



Alpha Beta Bits

Delta Kappa Gamma International Society– Eta State, NC

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SEPTEMBER 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 27-29
2011**

Eta State
Convention
Cary, NC

**July 24-28
2012**

International
Conference
New York, NY

**April 26-28
2013**

Eta State
Convention
Charlotte, NC



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

Welcome to the start of a new school year. It's hard to believe that the year has begun when I feel like I just said goodbye to the class of 2011 at West Johnston High School.

It has been an enjoyable summer. I was fortunate to enjoy many afternoons with my daughter at our community pool and we were able to spend time at the coast with family and friends. Our house plans are still progressing, but it is a slow process.

As the new school year has begun, so too, has my calendar begun to fill with meetings, ball games, dance classes,

church events, due dates and deadlines. Several Alpha Beta members came together in August to plan our calendar for the year and brainstorm programs.

My appreciation goes out to Lorine Davis, Karen Creech, Becky Kuzmaul, and Lynn Ragsdale for giving their time and sharing their brains for our benefit. It was from this meeting that we determined the need for a fifth meeting to help committee members organize themselves for the coming year.

Plan we did! Several more Alpha Beta

members joined us September 10th to establish working outlines of committee expectations: Cathy Cox, Joyce Matthews, Carolyn Riddick, Mary Daughtry, Abby Salas, and Amy Stanley.

We can't wait for you to see what we've already accomplished as we strive to document the expectations of support for each of our committees!

Karen Creech has already sent out a list of Alpha Beta meeting dates so you can plot them on your calendars and plan around them.



Special Tribute to Anne Ogburn

The new library at Johnston Community College has just opened. In the back of the library is a children's room and it is going to be named for Anne Ogburn.

What a well-deserved tribute to one of our beloved members who dedicated her

life to education. It would be wonderful if Alpha Beta Sisters could attend the library dedication.

The ceremony is set for October. For more details, please contact the Johnston Community College Library at **919-464-2251**.





Message from President cont.

Looking at your calendar, this will be a busy year for our Alpha Beta chapter as we look to identify new leadership for the upcoming biennium and plan for our April convention in Cary.

Region III is hosting this year's convention at Embassy Suites off Harrison Avenue and Alpha Beta has accepted the task of creating the convention bags for the speakers and executive board members. I have been attending meetings as a part of the convention planning committee so I will have regular updates to share with you as we move through the year and approach the convention. I'm looking forward to seeing you October 4th to meet and share our busy year!



Jennifer Swartz, President, swartzwoman@gmail.com

Biography Update

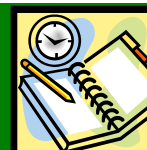


It is time for the Biography and Yearbook Committee to update our biographical data. Thanks in advance if you have provided your updated information to the committee. I have included a copy of the biography data sheet for your convenience on **Page 10** of this newsletter.

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 Oct. 4th Alpha Beta Chapter meeting.

Legislative Survey



The Educational Law & Policy Committee is interested in determining the topics that members feel are of greatest concern for educators in North Carolina. A survey has been created by Lynn Ragsdale asking members to rank topics in order of concern to you (1 being the highest).

To access the survey go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/EtaStateLegislativeSurvey>

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Lynn Ragsdale.



Mark Your Calendars



Saturday

December 3, 2011

Kenly Original Free Will Baptist Church

107 N. Webb Street
Kenly, NC

Music: Karen Parker

Show & Sell

Tuesday

February 7, 2012

First Christian Church
1001 South Crescent Drive
Smithfield, NC

Program

SECU Hospice House

Tuesday

April 10, 2012

Wilson's Mills Christian Church
179 Fire Department Road
Wilson's Mills, NC

Program

Installation of Officers

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



Legislative Update

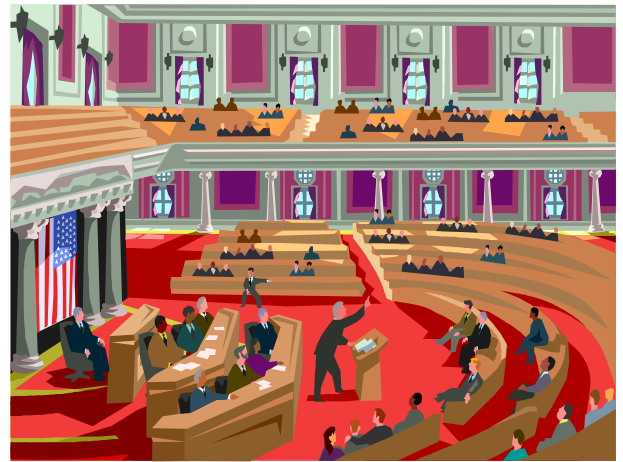
Eta State Legislative
Coordinator

Lynn Ragsdale

August 2011

It was a difficult session for educators this summer. It will be a difficult time next year unless our revenues in North Carolina increase considerably.

