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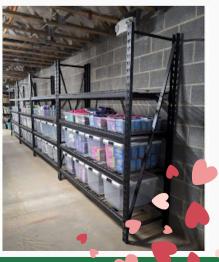


Did you know that Lincoln County Coalition Against Violence opened a new facility for Amy's House at the end of 2023? This five-million-dollar facility is a secure stateof-the-art facility providing a safe living situation for families fleeing domestic violence. The new facility has a basement for storage of all the donated supplies. Previously donated supplies were warehoused in a separate storage facility.

Delta Sigma has taken on a community service project to help sort the donated materials into storage bins for easy access for the staff and better serve the families. Domestic violence data continues to rise in Lincoln County and is stretching the staff resources to support the increased number of women and children being served. Delta Sigma members are asked to volunteer using the Sign Up Genius link for as much time as you can give to this project. This can be an ongoing project once all the materials are organized as the shelter uses the resources quickly and more donated materials need to be replenished.

Rhonda, with the help of Susan Zickefoose and her husband Steve, has completed numerous hours at the facility to prepare the structure (right) for Delta Sigma to work.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Delta Sigma Sisters,



Winter can be a tough time when it is cold and rainy, and sunshine is less prominent. The good news is that February is fast approaching and I always love to bring out the red clothes and make some valentines for some special family and friends As a former first-grade teacher, I love making hearts and decorating little notes to give to others.

Think about the many blessings of love you have for others and the love you receive from others. I do believe in the Bible verse it is more blessed to give than receive. I have a grateful heart for you as sisters entrusting me to lead Delta Sigma for the second time as your chapter president. I have enjoyed this presidency more because I felt like I know the role better and could direct my energies on moving our chapter further looking toward the future. These last two years have flown by and I cannot believe it will be time to induct new members and install new officers in a few months.

We need all members at the February meeting. <u>We must have a quorum (at least 31 people) to be able to</u> <u>vote</u> on the 6 new candidates for membership. Each candidate must receive a four-fifths vote to be invited to join Delta Sigma as a member. Please make every effort to attend to vote on our new members.

Blessings to you, Rhonda Keever Hager, Ed. D.

#### PRESIDENT AND MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS VISIT POTENTIAL DELTA SIGMA MEMBERS

Each potential member was presented with an invitation, a Delta Sigma brochure, and a box of Valentine's chocolates.



Pictured with President Rhonda Hager and Membership Co-Chairs Elaine Boysworth and Abbey Bumgarner: (top left) Alysha Tench, Rock Springs, nominated by Lori Haight; Dr. Laurie Dymes, nominated by Kesha Ruppe and Stephanie Schou; Erica Roberson, Lincolnton High, nominated by Autumn Pyrtle and Abbey Bumgarner; (bottom left) Rachel Frye, East Lincoln High and Central Services, nominated by Kesha Ruppe, Jennifer Queen, School of Technology, nominated by Renee Smith; Shannon Ramsey, Pumpkin Center Primary, nominated by Brenda Kinney

## FACEBOOK FEATURE

Check out Delta Sigma's very own Edwina Beam who was featured on Lincolnton High School's Facebook page!

"Mrs. Edwina Beam, retired LHS math teacher, returns to ask questions for Quiz Bowl at Lincolnton High School. She's even dressed in gold!"





#### AMY'S HOUSE CONTINUED

Watch for the Sign Up Genius coming out soon. We will begin working as a group on Feb. 16th with multiple opportunities of days/times to accommodate working and retired members. Come join the fun and fellowship while we work together to help some of the most opposed victims in our community. We can make a difference in the lives of women and children by having needed resources readily available to know where supplies are located as well as areas of deficiency.

#### **OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

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The Executive Board submits the following nominations for the 2024-2026 biennium:

President - Kelton Boorman 1st Vice President - Elaine Boysworth 2nd Vice President - Abbey Bumgarner Secretary - Sheila Wright

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Lori Haight has agreed to serve as treasurer for another biennium!

# NC DKG NEWS



Plan Ahead for the 2024 NC DKG Convention in Durham, NC Leadership Virtual Book Review: Dare to Lead by Brene Brown

- First Session Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, 7-8 p.m.
- Sponsored by the NCDKG Leadership Committee
- To participate, <u>complete this form</u>. If you have questions, please contact <u>Phyllis Broughton</u>, chair of the NC DKG Leadership Development Committee.

Get ready for the 2024 NC DKG Convention taking place from April 26–28, 2024 in Durham, NC. Don't forget to mark your calendars! Convention registration opens on February 1st, 2024 and ends April 9, 2024. This goes for everyone, including award recipients, guests, presenters, and volunteers. Keep an eye out for an interactive registration form to be posted <u>here</u>.

