

2019-2021 NC State Organization Officers Installed



Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, President; Tobey Worthington, First Vice-President; Hilda Parlér, Second Vice-President; Doris Littlejohn, Recording Secretary

Members of the North Carolina State Organization DKG (formerly Eta State NC) elected the 2019-2021 NC DKG state officers at the 2019 Eta State NC Convention General Meeting on May 4, 2019. The installation ceremony was held at the Crowne Plaza in Hickory during the banquet honoring chapter presidents. These experienced leaders are ready to guide NC DKG into a successful and rewarding biennium.

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2019 NC DKG Scholarship Winners

NC DKG Scholarship Committee Chair

Michelle Benigno

The NC DKG Scholarship Committee proudly introduced the two 2019 scholarship recipients during the 2019 convention in Hickory.

Catherine Deaton, a member of **Beta Beta Chapter (Region VII, Guilford)**, was awarded the **Emmons-Flintom Doctoral Scholarship** valued at \$4,000. Catherine, a resident of Greensboro, is pursuing an Ed. D. in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of South Carolina.



The 2019 NC DKG Master's Scholarship, valued at \$1,000, was awarded to **Kristen Vann**. Kristen lives in Weaverville and is a member of **Alpha Phi Chapter (Region XI, Buncombe & Madison)**. She is pursuing a master's degree in English with a concentration in Rhetoric from Western Carolina University.

Congratulations to these exceptional Delta Kappa Gamma members.

Fund\$ for Florence Update

NC DKG President

Connie Savell



The Vision Statement of DKG reads: "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide." This is a powerful statement. North Carolina chapters are impacting the lives of others in local communities, in our state, and around the world. Thank you for caring about others and making a difference in the lives of others. Last fall, I received a call from Sharon Darling, the DKG President of Maryland. She wanted to know how her state could help our teachers affected by Hurricanes Florence and Matthew. She impacted lives in NC by creating

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Let's SPARKLE!

GOALS:

- Encourage **S**avvy leadership
- Inspire **P**assionate, meaningful programs and projects
- Analyze and **A**rticulate current educational issues
- Further **R**espect for diversity in membership
- Promote **K**nowledge through lifelong learning
- Establish and **L**aunch a member wellness initiative
- Advocate **E**xcellence in education

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Eta State NC President the past two years. On reflection your cooperation, support, passion and dedication to the purposes of DKG have inspired me as we have carried out the work of our Society!

Committees have prepared workshops, trained leaders, advocated for current educational issues in Raleigh, distributed chapter achievement and communications awards, awarded scholarships, presented the 85th Birthday Beginning Teacher Award and taken care of the business of North Carolina. The Executive Board this biennium, at the request of chapters, has merged two chapters, dissolved two chapters and approved the expansion of Alpha Theta in 2020. During our May Executive Board meeting, we appointed a new treasurer and in the business meeting we elected a new slate of officers. Our state officers, related personnel, representatives, and committees spend many hours in preparation for our annual convention. I would like to thank you for your service to our state organization.

One of the greatest joys of serving the last two years has been visiting chapters because North Carolina has Savvy Leaders who are passionate and plan meaningful programs and projects in your communities while supporting Beginning Teachers, Schools for Africa and World Fellowship. I have been amazed at how chapters have embraced the Wellness theme and Sparkled with enthusiasm to support the goals of the biennium. While visiting chapters, I have had the opportunity to connect and reconnect with friends across the state as well as meet new friends. The warmth and welcoming feeling were always present, and it felt like I had known everyone all my life. The genuine spiritual fellowship of Delta Kappa Gamma is truly special.

I have watched members across the state assume new roles and grow as leaders, and I look forward to seeing you Share the Sparkle!

I am grateful for the officers and related personnel who have shared knowledge, wisdom, skills, talents, and ideas to make me shine. I will hold dear the memories of the past two years as Eta State NC President.

Connie Savell

Eta State NC President

International Conference: Arts & Humanities
Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort & Spa
June 27-29, 2019

Read more about the Arts & Humanities Conference on pages 16-17

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Please insert NC DKG in the subject line when sending an email to state officers.

2019 Ceremony of Remembrance



In Memoriam - White Roses -

Name	Chapter	Date of Death
Virginia L. Martin	Delta Lambda	July 10, 2017
Shirley Ledford	Sigma	October 17, 2017
Louise B. Hatch	Delta Lambda	December 10, 2017
Pantice I. Fish	Gamma Zeta	February 13, 2018
Augusta R. Hockaday	Beta Iota	February 25, 2018
Dorothy B. Graham	Delta Gamma	March 18, 2018
Lalla Anne W. Bowen	Theta	March 23, 2018
Rosalie E. Russ	Gamma Xi	April 9, 2018
Mae F. Fortner	Alpha Rho	April 29, 2018
Shaunda Camp	Beta Epsilon	July 27, 2018
Dr. Lucille H. Daniel	Gamma Beta	August 15, 2018
Marvis H. Hendrix	Pi	October 1, 2018
Helen Heafner	Alpha Xi	October 10, 2018
Evelyn R. Sharpe	Beta Tau	December 3, 2018
Dr. Teresa M. Stern	Gamma	December 7, 2018
Dorothy B. Driver	Alpha Beta	December 23, 2018
Arlene Manning	Beta Upsilon	January 16, 2019
Maud M. Randolph	Alpha Theta	January 31, 2019
Dr. Judith C. Pleasants	Alpha	February 18, 2019
Lillie B. Brewer	Delta Chi	March 7, 2019

We celebrate the lives of these Society members whose deaths have been reported to NC DKG Membership Chair Mary Beth Dailey between January 10, 2019 and April 10, 2019.

Reporting the Death of a Member

Chapter presidents are reminded to *report the death of a member immediately* to DKG International and to NC DKG. The interactive [Form 6](#) can be found at www.ncdkg.org under Forms. Complete Form 6 online and email or mail a copy to:

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After July 1, 2019 email or mail Form 6 to the following:

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Important Links from 2019-2021 NC DKG President

2019-2020 Chapter Visit Request Form
<https://bit.ly/2uXxmW4>

2019-2020 NC DKG
Committee Interest Form
<http://bit.ly/2H7f8Hq>

Fund\$ for Florence Update



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the spark that encouraged me to ask our state to contribute to the Fund\$ for Florence Project.

