



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



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Message from President Lorine Davis

When my children were young, I heard Joan Lunden and Candace Bergen discuss the angst of balancing family and work. "When I'm at work, I'm thinking about my family and what I should be doing for them. When I'm with family, I'm thinking about work & what I should be doing there." These were women with the financial and influential wherewithal to have the best of everything. As women, we all strongly feel the pull of our roles and constantly strive for balance.

Years later, my children

are grownups. My time with them is just as precious to me, especially since it's sporadic and concentrated time on week-ends. I can only imagine how grandchildren will figure into the mix one day, pulling my heart strings even harder.

Work is consuming for me. I realize now that much of what I did at the Education Foundation (Has it really been almost 5 years ago?) was done because that's the way I thought it needed to be done. It was the "right" way. I

organized and did things that made it easier for the Foundation Board, for the donors, for the music teachers, for Showcase parents, for everyone but me. I'm still doing that as testing coordinator. Adding tasks that will make testing go more smoothly; adding tasks that will help teachers as they administer tests; adding tasks that will help students comply with testing rules; adding tasks that help administrators feel... **See**

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**President
Lorine Davis
2016-18**



Howard Best Award Recipient

The **Smithfield-Selma Chamber of Commerce** presented its annual awards at their 2017 annual meeting. One of this year's honorees was **Johna Faulconer**. She received the **Howard Best Award**. This award is sponsored by W. Landis Bullock Industrial Contractor Supply

Johna received this award for her outstanding contributions

to the work of the chamber of commerce's board of directors.

Currently she is the **Program Area Coordinator** in the **College of Education at East Carolina University**. She has been a member of Alpha Beta for the past two years after transferring from the Alpha Omicron Chapter.



**Johna Faulconer
receiving award from
Dwight Morris**

Courtesy of Smithfield-Selma Chamber of Commerce



Message From President (Cont.)

comfortable with the processes. Each extra task adds time to my workday and cuts into personal time.

Since my children aren't at home full time, I've found new ways to use personal time. Neal & I spend hours together discussing our work days, our children, our volunteer duties, and planning time with family. I have a dedicated sewing space now, and sewing and machine embroidery call me to complete interesting projects. Some projects are gifts, some are personal. I continue to be a handbell ringer, with practice almost every Wednesday at 6 pm. Making music with a group has added to my life since I became a band student as a rising fifth grader under Lee Rogers. I occasionally have time with my wonderful friends, but I admit

those are few and far between. I'm grateful for friends that squeeze me into their lives when I am able to squeeze them into mine! I do give Alpha Beta Chapter some time each month, but its demands are sporadic and I'm learning that if I put it off (and I do), the tasks will get done without consuming hours and hours. My friend Barbara Lee says that all tasks will consume the time we dedicate to get them done. I'm becoming a believer!

And then I look at my Alpha Beta sisters. Many of you have small children; many of you have grandchildren; you have aging parents, church, and social lives. You are busy women. Yet you find time to be some of the most professional women I know. You keep abreast of technology and politics and mentoring young educators. You are the women who are the heart and hands of Alpha Beta Chapter. I look up to you!

Thank you for your commitment to excellence. Thank you for taking time to think about Alpha Beta Chapter and growing as professional women educators. Thank you for dreaming of ways to enhance education and then acting on your dreams. Thank you for encouraging me! I am in awe of what we accomplish together. Appreciating our united walk, Lorine Email Lorine at:

alphabetapreslorine@gmail.com



This "Pencils" quilt just called me.

Alpha Beta Chapter Minutes/Treasurer's Report



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

Upcoming Alpha Beta Chapter Meetings

May 2, 2017

Sept. 26, 2017

Nov. 28, 2017



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 16**.

It's About Taking Time to Fellowship

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Lunch, Laugh and Learn

We want to celebrate one of our outstanding members, **Amy Stanley**, who is the **Director of Digital Learning and Innovation** for **Johnston County Schools**. She and her colleague, Pam Batchelor, Digital Learning Specialist, recently presented at the 37th annual Future of Educational Technology Conference (FETC) in Orlando, Fla.

Amy shared the Digital Learning team’s **Lunch, Laugh and Learn** strategy, which reinforces the idea that Learning can happen anywhere, learning can happen anytime, and learning can be fun. The Johnston County Digital Learning Team created Lunch, Laugh and Learn to show students and teachers that learning can happen anywhere, at anytime.

Lunch, Laugh, and Learn is a way for students to explore new technology and develop inquiry skills while having fun at lunch. Learning is a social and emotional

process. The students are engaged in a fun and personal way. The interactive stations include augmented reality apps, virtual reality with Google Cardboard, green screen pictures, stop motion video, Incredibots Music Creation, Makey Makey games, and coding with Sphero. Students are not required to visit all the stations, and the interactions are a non-threatening way to engage them with a new thought or idea in hopes that it might spark further exploration or even a career interest. We are so proud of Amy.