Reserve Your Room at the Sheraton Imperial Raleigh-Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park for a Special Group Rate

To make the most of your stay, reserve a room at the Sheraton Imperial Raleigh-Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park for a special group rate of \$119.00 per night. This group

#### Special Regional Event

When: Saturday, April 6th, 10:00 am

Where: Asheville, NC

What: Folk Art Center & French Broad Chocolate Factory Tour

More information can be found <u>here</u>. Registration and \$10 payment must be complete by March 15, 2025. rate is available from April 25 through April 28. Make sure to book your room by March 21 to take advantage of this special rate!

Brene Brown

dare

lead

The NC DKG is seeking workshop proposals from members for their upcoming convention. They encourage interested members to submit completed <u>Workshop Proposal Form</u> by February 15th for consideration.

## Committee Reports

#### **Ed Law & Policy**

Go vote during the March 3rd primaries! Find your voting locations and sample ballots <u>here</u>.

#### Finance

\$89 Membership Dues will be taken at the May meeting and ALL dues need to be paid by May 31s. Your \$60 fundraiser donation (voted by members in lieu of fashion show) will be due in October 2024. The February meeting will be a CASH ONLY meeting for snacks, no Venmo available!

#### Communications

The committee is continuing to send articles to the newspaper and email draft minutes to members who missed meetings. The website and Facebook have recently been updated. Check it out!

#### Membership

The membership committee is seeking feedback on our Sister-Sister project and ticket system. See a committee member at our February meeting.

#### Programs

In February Skip Steele from the Child Advocacy Center will present. Our May meeting will include scholarships and inductions.

#### Scholarship & World Fellowship

The Delta Sigma Chapter's \$250 **award for Professional Development** is an individual award granted to a member to participate in workshops, seminars, or other professional learning opportunities. To apply, complete the form below and submit by March 15th.

The Delta Sigma Chapter offers one \$500 scholarship annually to one member of the Society to enhance the fulfillment of its fifth purpose, "To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in **pursuing graduate study**..." Complete details can be seen <u>here</u>. To apply, complete the form below by March 15th along with the required <u>recommendation</u> and verification of acceptance and enrollment in program of study.

#### All Delta Sigma Scholarship Applications

Future Educator Scholarship Professional Development Scholarship Advanced Degree Scholarship

#### **Beginning Teacher Support**



At the LCS December BT meeting, Delta Sigma provided each teacher a stylus with a note saying "Your classroom has style!" The committee is planning to present teachers with a customized clipboard at their next meeting.

# INTERNATIONAL

NEWS

# 2024 DKG Convention



The 2024 International Convention will be held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, U.S.A. The Gaylord National Resort overlooks the Potomac River with waterfront terraces at its back door and the bustling town of National Harbor at its front. From malls to boutiques, live entertainment to casinos, wine bars to restaurants, and ferry terminals to Ferris Wheels, National Harbor has whatever might be your interest. And, if you desire, take the short trip over the river to Washington D.C. and Alexandria, Virginia.

Of course, the convention will also offer all the excitement you have come to expect and more: enjoying keynote speakers, engaging in breakout sessions, networking with members, connecting with old friends, and using your member voice when you vote on proposed amendments to the Society's governing documents.

Save the date! July 9 - 13, 2024.

### **Great Speakers!**

#### **Margot Shetterly**

AWARD WINNING AUTHOR | RESEARCHER | ENTREPRENEUR Keynote Speaker | Wednesday, July 10 Luncheon

Margot Lee Shetterly is the Author of the #1 New York Times bestselling book Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race.

#### **Andre Bradford**

AWARD-WINNING SLAM POET | AUTHOR Keynote Speaker | Friday, July 12 Luncheon

Andre Bradford, a.k.a. S.C. Says, is an Austin based slam poet who has been performing slam poetry since 2013. His poetry covers a gamut of topics ranging from being mixed race, to social justice, to mental health awareness, to never settling in relationships. Slam poetry is an art form he loves due to its raw vulnerability and its ability to cultivate transparency and dialogues into many different walks of life.



# CALENDARS & RESOURCES

Event	Date/Time	Location
Third Meeting <i>(Finance)</i>	Thursday, 2/26/24 - 5:00 Refreshments 4:30	Boger City UMC
Fourth Meeting (Scholarship & World Fellowship)	Thursday, 5/2/24 - 6:00 dinner meeting	Boger City UMC
Executive Board Meeting	Thursday, 5/30/24 - 4:30 Refreshments at 4:00	Boger City UMC
Summer Planning Meeting	Wednesday, 6/5/24 - 3:30 Refreshments at 3:00	Boger City UMC

#### Update Your DKG Profile Sign into the DKG website - <u>www.dkg.org</u>

Click on your name in the top right corner. Select the pencil to update your phone number, email address, or mailing address. Be sure to click SAVE at the bottom! Select the "My Participation" tab to make your information visible to other DKG members.

#### **Need help?** Here is a <u>helpful tutorial</u>!