In October, three days before our Fall Executive Board Meeting, chapter presidents were sent an email requesting gift cards for our 27 teachers needing assistance. On October 13, 2019, \$1,350 in gift cards were distributed to those teachers who worked in schools either destroyed or damaged by flood waters.

Region X, hosts for the 85th Convention and Birthday Celebration, decided to continue the project to assist our members affected by the hurricanes rather than choose a project in their region. The convention project was named Fund\$ for Florence.

State Organization Presidents in the southeast reached out inquiring how they could assist. We received money from Alabama, Mississippi, and Virginia! Cashier's checks or gift cards have been sent to the designated 27 DKG member teachers throughout the year.

At the Maryland Fall Executive Board meeting, it was decided that they would raise funds throughout the year. In the spring, President Sharon would come to North Carolina and visit schools to bring gift cards to teachers. On April 8, 2019, Sharon visited Brinson Elementary School in New Bern, NC, and personally distributed gift cards to four NC DKG (*Alpha Psi*) teachers. Past Region II Director Tammy Cullom represented NC DKG that day in New Bern. Alpha Psi had members at other schools that were affected by the hurricanes, and they received gift cards as well.

Sharon also visited Trenton Elementary and Jones Middle School that were destroyed due to the hurricanes. She visited teachers from those two schools at Jones High School with Gamma Epsilon Chapter President Jackie Lanier to distribute gift cards. Jackie delivered gift cards to other affected teachers in her chapter.

I have been amazed at the generosity of our NC DKG members. Chapters have sent money to purchase new books for libraries and sent money directly to these teachers.

A total of \$13,296 has been distributed to 27 NC DKG educators! Share the Sparkle!

NC DKG at Work

Amendments Approved at the 2019 Convention



Rules Committee

Tammy Cullom, Chair

The members of **The North Carolina State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** (formerly known as Eta State), abbreviated as NC DKG, voted to approve all the presented amendments to the *NC DKG Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*. The proposed amendment to Article V Organization, Section 2. New Chapters B was withdrawn before voting.

The NC DKG Rules Committee, with the input from convention workshop attendees, will be revising the draft checklist that chapters can use to make updates to their chapter rules based on the 2019 approved amendments. The final checklist will be emailed to chapter presidents and posted on the NC DKG webpage.

One amendment that NC DKG passed stated that the state Rules Committee will make immediate changes to state rules following an International DKG Convention where proposed amendments were adopted. This should be a model for your chapter rules, where your chapter will make immediate changes following the International DKG Convention and also after the NC DKG Convention, as needed. This will be stated on the checklist for you.

While you are making these recently adopted changes to your chapter rules, please visit the NC DKG webpage and find the standard chapter rules checklist. Print it and check that all recommended items are part of your chapter rules so they are as up-to-date as they can be. The next official chapter rules review by the state Rules Committee is scheduled for 2020.

Chapter Rules are a living, breathing document that may change to meet the needs of the group. A report and vote during the business section of your chapter meeting are all it takes to make necessary changes. If you have questions, please contact Chair [Tammy Cullom](#). Other committee members of the Rules Committee are Becky Keesler, Barbara Piekarski, and Tobey Worthington.



Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide

Mission Statement

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

Meet the NC DKG Treasurer



The NC DKG Executive Board approved **Leslie Black** (*Nu, Catawba*) as the NC DKG Treasurer at the 2019 convention in May. Leslie's term begins on July 1, 2019.

Leslie brings experience and credentials including:

- Earned a master's degree in Library Science from NC Central University
- Earned Instructional Technology Endorsement from NC DPI
- Served Catawba County Schools as a business teacher, media coordinator, Power Schools District Coordinator, Online Catawba Director, and Director of Digital Teaching, Learning and Media
- Member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 2008
- Served as chapter treasurer, Finance Committee chair, and vice-president
- Served on NC DKG Finance Committee and 2019 Convention Treasurer
- Presenter at numerous NC DKG conventions and regional conferences

Congratulations to Leslie!

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DKG News Available Online

The DKG International newsletter, *DKG News*, is now an "online only" publication. Sign in on www.dkg.org. Then you can read the May/June 2019 issue 76-3 [HERE](#).

<p>Sign in on www.dkg.org.</p> <p>Click the <i>DKG Bulletin: Journal</i> or the <i>Get Connected</i> newsletter to download the latest issue.</p>	 
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NC DKG Headquarters Committee Update

Headquarters Committee

Edris Glover, Chair

Funds received for the Brick Paver Project (2016 through 2018) totaled \$15,000. Payments for brick pavers (2018-2019) were \$2,883.14. Mr. Woodard and his company will start the work as soon as the weather cooperates.

During 2018-2019, it was necessary to dig a new well at Headquarters. The well and pump were paid for from funds on hand that included the Brick Paver Project donations.

Headquarters conducted the annual "Pass the House" at the state convention. This tradition raised \$2,005 to support headquarters. Thank you for your generous donations.

Special thanks are extended to Mrs. Ruth Jones and Mrs. Barbara Perry-Sheldon for their time, patience, energy and input; Mary Beth White for her travel time and expenses spent checking on Headquarters; and the headquarters team members, for their patience and support!

EEC In Action: Recap of a "Sparkling" Biennium

NC DKG 1st VP & EEC Chair

Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

EEC (Educational Excellence Committee) found focus in 2017-2019 as it was driven to "Launch a wellness initiative" to support the "Let's SPARKLE" theme. The short-term **EEC** project that addressed personal wellness found chapters engaged in water projects through LifeStraw and other agencies as well as personal well-being programs to promote self-care. Members were empowered, engaged and creative as they made short-term changes working toward long-term impacts.

Speaking of long-term, chapters continued their support of the official long-term **EEC** international project **Schools for Africa** through hosting guest speakers, designing festival events and so much more.

