



Ceremony of Remembrance Held at September Meeting

By Wanda Lutz



On Monday, September 20th, President Kennan Eaddy welcomed members to the Ceremony of Remembrance for Rebecca (Becky) Collins Burke (1940-2020) with a poem, "Afterglow." Chapter

members were joined by Becky's husband, Rondel. Close friends John Digh, Phyllis Digh, and Bill Jenkins were also in attendance.

Becky joined the Beta Epsilon chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1986. She was a charter member in 2010 when the Delta Sigma chapter was formed. Members of the Society, Becky Heavner and Judy Jones, shared many memories of Becky. She was a wonderful wife, generous mother and grandmother,

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Upcoming Chapter Meeting!

Mark your calendar for **November 4, 2021** for the next Delta Sigma Chapter meeting! The meeting will be hosted by the Education Law and Policy Committee and will begin with social time at **4:30 p.m.** at Boger City United Methodist Church. The formal meeting will begin promptly **5:00 p.m.** Dr. Cale Sain, CTE Director, will be joining us to share the Lincoln County Schools Project 414 Initiative and the opportunities available to students for workplace and career development, both at the School of Technology and in the K-12 continuum. Following the program, a short business meeting will be held to highlight important information. The Membership and Nominations Committee will also review the nomination process for new members. Nominations will be accepted at this meeting.



Mark the Dates!

Nov. 1	Cornet Individual and Seminar Professional Development Awards applications due
Nov. 20	NCDKGEF Day of Giving
Dec. 15	<i>Bulletin: Collegial Exchange</i> submissions due
Jan. 15 - Feb. 15	2022 Arts & Humanities Gallery submissions open

President's Message



Greetings Delta Sigma Members,

Fall is finally in the air and we can begin to get excited about sweater weather! I came across this quote by an author team known as Ruth Ahmed that perfectly illustrates why I love this season. *“There is something*

so special in the early leaves drifting from the trees - as if we are allowed a chance to peel, to refresh, to start again.” I like to consider fall a reboot. It’s a time for me to slow down, reexamine priorities, and start again in a more purposeful manner.

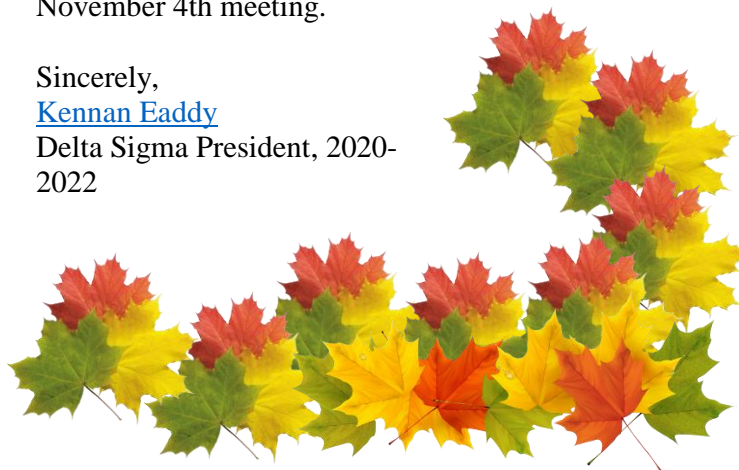
As the school year progresses, I’ve noticed that I have two different versions of “doing nothing”. The first is when my to-do list is overflowing. I feel stressed, and I seem to fall into a pattern of procrastination. For me, this includes social media scrolling, rewatching Criminal Minds (again), and starting organization tasks that didn’t really need completing. Often there are chips and salsa involved. The second version of doing nothing happens when my to-do list is overflowing and I feel stressed but in this case, I make a plan of self-care. I pick an activity that brings me joy and an amount of time to enjoy it. It marks nothing off my to-do list but when I finish, that list seems less daunting.

As we move into a new season, time seems to be passing faster than ever before. Everytime I look at my calendar, I can’t believe what the date is and what events are approaching, seemingly at the speed of light. I want to encourage you to plan your self-care. Give yourself permission, knowing that it will refresh you and ultimately make you a better version of yourself.

I hope too that Delta Sigma can be a source of rejuvenation for you. A planned time to enjoy the fellowship of other women who understand what you’re going through. After Becky Burke’s celebration of life, one of our members commented on how important it is to remember others and to be remembered. Even though I only briefly knew Becky, I found myself relating to all the stories that Becky

Heavner and Judy Jones shared during the ceremony. There is something very special about sharing time with people who share similar motivations and experiences. We are so lucky to have a group of amazing talented women! I hope to see you all at the November 4th meeting.

