta Bits

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – Eta State, NC

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DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 28 - 30
2017**

Eta State
Convention
Wilmington, NC

**June 23-25
2017**

Eta State Leadership
Development Seminar
Asheboro, NC

**July 19-22
2017**

Southeast Regional
Conference
Myrtle Beach, SC



ALPHA BETA CHAPTER OFFICERS

**Lorine Davis
President**

**Denise Byrd
1st Vice President**

**Mary Helen Sills
2nd Vice President**

**Jennifer Bare
Secretary**

**Becky Kuszmaul
Treasurer**

Message from President Lorine Davis

Thank you for your support of my leadership for a second biennium as Alpha Beta President. I will need your leadership and dedication to make the next two years worthy of the annals of Alpha Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International. You are an amazing Chapter of educational leaders. Together, we'll make a difference!

I cannot move forward without thanking those who kept me on track the past two years. Each of your leaders had/have full lives with

professional, family and personal goals and trials. Lynn Ragsdale was incredibly supportive and flexible in guiding me as a new president, and I so appreciate that. There can be a fine line between being a guide and being overbearing. Lynn knew where the line was and never once crossed it. She doesn't know how much I appreciate her companionship at the first Executive Board meeting at Elon. Karen Parker was wonderful at checking on the details of meetings and ensuring that I had *thought*

about the details. She is a prayer warrior, and I'm convinced that her prayers for our organization were heard. Karen Creech creates our newsletter and website with little direction from the membership. She is also the very best communicator, ensuring everyone has an opportunity to respond about meetings and meals and other information. She tracks details of our meetings: from attendance and placing the final meal orders to **See Page 2...**

**President
Lorine Davis
2016-18**



Even More Grants



Have you heard the **NC DKG Educational Foundation** has announced another grant cycle? Grant applications are due **September 30, 2016**. The funding has been increased this year so we can give more grants! The maximum amount will remain \$250 per grant. The DKG Educational Foundation's mission is to procure funding to serve

broad charitable educational purposes relating to the professional and personal development of women educators and excellence in education.

You will find all of the information you need about the grants at the Educational Foundation website. Click on the Grants tab to access a

copy of the proposal form and guidelines. There is a checklist provided to help ensure you include all of the required information. For even more details, go to: <http://www.ncdkgef.org/>.





Message From President (Cont.)

raffle items and collecting funds. Karen's State Conference awards were earned! Mary Helen Sills diligently recorded the work of our meetings, which means she is actively listening throughout the meeting. But her real job, as anyone who has been a recording secretary can tell you, was in finding time to take those meticulous notes and transcribe them into minutes that reflect the work in a concise manner. At our last meeting, Mary Helen was home with a very sick child, yet she contacted and secured a substitute recorder for the meeting so that I wouldn't have to think about that detail. Thank you, Mary Helen! Mary Helen Wyatt has researched my questions about Robert's Rules of Order. You can be sure that any time the rules weren't followed, it was my straying from the process, as I was schooled in a different process that isn't nearly as concise. Even with extreme health challenges, Mary Helen has kept her sense of humor. Learning to depend on others is humbling, yet she remains upbeat and helpful. In addition, the committee chairs led their committees and accomplished the work of the Chapter. New Members were inducted and oriented and leaders were installed. Mrs. Leona Parrish was given a fitting tribute and we were encouraged to remember our sisters who cannot make meetings. Harbor House was given a library of books for children who often left everything familiar behind. Past scholarship recipients were followed and new students were awarded with a commitment of funds. New teachers were welcomed and learned of our organization. Ladies, we only met four times each year. You are phenomenal!

