



Alpha Beta Bits

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DATES TO REMEMBER

**Apr. 29– May 1
2011**

Eta State
Convention
Rocky Mount, NC

**July 13 - 16
2011**

Southeast Regional
Conference
Louisville, KY

**July 24-28
2012**

International
Convention,
New York,



ALPHA BETA CHAPTER OFFICERS

Jennifer Swartz,
President

Lorine Davis,
1st Vice President

Karen Creech,
2nd Vice President

Debra Avery
Secretary

Becky Kuzmaul
Treasurer

Message from President Jennifer Swartz

Our Alpha Beta Chapter will induct three new members April 5, 2011, at the United Methodist Church in Four Oaks. I hope that you have been able to keep this meeting on your busy calendars so that you can help us welcome these accomplished and vibrant women to our group: Carol Blakely, teacher at Selma Elementary School, Denise Byrd, principal of Selma Elementary School, and Amy Stanley, county technology specialist at West Campus in Smithfield.

Having only been a part of one induction ceremony other than my own, I feel it is still very new for me. Thinking of the upcoming induction ceremony I have

great interest in how the ceremony has changed over the years.

The majority of our members were initiated in floor-length gowns. The only dress I own today that reaches the floor is a bridesmaid dress from around 1997. I think some of us truly missed out on a precious bit of our history, but we have great opportunity to appreciate the accomplishments of those key women educators who have been blazing a trail for us.

Our Alpha Beta Chapter is rich with the talents of amazing professionals who are ever-present and ready with kind words and offers of assistance. They, like us, were initiated and

instructed that when asked to serve the Society you must never say no.

Your talents are valuable and serve to help us blaze trails for those who follow us. Two volumes of Alpha Beta history have been bound that cover our chapter's first 50 years. Many members have copies of these minutes spanning five decades.

Another way to revisit the rich history of our Alpha Beta chapter is to visit the scrapbooks that Ramona Cash and Society members have worked to restore by visiting the Heritage Center in Smithfield.



Welcoming New Members

Ramona Cash hosted a meeting for our Alpha Beta initiates at her home Saturday, March 26th. Together with Helen Ellerbe, Mary Sauls, Debbie Woodruff, and Becky Kuzmaul, Ramona welcomed Carol and Denise to our chapter with coffee, fresh fruit, and breakfast items as they addressed information detailing the Society's rich history as

an international organization.

They also shared scrapbook pictures and stories from their own initiations into Delta Kappa Gamma. Becky Kuzmaul provided information on membership pins and dues while Jennifer Swartz presented members with their first red books.





Message from President cont.

One of our primary goals this year has been to increase membership. We have made improvements to our participation this year through our communication with DialMyCalls, but there are still members who have been missing from our meetings. Please think of a member who has not been to a meeting this year who may need a personal call to help bring her back. We are much stronger when we stand together. Sometimes we get so busy in our day-to-day activities and responsibilities that it becomes easy to miss a meeting. Our Alpha Beta Chapter is devoted to our personal and professional development.



When I was invited to join the Society, Terri Sessoms told me that her participation in this organization was one of the best professional development activities she had ever enjoyed. She said that the fellowship she shared within the Society was a treat she gave herself each year. Joyce Matthews and her Membership Committee have put a great deal of work into helping us prepare for this initiation meeting. Treat yourself and join us April 5th as we stand together to welcome our newest members.

Biography Update



This is a friendly reminder that the Biography and Yearbook Committee needs to update our biographical data. Thanks in advance if you have provided your updated information to the committee. I have including another copy of the biography data sheet for your convenience on **Page 6** of this newsletter.

Please return the form to **Mary Helen Sills**, Chairman of the Biography and Yearbook Committee. Her address is **P. O. Box 241 Benson, NC, 27504**. Also, you can bring a copy to our April 5th chapter meeting.

Education Edge



- Do you need to update your skills?
- Is there a workshop you want to attend, but cannot afford?
- Would you like to renew your license or gain a new certification?
- Are you working toward National Boards?
- How about a seminar you saw advertised in a brochure?

