



Alpha Theta Keynotes



Surry County/Mount Airy Chapter, Eta State, North Carolina Region IX

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women.



From the President's Pen

Greetings Alpha Theta!

Our new year begins with the introduction of a new theme from our NC DKG president, Dr. Teresa H. Cowan! Her theme, "Ready, Set, GROW!", centers around the welcoming need for adaptation as DKG moves into the future. I believe our chapter has done a great job "keeping with the times" and will continue to move forward in new endeavors that support women in education. What will the next 90 years look like for NC DKG? What is Alpha Theta willing to do for this Society?

I look forward to our September meeting as we look upon the growth goals of our chapter on Saturday, September 7th. We will conduct our business meeting and take time to work within our chapter committees. We will also induct two new candidates for membership. What a wonderful way to begin another season of DKG.

Yours respectfully,
Jennifer Freeman
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Breakfast and Business Meeting
Saturday, September 7, 9:00 am
First Baptist Church, Mt. Airy

Cost: \$9.00

Program: Business and Committee Meeting

Induction of new members

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Janet Atkins **no later than noon, September 3rd**. Janet's contact information is:

Phone: (336) 374-5925 **Email:** janet.atkins777@gmail.com

If you are not able to attend, PLEASE let us know so that we don't have to bill you for the meal cost.

2019-2021 NC DKG Theme

Ready, Set, **GROW!**

Cultivate fellowship with **G**enerations of DKG members

Nurture membership with **R**esearch-based strategies

Energize members with **O**pportunities for leadership

Develop chapters with **W**ell-defined programs

You **GROW**, girl!



Acts of Kindness

Our project this month is new or very gently used children's books to be distributed by the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center.

Bring them on!

Future projects will be determined at the Business Meeting in September.



Chapter News



Congratulations to our Alpha Theta sister, **Rhonda Jackson**, for receiving the honorable recognition as **2019-2020 Stokes County Principal of the Year**. Rhonda currently serves as Principal of Southeastern Middle School and is one of our most recently inducted members. We send best wishes to Rhonda as she moves on to the Regional Principal of the Year competition.

Congratulations to our Alpha Theta sister, Marie Niland on her retirement from Mount Airy City

Schools! Best wishes to you as a new chapter begins!

Do you have news to share with your Alpha Theta sisters? Be sure to contact a member of the publicity and marketing committee.

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Sept. 7th Alpha Theta Breakfast and Business Meeting
- Sept. 14 NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting
- Sept. 15 International Speaker Fund applications due
- Sept. 15 Applications due for International Officers and Elected Committees positions
- Sept. 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due
- Oct. 1 Amendment proposals to International Constitution/ISR due
- Oct. 1 Submission deadline for the Bulletin: Journal
- Nov. 1 DKGEF Cornetet Seminar PD applications due



Southeast Regional Conference! June 27-29, 2019 – Arts and Humanities!!

Here are the facts: The Arts & Humanities International Conference

was held in Asheville, June 27-29. North Carolina welcomed 480 DKG members and guests from 22 states and 2 countries for three days of fellowship, engagement and inspiration! More than 80 NC members served in volunteer roles throughout the weekend. Chapters from across the state created centerpieces exhibiting the uniqueness of their area. Small pottery bowls, handmade by local members, were given as theme night favors.

Now for the fun: Debbie Merritt and Becky Keesler represented our chapter at the conference in Asheville and we had a blast! The theme interpretation and local cultural heritage were expressed beautifully through the Artisan demonstrations and Arts and Humanities theme night on Thursday featuring the Whitewater Bluegrass Co. and the J. Creek Cloggers. The upbeat event put smiles on all faces and set the tone for the weekend. The workshops were inspiring – with sessions to help strengthen DKG, inspire local chapters, or just make you a better person. The opportunity to volunteer as well as to spend time with DKG sisters from our state and across the county was truly a privilege. On Friday, we heard Dr. Kevan Frazier, an Asheville native and WCU educator share the history and culture of the area, and then spent an evening “on the town” with our fellow NC DKG sisters, enjoying old friends and making new ones. Saturday brought more workshops, more shopping in the craft marketplace, and a rousing conclusion to the conference with an inspiring and hilarious presentation by Sheila Kay Adams, seventh-generation ballad singer and storyteller from Sodom, NC!!! Check out the pictures and more details in the Fall edition of the NCDKG Newsletter.

And for the future: We want YOU to join us at future events such as this. It was a great experience and we are healthier for it – both mentally and physically (the quarter mile one-way trip from our room to the event center helped!). Here are a couple of suggestions for you to join in the outside-the-local-chapter opportunities: May 1-3, 2020 NC DKG Convention Embassy Suites Greensboro, and July 7-11, DKG International Convention Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Philadelphia, PA. The two of us are IN – come join us!