Your responses to the questions asked at our February meeting have guided our planning for the next two years. Thank you for your honesty. I'll share some of the commonalities of your input: 1) You attend meetings for fellowship, from loyalty, and because you are expected to attend. 2) The people are what feels good about Alpha Beta Chapter: welcoming, passionate about education. Other factors are laughter, joyfulness, the knowledge of seasoned members; everyone cares about everyone else. 3) You'd prefer not to hear so much about Chapter business. Other hot buttons are dues, no officers, the word "no" and politics. 4) The very best projects of Alpha Beta: New Teacher Support, Scholarship Selection, Book Drive/Literacy, Hostess Projects, and Politics. 5) You want more: community service, morale boosting activities, helping teachers and kids, community outreach, networking, remembering first year teachers. 6) Loud and clear: Do what works for Alpha Beta first, fit in the work of state and international where they align. 7) As Professional Educators, we support new teachers, help each other, promote professionalism, and take leadership among others. 8) How to improve as "Leading Professional Educators"? Morale boosting activities in the schools, share information with the community, support beginning teachers, learn more about our new members and their expertise, and publicity about our organization and what we do. 9) What NEEDS improvement? Publicity, more involvement in our committees, legislative rallying – hear our voice, scholarships for members, keeping meetings to a reasonable length, planning programs of interest, more opportunities for leadership. 10) How can Alpha Beta leadership support you? Include more members in the work & programs, acknowledge us as professionals and our efforts to improve as professionals, influence NC law & policy makers to respect public education, veteran team workshop, recognize older members, and help new members better understand what DKG is about.

Your feedback will influence us as we plan and do the work of Alpha Beta Chapter. I'm pleased to have your guidance so that Alpha Beta Chapter remains your organization. As your organization, it will require your help!

Thank you for being the leaders that others thought you were! Lorine. Email Lorine at: alphabetapreslorine@gmail.com



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

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

Endowment Recipient



Alpha Beta Chapter Endowment Recipient for 2016

Sarah Evans is our Alpha Beta Chapter of DKG International Society Endowment winner. A student from Cleveland High School where she was a Honor Roll Student, Key Club, HOSA Club, Marching Band & Swim Team member. Her parents are Ken Evans, a firefighter, and mother, Melissa Evans, a county school nurse. She will be attending Meredith College. She will be receiving an Academic Merit Scholarship of \$17,000 a year, Teaching Fellows grant of \$500.00 a year in addition to our \$1250.00. Her major is Child Development with a focus on Elementary Education. Her essay revealed the passion for teaching. The last year and 1/2 she has been volunteering to tutor kindergarten and third grade students from varied cultural backgrounds. Also, she teaches bible school at her church. She vows to be a one-one teacher for those needing a little extra help. Her desire is to impact a child's life through teaching. She has a heart for the less fortunate student with a care and concern to make a difference.



beginning teachers and literacy in Johnston County Schools.

Young women who are interested in applying for the 2017 Alpha Beta Endowment should contact, President Lorine Davis, at alphabetapreslorine@gmail.com.

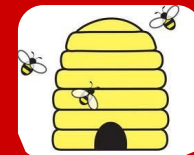
The Alpha Beta Chapter is proud to support future professional educators, in addition to its support of

Let's Stay Connected





Saving the Bees



MORE INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT HONEY BEES—THEY CAN SOLVE HAIRY MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS!

"Pretend it's the weekend, and it's time to do errands. You have to visit six stores and they're all at six separate locations. What's the shortest distance you can travel while visiting all six? Mathematicians call this '**traveling salesman problem**,' and it can even stump some computers. But for bees, it's a snap. Researchers at Royal Holloway University in London found that bees fly the shortest route possible between flowers. So far, they're the only animals known to solve the problem."

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

"Leading with the Heart"



Johnston County Schools honors one person from each school to be recognized as an employee who epitomizes the "heart" of the school or department. The event began in Johnston County Schools after leadership, in their journey for continued excellence, read Mike Krzyzewski's "**Leading with the Heart**." Coach K writes, "Leaders have to search for the heart on the team because the person who has it can bring out the best in everybody else."

One of our members, **Carol Massenburg** was chosen for Smithfield-Selma Senior High School. Congratulations, Carol. Thanks for "**leading with the heart**."



