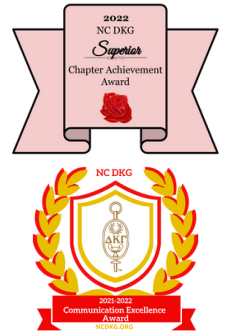




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Remembering DKG History on NC DKG Founders Day, October 27th

History of NC DKG North Carolina State Organization, NCDKG.org

Twelve women educators in Austin, Texas, under the leadership of Dr. Annie Webb Blanton (pictured left), founded the Delta Kappa Gamma Society in May 1929. Texas assumed the designation of Alpha State.

On October 27, 1934, North Carolina became the seventh state to join the organization and thus was given the seventh letter of the Greek alphabet, Eta (pronounced ay-tah). Eta State also had twelve founders of outstanding women educators throughout the state. Eta State resides in the Southeast Region of the Society and throughout its history became one of the largest and most successful state organizations within The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

After constitutional changes in 2018 mandating states be named by geographical regions, Eta State’s name changed to The North Carolina State Organization, abbreviated NC DKG. North Carolina membership is approximately 4,000 with 98 chapters. NC DKG continues to be a strong state organization whose vision is Voices of Influence Empowering NC Women Educators.



President's Message

Rhonda Hager

Dear Delta Sigma Sisters,

We had an extraordinary meeting in September! The 4:30 pm social time with food, fun, and fellowship was a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with each other face to face. I have missed the time to chat with each other informally and find out new information about my sisters. I really enjoyed this wonderful time before the formal meeting began at 5:00 pm. We had good attendance at our meeting. School Board Member Myra Heavner shared her inspirational journey as a female leader. She highlighted her business' mission and compared it to the school district's mission indicating the importance of focusing on relationships in our work as leaders. In our business meeting, our committee chairs shared plans for this year.

This year our membership committee has developed a plan for sisters to be more actively engaged in Delta Sigma. The plan outlines a way to earn tickets for different types of involvement. The winning ticket drawn at the end of the year will earn a year of free membership. hope each of you will strive to be engaged as possible with



the many opportunities in our chapter.

In September, I attended the Fall Executive Board meeting to hear updates from our NC DKG President Beth Winstead and other state leaders. President Beth encouraged chapters to find ways to engage members and continue to strive to improve the quality of education. She challenged DKG chapters to reach out to fellow sisters to connect and involve members. I encourage you to take time to reach out to a fellow member to encourage and check in with them as well as your sister-sister member.

Blessings to each of you,
Rhonda Keever Hager | [contact](#)



Next Delta Sigma Meeting
October 27th - 5:00 PM
 Refreshments start at 4:30

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, September 26th, 2022 at Boger City United Methodist Church, 2320 E. Main St., Lincolnton. It will feature Lynn Owen as our speaker on African Communities and Culture.



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

Save the Dates!

- **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 15 - Chapter directory due to regional director
- Dec 15 - *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* submission due
- **Dec 16 - Delta Sigma Volunteers - Speak Up for Children's Tour of Homes**
- Feb. 1 - Scholarship applications due for NC DKG & DKG International

NC DKG NEWS

Remember the DKG Emergency Fund

Several natural catastrophes have impacted the world in recent months, including wildfires, tornadoes, and Hurricane Ian. The DKG Emergency Fund helps members who have suffered a major loss due to a natural disaster and is supported solely by donations. If you would like to make a donation, go to MyDKG, click on the Donate Now button on the left or go to the DKGIEF tab, select Emergency Fund, and click on the red Donate button. If you have been impacted by a natural disaster, fill out Form 84 and contact [President Beth](#).

Download the Emergency Fund flyer for more information and share it with others. A donation to the Emergency Fund would make a good chapter project and help other members in need.

New ROSE Award Information Available

Awards Committee
Amy White, Chair



The NC DKG Awards Committee introduced the new ROSE Award that replaces the Chapter Achievement Award. The ROSE Award (Recognition of Society Excellence) has two levels—the Rose Bud Award, symbolic of a young rose with petals not fully opened, and the Order of the Rose Award for chapters more actively involved in DKG work.