EEC 2017-2019 has had a sparkling biennium. The commitment to promote long-term and short-term programs and projects for excellence in education has been met by many. There is still work to be done but with the "change agents" in place, it will happen.

A Leadership Quest: Exploring Leadership Strengths

Leadership Committee

Tonya Welch, Chair

Caraway Conference Center, nestled in the Uwharrie Mountains, was the rejuvenating setting for the 2019 NC DKG Leadership Seminar. Twenty-nine enthusiastic Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) members plus one consultant, who is also a DKG member, attended. One of our attendees was a first year DKG member!



Participants took a leadership assessment offered by Gallup prior to attending the seminar. Nancy Cox, our Gallup Coach, used participants' Strengths-Based Leadership Report in order to select participants for small group and large group activities. From these activities, Nancy helped participants recognize their five top strengths and how they could take advantage using them in various leadership roles.

Small group activities provided many variances and interpretations on the strengths of everyone in attendance. During our short day and a half time together, we experienced validation, affirmation, strengthening, inspiration, a-ha moments and genuine sisterhood all while exploring our potential as leaders. Everyone in attendance shared emotional reflections on the impact of the seminar before departing on Saturday afternoon prompting laughter as well as tears. To quote NC DKG President Connie Savell, "I arrived on Friday tired from a long week and left on Saturday afternoon feeling energized."

85th Birthday Celebration — Mamie Sue Bastian Would Be Proud!

First Vice-President

Dr. Teresa Cowan

If you are asking yourself "Who is Mamie Sue Bastian?" let me help. Mamie Sue Bastian is a Founder of DKG Society International whom we have to thank for starting the birthday celebration at the annual convention. Mamie Sue "valued the frivolous" and lived a buoyant life. I think that Mamie Sue would have been proud of the celebration that NC DKG just hosted in Hickory.



Let me capture a few of the "frivolous" highlights:

- Eta State Founders were amongst us
 - o Living History - Members portrayed our Eta State NC Founders throughout the weekend
 - ~ Photo opps, attended sessions, greeters, and more
 - ~ NC DKG Founders Trading Cards made their debut
 - ~ Sunday Brunch
 - o Birthday Party Theme to celebrate 85th birthday of NC DKG
 - ~ Party favors for everyone: balloons, cupcakes, rings, noise makers, and more
 - ~ Happy Birthday music from all genres
 - ~ Notable Women Recognition
 - o NC DKG Women, past and present, (100+) recognized for notable service
 - ~ Acknowledged in program (print and multimedia)
 - ~ Acknowledged visibly on their nametags



It was a celebration to remember. Mamie Sue Bastian was surely smiling as the members of NC DKG were "living buoyantly" the first weekend of May. Thank you to all who helped make this celebration possible and for supporting those of us who "value the frivolous."

2019 NC DKG Convention News



Louise Lomick and Valerie Boyd, convention co-chairs, welcome guests to Hickory

The 2019 NC DKG Convention "Celebrating 85 Years! Share the Sparkle!" was held at the Hickory Crowne Plaza. Region X "sparkled" as they welcomed members with goody bags, smiles, and hugs.

President **Connie Savell**, *Delta Tau*, called the Spring Executive Board meeting to order on Friday afternoon.

The NC DKG Executive board took the following action:

- Heard reports from select officers and committee chairs. All officer and committee reports were printed in the convention program.
- Approved the recommendation of all presented amendments to the *NC DKG Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*. The proposed amendment to Article V Organization, Section 2. New Chapters B was withdrawn before voting.
- Announced the Fall Executive Board Meeting on September 14, 2019, at the First Presbyterian Church, Burlington.
- Approved a motion that the 2021 NC DKG Convention be held at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Asheville on April 23-25, 2021.
- Approved a motion to accept revisions to the 2019-2021 NC DKG Strategic Plan.
- Accepted the Eta State NC Financial Review as presented.
- Accepted the report from Pat Taylor, *Mu*, Ad hoc Committee Chair, to explore three convention sites.
- Approved an Ad hoc Committee to investigate the pros and cons to every member voting on amendments. Members of the committee are: Ashlee Taylor-Layton, Barbara Piekarski, Pamela Wright, Connie Savell, Betty Marshall, & Gwen Simmons, consultant.
- Approved the motion for Alpha Theta Chapter to expand in 2020. The new chapter, in Stokes County, will be named Delta Upsilon.

Members enjoyed entertainment by the **South Caldwell High School Jazz Ensemble 1** under the direction of Jonathan Stafford at the opening of



NC DKG members "Share the Sparkle"

Awards Night on Friday evening. Hickory mayor, Hank Guess, welcomed attendees to Hickory. **Dr. Barbara Day**, *Delta Beta*, presented a "sparkling" inspiration. Communications and Publicity Chair **Deb Christensen**, *Alpha Zeta*, recognized chapters for newsletter, website, and communications excellence. Awards Chair, **Donna Rudisill**, *Nu*, presented the Golden Key, Chapter Achievement, and Presidential Chapter Awards. (See awards lists on pp. 9-10)

Dr. Judith Carlson, *Alpha Gamma*, began the Saturday events by conducting The NC DKG Educational Foundation Annual Meeting. NC DKG President **Connie Savell**, *Delta Tau*, presided over the General/Business Meeting on Saturday. **Carolyn Coram**, *Beta Nu*, delivered the inspiration. Convention Registrar **Marilyn Futrelle**, *Nu*, announced that there were 348 registered participants with 13 past state presidents, 52 first-time attendees, 52 National Board Certified, 3 beginning teachers, 12 with 40+ years membership and 20 with 50+ years. Due to flight delays, Connie Savell presented the report from International for **Cathy Daugherty**, *Alpha Alpha*, VA, DKG International President and Society Representative. Members heard numerous reports, approved the proposed amendments to the *NC DKG Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*, collected \$2,005 for headquarters during "Pass the House," and heard an invitation to the 2020 Convention May 1-3, 2020, at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro. Thirty-one workshops on various topics were available for participants to attend on Saturday afternoon.