Picture courtesy of Johnston Co. Schools—<http://johnston.k12.nc.us/>

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 drove a school bus in high school.**
- 2. I came to JCS as a young bride and taught at the old Smithfield HS under A.B Glenn.**
- 3. I worked with over 25 student teachers before retiring.**
- 4. I was a member of the JC Community Foundation for 20 years and served as their first president for 10 years.**



Find Name of Mystery Member on **Page 5.**



Tech Tip



"Photos for Class"

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

Photos for Class

One of the things I know teachers struggle with a lot is finding safe student friendly images that are FREE! Look no more. You can search now to find images to download that are properly attributed, Creative Commons photos for school!

"Photos for Class" provides a place for teachers to access safe images that are available to be used in the classroom and for educational purposes. Plus, it provides accurate image citations. "Photos For Class" will meet your needs.

There are three important things you need to know about "Photos for Class" images.

- Age Appropriate Images** - All images are appropriate for the school setting, thanks to Flickr SafeSearch and their proprietary filters.
- Automatic Citation** - Downloaded images automatically cite the author and the image license terms.
- Creative Commons** - All photos shown are, to the best of their (and Flickr's) knowledge, licensed by Creative Commons for public use.

"Photos for Class" has a four step filtering system that grows stronger as their community helps.

- 1 Flickr has done an amazing job pre-filtering content as "globally safe for all ages".
- 2 Certain search terms are banned that contain restricted words like Sexy (example sexy outfit, sexy lady, etc.).
- 3 Certain keywords also are banned but only if used by themselves. For example you cant' search for butt, but you can search for butter.
- 4 Their community reports images as inappropriate and if they agree, the image is remove from their searchable content.



NOTE: Citation is included at the bottom of the image.

Did you guess right? The **Mystery Member** highlighted on **Page 4** is **Ramona Cash**.

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



“Show me the Money”



Have you wondered how the headquarters executive services department use your dues for the work of the Society and to benefit members? There is a team of four people who take care of everything from security to logistics, overseeing headquarters functions, archival records, the employee handbook, long-range planning, marketing and publications.

Executive director Sandra Smith Bull is staff liaison to the international president, international boards, the DKG Supporting Corporation, the Educational Foundation and several committees. I thought you would be interested knowing some of the department duties. They include:

- updating and distributing international directories,
- mailing forms and information to state organization officers,
- sending out Achievement Award recommendation forms and collecting the recommendations, and ballots,
- organizing Society representatives for state organization meetings,
- sending information to new state organization officers,
- preparing for training new state organization presidents and executive secretaries at regional conferences,
- shipping materials to regional conferences and international conventions,
- updating governing documents,
- working with host state organizations of regional conferences and international conventions and
- completing committee and board reports for international convention programs.

This department’s responsibilities keep the Society running, including making sure that membership information is secure. I hope you found this information informative.

New International Leaders



At the International Conference state organization presidents, acting in concert with their members’ wishes, elected the following to positions on the Administrative Board and elected committees.

Administrative Board

Carolyn Pittman, President
Barbara Whiting, First VicePresident
Becky Sadowski, Second VicePresident
Bjorg Nakling, Europe Regional Director
Carol Hughes,

NE Regional Director Dr. Rhonda Anderson,
NW Regional Director Linda Navorska,
SE Regional Director Patricia Park,
SW Regional Director June M. Bowers,
Member-atLarge (2016-2020) Joan Wolfe,
Area Representative–Canada Flor M. Perez,
Area Representative–Latin America

Nominations Committee Members (2016-2020)

Marianne Skardeus, Europe representative
Carol Herzog,

NE Representative Beverly Van Cronkhite,
NW Representative Peggy McCall,
SE Representative Joanne Davis,
SW Representative

Finance Committee Members (2016-2020)

Patricia Buckley, Connecticut
Dr. Beverly Hall, Tennessee
Sharon Vinson, Illinois.

