

## Delta Sigma Supports New Teachers



By Katie Crocker, BT Support Committee Chair

On Monday, August 9th, ten DKG members joined in on the fun and fellowship creating 79 "treat bags"



for new teachers in Lincoln County Schools. The bags were given out on August 12th during new teacher induction. Each bag contained a box of band aids donated by

Keeper Pharmacy, a bag of goldfish, chapstick, an inspirational journal, a pack of gum, and a bundle of office supplies. Office supplies including binder clips, a glue stick, sharpie, Expo marker, felt-tip pen, highlighter, and a pad of Post-Its. Each bag was tied with a tag that read "Teachers who LOVE teaching... teach students to LOVE learning! Best wishes for a fabulous year! From Delta Kappa Gamma."

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## Upcoming Chapter Meeting

By Rhonda Hagar, Membership Committee Chair

Mark your calendar for **September 20, 2021!** We will be having an in-person Celebration of Remembrance service for our Delta Sigma sister Becky Burke. This event will be held in the sanctuary at Boger City Methodist Church. We will have a time of fellowship and connection at **4:30 p.m.** for members to interact, and the service will begin promptly at **5:00 p.m.** The sanctuary is spacious and allows plenty of room to social distance in the space. We want to practice safety, so we will ask everyone to wear masks for this service, and we will not be having food for this event. Following the service, we will have a short business meeting to highlight important information. The Membership and Nominations Committee is hosting this meeting and so hopes you will make this event a priority to attend showing support for our local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma!



### Mark the Dates!

<b>Sept. 15</b>	Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window ends
<b>Sept. 20</b>	Delta Sigma Meeting
<b>Sept. 30</b>	NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due
<b>Oct. 1</b>	<i>Bulletin: Journal</i> submissions due
<b>Nov. 1</b>	Cornet Individual and Seminar Professional Development Awards applications due



## President's Message



Greetings, Delta Sigma Sisters!

Welcome to the 2021-2022 new year in the Delta Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma!

This year has already started out with many transitions and changes -- members with new roles in the district, masks and then no masks and then masks again, and readjusting ourselves back to a more "normal" way of living after last year. Through these changes, I am thankful to be a part of Delta Sigma and the support system it offers.

For the 2021-2023 biennium, incoming NC DKG President Beth Winstead has chosen the theme "Linking the Past, Present, and Future". Beth says, "I want us to remember to honor and celebrate all those women before us – the ones who founded DKG when it had to be done in secret; who lead us through divisive times; who first took the steps into technology; and who helped keep us afloat when we had to dive into the deep end of the virtual world. One of the best ways we can honor those before us is to continue to ensure that NC DKG thrives and continues now and into the future. We must continue to grow in membership but also to grow the leaders of the future."

At the kickoff of the school year, I shared a Tedx Talk by Simon Sinek called [Start With Why](#) with some of the school counselors. In it, the speaker demonstrates the power of keeping your purpose, your "why", at the center of what you do.

When DKG started in 1929, the 12 founders believed that there was need for an organization in which women educators—rural and urban teachers; preschool, elementary, high school, college, and university teachers; librarians; school administrators; supervisors—might be united for efforts toward better professional preparation, recognition of women's work in the teaching profession, and scholarships for those needing aid in

improving their professional preparation. That was their "why". For me, cultivating professional relationships with women who inspire me is my "why". Consider your DKG "why" and aim to embrace it this year.

Personally, in the last year, I have gotten accustomed to half-embracing life's tasks because stay-at-home orders and social distancing required it. It was very convenient to be able to fold laundry while I was in virtual professional development. And have you ever gotten your groceries delivered?! Talk about luxury! But while I was "attending" more to things virtually, I found that I wasn't really ATTENDING in the way I was accustomed. I didn't have as many takeaways from meetings and I never seemed to remember to get minced garlic.

This year, while following health guidelines, my challenge to myself is to return to embracing tasks in the way I once did. You get out of life what you put into it. You get out of DKG what you put into it. You get out of [insert any task here] what you put into it. So I invite us all to consider our "whys" and embrace DKG to continue to grow our chapter for the future of women educators in Lincoln County.