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DKG International President Cathy Daugherty enjoys conversation with members during lunch

NC DKG Convention 2019

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The Presidents Reception was a time for NC DKG members to enjoy fellowship and photo opportunities. A banquet honoring chapter presidents was the highlight of Saturday evening. The **Freedom High School Chamber Singers** (Morganton), directed by Mara Walker, presented vocal selections before the banquet. Chapter presidents were honored with a pictorial tribute, and scholarships were awarded to **Catherine Deaton**, *Beta Beta*, and **Kristen Vann**, *Alpha Phi*. DKG International President **Cathy Daugherty** presented the program "Seizing Opportunities" that encouraged all members to be bold and embrace opportunities for leadership and service to DKG and to the communities where they live and teach. The evening ended with the installation of the 2019-2021 state officers and the presentation of the Order of the Dogwood to the out-going president, **Connie Savell**.



Installation of the
2019-2021 NC DKG Officers

NC DKG Members **SPARKLE** in DKG's Gallery of Fine Arts

The DKG Arts and Humanities Jury is pleased to announce the Spring publication in the DKG [Fine Arts Gallery](#) of 32 works by NC DKG members.

Crafts:

Jeanette Miller - *Alpha Phi*

Drawing:

Patricia Meeks - *Gamma Iota*

Mixed Media:

Brenda Carter - *Beta Xi*

Painting:

Brenda Carter - *Beta Xi*

Dedra Davis - *Alpha Iota*

Terry Denny - *Alpha Omicron*

Willie Harriett - *Delta Mu*

Bonnie Henry - *Alpha Phi*

Kristin Johnson - *Pi*

Mintie Saintsing - *Gamma Delta*

Mary Ann Styons - *Upsilon*

Sylvia Wingler - *Gamma Psi*

Photography:

Carol Bostian - *Nu*

Jeanette Carofano - *Alpha Phi*

Thommi Hendricks - *Delta Iota*

Evelyn "Susie" Miller - *Gamma Delta*

Sharon Page - *Beta Delta*

Mintie Saintsing - *Gamma Delta*

Connie Savell - *Delta Tau*

Mary Ann Styons - *Upsilon*

Dr. Sherry Willis - *Alpha Nu*

Poetry:

Debbie Marsh - *Delta Pi*

Martha Smith - *Delta Pi*

Congratulations to all of the talented NC DKG members!



"The Apron"
Sparkling Inspiration

The Ceremony of Remembrance on Sunday honored 47 sisters with white roses. **Dr. Teresa Cowan**, first vice-president, *Alpha Phi*, presided over the 85th annual Birthday Brunch. **Michelle Beningo**, *Alpha Phi*, delivered the final "sparkling" inspiration. Beginning Teacher Support Committee Chair, **Tammy Albright**, *Delta Iota*, presented the NC DKG Beginning Teacher Award to **Hannah Davis**, *Beta Omicron*. Immediate Past President **Sheila Groves**, *Beta Delta*, recognized the 2019 Rising Star honorees with pins and certificates. **Donna Rudisill**, *Nu*, Awards Committee chair, recognized **Betty Debnam Hunt** as the recipient of the 2019 NC DKG Founders Award. President **Connie Savell**, *Delta Tau*, passed the gavel to in-coming NC DKG President **Dr. Teresa Cowan**, *Alpha Phi*.

NC DKG members, from the moment I arrived at the 2019 NC State Organization Convention in Hickory I was embraced by members and totally blown away by the quality of workshops, vendors, member recognition, and attention to detail that surrounded every item on the program. You are quality DKG women who lead with purpose and execute with style. It was a privilege to be your 2019 Society Representative and to participate in a roundtable discussion, a dues process training workshop, and to deliver heartfelt remarks at your Saturday evening banquet. You helped me pack into my shortened visit so much and made sure I interacted with most of the attendees there. It was a memorable experience, being back in my hometown and home state with so many people I already knew and so many more that I now know.

Thank you for the many gifts, cards, and remembrances you bestowed on me. All are appreciated and treasured, as is this special visit I got to make to the North Carolina State Organization. You are the best!

Cathy

Cathy P. Daugherty, International President

NC DKG Convention 2019



Awards Presented to Sparkling Chapters & Members

Awards Committee
Donna Rudisill, Chair

The NC DKG Awards Committee was proud to present the Golden Key Award, Rising Star Award, and Chapter Achievement Awards at the 2019 convention in Hickory.



Golden Key Award Recipients



Presidential Chapter Award Recipients



Rising Star Award Recipients

2019 Golden Key Award

Region I	Betty Cochran	Alpha Omega
Region II	Deborah Metcalf	Beta Alpha
Region III	Lucy Kay	Gamma Iota
Region IV	Mary Ann Styons	Upsilon
Region V	Edris Glover	Alpha Pi
Region VI	Jan Fields	Lambda
Region VII	Tonya Welch	Chi
Region VIII	Pam Holthouser	Delta Pi
Region IX	Susan Phipps	Alpha Gamma
Region X	Lisa May	Delta Tau
Region XI	Arbie Rhodes	Alpha Phi

2019 Presidential Chapter Award

Region I	Margie Brantley, Pres.	Mu
Region VII	Zoe Dillars, Pres.	Beta Delta
Region IX	Susie Miller, Pres.	Gamma Delta
Region X	Martha Brown, Pres.	Nu
Region X	Penni Robinson, Pres.	Alpha Nu
Region XI	JoAnn Hamrick, Pres.	Alpha Phi

2019 Rising Star Award

Region I	Malinda Pennington	Mu
Region III	Anna Goodrum	Gamma Theta
Region III	Evelyn Hall	Gamma Chi
Region V	Mattie Perry Johnson	Eta
Region X	Kennan Eaddy	Delta Sigma

2019 Chapter Achievement Awards

Superior Achievement

Region I:	Mu
Region II:	Beta Alpha
Region III:	Gamma Chi
Region VII:	Beta Delta
Region IX:	Alpha Gamma, Gamma Delta
Region X:	Nu, Alpha Nu, Delta Tau
Region XI:	Alpha Phi, Alpha Iota, Alpha Lambda