2017 Eta State Convention

It is not too early for us to begin making plans to attend the **2017 Eta State NC Convention**. Plans for the convention are well underway and hotel registration is now open.

The Hilton Wilmington Riverside Hotel will be the site of the convention **April 28-30, 2017**. To make reservations go to <http://www.ncdkg.org/2017-convention.html>. A block of rooms have been reserved for **April 27, 2017 - April 30, 2017**. The special room rate will be available until March 27th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.

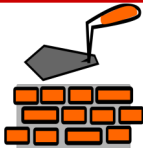
Region IV invites you to come early or extend your stay. The convention hotel has filled before the deadline. Contact the hotel reservation desk at **910-763- 5900** to see if rooms at our group rate are available. April is a busy time in Wilmington, so make your plans early and book your room.

Also, if you are interested in presenting at the convention, you can access the form at http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2017breakout_session_form.pdf.

A copy of the Breakout Session Form is found on **Page 13**.

“Pave the Way for Memories”

I am so excited about this new project being announced by Eta State to help raise funds for our headquarters in Asheboro.



Members can purchase engraved paving bricks in honor or memory of someone or to celebrate their chapter. Bricks may be engraved with up to three lines of 18 characters each and will line the front walk of the headquarters. The cost per brick is \$125.

I have attached a copy of the forms on **Pages 11–12**. The forms and payments can be mailed to: **Eta State NC Treasurer Ruth Jones at 3607 Wyneston Road, Greenville, NC 27858**.

Unveiling of New Web site



Eta State North Carolina
of
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International


Welcome to our new website

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

Facebook
www.facebook.com/dkgorg



Instagram
[@dkg_austin](https://www.instagram.com/dkg_austin)



Twitter
[@blanton29](https://twitter.com/blanton29)



Pinterest
www.pinterest.com/DKGS1





News From Eta State President

Something to think about... President Groves shares that everything she never knew about Eta State, she found in Delta Kappa Gamma in North Carolina – the book! She gives her husband credit for suggesting she start cleaning off the dining room table where she had lots of things on the table to include papers, boxes, books and miscellaneous items. He was hoping she would have the table cleaned off in time for her family to eat Thanksgiving dinner. As she was going through one of the boxes, some red things in the bottom caught her eye; three editions of DKG in NC.

As she started looking through the first one, she was hooked. She bets you are probably thinking, “how boring” or “bless her heart, she must not have a life,” but she said she found these books fascinating! She says they were like “flashback Facebook.” She was able to enjoy reading articles such as, Fun & Frolic at the 1949 convention that included photos of our early state presidents – educational leaders and BFFs.

As she continued to read she was able to uncover how traditions began, the women for whom our scholarships are named, when Eta State Chorus made its debut, convention highlights, and NC participation in national and international affairs. As I was reading this, I found myself intrigued as well. How fascinating it must have been for her to uncover the history of our NC organization. She has asked us to take time to investigate the past. I know that we have saved so many memories of our chapter. I believe as she does, that we will be inspired by the dedication of our early members, enlightened by the decisions made at executive board and convention meetings, and charmed by the voices of the past. She said one of her book club picks for this year is Delta Kappa Gamma in North Carolina. I hope we will take to time to visit our past.



**President
Sheila Groves
2015-2017**

**Connect with
President Groves**

svgeta97@gmail.com

DKG International President



Carolyn Pittman is our new International President. She says, “ **being president is not about me. It is about US. Together we are making a better world.**”

She believes each of us has opportunities to make lasting differences and how we act as individuals makes a difference. When actions of individuals synergize with actions of others, she believes it is powerful. We can transform the world when our small acts are multiplied by thousands.

She shares that the “Butterfly Effect states that a butterfly can flap its wings and set molecules of air in motion that will move other molecules of air, in turn moving more molecules of air, eventually capable of starting a hurricane on the other side of the planet.” She believes this law of physics has broader implications than the movement of butterflies and weather.

