

## **Delta Sigma Chapter of DKG Inducts Eleven New Members**

By: Elaine Boysworth

The **Delta Sigma** chapter of the **Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** initiated eleven new members at their meeting on September 23 at the Boger City United Methodist Church. The mission of **Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** is to promote the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

**Delta Sigma** was pleased to formally welcome into membership - Marybeth Avery, principal at East Lincoln High School; Shelby Barkley, fifth-grade teacher at S. Ray Lowder Elementary School; Casey Bridges kindergarten teacher at Pumpkin Center Primary School; Kqisha Dagenhart, principal at North Lincoln Middle School; Melissa Dellinger, K-8 lead science teacher for Lincoln County Schools; Lori Haight, math teacher at North Lincoln High School; Stacy McClain, eighth-grade social studies teacher at Lincolnton Middle School; Abbey Parker, AIG teacher at North Lincoln Middle School; Kelton Stone, music teacher at Norris Childers Elementary School; Alycen Wilson, K-8 lead math teacher for Lincoln County Schools; and Lori Morrow, Superintendent of Lincoln County Schools (not pictured).



**New Delta Sigma Members**

Each new member received a pin, a certificate of membership, and a long-stemmed red rose to commemorate the induction ceremony. President Rhonda Hager also presented new members with a pottery DKG “blessing cup.”



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## Celebration of Life

Annette Geymont, a charter member of Delta Sigma, passed away on September 20, 2019. At our September 23, 2019 meeting, the sisters paused for a moment of silence for the family of Annette.

President Rhonda Hager announced there would be no formal business meeting and invited members to the church sanctuary for a Celebration of Life Service for Annette Geymont (1944-2019).

**Delta Sigma** members were joined by family and close friends of Annette Geymont, along with **Delta Kappa Gamma** Regional Director, Sherry Willis, for the service. Sara Miller and Becky Heavner shared touching tributes to Annette, highlighting her career, passion for the education of children, love of gardening and traveling, and the love she shared



with family and friends. Annette was an active member of **Delta Kappa Gamma** for over 26 years and a founding member of the **Delta Sigma** chapter. She always took an active

role in chapter activities and was particularly enthusiastic about supporting new teachers.

When **Delta Sigma** decided to provide scholarships for future female educators, Annette championed the cause and chaired the first scholarship committee for the chapter, organizing all aspects of the process. She was also actively involved in decorating and cooking for the fashion show fundraiser that finances these scholarships. Chapter members will forever remember Annette's dedication and commitment to **Delta Sigma**.



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## Annette Geymont's Legacy

Annette Geymont's family knew how important Delta Kappa Gamma was to her. Annette was a member for over 26 years and a founding member of **Delta Sigma**. One of the focus areas for Annette was providing scholarship funds to high school seniors pursuing a career in education. She was instrumental in creating and streamlining an application process to select qualified candidates to receive the scholarship. After the students received the scholarship, Annette went the extra mile to continue to send notes of encouragement to these students during their college career, keeping the lines of communication connected to **Delta Sigma**.

Annette's family has decided to continue to support this work tremendously. The family will give a \$1,000 scholarship each year for 10 ten years. This is to match a \$1,000

scholarship that **Delta Sigma** provides to a high school senior. These scholarship funds



will provide additional opportunities to support Lincoln County high school seniors pursuing a career in education. **Delta Sigma** is very grateful to the family for this generous gift. What an incredible memorial to Annette Geymont's work in Delta Kappa Gamma!

## Message from Dr. Teresa Cowan, NC DKG President

DKG President NC  
DKG Membership:  
Honor or Duty?  
Have you found what  
you are meant to do in  
order to Ready, Set,  
GROW!?



A NC DKG member said, and I paraphrase, “How do we get members and potential members to see DKG as an honor, not a duty?”

Let that sink in a second. Then you decide if these members, chapters, and regions see their membership as an honor or as a duty.

- Regional Events - coordinate and attend events with quality programming and regional fellowship
- International Engagement - submit nominations and names for committees, offices or publications
- Recruit & Recommend Members - connect a respected colleague to a chapter in another city or another state for membership
- Membership Milestones - chapters purchase gifts and plan chapter programs to recognize years of membership

The question this time is personal. How do you see your membership in DKG? Is it an honor or a duty? I believe the examples above showcase membership seen as an honor—something held in high regard, which is fulfilled with distinction, not as a duty—a task or chore one is required to fulfill. How about you? honor or duty?