Chapters must complete at least ten of the 12 Rose Bud Award category options for recognition. Most items are standard DKG work, such as completing forms or reports and participating in

NC DKG events. The Order of the Rose Award includes five categories of participation.

Chapters need to complete a minimum of 25 items in the five areas in addition to the first ten in the Rose Bud Award to be recognized. The ROSE Award is non-competitive and is meant to guide chapters in gauging their annual work.

The ROSE Award document, listing the guidelines for recognizing chapters' annual work, is available on the NC DKG website. Submission will be by a Google Form that will be available on the NC DKG website by January 2023. Awards Chair Amy White shared, "The committee was committed to making the ROSE Award something that chapters could use as a planning guide and for chapter recognition without the feeling of competition. We look forward to embracing the ROSE Award for 2022-2023."

Did you know...



The Delta Kappa Gamma coat of arms consists of a red shield with a band of gold. Three Tudor roses on the band symbolize the Society's ideals of friendship, loyalty, and helpfulness. The flaming lamp and the open book on the shield signify scholarship and knowledge. The laurel sprays are the traditional symbols of achievement.

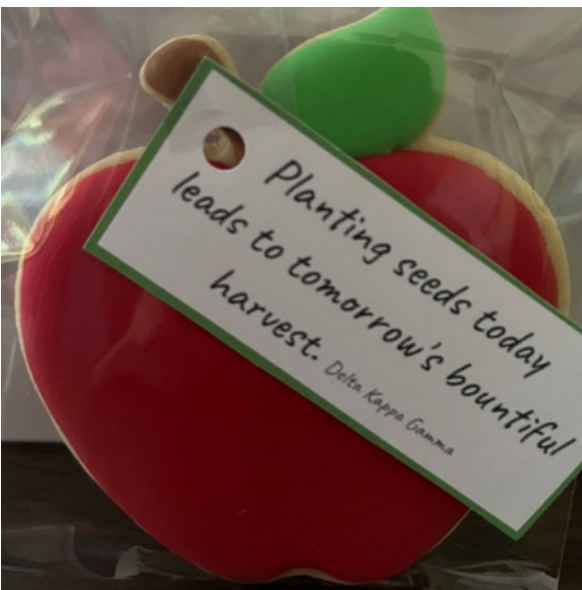
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Holiday Tour of Homes Planned for this Year

Speak Up For Children's (SUFC) Holiday Tour of Homes will be one of the Delta Sigma service projects for the year. It is the major service project for the Speak Up For Children's non-profit which was set up by local Guardians ad Litem in order to provide materials and services to the more than 120 Lincoln County foster children. The Tour of Homes allows SUFC to provide for the extra needs and wants of the foster children. This will be the first Tour of Homes since 2019 due to COVID restrictions. Delta Sigma volunteers are key to making the Tour a success. Woodside Plantation, the Chamberlain-Flohr House, the Alexander-Kurtz House, and the Mauney-Rudisill-Long House will be on the tour. Homestead Events (former First Presbyterian Church) will also be on the tour and will be providing bathrooms and refreshments. The date of the tour will be Friday, December 16 from 4:00-9:00. More information can be found at <http://speakupforchildren.us/holiday-tour-of-homes/>.

Volunteer sign ups will be at our next Delta Sigma meeting!



Supporting Our Beginning Teachers

On October 6th, the Delta Sigma Beginning Teachers Committee provided custom sugar cookies in the shape of an apple to 64 BT1 and BT2 teachers at their meeting. Each cookie had a label with the phrase "Planting seeds today leads to tomorrow's beautiful harvest." The cookies were made by Shea Huffman, 6th grade teacher at East Lincoln Middle School. Committee member, Stephanie Shou made the tags for the treats.



Women in Leadership

Local Businesswoman and School Board Member Speaks to Delta Sigma

During our September 26th meeting, Myra Heavner, owner of SEACORP and School Board Member came to speak to Delta Sigma about being a woman in leadership.

Ms. Heavner graduated from West Lincoln High School. After working for Carolina Freight, she started her own business out of her brother's garage. She noted that as a business owner, it is important to identify your mission. She stated that she asked herself, "What is your purpose, your vision, your value?" She shared the importance of building relationships, trust and a good reputation.