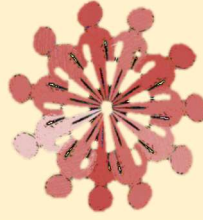
Sincerely,  
[Kennen Eaddy](#)  
Delta Sigma President, 2020-2022



### Chapter Goals 2020-2022

- To support to the best of our abilities the goals and programs of NC DKG and Delta Kappa Gamma International through our committee work and programs
- To vigorously advocate legislation that supports public education and educators
- To strengthen and deepen the sense of fellowship among our members
- To support and nurture beginning teachers and future educators in Lincoln County Schools

## Linking the Past, Present and Future



### “Linking the Past, Present and Future with Fellowship”

During my biennium, I have chosen the theme “Linking the Past, Present and Future.” I believe it is important to remember our beginnings to continue to work towards our future. If it had not been for the Founders in 1929 taking a risk in creating an organization for women educators, where would we be today? The uncertainty of the world during the past two years has taken a toll on all of us—educators, organizations, and individuals. While there is still uncertainty, we want to work towards continuing forward.

As a part of remembering our beginnings, I want to look closely at the purposes of DKG. I will address these purposes for the next several columns. Let’s begin by examining the first purpose of the Society:

*To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.*

I have struggled with the wording “genuine spiritual fellowship.” After some soul searching and research, I believe that in this case, the word spiritual, written in lower case, is that of a community of like believers. In this, I believe that in DKG, the genuine spiritual fellowship is to comfort, encourage, celebrate each other, and recognize our organization’s diversity. After attending both the DKG International Conference in San Antonio and the Leadership Conference in Atlanta, the fellowship of others was the one thing that impacted me the most. I have so missed this over the past months, and I expect we all feel this way.

I wish I had a crystal ball to see how the next few months will go with the latest variants of COVID, but we will continue to plan for in-person meetings and add virtual sessions as we find necessary. On each occasion we have to gather, we will schedule a time for fellowship. However, we all need and crave the fellowship of other DKG members. After all, our Founders made this the number one purpose.

I encourage you and your chapter to spend some time reconnecting and enjoying the companionship of DKG friends. As two of the speakers in San Antonio mentioned, human connection is necessary to succeed, and the value of belonging is essential. Enjoy fellowship for the well-being of each individual and the health of the chapter.

*Beth Winstead*  
NC DKG President

## DKG Seven Purposes Revisited

*The Purposes are the fundamental reasons our Society exists. They are the “why” our Founders organized DKG and continue to be the core guiding our actions as members.*

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 interest 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 personal and 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





## Theme and Symbols for the New Biennium



President Beth Winstead has chosen three gold links on a red background, using the DKG colors as her theme icon for the next biennium – “Linking Past, Present, and Future.” During her first year as president, she plans to focus on three main areas:

### **Membership** – Recruit, Retain, and Reinstatement.

Are we being honest with those we recruit that DKG is a working organization?

Are we recognizing when a member might be in the stage of her life that she needs to be less active but have more support?

Are we reaching out to members we lost who might be ready to rejoin?

### **Fellowship** – Each time we gather we need to celebrate. It is time to renew friendships and make new ones.

### **Self-Care** – We each must take the time to care for ourselves physically and mentally.

## Member Spotlight Expanding

*By Patty Higgins, NC DKG Secretary*

As a part of President Beth’s goal of “Linking the Past, Present and Future,” NC DKG will be expanding the Member Spotlight on its website to include past, present and future leaders of NC DKG.

We know who our past and present leaders are; however, we will need the help of regional directors and chapter presidents to help us find and recognize our future leaders. If you know of someone in your region or chapter who should be recognized, please send an email to [Patty Higgins](#), NC DKG Secretary.

Thank you for your leadership in NC DKG!

## Honoring Heroes Project



Teachers have gone above and beyond the last couple of years! They have been asked to be more creative, innovative, and resourceful. These teachers have met these challenges with inspiration and dedication.



The NC DKG Educational Foundation would like to celebrate these teachers with a statewide campaign to honor these heroes – females and males, members and non-members. Each NC DKG Educational Foundation contribution will honor an inspirational teacher and help support grants for learning programs, classroom projects, and professional development. Directions, donation forms, and celebration certificates can be found on the [Foundation 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.