## Proposals Sought for Convention Workshops that Align with Ready, Set, GROW Theme

The application to present at the 2020 NC DKG Convention is now posted on the NC DKG website at [ncdkg.org](http://ncdkg.org). The convention will be held May 1-3, 2020, at the Embassy Suites Greensboro. Sessions are part of the Saturday agenda.

The strands for sessions this year align with President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan’s theme. They are:

- Cultivate fellowship with Generations of DKG members,
- Nurture membership with Research-based Strategies,
- Energize members with Opportunities for leadership,
- Develop chapters with Well-defined programs, and
- DKG Society Business (potential split sessions).

Consider submitting your application today? The deadline for submission is due February 1.





Dear Sisters,

These last few months of 2019 had several noteworthy events. We had an excellent meeting in September where we inducted 11 new members to our chapter. We are

excited about these new members as they join the fantastic group of women educators in Lincoln County. We all want to welcome these new members to Delta Sigma. At the September meeting, we were also fortunate to have our NC DKG State President, Teresa Cowan, who assisted with induction and brought greetings to the chapter. She shared about her theme of “Ready, Set, Grow.”

At the meeting, we also discussed Delta Sigma growing into Superior Chapter Achievement. This means we would need to examine all areas we can grow in our chapter. Committee Chairpersons received copies of the areas for their committee so we can all focus on the vital work of our chapter. Ask your chairperson how you can assist with projects and events.

This fall also brought sadness as we lost our dear sister Annette Geymont. This was our first death of a Delta Sigma member since our chapter was chartered in 2010. In November, we held a Celebration of Life service that was attended by membership, Annette’s family and friends, and our Regional Director, Dr. Sherry Willis. The service highlights were first-hand accounts of Annette from Sara Miller and Becky Heavner. These ladies provided insights and celebrations of the amazing person Annette was during her life. The remarks reminded us how brief life is and to be intentional with our time.

As I serve as your president, I continue to enjoy meeting fellow NC DKG members from our region as I attend meetings representing Delta Sigma. It is amazing how many sisters we have in our state that

are doing great work to promote the mission of our organization. Looking ahead, the State Convention is May 1-3 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Greensboro. I hope Delta Sigma will have a good group representing our chapter.

Sincerely,

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## Want to Bee a Keeper?

An addition to the 2020 International Convention this year will be “New BEES” and their paired “Keepers.” Traditionally known as “First Timers,” New BEES will sport ribbons, be teamed with a veteran convention attendee (a Keeper), and have a room (hive) set aside for networking and seeking information designed to enhance their total convention experience. First-time convention attendees will be contacted before their arrival in Philadelphia to receive tips as they prepare for the trip.

If you would like to become a Keeper, send an email with your name, state, region, email address, and cell phone number to [Trish Woodley](mailto:Trish.Woodley@ncdkg.org), Membership Director, by March 1, 2020.

## Parliamentary True or False?

A correction to the minutes may be made over a year after the minutes were approved.



**True:** Such correction can be made using the motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted. The correction should be entered in the minutes of the meeting at which it occurred.

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## Proposals to Present and Program Ads Needed for NC DKG Convention

Presenting a workshop at the convention and putting an ad in the program provide opportunities for leadership and sharing as we begin a new year. Make your plans now.

Registration is now open for the 2020 NC DKG Convention to be held May 1-3 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Greensboro. Call the Embassy Suites Greensboro at 336-668-4535 and use the code DKG to reserve your room.

This year's registration for the convention will be done online using the Google Form found at <http://bit.ly/2020NCDKGConvention>. Payment will be by credit card or check following the directions on the form. A copy of the registration form for your records will be sent to the email address provided in the form. Registration deadline for the early bird pricing is April 15, 2020.

Payment by credit card will be made using the secure online portal provided by Square. There will be a \$4.50 processing fee. An invoice from Square will be sent via email when your registration is processed. If you choose to pay by check, print the Registration Invoice that will be emailed to you and mail a check payable to NC DKG Convention to Myra Aderholdt, Convention Treasurer, 6100 Pintail Court, Oak Ridge, NC 27310-9776.