To find PD activities and funding to meet your needs go to: <http://www.educatoredge.org/> for more information. This is a service provided by **DKG and the DKG Educational Foundation**.

State Superintendent June Atkinson

Thank you for participating in our February meeting when we welcomed Society Sister, Dr. June Atkinson to serve as our guest speaker. Attendance hit a high among our group as Dr. Atkinson called on us to remain informed of state politics and to be active as we advocate for our profession.

As educators we know which changes are beneficial for our students and always work with the best interest of our students in mind. We cannot allow non-educators to make decisions that impact our classrooms and students without the benefit of our expertise. The weekly updates that we receive through Lynn Ragsdale are important to keeping us informed so that we may participate in the politics that impact our professional world.



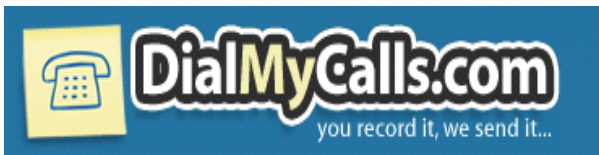


Eta State Convention



Convention is just around the corner and we are fortunate that it is taking place so close to home! Rocky Mount is the site of the upcoming state convention **April 29th - May 1st**. Initial **registration forms** must be submitted by **April 8th** to qualify for the **\$25 registration fee**. I booked my room early to make sure I would be able to stay on site and have recently found out that the rooms blocked for us have all been spoken for as another large group will be in Rocky Mount the same weekend. I will be shuttling back and forth from the convention since my 8 year-old daughter's dance recital is the same weekend. I hope that several of you are able to join me in Rocky Mount as we celebrate Eta State.

Friday, April 29	Saturday, April 30	Sunday, May 1
3:30 – 9:00 pm Registration / Information	7:30am – 5:30 pm Registration / Info	8:15 am Ceremony of Remembrance
5:30 – 7:00 pm State President's Dinner	8:15am – 12:15 pm General Session	9:45 am Birthday Brunch
7:00 pm Executive Board Meeting	12:00 – 1:30pm Lunch on Your Own	11:00 am Hotel Checkout
	1:15 – 5:00pm Concurrent Sessions	
	1:15 – 5:00pm Exhibits, Vendors	
	6:15 pm Chapter Presidents	
	6:45 pm Presidents' Banquet	



DialMyCalls continues to benefit our hostess committees with reminders to make contact regarding participation in our quarterly meetings.

Our attendance continues to improve through our electronic communication tool. It has worked so well for our chapter's communication that I have shared its use with my church so that we may research it as a possible tool for our prayer chain when members do not access email messages. For more info, go to <http://www.dialmycalls.com>



DKG Fine Art Gallery



The **DKG Network** now has a **Fine Arts Gallery** to showcase the fine art of DKG sisters. At the present time, there is craft work from Beth Wingfield of Mu Chapter of Eta State highlighted along with watercolor paintings from Florida, poetry from Texas, and even a picture of a DKG sister portraying a character in a musical!

We have so much talent in our Chapter and I would love to see some of our talent displayed in the Gallery. If you have digital pictures of your art work, crafts, performances, poetry, or any other fine art, send them to **Patricia Taylor** at pianopt1@yahoo.com, along with written permission to showcase your work and a description of your work. If you need assistance sending digital pictures, Karen Creech will be glad to assist you.





Eta State Newsletter



The Eta State Executive Committee has approved the proposal to begin planning for the electronic delivery of *Eta State News* to members who are willing to receive their newsletters by that method. Electronic delivery will not begin until the next biennium.

Our Chapter will be asked to compile the names, ID numbers, and email addresses for all the members of the chapter who are **willing to receive their newsletters online**. The headquarters staff requests that this information be sent by chapters rather than by individuals.

Please contact **Karen Creech** if you are interested in receiving the **Eta State News** by email. She will collect this data and share on behalf of our Chapter.



World Fellowship Funds

Many North Carolina Chapters have made donations to the World Fellowship Fund during the 2010-2011 fiscal year. According to the latest posting, a total of \$5,174.66 has been donated. What generosity! Nonetheless, we are still about \$1,100 behind our giving at this time last year.

