



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

Dear Alpha Theta Members,

January always reminds me of fresh beginnings and positive change. I love the promise of the New Year and all the possibilities that exist for us and our future. I am especially looking forward to our next meeting, where we will host a local teacher, Mayghan Watson. Many of you know that Mayghan teaches in a less traditional classroom - outdoors on her farm! We will also continue with our special member recognition and discuss prospective members of Alpha Theta. How exciting! On a final note, I encourage you to give toward the Grant-in-Aid Fund at our next meeting. We are currently short of reaching our goal by about \$300. The finance committee recommends members contribute \$15.00, but any amount is graciously accepted. Happy new year to all. May this day, and the many days ahead be blessed with God's unending love. Psalm 90:17

Sincerely,
Jennifer Freeman
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WEAR PINK AND RED

Saturday, February 2 9:00AM
Breakfast and Guest Speaker, Mayghan Watson
Mountain View Restaurant, Pilot Mountain
 Meeting room is downstairs.

Cost: \$11.00

REGRETS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, JANUARY 28

Contact Carole Kerley, phone: 336-789-3134

Email: cskerley@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.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

March

- 3 Jodi Southern
- 9 Linda Brown
- 13 Kathy White
- 24 Tonya Fletcher
- 25 Barbara Luffman
- 25 Lorrie Sawyers
- 27 Cindy Wilson
- 31 Sue Jarvis

April

- 2 Janet Atkins
- 3 Linda Vaughn
- 4 Betty Patterson
- 5 Anita Goins
- 9 Brenda Whitaker
- 16 Keasha Rice
- 26 Dawn Marion
- 29 Linda Self

May

- 13 Teresa Haymore
- 26 Shannon Boles
- 27 Terrea Wall

Acts of Kindness for February
The Shepherd's House
Restoring Hope, Rebuilding Lives

Donate:
toilet paper
bottled water
paper towels

Thank you for Supporting the
Salvation Army Angel Tree
program in December!



December Meeting Highlights

A wonderful time had by all!
Special thanks goes to Dr.
Sandy George for inspiring
us all with her riveting
speech about her personal
rise in leadership. The
annual Alpha Theta Silent
Auction brought \$602.74.



Chapter News

We Remember Mrs. Maxine Moore Hamilton

Mrs. Maxine Moore Hamilton, 95, of Mount Airy, passed away Thursday, December 13, 2018. She was born January 21, 1923, in Thomasville, the older of two daughters of Max and Carrie Underwood Moore. Maxine and her sister, Priscilla, shared many fun adventures growing up together in Thomasville. She attended Thomasville High School, where she was president of her senior class. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a degree in chemistry, a rarity for a woman in those days. With few jobs for women chemists in North Carolina, she accepted a job with CALCO Chemical Company in Bound Brook, NJ, where she was the only woman serving on the laboratory staff. Maxine returned to North Carolina to marry John R. Hamilton in December 1945, after his return from service with the Marines in the Pacific Theater. They moved to Mount Airy in 1950, where she joined her husband in the field of education. She started her teaching career at Beulah School, a small rural community in Surry County, where she taught high school English. She and her husband enjoyed some of the happiest years of their lives at Beulah as they established their careers and contributed to the education of young students. In 1955, Maxine accepted a job in the Mount Airy school system, where she began a twenty-five year career teaching biology. She felt blessed to have the opportunity to share her love of science and nature with so many wonderful students. She developed friendships with them that lasted a lifetime. She was honored many times during her career by her students and fellow faculty members, including Teacher of the Year and Favorite Teacher. Maxine ended her career in 1982 after more than 30 years of teaching.

Maxine was a faithful member of Central United Methodist Church in Mount Airy, where she served for many years as a leader in the Methodist Youth Fellowship and as a Sunday school teacher. She loved Mount Airy and was active for many years as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, Yokefellow Ministry, and The Mount Airy Museum of Regional History. For 52 years, she was a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Her friends will always remember her as a person who put others before herself and for making others feel appreciated and valued. Her family, friends, and former students always will cherish the quiet times they spent with her discussing religion, science, a new book, or "life." She was an amazing listener.

Maxine will be remembered by her family as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Always a teacher, she taught her grandchildren and great-grandchildren to have a "lively curiosity" and they were always gifting her with bugs, worms, sand crabs and seashells, and showering her with intriguing questions. There was no better "Grannie." She started many cherished family traditions, including an annual June family reunion in Ocean Isle, which has continued for 40 years.

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In addition to her parents, Maxine was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, John R. Hamilton, Jr. She is survived by her son, John R. Hamilton, III and his wife, Ona, of Huntsville, AL; a son, Neil Hamilton and his wife, Anna, of Benicia, CA; a daughter, Lynn Dickens and her husband, Scotty, of Winston-Salem; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; a sister, Priscilla Joyce of Thomasville; a sister-in-law, Barbara Hepler of Thomasville; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express a special thank you to Brighton Gardens of Winston-Salem and Helen Gordon of Mount Airy for their love and caring support of Maxine.