Excellent Achievement

Region I:	Beta Theta
Region II:	Iota, Omicron, Alpha Psi, Gamma Zeta, Delta Xi
Region III:	Gamma Theta
Region IV:	Upsilon, Delta Mu
Region VI:	Delta Rho
Region VII:	Chi, Alpha Upsilon, Beta Beta, Beta Xi, Beta Omicron
Region VIII:	Kappa, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Mu, Beta Tau
Region IX:	Delta Chi
Region X:	Delta Sigma

Distinctive Achievement

Region I:	Beta Upsilon
Region II:	Delta, Beta Lambda
Region III:	Gamma Iota
Region IV:	Gamma Xi, Delta Iota
Region V:	Eta, Alpha Pi, Beta Kappa
Region VI:	Lambda, Tau, Gamma Gamma
Region VII:	Alpha Delta
Region VIII:	Beta Sigma, Delta Pi
Region IX:	Zeta, Alpha Theta, Gamma Psi
Region X:	Gamma Phi
Region XI:	Gamma

Honorable Mention Achievement

Region I:	Pi, Alpha Omega
Region II:	Sigma, Gamma Epsilon
Region III:	Alpha Beta, Alpha Omicron, Gamma Eta, Delta Delta
Region IV:	Alpha Eta
Region V:	Beta Iota, Beta Pi, Delta Beta
Region VI:	Gamma Sigma
Region VII:	Beta Gamma, Gamma Alpha, Delta Nu
Region VIII:	Epsilon, Gamma Pi
Region IX:	Beta Mu
Region X:	Alpha Epsilon, Beta Epsilon, Gamma Beta

2019 Newsletter, Website, and Communication Excellence Awards

Region I	<p><i>Newsletter</i> – Alpha Kappa, Alpha Omega, Beta Theta, Beta Upsilon, Pi</p> <p><i>Website</i> – Alpha Omega, Delta Zeta, Gamma Lambda, Pi</p> <p>Excellence – Mu</p>
Region II	<p><i>Newsletter</i> – Omicron, Alpha Psi, Beta Alpha</p> <p><i>Website</i> – Delta, Iota, Omicron, Sigma, Alpha Psi, Beta Alpha, Gamma Zeta, Delta Xi</p> <p>Excellence – Gamma Epsilon</p>
Region III	<p><i>Newsletter</i> – Alpha Omicron, Gamma Iota</p> <p><i>Website</i> – Beta, Gamma Theta, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Tau</p> <p>Excellence – Alpha Beta, Gamma Chi</p>
Region IV	<p><i>Newsletter</i> – Alpha Eta, Delta Mu,</p> <p><i>Website</i> – Delta Mu, Theta</p> <p>Excellence – Upsilon</p>
Region V	<p><i>Newsletter</i> – Beta Kappa</p> <p><i>Website</i> – Alpha Pi, Beta Iota, Beta Kappa, Delta Beta</p> <p>Excellence – Eta</p>
Region VI	<p><i>Newsletter</i> – Lambda, Gamma Gamma, Gamma Sigma, Delta Omicron, Delta Rho</p> <p><i>Website</i> – Lambda, Tau, Phi, Psi, Gamma Sigma, Delta Rho</p>
Region VII	<p><i>Newsletter</i> – Alpha Delta, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, Beta Delta, Beta Xi, Beta Omicron, Gamma Alpha</p> <p><i>Website</i> – Alpha Delta, Beta Beta, Beta Delta</p> <p>Excellence – Chi, Alpha Upsilon</p>
Region VIII	<p><i>Newsletter</i> – Kappa, Beta Sigma, Beta Tau, Gamma Pi, Delta Pi</p> <p><i>Website</i> – Kappa, Beta Sigma, Beta Tau, Delta Pi</p> <p>Excellence – Alpha Zeta</p>
Region IX	<p><i>Newsletter</i> – Zeta, Alpha Theta</p> <p><i>Website</i> – Zeta, Alpha Theta</p> <p>Excellence – Gamma Delta, Gamma Psi, Delta Chi</p>
Region X	<p><i>Newsletter</i> – Alpha Epsilon, Gamma Phi, Delta Tau</p> <p><i>Website</i> – Gamma Phi</p> <p>Excellence – Nu, Alpha Nu, Delta Sigma</p>
Region XI	<p><i>Website</i> – Gamma Upsilon</p> <p>Excellence – Gamma, Alpha Iota, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Phi</p>

NC DKG 2019 Founder's Award Presented to Betty Debnam Hunt



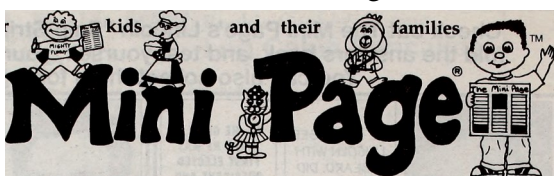
The NC DKG Awards Committee presented the prestigious 2019 NC DKG Founder's Award to **Betty Debnam Hunt** during the convention Birthday Brunch in Hickory. Mrs. Hunt was nominated for the award by **Delta Xi Chapter (Region II, Pitt)** in recognition of her notable and outstanding contributions to improve the quality of life in

North Carolina's young people, educators and parents through her creation of *The Mini Page*.

Delta Xi member, Linda Teel, shares, "Early in her career, Mrs. Hunt's love of teaching coupled with her journalism background, inspired her to create the renowned *The Mini Page* providing a platform that captured minds as well as making learning interesting and fun for a diverse group of learners. *The Mini Page* has and continues to provide meaningful educational content to a global world."

A native of Virginia, Betty Debnam Hunt moved to Raleigh, NC, at age twelve. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received a masters degree from Duke University. She taught elementary school for twelve years.

While teaching first grade, Mrs. Hunt was inspired to create a mini-unit, something that would provide teachers with easy access to information. She had the idea to condense a social studies unit to one page with an interesting introduction for teachers that would lead their students to do more research. *The Mini Page* was created for children but was of interest to readers of all ages as well as educators.