She shared the “Butterfly Effect” because she believes there are thousands of DKG butterflies in our membership. She says when we exercise our combined power it affects the future of the Society and, consequently, the well-being of the

world. When we set small actions into motion it often produces large results. She believes our purposes, vision and mission must guide us as individuals to create a synergy of power. When you are reminded of each of our Purposes, she wants us to consciously recall these words: **I MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.** This is a mission I hope we will embrace as we think about the difference our Alpha Beta Chapter can make to positively impact our schools and community.



**INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT**

**Carolyn
Pittman**

2016-2018

Sept. – Feb. Birthdays



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

September	October	November
Mary Nell Ferguson – 4	Glenda Toler - 4	Karen Parker - 2
Ramona Cash – 5	Mary Ann Lee – 22	Janice White - 5
Dorothy Driver – 6	Karen Creech – 22	Denise Byrd - 9
Becky Kuszmaul – 11	Terri Sessoms – 25	Eloise Bonds - 1
Jennifer Bare – 18		LarKeysha Sheppard - 11
Carol Blakely – 19		Barbara Barnes - 14
Mary Helen Wyatt – 23		Ana Lucia Milazzotto - 18
Laura Faye Canaday – 24		Sonya Kiser - 28
Betty Ferrell – 28		



December	January	February
Ann Pittman - 6	Carolyn Riddick - 1	Suzanne Mitchell - 12
Margaret Lee Walker - 6	Joyce Matthews - 13	Gayle Barbour - 21
Abby Salas - 15	Cathy Cox - 16	Jean Stowers - 26
Martha Bradshaw - 27	Jennifer Swartz - 27	Mary Helen Sills - 26
Johna Faulconer - 29	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.

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.

Alpha Beta Chapter

Organized April 19, 1952



Thoughts and Prayers



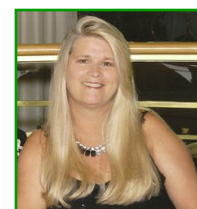
We have several members or their family members who are not doing well. I know they will appreciate you keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

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

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



DKG Eta State NC Engraved Brick Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Chapter _____

Please send the attached LASER ENGRAVING 4 X 8 ENGRAVED PAVER WORKSHEET with this form to Ruth Jones, 3607 Wyneston Road, Greenville, NC 27858 with \$125.00 for each brick to be purchased.

Message on Worksheet is three lines of 18 characters per line including commas, spaces, and symbols.

Message must be on official PINE HALL BRICK WORKSHEET.

LASER ENGRAVING 4 X 8 ENGRAVED PAVER WORKSHEET															
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NOTE: ONLY ONE CHARACTER IN EACH BOX. ALL LETTERS,
PUNCTUATION AND SPACES COUNT AS ONE CHARACTER





2017 Eta State NC Convention Breakout Session Form

Delta Kappa Gamma members and friends are invited to submit breakout session proposals for the Eta State NC Convention in Wilmington, April 28-30. Breakout sessions will take place on Saturday afternoon, April 29 and be approximately one hour long.

Sessions will focus on four strands:

Technology, Teaching and Learning, Personal Growth and ***DKG Society***.

Please complete the form below and submit it to Connie Savell, mcdpm59@gmail.com or 206 N. Roxford Rd., Kings Mountain, NC 28086-2731 by **January 25, 2017**.

*Date _____

*Presenter Name(s) _____

*Address _____

*City/State/Zip _____

*Contact Phone Number _____

*Email _____

*Chapter/Group/Committee _____

*Breakout Title _____

*Provide a brief synopsis of the session.

Check all Strands that apply:

Technology Teaching and Learning Personal Growth DKG Society

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 _____

Computers and/or projectors used in sessions must be provided by presenter/s. Please tag all personal equipment.

Handouts are the responsibility of the presenter/s.

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

***Required**