Sincerely,
[Kennan Eaddy](#)
Delta Sigma President, 2020-2022



Recognition, Awards, and Celebrations of Members

Congratulations to Kelly Withrow, principal at GE Massey Elementary School! Kelly was recently named Lincoln County Schools’ Principal of the Year!

Jenny Dellinger will be attending/presenting at the AASL (American Association of School Libraries) national conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 20-25, 2021. Jenny’s participation in this conference is partially supported by the grant she received from Delta Sigma last spring.

Please share joyous and celebratory News with our members. Email your news to the newsletter editor, [Elaine Boysworth](#).



Member Spotlight



When does she sleep? Saying Wanda Lutz is very active and productive is an understatement! She shares a bond with the energizer bunny – she keeps going, and going, and going... She is involved in DKG, her

church, and community activities, including running a successful campaign to elect a school board member. She makes time to visit with friends and family and has a myriad of hobbies and interests.

Wanda loves working in the yard with her flowers and shrubs, canning, freezing, reading, supporting her grandchildren in all of their activities, and riding a 4-



wheeler – yes, a 4-wheeler! These are just a few of the hobbies and activities she enjoys in retirement. Wanda's love of canning combined with her husband's passion for gardening keeps her extremely busy during the growing season. Even though she gives most of her canned goods away, she absolutely loves canning items such as tomato juice, pickles, watermelon rind pickles, pickled okra, beets, salsa, grape jelly, and now pepper jelly, thanks to fellow Delta Sigma member Nelva Goodson. This summer, Wanda invited Nelva over to make her pepper jelly. She LOVES Nelva's pepper jelly, and only one jar a year was "just not enough!" She also freezes corn, blueberries, strawberries, and okra, to name a few.

Wanda is an avid reader. Her favorite book is *Charlotte's Web*. She feels "its message is appropriate for all ages and times – kindness, friendship, and acceptance by working through differences." Currently, Wanda is reading *The Forever Gift* by Brooke Harris and just cannot put it down. The book is a story about family, loss, and love. It is very uplifting, but Wanda says you need to have a box of tissues nearby!

It has always been important to be involved in her four grandchildren's lives. Many of us have heard about the infamous "Cousins Camp" filled with wonderful activities and experiences Wanda planned for her grandchildren for many summers. She stresses

she just wants to be there for them as they grow

and mature, regardless of how time consuming their activities may be. The message written on a banner that hung in Wanda's classroom read, "A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be a better place because I was important in the life of a child." It is still applicable to Wanda's life, even in retirement.



After attaining a B.A. in Elementary Education at Lenoir-Rhyne, Wanda accepted her first teaching position as a Title I teacher at Westmont Elementary, the same school where she completed her student teaching. Two years later, she accepted a third grade position at Jenkins Elementary. She loved her two years at Jenkins, despite having 33 - 40 students in a class, because everyone worked and planned together.

With the birth of her first child, Wanda took a year off. She did not plan to return to work until their home in Lincoln County was completed, but was convinced to accept a job at Park Elementary in Lincolnton City Schools. She later had her second child and made a move to Oaklawn Elementary. Wanda's longest teaching stint was 12 years as a kindergarten and first grade teacher at Asbury Elementary School. Over the years she worked for several principals at Asbury, including Becky Heavner and also completed her master's degree in Growth and Human Development at UNCC. When the district decided to hire assistant principals at elementary schools, she missed the opportunity to apply for Becky's assistant principal position at Battleground because she lacked the administrative certification. She promptly returned to UNCC to add on her principal certification!

Wanda's administrative experience began as assistant principal at S. Ray Lowder. After serving three years, she spent another three years as assistant principal at Love Memorial. Wanda returned to S. Ray Lowder as

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principal for three more years, before beginning her final two years as principal at Union Elementary. Upon the birth of her first grandchild, Wanda decided to retire.

In the years following retirement, Wanda was asked to serve in several interim positions – assistant principal at ELMS, WLMS, and PCMS; principal at WLMS and Battleground; and as a Pre-School Coordinator for the district. She has been in high demand because of her knowledge and leadership abilities. Regarding her career, Wanda proclaims, “I’ve loved it all!”

Wanda has been an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 35 years, joining in 1986. She was aware of DKG through colleagues and friends and she was honored to be asked to join the Beta Epsilon chapter. She later served as president and also served on the state membership committee. It was during this time that the seed of change took root and plans to start a new chapter in Lincoln County sprouted. Wanda shared, “It was the best thing that could have happened.”