Mrs. Hunt credits her family for her inspiration for *The Mini Page*. Her grandmother ran a small weekly newspaper; her grandfather was a school superintendent and edited the newspaper, and her father was a reporter in Norfolk. Her spouse, retired Marine Col. Richard Morton Hunt, was a former *Raleigh News & Observer* and Associated

Press reporter, lobbyist and military adviser for the late Hubert Humphrey.

Mrs. Hunt's four-page weekly newspaper feature addressed topics of significance to the elementary curriculum including science, government, animals, hobbies, artists, holidays, biography, geography, history and manners, among others. Recognized for its cast of cute characters purposefully drawn like "... a talented 4-year-old" did it, *The Mini Page* topics were carefully researched, written in an easy-to-understand-style and double-checked by top sources in the country. Each issue also had recipes, super sports and puzzles based on the main theme.

The first issue of *The Mini Page* ran in the August 29, 1969, issue of the *Raleigh News & Observer*. In 1970, *The Mini Page* was picked up by *The Charlotte Observer*. In 1977, *The Mini Page* was syndicated nationally. The educational resource appeared weekly in over 500 newspapers.

In 2007, Mrs. Hunt established an online *The Mini Page* Archive at UNC Chapel Hill University Library. Issues of *The Mini Page* are free to download and print from the archive.

Betty Debnam Hunt wanted to be known as an educator and someone who made a difference. Thank you, Mrs. Hunt, for your outstanding contribution and dedication to education and lifelong learning. Yes, you have made a difference! NC DKG is proud to recognize your dedication to students and to education.

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NC DKG Chapters Sparkle

Delta Tau Welcomes New Members

Delta Tau Editor
Windy Bagwell

The newest members of Delta Tau come from all over Cleveland County and teach a variety of subjects. **Rebekah Hopkins** teaches English at Burns High School, and **Margot Plonk** is an earth and environmental science teacher at Kings Mountain High School. **Edna Davis** teaches career and technical education at Shelby Middle School and **Robin "Missy" Short** teaches seventh grade science at Kings Mountain Middle School. **Kathleen Miller** is a first grade teacher at East Elementary in Kings Mountain. Welcome to DKG, ladies!



Pictured from left to right are new members Kathleen Miller, Edna Davis, Rebekah Hopkins, Margot Plonk and Missy Short

Kappa SPARKLES!

Kappa Co-president
Jennifer Carofano



- S** - Savvy Sisters wear fascinators!
- P** - We Passionately pursue outlets for the well-being of children when we collect school supplies and Christmas items for needy children and support their schools in time of tragedy.
- A** - We Articulate our interest in Beginning Teachers and their challenges, writing notes of encouragement and supporting activities to promote their well-being.
- R** - We Respect cultural and religious diversity in our membership.
- K** - We promote Knowledge and life-long learning with expert guest speakers and donating \$500 to the Godfrey-Koesjan Family Graduate Fellowship at the University of Georgia in memory of our sisters BJ and Barbara.
- L** - Martha Tillman has Launched our Wellness Program, exploring the Dimensions of Wellness, & the benefits of tea and developing a positive attitude toward life.
- E** - We advocate Excellence in education with our meetings and in-services with Beginning Teachers and support of NC teachers and the library at A.H. Bangert E.S. affected by Hurricane Florence.

NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting

September 14, 2019

First Presbyterian Church - Burlington

Gamma Zeta Holds Ceremonies & Welcomes Special Guest

Gamma Zeta President
Julia Thorn

Gamma Zeta Chapter (Region II, Carteret) members recently held an induction ceremony for **Jeffrie Holloway**, retired principal of Beaufort Middle School, and **Sherrill Moraven**, retired administrator of both Carteret and Craven County Schools. The chapter also held a memorial service for member **Pat Ingram Fish**.

President **Julia Thorn** welcomed **Lockwood Phillips**, talk radio host and co-owner of *The Carteret News-Times*, as their celebrated guest speaker. Mr. Lockwood delivered a message about "Media & Education" supporting students' knowledge development and analytical skills and encouraging accountability in the current culture bombarded with digital information. Members enjoyed this informative presentation.



New members left to right are: Susan Merrell, Bonnie Ferneau, Barbara Hill, Jeffrie Holloway, Sherrill Moraven, June Vann, and Gamma Zeta President Julia Thorn.

NC DKG Chapters Sparkle

Members Inducted Into Beta Alpha

Beta Alpha President
Becky McRoy

Three members were recently inducted into **Beta Alpha Chapter** (*Region II, Pitt*). **Gail Marsal** is an Associate Professor and Criminal Justice Coordinator at NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount. **Dawn Hester** is the Coordinator of Special Programs and Alpha Center Administrator for Pitt County Schools. **Chanelle Williams** is a kindergarten through fifth grade General Music teacher and sixth through eighth grade Choral Director at Grifton School. Beta Alpha is very happy to have these outstanding new members ready to share all of the rewarding aspects of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.



*Pictured are:
Gail Marsal
(left);
Dawn Hester
(center);
Chanelle Williams
(right)*

Alpha Omega Hosts Region 1 Meeting

Alpha Omega Past President
Becky McRoy

Alpha Omega Chapter (*Region I, Beaufort & Hyde*) hosted a Region 1 spring meeting and luncheon on Saturday, April 13. NC DKG President **Connie Savell**, Treasurer **Ruth Jones** and **Beth Winstead**, state webmaster, were guest speakers.

Attendees enjoyed a coffee hour/meet and greet session with President Connie, followed by the guest speakers' presentations and culminating with a delicious meal prepared by ladies of the church. Alpha Omega Chapter President **Linda Beddard** conducted the morning's proceedings. Alpha Omega would like to thank Region I Director **Rhonda Allen** and Region II Director **Veda McNair** for their assistance in publicizing the event.