If you are interested in making a donation, you can directly to International. I have provided a **copy of the form** on **Page 5**. If you would like to download the form you can go to the following Web address to the form for your convenience - <http://www.dkg.org/atf/cf/%7B70e631e4-44b9-4d36-ae7d->

Pursuing a PhD?

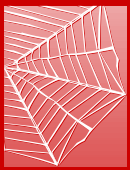


If you are interested in pursuing a PhD, you could qualify for a scholarship at the international level if you:

- Are active member of DKG for minimum of 3 years.
- Can provide evidence of active participation & of leadership in DKG Society International.
- Have completed a bachelor's degree or equivalent.
- Have been accepted & enrolled in graduate program
- Have not received an international scholarship
- Can provide evidence of excellence in scholarship & evidence of service to the community.

Application packets are available July 1. Contact **Phyllis Hickey** at societyop@dkg.org for more information.

Chapter Web site



Have you been to our Web site lately? Webmaster Karen Creech has been at work posting pictures from our recent meeting with Dr. June Atkinson at Benson United Methodist Church. Showcasing current pictures is a great way to promote our Web site and our work within the Society.

As we continue to feed our online communication tool, Eta State leaders and other chapters have an improved means of learning about the work of our Society and its incredible members. Please continue to forward pictures and news to Karen Creech for online posting.

To access our Chapter Web site, go to: <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-alphabeta/index.htm>



Contribution Form

Instructions:

GIFTS TO INTERNATIONAL FUNDS

- A separate check is required for each international fund to which a contribution is made.
- Complete a separate Contribution Form for each gift. (Only one gift per form.)
- Gift acknowledgment card will be sent in honor of or in memory of family member or honoree.
- Donor should keep pink copy of this form. No acknowledgement card will be sent to donor.
- Contributions or bequests to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.
- Contributions or bequests to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society Educational Foundation are deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.
- Gifts to international funds should be mailed to:
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
P.O. Box 1589
Austin, TX 78767-1589

GIFTS TO STATE ORGANIZATION

- Gifts to a state organization should be mailed to the **state organization treasurer**.
- Follow the state organization treasurer's instructions regarding gifts to state organizations.

DATE: _____ AMOUNT: _____

THIS GIFT IS DESIGNATED FOR: an international fund a state organization fund

NAME OF STATE ORGANIZATION FUND: _____

NAME OF INTERNATIONAL FUND:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> International Speakers Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eunah Temple Holden | <input type="checkbox"/> Loretta Halek Memorial Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> World Fellowship Fund |

PAYMENT BY: AMERICAN EXPRESS DISCOVER MASTERCARD VISA CHECK / MONEY ORDER (U.S. Funds only)

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(3-4 digit security code)

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Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Dr., Miss, Mrs., Ms. _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Country _____



**Alpha Beta Chapter
of
Delta Kappa Gamma**

Birthplace, date: _____

Husband: _____

Children: _____

Parents: _____

Church Memberships: _____

Hobbies: _____

Education

High School: _____

College: _____

Graduate: _____

Professional Experiences: Number of Years Taught: _____

Community and Organization Experiences:

Honors and Awards:

Delta Kappa Gamma Number of Years: _____

Alpha Beta Chapter: Place & Date of Initiation: _____

Transferred from: _____ Resignation Date: _____

Transferred to: _____ Deceased: Date, Location: _____

Eta State Experiences: _____

Alpha Beta Experiences: _____

May– July Birthdays



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

May	June	July
Camille Boone – 6	Noela Sue Woodall – 9	Vivia Creech – 7
Denise Luper – 7	Tucker Twisdale – 19	Ann Carper – 15
Rose Walker – 11	Peggy Batten – 19	Cary Lane Cockrell – 15
Mary Sauls – 12	Donna Ragsdale – 25	Edna Luper – 20
Jennifer Moore – 13		Helen Ellerbe – 22
Karen Hicks – 17		
Sybil Edwards – 18		
Lorine Davis – 23		

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.