Our main mission this session was to get our name out to the Education, Education Appropriations and Appropriations Committee members. Early in this session an email was sent to all Education Committee members on the House and Senate side from President, Betty Marshall and me introducing DKG; another follow-up email was sent two weeks later.



I visited with or left DKG information with the following Senate members who were either on the Appropriations Committee (they decide how the money is spent) or the Education Committee (they decide policy) : Tom Apodaca, Linda Garrou, Neal Hunt, Buck Newton, Jean Preston, Dan Soucek, Richard Stevens and Jerry Tillman. Only one of these members was familiar with DKG, most asked if we were a sorority or teacher's group. The House side included: Martha Alexander, Hugh Blackwell, Tricia Ann Cothan, Rick Glazier, Mark Hilton, Bryan Holloway (Edu Com Chair), Linda Johnson JH Langdon, Marvin Lucas, Marian McLawhorn (DKG member), Norman Sanderson, and Edith Warren (DKG member) . Betty Marshall attended several meetings with me in May & June and our new President, Linda Little, attended meetings with me in July. Members we visited were very receptive and hopefully will remember Delta Kappa Gamma as the professional society we are.

At our convention members who were willing to email, write or call their legislative members signed up on an **Alert List**. Two alerts were sent to members regarding budget cuts and keeping the one cent sales tax. If you are interested on being added to this list please email me your name, address, zip at lharloe@hotmail.com.

The Legislature is returning September 12th to consider constitutional amendments, including eminent domain and the defense of marriage, and to vote on remaining vetoes. One topic that might be discussed is consolidating the community college system.

More info later.....**Lynn Ragsdale**, US Forum Representative & Legislative Coordinator - lharloe@hotmail.com



DialMyCalls continues to benefit us as an electronic communication tool. The tool comes in handy as a friendly reminder regarding participation in our quarterly meetings.

You might want to research this resource as a way to communicate with a group of students, parents, or church members. If you are not receiving a DialMyCall or want to learn how to use this communication tool, please contact Karen Creech.

For more info, go to <http://www.dialmycalls.com>



Eta State Convention



We are fortunate to have the convention so close to home! Cary is the site of the upcoming state convention **April 27th - 29th**. As a chapter in the host district, we want to participate and represent ourselves as a vibrant, committed chapter. Please put this on your calendar and join us for a great convention.

Membership Dues



It is time to pay our membership dues. Active members need to pay \$80 and Reserved members need to pay \$33.

Please make sure you make your checks payable to **Alpha Beta Chapter**. You can mail your check to **Becky Kuszmaul**, Treasurer. Her address is **2861 Yelverton Grove Road, Smithfield, NC 27577**. Also, you can bring your checks to our Oct. 4th meeting.



50/50 Raffle

The Executive Committee met this summer. One of the topics for discussion was how to bring in a little fun into supplementing our scholarship fund.

We decided to conduct a 50/50 raffle at our October meeting. So bring a handful of your dollar bills for a chance to win one of several prizes. We hope you have fun while helping to raise funds for a worthy cause.



Committee Planning Meeting



A very important lesson I believe we have learned from Jennifer's first year as President is the need for each Alpha Beta committee to have documentation of the committee's purpose, goals and objectives. Equally important, each member of the committee needs to know and understand the purpose of the committee and help define the yearly goals and objectives.

This year, one of Jennifer's goals is to have each committee chairman plan a meeting with the committee members to develop a notebook outlining the purpose of the committee and plans for 2011-12. If the membership of a committee changes, this notebook will provide new members with valuable information.

Another one of Jennifer's goals is to have committee members mentored before taking on the responsibility of a committee chairman so there is a smooth transition of information regarding roles and responsibilities. If you are interested in being the chairman of a committee or join a committee, please contact Jennifer.

Proposed Budget 2011-12



The following budget is being submitted for review. Please look over the budget for any corrections or adjustments that need to be made.

Becky Kuszmaul would like to have all corrections or adjustments to the budget completed by the October meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Becky at rkuszmaul@gmail.com. The budget is found on this page and on the following page.