If you have any questions about registration, please contact Myra at [myraaderholdt@gmail.com](mailto:myraaderholdt@gmail.com) or Cynthia Wooten, Registrar, at [cynthia.wooten4@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.wooten4@gmail.com).

## Every Member Vote Ad Hoc Committee Update

Currently, only those present at the annual convention can vote on amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules. An ad hoc committee was appointed to explore an amendment to allow all members to vote whether they attend the convention or not.

The ad hoc committee was tasked to:

- Investigate the pros and cons of every member voting on amendments to the NC DKG Bylaws and Standing Rules,
- Investigate the types of methods that might be used,
- Determine the fiscal impact, and
- Report their findings and any recommendations to the Executive Board for evaluation.

Members of the committee have reviewed NC DKG Bylaws and Standing Rules, as well as the proposed amendment, and individually recorded questions, comments, and concerns. Committee Chair Ashlee Taylor Layton explained, "Next we will come together and affinity map our results so we know where more research is needed." The committee invites everyone to share their own thoughts by emailing Ashlee at [ashes.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:ashes.taylor@gmail.com).



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## Hotel Registration is Open; Call for Presenters for Philly Convention

Hotel registration for the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia, July 7-11, 2020, is now open. The Philadelphia Marriott Downtown is the official convention hotel. There is a link on the [DKG website](#) or click on the Events tab once logged in.

Available on the website is the vendor/exhibitor application, which is due with payment to Headquarters by April 15, 2020.

More information about the convention can be found on the Convention page. A draft of the schedule and information about speakers have recently been posted.

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## Planning to Attend International Convention

Executive Secretary Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon is compiling a list of NC DKG members who plan to attend the convention this summer in Philadelphia. She's planning an event for us! If you plan to go, please let Barbara know at [etaexecsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:etaexecsecretary@gmail.com).

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## Scholarship Opportunities

Applications for the Doctoral Scholarship for members working on a doctorate and for the Post-Baccalaureate Scholarship for academic work such as a master's degree, licensure add-on or advanced educational certification are both due February 1, 2020.

A checklist for both scholarships gives guidelines for applying and outlines what is needed, including a copy of the degree transcript or proof of

enrollment to the academic process, a copy of the teaching license, three references and a photograph.

Links can be found on the home page and under the Leadership tab on the Scholarship Committee page. Email Scholarship Committee Chair Michelle Benigno at [mtbteacher@gmail.com](mailto:mtbteacher@gmail.com) with questions.

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## Recognition, Awards, Committee Reports and Celebrations of Members

Please share joyous and celebratory news with our members, email your story to the editor, Jennifer Luper ([jenniferluper@att.net](mailto:jenniferluper@att.net))

### Committee:

**Scholarship** Judy Shuford: As a reminder to members to please check the [DKG.org](http://DKG.org) website for scholarship opportunities

### Celebrations:

Congratulations to **Rhonda Hager** on her recent retirement from Lincoln County Schools.





**Mission Statement:**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

**DKG International**

**Vision:**

Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education Worldwide

**NC DKG Vision:**

Voices of Influence Empowering  
NC Women Educators

**Delta Sigma LINC  
Submissions**

Send newsletter editor  
submissions of member news,  
committee briefs and articles for  
inclusion in the newsletter by  
February 14, 2020

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**Delta Sigma Calendar**

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Informal Gathering Meeting (Programs & Fine Arts Committee)	January 27, 2020	4:00 PM	Boger City Methodist Church
Meeting (Finance)	February 13, 2020	4:00 PM	Boger City Methodist Church
Meeting (Scholarship and Beginning Teachers)	April 23, 2020	6:00 PM	Boger City Methodist Church

**State and International Calendar**

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
NC DKG Convention	May 1-3, 2020	Greensboro, NC
International Convention	July 7-11, 2020	Philadelphia, PA
NC DKG Convention	April 23-25, 2021	Asheville, NC
International Convention	June 10-18, 2022	New Orleans, LA

**Important Web Links for Chapter Members**

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

NC DKG Website: [www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org)

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

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