Courtesy of JCS—<http://jocoreport.com/jcs-digital-learning-team-presents-at-national-conference/>



Amy Stanley, Director of Digital Learning & Innovation and Pam Batchelor, Digital Learning Specialist, present at the Future of Educational Technology Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Let’s Stay Connected



Alpha Beta Chapter NC

🔒 Closed Group

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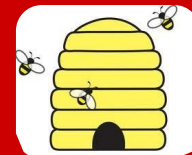


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Saving the Bees



THEY'RE CHANGING MEDICINE

Here are a few more interesting facts about honeybees. I hope you will find the information intriguing.

"To reinforce their hives, bees use a resin from poplar and evergreen trees called propolis. It's basically beehive glue. Although bees use it as caulk, humans use it to fight off bacteria, viruses, and fungi. Research shows that propolis taken from a beehive may relieve cold sores, canker sores, herpes, sore throat, cavities, and even eczema."

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



Show me the Money!

This is a friendly reminder. The **Executive Committee** decided to ask members to contribute any loose change, happy dollars or money you would spend on food donations i.e Supporting Beginning Teachers project to **RAFFLES**.

The funds collected from the raffles will be used towards several Alpha Beta projects. There will be **five (5)** really nice items to bid on at each meeting. So bring your dollar bills and let the fun begin.

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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 ?**

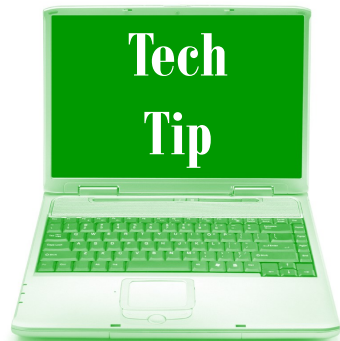
1. I have been teaching since 1987, almost 30 years.
2. I love to work in the yard and hope to be an official beekeeper in the next year or so.
3. I danced on a country western team and competed in a world country western dance competition.
4. I am a legitimate descendent of Blackbeard.



Find Name of Mystery Member on Page 7.



Tech Tip



Kahoot

<https://create.kahoot.it/>

Kahoot!

Here is a new Web 2.0 tool that I think you will love. You will be able to create a fun learning game in minutes called **"Kahoots"**. The games are made from a series of multiple choice questions. You can add videos, images and diagrams to your questions to amplify engagement!

The Kahoots are best played in a group setting, like a classroom. Players answer on their own devices, while games are displayed on a shared screen to unite the lesson – creating a 'campfire moment' – encouraging players to look up.

Social learning promotes discussion and pedagogical impact... whether players are in the same room or on the other side of the globe! After a game, encourage players to create and share their own Kahoots to deepen understanding, mastery and purpose.

Five Ways to Make a Kahoot Awesome

1. Do Some Research and Plan up Front

Do a bit of planning! Take time to make notes about the learning game, how it will be played, and the learners themselves.

2. Ask the Right Questions

When the research is complete, it's time to think about the specific questions and answers.

3. Make Sure Kahoot Holds all the Answers

Think up the *right* wrong answers, and make sure there is enough time on the clock for learners to work out the answer.

4. Get Creative with High Impact Images/Videos

Use high quality images, videos and animated gifs. It is an absolute must.

5. Take Learners on a Journey

Build a narrative or flow into your learning game by using questions as building blocks and use answers/images as natural segue for one question to the next.

Create a new kahoot



Quiz

Introduce, review and reward



Jumble

Brand NEW game



Discussion

Initiate and facilitate debate



Survey

Gather opinion and insight

- Create a fun learning game in minutes or choose from millions ready to play or adapt.
- Works on any device with an Internet connection.
- Zero setup time, no player accounts required and one-click gameplay.

Did you guess right? The **Mystery Member** highlighted on **Page 6** is **Karen Creech** ?.

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

2017 Eta State Convention

I have some exciting news to share. I am a member of the **Eta State Educational Law & Policy Committee**. In a brainstorming meeting about our proposal for the convention we decided to ask **Dr. June Atkinson** if she would participate in our session. June not only agreed, but President Shelia Groves has asked her to be a special guest of the convention and asked her to speak to the whole convention.



Dr. June Atkinson

I know that you will want to attend the conference to hear what Dr. Atkinson has to share. I would love to have a group from Alpha Beta attend the convention. We can discuss the details at our Feb. meeting. **Please don't hesitate, make your reservations TODAY!** Details are included below.

The Eta State Convention is **April 28-30, 2017** at the **Hilton Wilmington Riverside Hotel**. The **TownePlace Suites Wilmington-Wrightsville Beach** has been announced as the **overflow hotel**. For reservations, call **910-332-3326**.