Balance brought forward 7/1/2011	\$1,076.23
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Estimated Receipts	\$4,697.00
55 active dues @ \$80.00	4,400.00
9 reserve dues @ \$33.00	297.00

TOTAL of Balance and Budget Receipts	\$5,773.23
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Estimated Expenses	\$4,708.00
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Eta State, NC, Dues	3,025.00
55 active @ \$55.00	
9 reserve @ \$22.00	198.00
Eta State, NC, State Scholarship	64.00
64 @ \$1.00	
NCCF Alpha Beta Scholarship Fund,	64.00
64 @ \$1.00	
Maintenance of Asheboro Headquarters,	128.00
64 @ \$2.00	
World Fellowship Fund, 64 @ \$1.00	64.00
President's Expenses	100.00
President's Convention Expenses	300.00
Committee Expenses:	
Biography & Yearbook	100.00
Communication (including web site renewal)	75.00
Literacy	40.00
Membership	40.00
Necrology	40.00
Remembrances & Gifts	100.00
Scrapbook	100.00
Scholarship	40.00
Meeting Expenses	200.00
Other (i.e. DKG Supplies, President Pin, Checks, Cards, etc.)	30.00

Estimated Balance 6/30/2012	\$1,065.23
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Proposed Budget 2011-12 Continued



Alpha Beta Scholarship Fund (NC Community Foundation) \$29,418.72

Distributed in May 2011 3@\$250 \$750.00

Need available to distribute in May 2012
1 @ \$500 and 3 @ \$250 \$1,250.00

Available to distribute as of 6/30/2011 \$1,100.00

Dues—Active Member

Active Member International Dues 40

Eta State, NC, Dues 15

Alpha Beta Chapter Dues 20

Eta State, NC, Scholarship Fund 1

World Fellowship Fund 1

Alpha Beta Scholarship Fund (NCCF) 1

Maintenance of State Headquarters 2

TOTAL 80

Dues—Reserve Member

International Dues 20

Eta State, NC, Dues 2

Alpha Beta Chapter Dues 6

Eta State, NC, Scholarship Fund 1

World Fellowship Fund 1

Alpha Beta Scholarship Fund (NCCF) 1

Maintenance of State Headquarters 2

TOTAL 33

Alpha Beta Recruitment Grant Contributions since July 1, 2001

Contributions in 2009-2010 \$943.50

Contributions in 2010-2011 \$763.00

Contributions in 2011-2012 as of 7/11/2011 \$135.00

TOTAL \$1,841.50

Eta State Newsletter



The Eta State Executive Committee is making the *Eta State News* available to members through electronic delivery. If you are interested in receiving their newsletters by this method, please contact **Karen Creech**.

The headquarters' staff requests this information be sent by chapters rather than by individuals. Karen will collect this data and share on behalf of our Chapter. If you would like to download a PDF copy of the *Eta State News*, you can go to the Eta State Web page at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/EtaDataSeptember2011.pdf>

Membership Directory

It is time for us to make sure the information we have on file in the membership directory is up-to-date before we send the directory to the printer.

We will have a computer set up at the October meeting so you can look at your personal information to make sure it is correct. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you have 2 options:

1. Go to the following Google doc and update your information:
<http://tinyurl.com/AlphaBetaDirectory>
2. Send your address, phone number and email address to Karen Creech.



**f We're on
Facebook**

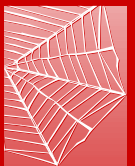
Alpha Beta Society
International

If you are interested in following us on Facebook, you can find us by searching for **Alpha Beta Society International**. Amy Stanley, one of our newest members, is going to help monitor our Facebook page.

If you are not an avid Facebook fan, don't worry. We will only share meeting information or messages we will be sharing in an email or our newsletter. We know there are a lot of "Facebook Fans" in our chapter and we want to take advantage of another communication tool.

If you have questions about our Facebook page, or need help, please contact Amy at thestanley4@gmail.com.

Chapter Web site



We are looking at revising our Chapter Web site. Webmaster Karen Creech and Amy Stanley want your feedback. Share what you like, what needs to be changed, or share ideas for new Web pages.

Our Web site is a powerful communication tool. Eta State leaders and other chapters have an opportunity to learn 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>

Master Certified Health Education Specialist



Cynthia Toudle was one of 812 health education specialists who earned their Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) credential from the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. (NCHEC).

During this process, MCHES EDO applicants documented advanced-level practice in the field of health education and had recommenders attest to their performance and competence levels. Congratulations to Cynthia for her outstanding contribution to health education.

Schools for Africa Project



Official Project of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Project Overview

What is the Schools for Africa Project?