## Reaching Out



*By Susie Miller, Chair – Membership/Expansion*

As we enter a new biennium, “Linking the Past, Present and Future,” let’s make plans to reach out to former members who have decided to resign their DKG membership. Perhaps their reason for leaving has changed. In the seasons of life, things may transition; let these educators know they are always welcome. Let’s strive to build and revive chapter membership in the new biennium by extending an invitation to past members. Invite them to attend a chapter meeting, include them in chapter events and projects, and keep them on your list to reinstate. As the new biennium begins, I hope all DKG members, past and present, will remember the important, meaningful role we have as “key women educators.”

## Grants and Project Funds Available

Spread the word—the NC DKG Educational Foundation has many grant opportunities available. Classroom projects, chapter projects, and professional development are all possible – but you must apply. Check them out on the [Foundation website](#). The Foundation will have two grant cycles again this year. The first round is due **September 30** and the second **January 31**.

[The DKG International Educators Foundation](#) has several additional options for funds for teachers, including [Cornet Professional Development Awards](#) (due November 1 and May 1), [Educational Project Awards](#) (due March 1), and [Scholarships](#) (due February 1). NC DKG also has scholarship funds, with applications due February 1.

Scholarships and other funds are one of the benefits of DKG membership. Plan now to take advantage of them!



## Dr. Hoag is International Achievement Award Winner

Dr. Constance “Connie” Hoag has been named the International Achievement Award winner for 2021. DKG President Becky Sadowski informed Connie of the award virtually before it was announced at the summer conferences.



Dr. Hoag is currently serving on the Scholarship Committee and has served on the following international committees: Membership, Educational Foundation (which is now DKGIEF), Golden Gift Fund, Non-Dues Revenue, Educators Book Award, Research, Program, Personal Growth, and is a graduate of the Golden Gift Seminar. She is a member in Sioux City, Iowa.

## DKG News

### Available Online

The DKG International newsletter, *DKG News*, is an “online only” publication. Sign in on [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). You can read the July/August 2021 *DKG News*, Vol. 78-4 [here](#). Highlights include information on the two summer conferences in July in Portland and San Antonio.



### Additional Resources

Sign in on [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).



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[Pandemic Lessons Learned](#)

or the

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Newsletter to download  
the latest issue.



[July/August 2021](#)



## Fine Arts Gallery Submissions

August 15 - September 15

NC DKG has many members who have forms of art, music, and literature accepted to the Gallery.

You have a few more days to make submissions for the 2021 Fall Gallery!

Information and forms for submitting your work are available at:

<http://gallery.dkg.org/documents.html>

## Committee Reports/Announcements

**Finance Committee** (*Libby Fletcher*): The Finance Committee is pleased to report that our three scholarship recipients have received their \$1000. We also appreciate all members who got their dues in on time. Our fantastic treasurer, Lori Haight, had all our contributions up-to-date before the new school year started.

We voted to give member donations in lieu of last year's missed fashion show. We ask that all members give the \$25.00 that would have been given for food and a ticket had we had the fashion show. Please bring your **contribution of \$25.00** or more to the September meeting or mail it to Lori Haight, 1629 Bishop Rd, Lincolnton, NC 28092.

**Legislative Committee** (*Heather Myers*): August and September are busy months for the NC legislature. Below is a summary of the current legislation that could be impacting schools and education policy!

*Senate Bill 654* was signed by Governor Cooper into law on August 30th becoming SL2021-130.

- Requires school boards to vote monthly on a local school mask mandate
- Temporarily removes HS graduation progress from driver license requirements
- Waives school performance grades (A - F)
- Permits schools to use remote instruction in a Covid-19 emergency



### *Budget Negotiations:*

- The House and Senate are now in the "conference" budget process to finalize the budget and create a compromise budget between the two chambers.
- Governor Cooper is involved in the conference budget process now (rather than after it reaches his desk, as is sometimes done in the past).
- It is important to note, each chamber has already passed their budgets with enough votes to override a veto, if necessary.
- The budget vote is projected to be September 9th.
- Issues being "ironed" out between the two budget bills: classified, teacher, and administrator raises; adding steps at 20 and 25 years; requiring teachers to post lesson plans online; personal and corporate income tax cuts; Covid teacher and administrator bonuses; requiring local media committees to investigate and evaluate instructional materials; delaying new social studies standards; imposing penalties for districts not requiring multiplication and

cursive instruction; COLA increase; and hiring more nurses and counselors

### *Other Bills to Highlight: (In Discussion or Proposal Stage)*

- HB 5 -- \$15/hr minimum pay for non-certified school employees (also part of budget discussions)
- SB 688 -- Allow sports betting to generate funds for schools
- HB 32 -- Increase Opportunity Scholarships & maximum voucher value; loosen requirement requiring public school attendance first
- HB 91 - Eliminates the NC High School Athletic Association and creates a new commission
- HB 147 - Restore State Employee/Teacher Retiree Medical Benefits for new employees