Eta State NC Dates to Remember

2019

- May 15 New Inductee Fees due to state treasurer
- May 27 Deadline for hotel group rate for the International Conference - Asheville
- May 30 International Conference - Asheville early bird registration ends
- June 13 Deadline to purchase meal tickets for the International Conference - Asheville
- June 27-29 International Conference: Arts & Humanities - Asheville
Crowne Plaza Tennis & Golf Resort
Asheville, NC
- June 30 Deadline for 2019-2020 member dues to chapter treasurers
- July 10 Submission to *Eta State News* deadline
- July 15 Form 15 due to state treasurer from chapter treasurers
- September 14 NC DKG Fall Executive Board meeting
First Presbyterian Church - Burlington

2020

- May 1-3 2020 NC DKG Convention
Embassy Suites
Greensboro, NC Region VII

Visit the [interactive calendar](#) on the NC DKG website to link important dates to your calendar.



Pictured left to right: Veda McNair, Region II Director; Linda Beddard, Alpha Omega President; Connie Savell, NC DKG President; Beth Winstead, NC DKG webmaster; & Rhonda Allen, Region I Director

NC DKG Members Sparkle

Kappa

(Region VIII, Mecklenburg)

Robin Dorfer, a 12-year member of **Kappa Chapter**, was recently selected as Teacher of the Year at Ardrey Kell High School, Charlotte. Robin is a history and social studies teacher. She was also recognized by the Mecklenburg Chapter of the DAR as Social Studies Teacher of the Year.



Dr. Patricia Smith was nominated as the 2019 Mentor of the Year sponsored by the City of Charlotte mayor's Mentoring Alliance. Patricia was recognized for her many civic, athletic, and one-on-one activities with children. She has been a member of Kappa Chapter for five years.

Congratulations, Robin and Patricia! Kappa Chapter is proud of your accomplishments!

Zeta

(Region IX, Forsyth & Stokes)

Alli George, a math teacher at Glenn High School in Kernersville, NC, and **Zeta Chapter** member, was voted Teacher of the Year at her school for 2018-19. Alli received a local grant from the Winston-Salem Foundation that will allow her to attend and present at the National Science Teachers Association annual conference in St. Louis, MO. She also works with A+ Schools of North Carolina, leading staff development in their arts integration reform movement. Alli is a teacher leader and we are fortunate to have her as a member of Zeta!



**Next Eta State News Deadline:
July 10, 2019**

Gamma Delta

(Region XI, Alleghany & Ashe)

Thelma Davis, a founding member of **Gamma Delta** and DKG member for 48 years, celebrated her 103rd birthday in March, 2019. Thelma is an advocate for children and adults with disabilities. As a founding member of the Board of Directors of Alleghany County Group Homes, Mrs. Davis worked tirelessly to provide a safe, nurturing and productive environment for adults with disabilities.

Although currently residing in Florida, she keeps in touch with many people in Alleghany County. Gamma Delta sisters celebrated her 103rd birthday with a spring plant arrangement and cards.



Gamma Gamma

(Region VI, Robeson & Scotland)

Meghan Elizabeth Miller, a member of **Gamma Gamma Chapter**, was recently invited to sing for the dedication of the Fisk Opus 147 Pipe Organ at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh, NC. Meghan was part of a hand-picked choir to sing at the original dedication of the cathedral in 2017 and was honored to be asked to sing again during the Solemn Vespers service at the cathedral.



Alpha Omicron

(Region III, Wake)



Audrey Yosai, a member of **Alpha Omicron**, and the band teacher at Daniels Middle School in Raleigh, NC, will be presenting a workshop at the International Conference: Arts & Humanities in Asheville in June. Showcasing her many talents, this workshop doesn't just involve music - but helping members to get fit through social dancing!

NC DKG Members Sparkle

Mu

(Region I, Edgecombe & Nash)

Mu Chapter recently celebrated Ann Robbins' 50 Years of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. Ann was presented red roses, a certificate and 50-year pin.



Pictured is Ann Robbins (left) and Mu Chapter President Margie Parker Brantley (right)

Delta Rho

(Region VI, Lee)



Dr. Lisa Chapman, Delta Rho member since 2003, was recently appointed as the 6th President of Central Carolina Community College. She previously served as the Chief Academic Officer at the college. Dr. Chapman is the first woman

to hold the office of president.

Dr. Linda Smith, a charter member of Delta Rho, was honored recently as Lee County Community Foundation's 2018 Woman of the Year. Linda is a retired educator and administrator who served on the Lee County Board of Education and as an adjunct professor at Central Carolina Community College.



The Sanford Herald granted a 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award to **Karen Huey**. Karen helped found the Lee County Community Orchestra. She was chair of the Fine Arts Department at Lee County High School for 20 years. Karen is also a founding member of Delta Rho.



Welcome New NC DKG Inductees

Delta

Courtney M. Dubis
Elizabeth B. Moye
Anne M. Tilley
Andrea J. VanDeusen
Danisha R. Williams

Beta Alpha

Dawn Hester
Gail Marsal
Chanelle Williams

Beta Epsilon

Najetta Gingles
Jill W. Hall

Psi

Karen E. Brown
Pebble B. Byrd
Terri J. Crocker
Nancy L. Deeck
Christi R. Edwards
Alisha A. Ellis

Beta Lambda

Susan Boswell
Stacy Hersey
Angie Lewis
Dana Potter

Allison L. Ferrer

Tonya S. Graeff

Melissa T. Harris

Emily R. Harrison

Joanne N. Hesley

Kaytee B. Hill

Ann A. Miller

Marina R. Shankle

Sandra J. Taylor

Jennifer W. Tuzenew

Cindi H. Ward

Jaime F. Whitley

Gamma Sigma

Stacey Caldwell
Loveisa S. Clark
Kimberly Coleman
Christine Ganis

Delta Omicron

Barbara S. Wright

Delta Tau

Edna R. Davis
Rebekah M. Hopkins
Kathlene F. Miller
Margaret R. Plonk
Robin B. Short

Alpha Iota

Sharon E. Perry

Alpha Psi

Kim Butts

Ashley M. Etheredge

Christine M. French

Alison Jones

Jennifer Medlin



Names and chapters of all newly inducted members will be published in the issue immediately following receipt of the new member's induction fees by the NC DKG Treasurer.