August

- 17 Mona Griffin
- 21 Carol Dunning
- 21 Tonya Fulk

September

- 5 Debbie Merritt
- 6 Lucy Ellen Gwyn
- 7 Becky Keesler
- 10 Ashley Jones
- 12 Paula Brinkley
- 19 Kathy Hemmings
- 23 Gloria Bunn
- 30 Laura Horton
- 30 Chelsey Payne

October

- 2 Sharlene Mills
- 4 Kristan Gallimore
- 6 Callie Smith
- 10 Carla Coble
- 11 Maud Randolph
- 14 Catherine Wolfingbarger
- 16 Ann Simpson
- 19 DeAnne Danley
- 23 Elizabeth Branch
- 27 Tanya Hall
- 27 Terry Marcum

November

- 1 Pat Widdowson
- 4 Heather Horton
- 6 Marie Niland
- 9 Becky Payne
- 11 Carole Kerley
- 12 Donna Boyles

State Name Change Adopted

Members attending the state convention in early May voted to pass all the presented amendments to the state Bylaws and Standing Rules, thus making the name change official—Eta State is now The North Carolina State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, abbreviated as **NC DKG**.

Alpha Theta Awarded for Achievement

**2019 Chapter Achievement:
Distinctive Achievement Award
2019 Newsletter Excellence Award
2019 Website Excellence Award
Congratulations Ladies!**

Congratulations to our 2019-2020 Grant-in-Aid Recipient

The award of \$1,000 for the school year 2019-2020 has been presented to

Anna Burcham, a graduate of North Surry High School. She will be attending Salem College in the fall.

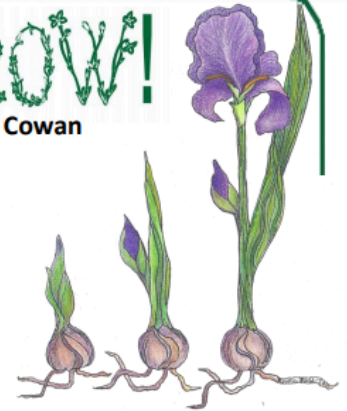
Thank YOU for supporting our Grant-in-Aid Fund. Only through your contributions are we able to undertake this worthwhile project.

Remember that you can donate in honor or in memory of someone at anytime. The scholarship committee will send to the person or to their family an acknowledgement note.

Ready, Set, GROW!

With President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan
NC DKG President

**New Construction,
Remodeling or
Renovation:
Is there a Need in
NC DKG?**



Construction, like growth, can be messy! With that as a given, ponder this question: *In order for NC DKG to Ready, Set, GROW! does it need to undergo construction?*

Should it be completely disassembled and rebuilt?
No! *New construction is not the answer.*

Does it need a change to its organizational structure?
No! *Remodeling is not the answer?*

But is it time to modernize, time to step forward while looking back to our Society's Mission, Vision and Purposes, and time to "fix" what is no longer effective? If so, it is time that NC DKG consider *Renovation*. Yes! *Renovation* could be the answer!

Renovation would encourage NC DKG to evaluate its entire structure, starting with its foundation—its Mission, Vision and Purposes. Building upon a solid foundation the Society can GROW! But what about the structural framework? If the framework is intact and functional, keep it and *utilize it to its fullest potential*. Next, open doors and peek behind every nook and cranny. What needs refreshed, what needs replaced, and what needs more attention to detail?

Think about the idea of renovation as you read the monthly *Eta Data*. In NC DKG the foundation is solid and the framework is intact, but are we utilizing both for Societal growth? Ideas presented are efforts toward just that and are attempts to refresh, replace and attend to detail.

Renovation efforts are key to NC DKG as we Ready, Set, GROW!

April Meeting Highlights



Alpha Theta's new members!

Cindy shares a tribute to Mrs. Randolph.



Becky Keesler, our NC DKG Region IX Director, tells a special story in her presentation.



New chapter members participate in Induction ceremony

Minutes from April, 2019 Meeting

President Jennifer Freeman welcomed all members and guests. The Mission Statement was read in unison by members then Mrs. Angie Graham led the group in the singing of the DKG song. President Jennifer Freeman and Second Vice President Sue Jarvis led the Induction Ceremony of the new members. The new members are: Arden Browder, Kristan Gallimore, Rhonda Jackson, Ashley Jones, Linda Lane, Deanne Moore, and Tracie Whitaker. Brenda Whitaker shared an inspiration on volunteering and then blessed the meal. Second Vice President Sue Jarvis and Donna Boyles recognized members with one year of service. President Jennifer Freeman introduced Cindy Wilson who shared a special tribute to Mrs. Maud Randolph. President Jennifer Freeman introduced our guest speaker, Mrs. Rebecca Keesler, Regional Director, Region IX. She shared about the theme of SPARKLE and the three challenges for the chapter: to reflect on heritage, to improve one area of chapter life, and to improve one area of personal life. President Jennifer Freeman shared the project she completed from being awarded the NC DKG Education Foundation Grant.