Minutes from December, 2018 Meeting

Alpha Theta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met December 1, at Dobson First Church. President Jennifer Freeman called the meeting to order. Members choral read the Mission Statement. Angie Graham led the group in the singing of the DKG song. First Vice President Carla Coble led the Inspiration and prayer. Marion Venable gave "directions" for the Silent Auction. A delicious breakfast and fellowship were enjoyed. Second Vice President Sue Jarvis led Special Member Recognition for those with 10 to 19 years of membership, as well as shared Membership Committee information. President Jennifer then presented approval of minutes and treasure's report as in minutes. Corresponding Secretary Dana Thomas shared an update on Pat Everette. First VP Carla introduced Dr. Sandy George, who shared with the group how she became the leader she is today. There were on committee reports. President Jennifer had three announcements/business for the group: 1. Thank you for Acts of Kindness 2. Dues will need to be paid by May 2019 3. Discussion on Alpha Theta identifying a DKG member and donating classroom supplies. She will continue with this and update us later. Debbie Merritt shared with the group President Jennifer's grant she received. Jennifer will be sharing more information with us at a later meeting. Christmas fun was enjoyed by all led by Angie Graham while Silent Auction totals were completed. Door prizes were given. Silent Auction results were shared. President Jennifer adjourned the meeting.

Trouble Logging In to the DKG Website?

It may be time to update your password. Your password for logging into the member side of the DKG website must be at least seven characters long and contain at least one number. The rotator directs you to click on the sign in page and then "forgot password" to reset it using the new guidelines.

Hey! Let's go to Convention!!

The Eta State NC 2019 Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hickory Hotel May 3-5.

Alpha Theta has reserved rooms for any members wishing to attend. The Saturday afternoon sessions are always a popular part of the convention and afford learning and sharing opportunities. Strands for topics include DKG Society, Professional Growth, and Personal Growth.

International President Cathy Daugherty of Virginia will be Eta State NC's Society Representative at the May 2019 convention in Hickory!

Please consider joining us for a great time!

- DKG NEWS: SCHOLARSHIP
- APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 1ST
- Are you seeking an advance degree? There are up to 30 scholarships available to members seeking to further their education. Those seeking an advanced degree and have been a member for at least a year may apply for a \$6,000 scholarship. Members who have been in DKG for at least three years and working on a doctorate may apply for a \$10,000 scholarship. Start preparing your application, now, and request the required supporting documents. The scholarship application may be found on the international website. Go to DKG.org and click on **Apply/Submit**. Then click **Applications**.

Treasurer's Report

DKG Account Summary Nov. 10 - Jan. 6

Beginning Balance		\$2,225.96	
Income			
Meals		525.00	
Grant-in-Aid		51.00	
Dues		1,699.00	
Silent Auction		602.74	
World Fellowship		145.00	
Total Income		\$3,022.74	
Balance		\$5,248.70	
Disbursements	CK#		
Central Cafe Catering	5714	353.10	December Meal
Sandy White	5715	28.07	Hospitality & Meal
Airmont Florist	5716	11.77	Rose for Memorial - Maxine Hamilton
Total Disbursements		\$392.94	
Ending Balance of All Accounts		\$4,855.76	
Grant-in-Aid/Scholarship Account		\$1,217.50	
Income		51.00	
Moved from Account		20.00	Honorarium for Guest Speaker
Grant-in-Aid Balance		\$1,288.50	
Balance Minus Grant-in- Aid		\$3,567.26	

Important Change in Dues Payments

We want to make you aware that there is a new system being put in place statewide and this year we will be paying our dues in June. The deadline for final payment will be June 30. More information will come as soon as our treasurer is trained at the convention in May. As far as we know our dues should remain at \$70 for Active members and \$23 for Reserve members.

Tech Tip

When texting on your cell, tap the spacebar twice to add a period to the end of your sentence.

Calendar of Events

- Jan. 15 International Conference workshop and takeaway proposals due
- Jan. 16 Eta State NC Treasurer's applications due
- Feb. 1 Nominations for Founders Award due
- Feb. 1 85th Birthday Celebration Recognition nominations due
- Feb. 1 Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Award applications due
- Feb. 1 Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Annual Report due
- Feb. 1 Scholarship applications due for Eta State and DKG International
- Feb. 1 Eta State NC Convention Workshop Session proposal forms due
- Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submissions due

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International Conference: Arts & Humanities Crown Plaza, Asheville, NC June 27-29

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.....experience this international conference with an arts and humanities theme.

Potential topics include:
Storytelling, Music, Books, Writing

Find more information on DKG.org