Wanda has greatly enjoyed her membership in DKG and interacting with other educators. She believes it has extended her career into retirement. “I love the contact with adults with the same interest.” She continues to learn new things from both working and retired members. She especially enjoys the service activities of Delta Sigma – providing scholarships and supporting new teachers.

Wanda’s advice to new members is to mark your calendar and choose to attend chapter meetings! She says DKG is like any other activity, you get out of it what you put into it. Wanda also recommends attending state conferences and participating in DKG activities outside the normal chapter meetings; they have enriched her life. State conferences provide the opportunity to network with educators from other school districts. Assisting with the fashion show preparation is always a great way to get to know fellow chapter members in a more casual atmosphere, whether working in the kitchen, setting up tables, or creating table decorations.



Retirement has not slowed Wanda down one bit! Her energy, determination, and dedication is paralleled only by her generosity and passion for life. She is truly an asset to DKG and members of Delta Sigma are blessed to know her!



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caring friend, dedicated church member, and a much loved and devoted teacher. After graduation from Lenoir-Rhyne College, Becky began her thirty-five year teaching career at North Brook Elementary School. She also taught at Asbury Elementary and S. Ray Lowder Elementary. In addition, she assisted other teachers by working for three years at the Teachers’ Learning Center. Missing her direct contact with students, Becky returned to S. Ray Lowder to conclude her teaching career.

Becky served Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church for many years as treasurer and organist/pianist. She was very community-minded. Her interest in the cultural development of her fifth graders led her to serve many years on the Lincoln County chapter of the NC Symphony Board to bring the symphony experience to the Lincoln County Schools.



In addition to her work in the LCS, Becky was a teacher of ceramics for Gaston College for twenty-five years. Judy Jones began her tribute by showing a ceramic owl she made in 1975 in one of Becky’s ceramic classes. Judy and Becky were distant cousins, on their maternal side, who shared a love of the Hoyle family genealogy and the Hoyle family reunions. Judy included a tradition from those reunions, lighting of a white candle for Becky and singing “Where We’ll Never Grow Old.”

President Eaddy presented a white rose to Rondel during the final responsive reading, “One White Rose.” Membership chair, Rhonda Hager, and Cindy White also participated in the program. Becky Burke’s beautiful smile and love of people is a legacy that will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.



2022 Convention is Taking Shape

The NC DKG Convention, to be held in Asheville, April 29 to May 1, 2022, is seeking volunteers to help make the convention run smoothly. Convention Chair Connie Savell is ready to make connections with members across the state and is offering everyone the unique opportunity to network and connect by volunteering behind the scenes this year.



Volunteers will be needed to cover registration distribution, be door attendants and greeters, fulfill hostess duties in the hospitality room, set up for the banquet, create table decorations, photograph attendees in the photo booth, provide technology support for the workshops, and more!

Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to please fill out the [Google Form](#). A link will be shared later to sign up for specific times.

Connie added, “I can’t wait to pack my bag and see you in Asheville next spring!”

Member Spotlight on NC DKG Website Features Region X Leaders



The Member Spotlight on the NC DKG website is currently featuring a past, present, and future leader from our region – Region X. Featured members are Connie Savell (Delta Tau Chapter), Dr. Sherry Willis (Alpha Nu Chapter), and Dee Snyder (Nu Chapter).

Spotlights will stay on the website for six weeks at a time. All regions will be highlighted on a rotational basis. Region II will be featured beginning November 8th.

New Feature on NC DKG Website to Highlight Chapters

Chapters may now submit short articles and photos to the NC DKG website to showcase what they are doing!



The new feature, an idea from the Communications and Marketing Committee, will allow chapters to share good ideas and accomplishments. Webmaster Deb Christensen is still testing designs but will likely highlight several chapters at a time running through a rotator on the homepage.

This new feature will allow leaders to market their chapters on a wider scale and share more than one activity or achievement. Normally, *NC DKG News* is only able to share one news item per chapter a year; the website feature will supplement that exposure.

Chapters may submit short articles (150 words or less) with a photo or two to go with the article. Submissions will be reviewed before posting.

Please contact [Elaine Boysworth](#), Communications and Marketing Chair, if you have ideas to share and for more information regarding chapter submissions. Let’s share news that helps our chapter shine!

Celebrate a Teacher Continues

The Foundation’s “Celebrate a Teacher” project is continuing. Honor an educator with a donation in his/her name and present the teacher with a special Honoring Heroes certificate. Learn more on the [NCDKGEF website](#).



Chapters will be recognized for their contributions with a badge designed for display on newsletters and websites. In addition, one chapter from each region will be honored at the 2022 NC DKG Convention.