One leadership tip Mrs. Heavner discussed was to establish a clear and consistent vision. She stated, "You may not realize you are creating a legacy, but days turn into weeks and weeks turn into years and then you have developed a legacy." She further stated, "Fear is what generates headlines, but hardship is nothing. We must stay positive and focus on the 95% of the good days and not the 5% bad days." Mrs. Heavner shared that the Army learned to stay Left of Boom, taking the time to prepare and avoid crises. Instead of reacting to the boom, she suggested, be proactive. She said that you can't keep jumping from fire to fire, jumping from melt down to melt down.

Mrs. Heavner gave and explained a list of guidelines for success. "Know and be aware of what pushes your buttons. Build a sense of

community in your building. Don't fail to complete your processes. Think about what stops you from getting your job done. Use your resources. Be conscious of your body language. Create a safe space for others to share their opinions."

Mrs. Heavner shared more advice for the next generation of female leaders. She said that it is okay to say no. Never give up on yourself, but respect other people's values. She said she had found that God's time is always perfect. She also urged the group to build good relationships. Always have someone to back you and have someone to talk you off the ledge. Mrs. Heavner urged everyone to go online and watch "What If We Didn't Have Teachers?" by Trevor Muir.

In response to questions from the members, Mrs. Heavner shared that she ran for the school board because good schools are driven by good industry and good industry is driven by good schools. "Education is the key." Mrs. Heavner also reported that she currently employs 20 fulltime workers, 5 interns, plus 2 employees in South America, and 16 in India.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Schools for Africa

Programs and Projects, DKG.org

Schools for Africa became the Society's first official international project in 2010. Since that time, members have donated approximately \$445,134.90 since the inception of the partnership with UNICEF USA. Currently the project works with 21 countries in sub-Saharan Africa including: Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Bridging Generational Gaps in Teaching and Learning Across Generations

Are you interested in learning more about the differences between generations of students and teachers? Consider reading [this article](#) in Volume 88-5 of *The Delta Kappa Gamme Bulletin*, pages 6-16 by Xi Lin and Phyllis Broughton.

This article examines faculty's and students' expectations of instructors' behaviors in face-to-face and online course settings. It also summarizes the general characteristics of generations and identifies generational gaps in teaching and learning. The authors discuss changing roles and implications of student engagement using technology. Findings of the study suggest an opportunity to dialogue and collaborate toward supporting more engaging and active learning in both online and face-to-face teaching and learning.

UNICEF works through this project with governments, local authorities, communities and other partners to:

- Foster community participation in school management
- Build and improve classroom buildings and equipment
- Create safe and protective environments where children can learn and play (CFS, Child-Friendly School programs)
- Provide access to clean water and separate sanitation facilities for boys and girls in schools
- Supply exercise books, pens, proper furniture and other school and sports materials
- Train teachers to provide children with quality education and basic life skills
- Educate children about proper hygiene and HIV prevention: this knowledge is passed on to siblings, parents, and the community at large
- Provide other interventions, including but not limited to health check-ups, immunization and scholarships
- Insure a stimulating start in life to children below age five

How are your dollars helping Schools for Africa?

- \$50 could provide teaching aids to support four teachers in Liberia during after school tutorials. After school tutorials help students who are at risk of dropping out of school.
- \$500 could provide 9 desks and benches for children in Malawi. These desks help to improve the learning experience for some of Malawi's most vulnerable students and enhance participation in class.

CALENDARS & RESOURCES

Delta Sigma

Event	Date/Time	Location
Second meeting <i>(Ed Law & Policy)</i>	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 <i>(Programs & Fine Arts)</i>	Monday, 1/30/23 - 5:00 Refreshments 4:30	Boger City UMC
Third Meeting <i>(Finance)</i>	Thursday, 2/23/23 - 5:00 Refreshments 4:30	Boger City UMC
Teacher Recognition Fundraiser	March & April	N/A
Fourth Meeting <i>(Scholarship & World Fellowship)</i>	Thursday, 4/27/23 - 6:00 dinner meeting	Boger City UMC
Executive Board Meeting	Monday, 5/8/23 - 5:00	Boger City UMC

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NC DKG

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

International

Convention - 2024
 Maryland

Important Links for Chapter Members

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

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

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

Delta Sigma Chapter Facebook Page:

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

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