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Delta Sigma Supports Beginning Teachers

Darla Stines

The beginning teacher committee created 28 welcome gift buckets for BT1 and BT2 teachers and delivered them on August 11th, 2022. Committee members collected red items to go with the theme "We are REDiculously excited that you are teaching in Lincoln County!"

Items collected by committee members included red juices, Kit Kats, waters and cherry water flavoring, Big Red chewing gum, Doritos, red pens, red expo markers, cracker jacks, a red sharpie, and a red composition notebook to go the red plastic storage box.

Administrative assistant to Human Resources, Juli Burchett, expressed appreciation to Delta Sigma. A huge thank you to committee members for collecting items! The next BT 1 and 2 meeting will be October 6th.



President's Message

Rhonda Hager

Dear Delta Sigma Sisters,

I am so honored to be serving as your chapter president. It seems like the warm days of summer went by very fast and the new school year is underway. For those of you still working, I wish you a very productive and wonderful school year as you make a difference in students' lives. For those retired members, I encourage you to continue supporting education using your gifts and talents. As Delta Kappa Gamma members we want to promote excellence in education.

In July I had the pleasure of representing our chapter at the DKG International Convention in New Orleans. North Carolina was well represented at the convention with 25 NC DKG members attending. I had a fabulous time connecting and learning with fellow members about educational issues. The International



Convention was so affirming through break-out sessions led by members from all over the world and listening to fellow members share the work of their chapter. It was inspiring to be part of such a wonderful convention.

I am looking forward to a great year of working together as Delta Sigma sisters. I hope you put the meeting dates for this year on your calendar and make plans to actively participate in our chapter. We have some great programs and activities planned for this year.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Keever Hager | [contact](#)



Next Delta Sigma Meeting September 26th - 5:00 PM Refreshments start at 4:30

Our next meeting will be held Monday, September 26th, 2022 at Boger City United Methodist Church, 2320 E. Main St., Lincolnton. It will feature local business leader and school board member, Myra Heavner as our speaker.

FYI! Looking ahead...

We will be collecting donations for Schools for Africa at our October 27th meeting!

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Save the Dates!

- Sept 15 - International Speaker applications due
- **Sept 26 - Delta Sigma Meeting**
- Sept 30 - NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due
- Oct 1 - Bulletin: Journal submissions due
- Oct 8 - NC DKG Educational Foundation golf tournament
- **Oct 27 - Delta Sigma Meeting**
- Oct 27 - NC DKG Founders Day
- Oct 31 - Website compliance renewal Form 72 due
- Nov 1 - Cornetet Individual and Seminar PD Awards applications due
- Nov 1 - NC DKG News deadline
- Nov 15 - 990-N ePostcard deadline to IRS
- Nov 15 - Nominations due for 2023-25 NC DKG State Officers
- **Dec 16 - Delta Sigma Volunteers - Speak Up for Children's Tour of Homes**

NC DKG NEWS



NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants Applications Due September 30

Applications for the fall grant cycle with the NC DKG Educational Foundation are now available. Grant proposals for funds to be used for professional or personal growth, literacy/learning projects, gifted education and fine arts projects, field trips, teacher travel, and leadership opportunities are due September 30, 2022. Don't miss out!

Details are on the Foundation website www.ncdkgef.org. Click on the Grants tab to learn more and on the specific grant for the application.



Tee It Up for Teachers

The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation is excited to announce we're returning to Colonial Country Club in Thomasville on October 8 for our annual charity golf tournament, Tee It Up for Teachers. Enjoy a unique round of golf in the rolling hills and hardwood forests of Thomasville while supporting NC students and teachers. Proceeds go to The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. Create a team, be a sponsor, or make a contribution. Your generosity will allow funding to support teachers and students throughout North Carolina. Sponsorship and golfer registration forms are available online on the Tee It Up for Teachers page on the Foundation website.

2023 NC DKG Leadership Seminar

Leadership Development Committee
Lori Holguin, Chair

The Leadership Development Committee invites you to save the 2023 NC DKG Leadership Seminar dates. This year's theme is "DKG Leaders - Honor the Past, Embrace the Present, and Inspire the Future!" The seminar will be held at Caraway Conference Center on March 25-26, 2023, with an optional early arrival on March 24 for a day spent exploring the pottery town of Seagrove.