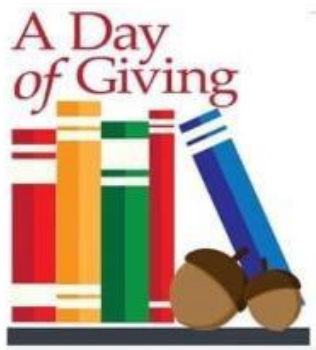
NC DKG Education Foundation Day of Giving is Saturday, November 20

Again this year, the NC DKG Educational Foundation will sponsor A Day of Giving. The Board encourages every member to donate \$5 on this day.

Last year's Day of Giving raised \$5,155 and the goal this year is to top that amount!

The Foundation gave over \$25,000 in grants and scholarships to educators last year and over \$67,000 since the Foundation received its 501(c)3 status in January, 2015. It has two grant cycles a year.

A Day of Giving celebrates the Educational Foundation, and is a day for members to show our DKG pride and gratitude for the work of the Foundation and its impact on chapters and members in NC.



Technology Tip

Update Your MyDKG Profile

Fall is a great time to update your MyDKG Profile on the international website to be sure it is up to date. Many members may have retired or changed schools or have never added their profile to the database. Follow these simple steps to update your profile:

- Visit and log on to the [DKG website](#).
- Click “My DKG” on the right side (top menu bar).
- Open “DKG Profile” (left side).
- Update or complete the “About Me” information and save it.
- Click the “My Participation” tab, scroll down to “Communication Preferences” and click “Yes, include my DKG Profile in the Online Directory” and click Save again. (It is safe and secure, and only fellow DKG members will see it. Note: Only the month and day will be shown on birthdate)

If you have never logged on to the DKG website or do not remember your password, clicking the Chat feature is the easiest way to get it.



Classroom Teacher Resource

Students returning to school may be feeling the effects of trauma as a result of COVID-19 and other world events. Authors Karen Gross and Cynthia Prather contend the effects of trauma often manifest themselves through disruptive behaviors, withdrawal, or even overcompliance. These authors propose three strategic approaches for addressing student behaviors in the classroom and advancing the social/emotional development of today's learners in their article “Well-being in Classrooms after COVID-19: A “3-D” Approach for Addressing Student Trauma.” The article can be accessed via the *DKG Bulletin* link on page 7.



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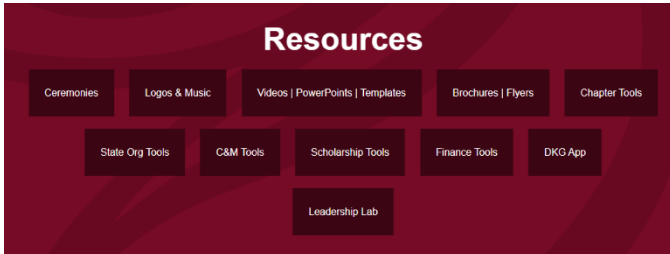
Membership

Just as the seasons change, everyone has many changes throughout their lives. Continue to reach out to current and former members through calls, visits, texts, emails, or family members. Let them know how important they are to the chapter and NC DKG.

Your Membership Tip of the Month is brought to you by the NC DKG Membership Committee, [Susie Miller](#), chair.

Resources Tab on DKG Website Has Wealth of Information

As chapters prepare programs, invite new members, update resources, or need tools of any kind, the Resources tab of the DKG website is a good place to start.



It is a member's go-to resource for any-thing DKG! It has music, logos, sample brochures and flyers, the ceremonies' scripts, and tools for communication and marketing, scholarship, finance, and general chapter tools, such as a new member kit, chapter strengthening tips, best chapter projects list, and fundraising ideas.

Become familiar with what is there so that when you or your chapter needs ideas, support, or tools, you know right where to go! (Log in to have access to it.)

Japan Charters Second Chapter



Japan State Organization has chartered its second chapter, according to the DKG Facebook page. International representatives participated via Zoom. There are several pictures that show their enthusiasm

and pride. Check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/dkgorg>.

DKG has chapters in 17 countries. Japan is part of the Southwest Region. Log in to read more about the regions and countries under the [About Us](#) tab on the DKG website.

DKG News Available Online

The DKG International newsletter, *DKG News*, is an "online only" publication. Sign in on www.dkg.org. You can read the September/October 2021 *DKG News*, Vol. 78-5 [here](#).



Additional Resources Sign in on www.dkg.org.