Hope Harbor Home



Eta State NC President Sheila Groves and the Planning Committee have announced **Hope Harbor Home** as the **2017 Convention Project**. Hope Harbor Home is Brunswick County's only program offering around-the-clock response to victims of domestic violence and their children. Services include a fully staffed safe shelter and crisis hotline, support groups, victim advocacy, meals, clothing, and transportation. Hope Harbor also employs a Community Educator who conducts presentations in schools on issues such as bullying, dating violence, sexual harassment, self-esteem, and other topics aimed at promoting nonviolence among students and throughout the community.

During their 30 years of operation, thousands of women and children have found safe shelter and received services through Hope Harbor Home. Eta State NC members can support this organization through donations of gift cards, monetary contributions and items from the "wish list" posted on our state website. Please bring or send your contributions to the **2017 Eta State NC Convention in Wilmington.**

Please use the new url for our state web site -

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

Delta Kappa Gamma
promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

“Pave the Way for Memories”
Purchase an engraved paving brick in honor or memory of someone or to celebrate our chapter.
See details on **Pages 12 and 13.**

Eta State Rules Committee

The **2015-2017 Eta State Rules Committee** has prepared proposed bylaws and standing rules amendments for each member to study prior to the state convention. Please read carefully and consider the implications of the proposed changes. Chapters are encouraged to discuss the proposals and give input to chapter presidents. As members of the state Executive Board, presidents will help decide whether to recommend or not recommend adoption of each proposal. The Rules Committee chairman will present the Executive Board's position on each proposal to the membership session prior to the membership's decision to adopt or not to adopt proposed amendments. Please use this link to download the **2017 Proposed Amendments to Eta State Bylaws** and **Eta State Standing Rules**: http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2017prop_amendmentsncbylawssr.pdf. Bring a copy of the **Proposed Changes** to the Eta State Convention; **copies will not be provided**.



Courtesy of Eta Data—February 15, 2017

You Are Your Students' Voice

“ELP Committee Members are urged to pay close attention to Legislative and Executive actions at both the state and national levels and to take action when necessary. **“Take action” means calling, visiting or writing lawmakers, the governor and/ or the president** when they are considering laws or mandates that impact students, children or educators. In NC, lawmakers are in Raleigh Tuesday through Thursday, so members who do not live near Raleigh can visit or call their



Representative or Senator's home offices on Mondays or Fridays. Get together with fellow sisters and plan a visit today. Another option is to invite a lawmaker, even a local County Commission member, to a chapter meeting for an important Q&A session with prepared questions ready for member use. Stay informed by checking the NC Public Schools First website and the Raleigh News & Observer newspaper. In the near future, the Educational Law & Policy Committee will be conducting the 2017 Educational Issues Survey. Watch for it and be sure to complete the survey of priorities. Until the results of this survey are ready, use the current prioritized list of education issues found at Eta State's website, www.ncdkg.org. Click on Leadership, Committees, then Educational Law & Policy. The whitepaper is the first attachment. Stay vigilant, Sisters!” By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

Courtesy of Eta Data—February 15, 2017

Eta State



The **Spring 2017 Eta State News** is now ready for reading and sharing. The **color edition** can be found on the Eta State website at <http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/esnspring2017.pdf>. If you would like to print the **black and white issue** it is at <http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/esnspring2017bw.pdf>.

“Create the Future — Imagine, Inspire, Ignite”



News From Eta State President

President Sheila Groves would like for us to think about what we need to do to be prepared for the Eta State Convention. She wants us to read the proposed rules changes so we are ready to vote. She believes the Rules Committee has done a great job of bundling "like" items together so we can vote on them at one time.

To help us to be more prepared she has created a study guide for us!

- ☑ **Group I** deals with a change in terminology which aligns with the Constitution and does not suggest the process for selecting state personnel; "appointed personnel" changed to "related personnel."
- ☑ **Group II** identifies the state webmaster as a personnel position with a six year term. The selection process and reimbursement would be comparable to other state personnel.
- ☑ **Group III** offers clarification on several items: state officer positions identified in keeping with the Constitution, a proposed transition meeting for incoming and outgoing state officers, Executive Board action between board meetings, and termination of affiliation with Covenant for North Carolina's Children. Other items include adding two additional members to the Communications and Publicity Committee and making the Rising Star a permanent award.
- ☑ **Group IV** is a mash-up of odds and ends. The rationale for each one is enlightening. If we all come prepared to take action, the meeting will be productive and move along quickly. **I challenge you to be prepared to make data driven decisions.**



**President
Sheila Groves
2015-2017**

**Connect with
President Groves
svgeta97@gmail.com**

**Twitter
[@SheilaVGroves1](https://twitter.com/SheilaVGroves1)**

DKG International President



International President Carolyn Pittman has been thinking a lot about the importance of moving DKG forward with a **"stubborn on vision."** She wants us to consider our vision with a different perspective by saying them in reverse.