### *Information Sites for Ed Law & Policy:*

- DPI Legislative  
Updates: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/news/k-12-education-legislation-and-reports>
- Public Schools First Legislative  
Updates: <https://www.publicschoolsfirstnc.org/resources/legislative-updates/>

### **Communications and Marketing Committee** (*Elaine Boysworth*):

Members will have the opportunity to update personal information in our membership directory at our upcoming meeting. If you would like to have a new photo in the directory, please send it to Elaine Boysworth by October 15th. Members unable to attend on September 20th should email Elaine regarding any changes.



### **Scholarship/World Fellowship/Schools for Africa Committee** (*Judy Shuford*):

One of the purposes of DKG Society International is to endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study. There are up to 30 international scholarships possible - doctorate \$10,000 and advanced degree \$6,000. Applications are on the [DKG website](#) and are due February 1, 2022. Cornet applications for professional development are found also on the website and are due November 1, 2021 and May 1, 2022.



Delta Sigma awards an advanced degree scholarship of \$500 and a professional development scholarship of \$250. Please contact Judy Shuford for an application which is due March 15, 2022.



## Recognition, Awards, and Celebrations of Members

**Congratulations** to members who are serving in new roles this year!

**Abbey Parker** - school counselor at Lincolnton Middle School

**Kennan Eaddy** - Lead Counselor and Workforce Development Coordinator for Lincoln County Schools.

**Kristen Reynolds** - Principal at Pumpkin Center Primary School

**Diana Carpenter** – Chief Communications Officer, in addition to duties as Director of Middle Schools

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



## Technology Tip

Take time to download the DKG App. It has been redesigned and is available to all members. The app has two parts.

- 365 - gives members basic information, news, and updates you would normally find on the website but in a mobile device friendly format
- Conventions/Conferences – serves as a reference tool for members at conventions or conferences



Find download and login instructions on the DKG website (you must be signed in).



## Making Connections

Let us not forget to offer encouragement and support to one another. A simple note, card, email, or phone call can make a difference in someone's day. Continue to let our working members know how much we appreciate them. Let's all make a effort to strengthen our connections by just checking in with one another to say, "I'm thinking of you."



## Who Am I? Version 2.0

Our Delta Sigma sisters have many experiences and hobbies that might surprise you! Each fact below was shared by a Delta Sigma member. Can you identify them? Send your responses to [Elaine Boysworth](#) by noon on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be the individual who correctly identifies the largest number of sisters represented by the statements below. *The winner will be recognized at the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and receive a \$15.00 Amazon gift card.*

1. I proposed to my husband.
2. I have zip lined in Colorado and Costa Rica.
3. I was a member of an adult clogging team.
4. I worked in a shoe department during high school and college years.
5. I collect vintage broaches.
6. I took a year out of college and worked at the Clerk of Courts office.
7. I don't like pie.
8. I have volunteered for the US Fish and Wildlife in Jackson, WY and Savannah, GA.
9. I married at 18 and was lucky to have a successful marriage. No one can be sure of anything at 18!
10. I have held many different types of summer jobs. One job was as a welder and circuit breaker assembler for an electric company.



### **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 to the newsletter editor.

Kennan Eaddy, President

Elaine Boysworth, Editor



## **2021 - 2022 Delta Sigma Calendar**

EVENT/HOST	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Summer Planning Meeting	Thursday, July 28, 2021	4:00 p.m.	Boger City UMC
<b>First Meeting (Membership)</b>	<b>Monday, September 20, 2021</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Boger City UMC</b>
Second Meeting (Ed Law & Policy)	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 (Finance)	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 (Scholarship)	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. usiness meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m.**

## **State and International Calendar**

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crown Plaza	<b>April 29-May 1, 2022</b>	Asheville, NC
International Convention	<b>July 12-16, 2022</b>	New Orleans, LA
NC DKG Convention	<b>April 28-30, 2023</b>	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.)