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Sale of International Headquarters is Complete

DKG has been involved in the process of selling the international headquarters building for the past two years. That process has been completed, and the sale was final on September 1, 2021. The conversations surrounding next steps will now transition into action as the Administrative Board finalizes plans to move to a new site. For additional details regarding the process, you can read the article in the September issue of [NC Data](#).

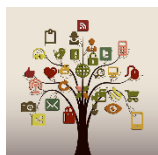


Committee Reports/Announcements

Beginning Teacher Support Committee (Katie Crocker): Beginning teachers in the district met on October 11th. A small bag containing an apple and caramel dip was given to BT 1's, 2's, and 3's from Delta Sigma. The saying attached to these bags was "Teachers are the "Core" of our schools. Thank you for choosing LCS. From Delta Kappa Gamma" The remaining apples were left at the county office for staff to enjoy. A huge thank you goes to Jennifer Carroll, Melanie Huss, and Casey Bridges for making this gift possible.



Communications and Marketing Committee (Elaine Boysworth): At the November 4th meeting, members will be asked to sign a photo permission/release form for the newsletter, website, and Facebook page, if it is not already on file. Via email, all members have been asked to send updated personal information to Elaine Boysworth for the membership directory. If any member prefers to use a Lincoln County Schools work email address as primary for Delta Sigma communications, please confirm that with Elaine. The target date for publishing the new directory is November 18th.



Finance Committee (Libby Fletcher): The Finance Committee would like to remind members to send their contribution in lieu of last year's cancelled Fashion Show to Lori Haight at NLHS by courier or 1629 Bishop Road, Lincolnton, NC 28092 by mail. Membership voted in the spring to ask each member for a contribution of at least \$25.00.



Legislative Committee (Heather Myers): The latest legislative information can be accessed with the following links:

- [NC DPI K-12 Legislation and Reports](#)
- [Public School Forum of NC](#)
- [Public Schools First NC Legislative Updates](#)
- [EdDaily by EdNC](#)



Take time to stay informed!

Membership and Nominations Committee (Rhonda Hager): It is time to think about who we would like to induct into our Delta Sigma Chapter. Please reflect on Delta Sigma's mission statement and the purposes of our society in considering individuals who would be a great addition to our chapter.



Chapter Mission Statement:
Delta Sigma Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International:

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
3. To advance the professional interests and position of women in education
4. To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators
6. To stimulate the professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

The Membership and Nominations Committee will be taking nominations for membership at our November 4th meeting. We seek members who want to get involved in our local chapter to support the mission and purposes outlined above to make Delta Sigma an even stronger chapter. We will vote on the proposed members at the February 10th meeting and induct new members at the April 28th meeting. If you have questions about the membership process, please contact Rhonda Hager

Scholarship/World Fellowship/Schools for Africa Committee (Judy Shuford): Applications for scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate studies are on the [DKG website](#) and are due **February 1, 2022**. Cornet applications for professional development are also found on the website and are due **November 1, 2021** and **May 1, 2022**.



Delta Sigma's advanced degree scholarship and a professional development scholarship will be available in the spring. Applications are due **March 15, 2022**. Contact Judy Shuford for an application.



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 to submissions of member news, committee briefs, and articles for inclusion in the next newsletter to the editor by **January 13, 2022.**

Kennan Eaddy, President

Elaine Boysworth, Editor



2021 - 2022 Delta Sigma Calendar

EVENT/HOST	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Second Meeting (<i>Ed Law & Policy</i>)	Thursday, November 4, 2021	4:30 p.m.	Boger City UMC
Community Service Project	Friday, December 17, 2021	TBD	Tour of Homes/ Various Locations
Executive Board Meeting	Thursday, January 13, 2022	4:30 p.m.	Boger City UMC
Informal Gathering/Project	Thursday, January 27, 2022	4:30 p.m.	TBD
Third Meeting (<i>Finance</i>)	Thursday, February 10, 2022	4:30 p.m.	Boger City UMC
Fundraising – Fashion Show	Friday, April 9 & Saturday, April 10, 2022	Set up in p.m. Show in a.m.	First United Methodist Church
Fourth Meeting (<i>Scholarship</i>)	Thursday, April 28, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Boger City UMC
Executive Board Meeting	Monday, May 9, 2022	4:30 p.m.	Boger City UMC

Note: Meetings at 4:30 p.m. will begin with social time. Business meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m.

State and International Calendar

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crown Plaza	April 29-May 1, 2022	Asheville, NC
International Convention	July 12-16, 2022	New Orleans, LA
NC DKG Convention	April 28-30, 2023	Greenville, NC



Important Web 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/>

(If you have a Facebook page please join our Delta Sigma Facebook page.)