DKG International at Work



Don't miss coming to the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains to attend the International Conference: Arts & Humanities in Asheville, NC. Attendees will have many opportunities to observe artisans at work and experience fellowship and fun with DKG members. Speakers will include Kevan Frasier, professor and Asheville area historian, and Sheila Kay Adams, North Carolina storyteller, musician, and author. These speakers will entertain and inspire us to explore our own artistic talents.

Here are some important things to know:

- The Crowne Plaza Golf & Tennis Resort in Asheville is the conference hotel. Online [hotel reservations](#) can be made *NOW* – or by calling the hotel at 1-844-330-0296. Ask for the Delta Kappa Gamma group name. Reserve no later than May 27, 2019, to receive the group rate.
- The Arts & Humanities Conference [online registration](#) is open. To reserve meals, register no later than June 13, 2019.
- The [conference schedule](#) is available on the DKG website.
- The pre-conference tour information, including the [registration form](#), is available on the International Conference: Arts & Humanities webpage.

Make plans today to join DKG members from the southeast and beyond on June 27-29 in Asheville!


DKG Conference Theme Night

North Carolina Theme Night will be Thursday, June 27, 2019, at the DKG International Conference: Arts & Humanities. The night festivities will be a great time to celebrate our North Carolina heritage and traditions.

For over 35 years **The Whitewater Bluegrass Co.** has captivated audiences throughout the Southeast with their blend of Bluegrass music, country ballads, mountain swing and down-home humor. Mountain culture comes alive in a celebration of music, song, and dance. Audience involvement is a priority for any Whitewater performance.

The **J. Creek Cloggers** are a high-energy dance team based in Haywood County, NC. Since 2009, they've kept the old mountain tradition alive incorporating buck dance, flat-foot, and clogging throughout their routines. Audience participation is a highlight featuring broom dances and square dances.

Whitewater Bluegrass Co. and the J. Creek Cloggers promise performances that will make the opening evening of the Arts & Humanities Conference a very special event.



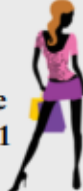
Bellagio Art to Wear
DKG Evening Event

Friday, June 28, 2019
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

All DKG women are invited to enjoy wine, cheese, and unique fashions at **Bellagio Art to Wear!**

During the event, store personnel will be modeling various styles available in the stores. Attendees will receive a gift bag and a 20% off coupon.

Visit either Bellagio location for the event:

Downtown Bellagio Everyday 40 Biltmore Avenue Asheville, NC 28801		Biltmore Village Bellagio Art to Wear 5 Biltmore Plaza Asheville, NC 28803
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In Biltmore Village, you may also want to visit **New Morning Gallery**. This Gallery has room after room of hand-made items including furniture, lamps, jewelry, pottery, linens, and more, created by local artisans. It is a feast for the eyes!





Volunteers Needed for Asheville Conference

Lots of NC DKG members are needed in various areas during the Arts & Humanities Conference in Asheville. Each NC Region has been assigned to serve the following areas:

Region 1 & 2	Ticket Collectors, Volunteer Station
Region 3 & 4	Tote Bags, Registration, Hotel & Airport Greeters
Region 5 & 6	Decorations
Region 7	Properties Room
Region 8	Handlers, Runners, Meet the Block
Region 9 & 11	Theme Night, NC Table in the Marketplace
Region 10	Photo Booth, Hospitality Room

Members in each region are encouraged to contact your Regional Director or **Tobey Worthington** at tobeyv8@aol.com if you are willing to help. The team also needs some Technology Facilitators to be available during workshops on Friday and Saturday to help presenters troubleshoot presentation problems. And, of course, members are welcome to volunteer in *any area* of interest.



DKG Food & Wine Go Ahead Tour

SAN FRANCISCO & NAPA VALLEY

Explore San Francisco and Napa Valley with Heidi Chadwick, DKG Ambassador and Cathy Daugherty, International President

October 9-14, 2020

Registration Deadline - June 24, 2019

Reserve your spot now at www.dkg.org>Events>Go Ahead Tours

NC DKG Members Published in the DKG Bulletin: Collegial Exchange

Due to space limitations in the Spring 2019 *Eta State News*, the following members were not recognized for their articles in *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: Collegial Exchange Volume 85-2*. **Gwen Simmons**, a member of **Gamma Kappa (Region VI, Cumberland, Fort Bragg & Hoke)** published the article "Great TEAMS Run GREAT Meetings" found on pages 50-52. The article "His Name is Still on My List" by **Delta Mu (Region IV, Sampson, Wayne & Harnett)** member **Karen Tyler** can be found on pages 24-25 of Volume 85-2.

The latest issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: Collegial Exchange Volume 85-4* contains articles by three NC DKG members and photographs by one member. An article "A Noble Profession: From Austin to Lancaster" by **Patricia Pemberton, Delta Rho (Region VI, Lee)** is located on pages 20-21. **Gloria Jones, Kappa Chapter (Region VIII, Mecklenburg)**, contributed the article "Playing with History" found on pages 38-39. The article "READER LEADERS – Helping Struggling Readers Achieve Success," on pages 43-45, was submitted by **Carol Bostian, Nu Chapter (Region X, Catawba)**. Two photographs by **Connie Savell, Delta Tau (Region X, Cleveland)**, "Graceful Lily pad" on page 17 and "Trail Kings Mountain" on page 50 were selected from the 2019 Spring DKG Fine Arts Gallery for inclusion in *The DKG Bulletin: Collegial Exchange Volume 85-4*.

Congratulations to all of these talented NC DKG members!

International Dates to Remember

2019

- May 15 Submission deadline for *DKG Bulletin: Journal*
- June 27-29 International Conference: Arts & Humanities, Crowne Plaza Resort, Asheville, NC
- July 1 New DKG fiscal year begins
- July 1 Filing opens for Form 990-N
- August 1 Submission deadline for *DKG Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*
- Sept. 1 Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornet Individual PD Awards
- Sept. 15 Deadline for DKG Arts & Humanities Fall Gallery submissions (Open Aug. 15-Sept. 15)

2020

- July 7-11 DKG International Convention Philadelphia, PA