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President's Corner

In July most of you responded to a survey which guided our direction this fall. We changed our meeting months but kept the same time. We restructured our committees and meeting agendas so that committees are able to discuss business during every meeting. This newsletters includes updates from each committee.

I'd like to thank Ashee Garrison for facilitating our first activity, sharing compliments with each other, and Joyce Hodges for giving our blessing before dinner. My vision is to leverage the talent and expertise of our members, using the DKG platform, to impact our profession here and abroad. Together, we will support beginning teachers and each other.

As you reflect on the past year, I hope your reflection generates joy, satisfaction, and gratitude. Ask yourself:

- Are my goals aligned with my priorities?
- How do I spend my time?
- What is my desired legacy or contribution to my family? My church? My community?
- And what do I need to do to reach my goals?

Reflection often prompts growth or change. It may be helpful to track how you use your time. Take advantage of this season to make a plan and achieve your goals, both professional and personal.

Our next meeting is January 24 @ 9:30 at Highland Country Club for brunch and an auction with our sister chapter. If you are unable to attend, you can drop off items for auction at my house after Jan. 3, 2015.

Look forward to seeing each one of you then!

Sue Grizzard

Important Dates:

Chapter Meetings- for Biennium:

March 19, 2015
September 24, 2015
November 19, 2015
January 21, 2016
March 17, 2016

April 24-26, 2015

Eta State Convention,
Chapel Hill, NC

June 15-18, 2015

Eta State Leadership Development Seminar,
Raleigh, NC

July 15-18 2015

Southeast Regional Conference, Savannah, GA

July 5-9, 2016

DKG International Convention, Nashville, TN



Education and World Excellence Committee Update

Our yearbook will be updated as information becomes available.

Several projects to support new teachers were discussed. Check out these ideas!

- ⇒ 50/50 raffle will be held at each meeting with the winner receiving the prize and the opportunity to take the other 50% to her school of choice. At future meetings the proceeds will be matched by corporate gifts (if approved). Therefore, the amount to be given to the teacher would be doubled!
- ⇒ Alpha Tau will host a “white elephant” auction on alternating years with the proceeds going to provide financial support to beginning teachers.

Have other suggestions?

Please share with co-chairs Thelma Lou Gaines or Melody Boyd.

WANTED! Auction items for the January meeting are needed. This is a **FUN**draiser but it takes our donations to make it work. If you cannot attend the meeting, you may drop items off at Sue Grizzard’s home after January 3.

Happy Birthday to YOU!

December 10

Judy Hall

December 23

Karen Roberts

February 8

Joyce Hodges

February 17

Lori Evans



Updates from Membership Committee

Please share your birthday (day and month only - since we are all 29 there is not need to include the year) to Ashlee Garrison. We would love to share birthday wishes with you on your special day.

The committee is planning new ways to support and retain our members because our





Evelyn Snyder, beginning teacher at Owen Elementary School

Supporting New Teachers

Our November meeting was held at the home of President Sue Grizzard. Her hospitality was much appreciated. After a "soup"er supper, committees meet to plan for upcoming events, evaluate current goals, and brainstorm new ideas. At the conclusion of our meeting, the Educational and World Excellence committee presented Sue Grizzard with \$45 to give to a beginning teacher at Owen Elementary School. Below is a photo of Evelyn Snyder. She is a first year teacher from Pennsylvania. Education is in her blood. Her grandmother is a retired teacher. Thank you, Alpha Tau, for sharing our love for the profession and supporting young teachers like Evelyn.

Cafeteria Vegetable Soup

Sue served this delicious and hearty soup at our November meeting. Here's the recipe to enjoy on these cold winter days.

- 1 pound of hamburger
- 1 onion
- salt and pepper
- 2 cans tomato sauce
- 1 can tomato paste
- 1 T sugar
- 1 box chicken stock
- 1 bag frozen mixed vegetables
- 1 small bag frozen cut okra
- 1 can creamed corn (optional)

Brown hamburger and onion. Season with salt and pepper. I usually add a little garlic powder. Drain grease. Add tomato sauce and sugar. Simmer about 30 minutes. Add chicken stock and frozen vegetables. The longer you allow it to simmer, the better it is. I add a can of creamed corn about 20 minutes before I serve it. Enjoy!



DKG Making a Difference

SUPPORT IN 13 COUNTRIES:

Angola, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

SUPPORT IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Early childhood development.
- Access to quality primary, lower secondary and non-formal education; retention.
- HIV prevention in schools.
- Education in emergencies

Every Child Deserves a Quality Education

Article from www.dkg.org

In sub-Saharan Africa, one-third of all children are deprived of the chance to go to school. They miss out because of inadequate school facilities and poor teacher training. In addition, many schools lack gender separate sanitation facilities, often causing adolescent girls to stay home. Poverty also forces children to drop out of school early to help support their families.