A joint campaign founded in 2004 by UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and Hamburg Society for the Promotion of Democracy and International Law to promote education for children in Africa. In 2010 DKG voted to make this its first official international project.

Which African nations are part of the project?

Originally, six countries were part of the project: **Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa** and **Zimbabwe**. In September of 2009, **Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali, Ethiopia** and **Madagascar** were added.

For a detailed map of these countries, go to <http://www.internetworldstats.com/africa.htm>

How can I support the Schools for Africa Project?

Monetary donations can be made using the form on the brochure designed by UNICEF for DKG members. The brochure is available from Society Headquarters or from the DKG Web site.

UNICEF **cannot** accept material donations, such as school supplies or books for this project.

Send **ALL** donations to UNICEF, not DKG HQ.

How will donations be used for the children?

Use of the funds varies with the needs of the children in the eleven countries being served. Some ways in which your donation might be used include:

- Building or rehabilitating schools
- Providing clean water and separate sanitation facilities for boys and girls
- Supplying books, pens, furniture, and other school and sports materials

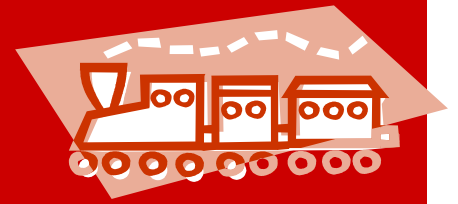
Question to Ponder

HOW can Alpha Beta support the **Schools for Africa Project?**

COULD this be a program our chapter adopts this year?

Find additional information on the **DKG Web site**.

All Aboard...Raleigh to NY City



July 23-30, 2012

Consider sharing the fellowship and fun as we travel together with a group rate that rivals airfare, heading to New York City for our International Convention, uniting our DKG sisterhood!

Whether you are a first-timer or a seasoned convention goer, this is a wonderful opportunity! Preliminary plans are being made for Eta State sisters to travel together. Raleigh has been selected as the departure city, with the best round-trip fare.

Depending on the interest and commitment of our members, we will make definite and final arrangements early. Please consider this and make your commitment!

Departure Plan:	7- 23-12 at 8:54 am aboard Train 92
	Leave Raleigh Arrive in NY Penn Station at 7:18 pm
	Sheraton Inn, downtown NYC is the convention hotel.
Return Plan:	Leave Penn Station, Monday, July 30, 2012 at 7:05 am
	Arrive in Raleigh at 4:42 pm
Round Trip Cost:	\$165- \$175 inclusive (coach class)

If you are interested, please indicate your intent by **October 15th**. As more definitive plans are being made you will be asked to make your full payment for the round trip travel. For now, merely express your interest!

Contact:

Dr. Judith B. Carlson

carlsonjb@bellsouth.net or phone 828 264-2414



Eta State

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North Carolina now has its 108th
Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter,
Delta Tau Chapter located in Kings Mountain, NC.
Connie Phifer Savell is the new president.



Alpha Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma

Name: _____

Birthplace, Date: _____

Husband: _____

Children: _____

Parents: _____

Church Membership: _____

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: _____

Aug. – Jan. Birthdays



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

August	September	October
Debbie Woodruff – 1	Kelli Sanderford – 2	Glenda Toler – 4
Cynthia Toudle – 5	Mary Nell Ferguson – 4	Mary Ann Lee – 22
Iris Scarborough – 9	Ramona Cash – 5	Karen Creech – 22
Mary Fred Daughtry – 25	Dorothy Driver – 6	Terri Sessoms – 25
	Becky Kuszmaul – 11	
	Carol Blakely – 19	
	Sistie Wells – 22	
	Mary Helen Wyatt – 23	
	Laura Faye Canady – 24	
	Betty Ferrell – 28	

November	December	January
Karen Parker – 2	Susan Auman – 5	Sandra Boyette – 2
Janice White – 5	Margaret Lee Walker – 6	Debra Avery – 4
Eloise Bonds – 11	Leona Parrish – 10	Joyce Matthews – 13
Barbara Barnes – 14	Abby Salas – 15	Cathy Olive – 16
	Martha Bradshaw – 27	Eve Creech – 17
		Jennifer Swartz – 27
		Ann Parrish – 28
		Glenda Hales – 31

SPECIAL NOTE

If you have a birthday in August–January and you do not see your name in the list, please contact Karen Creech. 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.

Thoughts and Prayers



We have several members who are not doing well. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

- Barbara Barnes
- Dorothy Driver
- Iris Scarborough
- Amy Stanley's Sister
- Cynthia Toudle
- Margaret Walker

If you would like to add someone to the 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