Worldwide; Worldwide Education; Worldwide Education Impacting; Worldwide Education Impacting Educators, Woman; Worldwide Education Impacting Educators, Woman Leading. She wants to know if you feel the power of our amazing organization that includes 74,000 women educations across the world.

We are a **Supportive Lifelong Learning Community/Organization for Women Educators** who grow professionally to make an impact locally and globally. She would like to ask us to consider the following questions:

1. Is **"the way we have always done it"** an impediment to forward movement?
2. Is a **ritual** more significant than substance?
3. Are our **practices/traditions/customs enhancements of or vision**, our mission, our purposes, our key message?
4. Are there ways we can **SIMPLIFY** our Society culture and structure to make them more supportive to enable each to be an engaged member?
5. Do we know **WHY** rules require what they do? Do they help us to be Leading Woman Educators Impacting Education Worldwide? She challenges us to **"be stubborn on vision and flexible on journey."**



**INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT
Carolyn
Pittman
2016-2018**

Mar. – August Birthdays



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

March	April	May
Darla Peedin - 9	Freddie Creech - 1	Terry Dickens – 1
Carol Massenburg - 13	Tracey Peedin-Jones- 14	Fran Riddick – 3
Angie Proctor - 14	Bess Ragsdale - 14	Trudy Farnell - 8
Allette Hale - 19	Frances Warren - 14	Rose Walker - 11
Renee Wiggs - 28	Olive Cooke - 16	Mary Sauls - 12
Marlene Sanders - 30	Katie Speer - 19	Jennifer Moore - 13
	Yvette Davis - 27	Karen Hicks - 17
		Sybil Edwards - 18
		Lorine Davis - 23
		Jennifer Foy - 27



June	July	August
Amy Stanley - 8	Stacy Holloman - 1	Amy Stanley - 8
Noela Sue Woodall - 9	Paula Bullock - 5	Noela Sue Woodall - 9
Kathy Hamilton - 13	Marjorie Harris - 8	Kathy Hamilton - 13
Tucker Twisdale - 19	Susan Jones - 14	Tucker Twisdale - 19
Heather Anders - 25	Ann Carper - 15	Heather Anders - 25
Lynn Ragsdale - 25	Edna Luper - 20	Lynn Ragsdale - 25
Karen Collins - 25		Karen Collins - 25

***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: karen.creech@ncpublicschools.gov. 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.

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



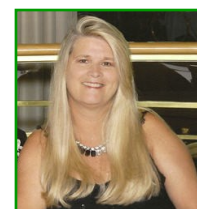
We have several members or their family members who are not doing well. I know they will appreciate you keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

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

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

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Message must be on official PINE HALL BRICK WORKSHEET.

**LASER ENGRAVING 4 X 8
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Leadership Development Seminar
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Eta State

June 23-25, 2017

Caraway Conference Center, 4756 Caraway Mountain Road, Sophia, N.C. 27350

Seminar Registration - Mail completed registration form to: Linda Little, 330 Topview Drives, Wilkesboro, N.C. 28697
Deadline for registration and payment: May 1, 2017 Make all checks payable to: Eta State
No refunds after June 1, 2017

Please type or print: **Use one form for each person.**

Title (Circle one): Dr., Miss, Mrs., Ms. _____
Last Name
First Name
Middle Initial

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Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

DKG Chapter Name: _____ DKG Chapter Region: _____ Number of Years in DKG: _____

Current Chapter Leadership Role (if any): _____

Number of Years in Education: _____ Current Position in Education: _____

Registration Fee: \$60.00
(includes accommodations for 2 nights with linens provided, 5 meals, and daily snacks)

****Once accepted, an additional \$15.00 skills assessment fee will be required and paid online prior to attending.****

Please select one of the following: My receipt can be sent to the email address listed above.
 I would prefer my receipt be included in my seminar packet.

Do you have dietary needs (specific food allergies?) _____

I request as my roommate: _____

A printed certificate indicating the number of contact hours will be provided.
If you have any questions about registration, accommodations, single occupancy, or meals, contact Linda Little at 252-671-9426 or clittle4@suddenlink.net.

Photo Release: By your attendance at this event you are granting your permission to be filmed, videotaped, audiotaped or photographed by any means and are granting full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation.

Disclaimer: Attendance is required for all sessions for the entire 3 day event. Also, your email address will become a part of a google group for networking.

This seminar is supported by ETA State as part of the mission to grow and nurture future leaders.

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