Schools for Africa is a partnership among UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and the Hamburg Society that is helping more and more girls and boys get a quality education. By providing

funds to support this critical program, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International — a professional organization of women educators and a longstanding U.S. Fund for UNICEF partner — is helping to secure a brighter future for Africa's children.



Students in Ethiopia

Chapter Awards

Karen Bullard has been appointed Regional Director of Region VI. Karen began her term on July 1, 2014 and will serve as liaison between chapters and state organizations for the 2014-2016 biennium. Congratulations, Karen! We are know you will represent our chapter Alpha Tau and Eta State well.

Update from the Rules and Goals Commitee

After reviewing the AlphaTau Chapter Rules, the following changes were made in accordance with State standards and requirements.ⁿ

- ◆ It is recommended that the chapter adds the term “optional” to the second vice-president and corresponding secretary positions. ^a
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- ◆ The recommendation was also made to honor Jamey Fore as a ^a
_v “reserve member.”
- ◆ As set forth by the State guidelines, it is necessary that we designate a Time of Remembrance for our deceased members. It was recommended that we have this during our final meeting of each year.

Linda Warren

Linda Warren was born and raised in Fayetteville. She graduated from Fayetteville High School. She completed her education degree from Methodist College. She began teaching in 1970 with the Department of Defense schools at Fort Bragg. She remained at Fort Bragg for 34 years, teaching students at Holbrook, Bowley and Butner Schools. In 2004, she began teaching at the Fayetteville Academy and continued there for ten years. Throughout her 44 years in education, she primarily worked with grades three through five. In June 2014, she retired.



Linda is married to Don Warren, who serves as assistant principal of District 7 Elementary School. They have two sons. Their son Donald is a minister at Christ United Methodist Church. Their son Tommy is a firefighter with the City of Fayetteville. Linda also enjoys the role of being grandmother to her three grandchildren: Brittany, Daniel and Celeste.

Since her retirement, Linda has been able to enjoy her favorite activities more. She enjoys music. She also likes to play golf, walk and read.



Member Spotlight:

Meet 2 of our members that have the honor of being part of our chapter the longest. Thank you, Linda and Darlene, for your dedication to DKG.

Darlene R. Clark

I remember my invitation to join Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Tau Chapter, thirty years ago. It was a time of great formality and procedures. "An outstanding educator" had to be secretly nominated and the official form had to be signed by a minimum of two, preferably three members, who knew of that person and their educational achievements. What an honor! I cherish that time so much and fondly remember those former members who thought enough of me to extend an invitation.

Over the years, I have held many offices in our chapter, including President. I have attended conferences and area meetings to learn more about the business of DKG..

As for me, a now retired educator, I joined our chapter in 1984 as a teacher in the Hoke County schools. I retired in 2000 with 34 years in education. I have a BS degree in Education from Appalachian State University and have earned three master's degrees from UNC- Pembroke. I have taught grades 3-8 for 17

years, including schools in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Wake and Hoke counties.

I have been a school administrator for 17 years in Hoke County. I received the honor of "Outstanding Educator of the Year," "Teacher of the Year" and "Principal of the Year."

My two sons, Chris and Ryan, entered the school system in Raeford and both graduated with honors. They are both successful in their careers, are happily married, and have two children each. I have two granddaughters and two grandsons. Two are in college and two are in elementary school. Both of my daughters-in-law are in education.

As far as my interests, I love reading and serve as an officer in our Friends of the Library in Raeford. My passion is to acquire a bookmobile for Hoke County. I also belong to a book club in Troy, NC and have been a member for 30 years. I also enjoy my church First Baptist Church in Raeford. I enjoy being with my family and travelling as much as I can.



Newsletter Submissions

The newsletter chair Jennifer Matlack accepts responsibility for all mistakes, errors and omissions. Her apologies in advance...

If you have any ideas or articles for the newsletter, please share with Jennifer via email at jjmatlack@nc.rr.com.



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<http://alphataudkgfayettevillenc.weebly.com>

International Web Site:

www.dkg.org

Committee Chairs for 2014-2016

Educational and World Excellence:	Thelma Lou Gaines Melody Boyd
Professional Affairs and Scholarship:	Elaine Hayes Beth Walters
Membership/Nomination:	Ashlee Garrison
Finance:	Cindy Anderson
Goals and Rules:	Judy Hall