This year's seminar will be open to new, former, and prospective leaders, so all members are welcome to attend. There will be something for everyone.

Full details and a registration form will be available in the winter edition of the NC DKG News.



Did you know...

The key is the official symbol of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The wreath represents individual achievements by our members. The Greek logo represents Woman Key Teacher, but is read Delta Kappa Gamma. The Cup of Knowledge signifies the academic accomplishments of the individual member. The ellipse shaped body is symbolic of the sisterhood, and the closed oval the bond that never ends.

Delta Sigma New Member Ice Cream Social



A new member ice cream social was held at Riverbend Creamery on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. The ice cream was fantastic and the fellowship of new members and sponsors was even better! The small group setting provided additional time for sponsors to share Delta Sigma experiences and membership tips. An icebreaker activity helped new members and sponsors learn more about one another. Some stories may never be shared outside the creamery! The membership co-chairs provided a small teacher gift for new members and plan to organize another social activity during second semester. New members in attendance were Melanie Jarrell, Brittany Link, Chelsea Proctor, Autumn Prytle, and Kim Santos. Sponsors present were Elaine Boysworth, Katie Crocker, Kellie Goins, Elaine Jenkins, Abbey Parker, and Kelton Stone.

Announcing the 2022-2023 Delta Sigma Membership Participation Award

In early September, the Membership Committee announced a Membership Participation Award for the 2022-2023 year designed to encourage more active member participation in Delta Sigma activities. Members will earn tickets for a chance to have her dues paid for next year! You will be able to earn tickets for the drawing through the following activities:

- responding to emails and phone calls regarding meeting attendance,
- attending chapter meetings,
- wearing your nametag/badge to meetings,
- participating in service projects,
- participating in fund raising events, and
- participating in DKG activities beyond the chapter level.

For specific details regarding the project, please refer to the email sent to each member by the Membership Committee in early September. Your involvement may earn you free dues for 2023-2024!

(Thank you to Nu Chapter for this outstanding idea!)

Member News

Join us in congratulating the following members on their professional and personal celebrations!



Congratulations to Shelby Barkley on the birth of her new son, Evan, on July 22nd!



Congratulations to Katie Crocker on her new position as media specialist at Battleground Elementary!



Congratulations to Abbey Parker on her recent engagement!



Congratulations to Keshia Ruppe on her new position as Coordinator of Literacy & Professional Development!

Committee Reports

Ed Law & Policy

Heather Myers

It was down to the wire for timing but the legislative assembly did pass an education budget update for the 2022-2023 school year! The budget update includes raises for teachers and state employees, a school safety fund, and funding commitments for other capital projects. The \$27.9 billion budget is approximately a 7.2% increase from last year's budget. Included is a restructuring of the principal pay plan which bases principal pay on only 1 year (LAST year) of student performance data instead of the previous 3 years. This change negatively impacted many principals especially after a difficult couple of years due to Covid school disruptions. The NC State Board of Education is planning on offsetting that change with federal ESSERS money and holding principals harmless for any changes in pay. At this time it is not clear if the 1 year change will be permanent.

Finance Committee

Libby Fletcher

The Finance Committee would like to thank our Treasurer, Lori Haight for making sure scholarships are paid as well as updating our state and international payments. We look forward to seeing everyone at our September meeting.

Scholarship & World Fellowship

Gayle Reid

Check out [International](#), [State](#), and [Education Foundation](#) for scholarship and grant opportunities.

- \$6,000 Advanced degree and \$10000 Doctorate degree scholarship applications are currently open. The due date is February 1.
- NCDKGEF.org Education Foundation grants are available but hurry, applications are due September 30th.
- Marilyn F. Grinwis Gray Scholarship is for those pursuing a degree in Music Education or in Elementary Education in a North Carolina school. The recipient does not have to be a member. Recipients shown were in undergraduate programs and others in graduate programs. Keep an eye out - applications will be available late 2022, early 2023.

Membership Committee

Elaine Boysworth & Abbey Parker

Don't forget to remind your Sister-Sister partner about the September meeting and encourage her to attend the first meeting of the year! Attending the meeting, wearing your nametag/badge, and promptly responding to Frankie Beam's request for the meeting RSVP will earn you tickets into drawing for the 2022-2023 Membership Participation Award.