President Jennifer Freeman led the business portion of the meeting. The minutes from the February, 2019 meeting and the Treasurer's Report were approved as presented in the newsletter. Cindy Wilson from Finance Committee reminded all members that dues would now be due by June 1. Becky Keesler from Rules Committee shared that lots of changes would be coming in May. Becky Keesler made the following motion: Alpha Theta requests that the Eta State Executive Board begin the process to establish a new chapter in Stokes County to be chartered in the Spring of 2020. This motion was seconded by Debbie Merritt. All members in favor said I. Laura Horton from Scholarship Committee shared that applications were sent out and they were waiting for some to be returned. Door prizes were handed out by Susan Gentry. President Jennifer Freeman adjourned the meeting.

The members read in unison the Mission statement and then the meeting was adjourned by President Debbie Merritt. She reminded members the next meeting would be September 8, at First Baptist Church at 9am.

Website becomes more accessible

The DKG website now includes a new feature! Members can click on the accessibility widget found at the bottom left of each page. Doing so will offer the option to change the contrast, enlarge or highlight the text, enlarge the cursor, and even have the page read to the viewer. Although the widget cannot read text located within an image or graphic, it can read text that is directly on the web page.



Treasurer's Report - 2019-2020 Proposed Budget

Alpha Theta Budget 2019-2020					
Estimated Income	Estimated Expenses		2018-2019	Actual	2019-2020
2019-2020					
Dues	4054	Convention Expense for President(half the room/.32 @	400	558.31	400
Meals	2595	Contingency Fund	125	102.87	125
Silent Auction	602.74				
Initiation Fees	80	Dues(state & International & initiation fees)	4200	4266.50	4385
Grant-in-Aid	1014	ETA State Headquarters(Maintenance Fund)	170	162	168
World Fellowship	145	Flowers & Gifts (Memorials,Speakers, New Members	100	23.54	100
Total	8490.74	New Officers, Reserve Members)			
		Grant-In-Aid	1000	1000	1000
		Leadership Training for All Officers	160	269.86	250
		(Registration Fees/Travel Reimbursement)			
Grant-in-Aid		Local Initiatives and Literacy Fund	100		100
Current Balance	602.5	Mailing Expenses:	150	148.88	100
Expected Income	500	(Stamps for Treasurer, Correspondence, Scholarship)			
Expected Disburser	1000	Meals	2300	2595	2500
		Membership Expenses:	175	198.91	200
Actual Receipts 18-19	1014	(Name tags, Supplies, Meals, Initiation Expenses)			
		Mentoring New Teachers	100	115.50	150
		Newsletter Expenses	125	12.42	100
		Printing Expenses:	50	61.38	65
		(Member handbooks/Other copies)			
		Schools for Africa(International)	10	10	10
		Social Committee Fund(\$25 per meeting)	60	107.30	100
		World Fellowship (whatever amount donations are)	145	145	
			9370	9777.47	9753.00

Dues Breakdown for 2019-2020	Active(76)	Reserve(5)	Honorary(3)		
International	40	20			
State	15	2			
Chapter	12		12		
Yearbook	2		2		
State Scholarship	1	1			
Total	70	23	14		
Current Membership	5320	115	42	Total collection	5477
Total Kept By Chapter	1050	0	42	Amount Kept by Chapter	1092
				Amount Sent to DKG	4385

DKG shouts, “Calling All Artists!”

Perhaps you are an artist looking to share your inspirational creativity. If so, the **Arts and Humanities Jury** has a category designed to showcase your particular talent:

- Writing | essay, short story, playwriting, poetry.
- Performance Art | dance, dramatics, filmmaking, music, original composition, oratory.
- Visual Arts: 2D | acrylic, charcoal, color pencil, Graphite, mixed media, oil, pastel, pen and ink, printmaking, watercolor, photography (black and white, color).
- Visual Arts: 3D | basketry, ceramics, jewelry, poetry, quilts, sculpture, textiles, woodcarvings.

Is one category too limiting? A new Multi-Media category allows artists to combine one or more categories. The sky’s the limit! Combine poetry or other writing with photography or 2D art. Combine playwriting or musical composition with a performance video. Website resources explain the **updated rubrics**, many featuring definitions to guide you successfully throughout the submission process. August 15 - September 15 will be the next opportunity to submit to the jury. Start working on the inspirational piece you will share with fellow DKG members. Need some artistic inspiration? **Visit the DKG Fine Arts Gallery** and spend some time viewing, reading, and watching artists in action. Go to dkg.org, and scroll to the bottom. Look for the Art Gallery icon or type in **<http://gallery.dkg.org>**.

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Julie Taylor, Recording Secretary;

Dana Thomas, Corresponding Secretary;

Cindy Wilson, Treasurer;

Becky Keesler, Parliamentarian

Tech Tip

Public HotSpots

- Public hotspots are a wonderful resource, but your
- security should always be top of mind when you
- use them. Always refrain from entering
- passwords or any sensitive data, like banking
- information or your social security number. Make
- sure you are only accessing secure sites. Look for
- URLs that begin with “https” — these are often
- highlighted in browsers with a “lock” icon.