If you have any changes to your information for the membership directory, including position changes, please notify Elaine Boysworth as soon as possible.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Two NC DKG Leaders, Others Honored at International Convention

Carol Bostian was honored with NC DKG's Star of the Southeast Award and Dr. Teresa Cowan was elected as the Southeast Regional Director during the International Convention in New Orleans in July. Carol, a two-time president of Nu Chapter in Region X, was awarded the honor during the Southeast Regional Breakfast. Being editor of NC DKG News only scratches the surface of Carol's contributions and activities, including much work behind the scenes that only a few know about. Her strong organizational skills keep things running

2022-2024 International Officers Installed at 2022 DKG Convention

The 2022-2024 DKG President is Dr. Debra "Debbie" LeBlanc. LeBlanc recently served as the Northeast Regional Director, president of the Illinois State Organization, and on several international committees. She co-chaired the 2021 international conference in San Antonio. She is a member of Beta Phi Chapter in Illinois. Others serving on the Administrative Board include Connie Rensink, Texas, First Vice President; Dr. Beverly Hall, Tennessee, Second Vice President; Dr. Teresa Cowan, North Carolina, Southeast Regional Director; four other regional directors; two members-at-large; two area representatives; Dr. Helen Popovich, Parliamentarian; Becky Sadowski, Immediate Past International President; and Nita Scott, DKG Executive Director. Find the complete Administrative Board list under the About Us tab once logged in to the member side of the DKG website.

smoothly in the state's communications arena.

Teresa, immediate past president of NC DKG, will serve as Southeast Regional Director. Teresa is outgoing chair of the International Communications and Marketing Committee and shared during convention business sessions about the upcoming changes to the international website the committee is guiding. Teresa will serve the 11- state region as its representative on the DKG Administrative Board.

Dr. Debbie LeBlanc, 2022-24 DKG President, has invited Connie Savell (Delta Tau) to serve on the International World Fellowship Committee and *Dr. Rhonda Hager (Delta Sigma)* to serve on the International Scholarship Committee. Dr. Judy Carlson continues on the DKG International Educators Foundation Board of Directors.

Barbara Clausen of Washington state received the 2022 DKG Achievement Award. Barbara, a 41-year member, is immediate past Northwest Regional Director and chair of the World Fellowship Committee. DKG gives the award to a leader who has merited recognition for her distinguished record of service to the Society at the international level.



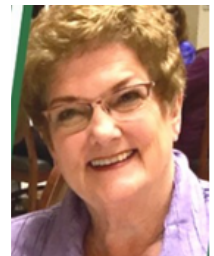
Carol Bostian



Teresa Cowan



Dr. Rhonda Hager



Barbara Clausen

CALENDARS & RESOURCES

Delta Sigma

Event	Date/Time	Location
First meeting (Membership)	Monday, 9/26/22 - 5:00 Refreshments 4:30	Boger City UMC
Second meeting (Ed Law & Policy)	Thursday, 10/27/22 - 5:00 Refreshments 4:30	Boger City UMC
Speak Up for Children Tour of Homes Volunteering	Friday, 12/16/22 3:50-6:35 or 6:30-9:10	TBA
Executive Board Meeting	Thursday, 1/19/23 - 5:00	Boger City UMC
Informal Gathering (Programs & Fine Arts)	Monday, 1/30/23 - 5:00 Refreshments 4:30	Boger City UMC
Third Meeting (Finance)	Thursday, 2/23/23 - 5:00 Refreshments 4:30	Boger City UMC
Teacher Recognition Fundraiser	March & April	N/A
Fourth Meeting (Scholarship & World Fellowship)	Thursday, 4/27/23 - 6:00 dinner meeting	Boger City UMC
Executive Board Meeting	Monday, 5/8/23 - 5:00	Boger City UMC

NC DKG

Convention - 4/28/23-4/30/23
Greenville, NC

Important Links for Chapter Members

International Website: <https://www.dkg.org>

NC DKG Website: <https://www.ncdkg.org>

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Delta Sigma Website: <http://deltasigmanc.weebly.com>

Delta Sigma Chapter Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/DeltaSigmaChapterDKG/>

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