

NC DKG Hosts DKG International Arts & Humanities Conference

NC DKG Planning Team Chair
Sheila Groves

The Arts & Humanities International Conference was held in Asheville, June 27-29. North Carolina welcomed 480 DKG members and guests from 22 states and 2 countries for three days of fellowship, engagement and inspiration! More than 80 NC members served in volunteer roles throughout



the weekend. Chapters from across the state created centerpieces exhibiting the uniqueness of their area. Small pottery bowls, hand-made by local members, were given as theme night favors.

NC DKG hosted Thursday evening activities beginning with Fun on the Lawn. Artisans demonstrated painting, basket weaving, blacksmithing, butter making, loom weaving, and even hula hooping. Attendees were invited to contribute to a collaborative nature weaving using locally gathered materials. Frisbees, badminton, croquet, and cornhole games were available for some friendly competition. Attendees were treated to lemonade and cookies before the opening session. Laura Mitchell, an art teacher and arts administrator in Buncombe County Schools and an artist in the River Arts District in Asheville, presented "Greetings from Asheville." The evening continued with sounds of bluegrass, country ballads, and mountain swing provided by The Whitewater Bluegrass Co. No one could resist the southern charm and down-home humor of Uncle Ted, MC and square dance caller! The J. Creek Cloggers showcased traditional mountain dancing and had the audience up and participating, even if they had to dance with a broom!



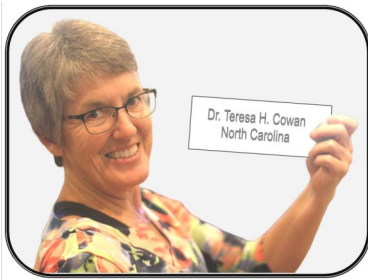
NC Artisan Patricia Pemberton demonstrates weaving at Fun on the Lawn

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Whitewater Bluegrass Co. & J. Creek Cloggers entertain during the Arts & Humanities Theme Night



2019-2021 NC DKG Theme

Ready, Set, **GROW!**

Cultivate fellowship with **G**enerations of DKG members

Nurture membership with **R**esearch-based strategies

Energize members with **O**pportunities for leadership

Develop chapters with **W**ell-defined programs

You **GROW!**, girl!

"The Only Evidence of Life is GROWTH!"

I have often heard that growth for the sake of growth is counterproductive. I believe that wholeheartedly. But I also believe and have witnessed firsthand the above quote by John O'Leary that "the only evidence of life is growth." The 2019-2021 biennium theme, Ready, Set, GROW!, is my attempt in finding balance with these two statements.

Ready, Set, GROW! captures the value of DKG tradition while welcoming the need for adaptation as we move into the future. (The future that is already here!) I used to tell my students that if you are the same at the end of the year as you were at the beginning of the year then I had failed them. My role as an educator was to assist them in adapting to middle school in order to increase their likelihood for success. I was their agent of growth. Now I see my role as NC DKG President in the same regard.

DKG is at a pivotal crossroads as a Society. What do the next 90 years look like for DKG? Will there be another 85 years for NC DKG? Those are two questions or ones similar to them that are being posed across the Society. But I believe the bigger question for each of us as members is the following:

"What are you willing to do for this Society?"

As your President, I am willing to **GROW**. Are you willing to join me? Are you ready to **make adaptations to foster growth**? Are you willing to **accept adaptations to stimulate continued growth**? If the words of support and encouragement I have received of late are any indication, **I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE!!!** I believe the members of NC DKG are willing to **Ready, Set, GROW!** personally, professionally and as an organization.

NC DKG members I challenge you to **Ready, Set, GROW!** With my challenge comes a few reminders: **GROW**th is not easy, it can be painful and can often get pretty messy along the way. But for those willing to "get their hands dirty," the harvest is rewarding.

Together we can cultivate, nurture, energize and develop as we

Ready, Set, **GROW!**

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DKG International Arts & Humanities Conference

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Southeast Regional Director Elaine Warwick, Tennessee, encouraged attendees to take advantage of this unique conference experience with specially selected speakers, workshops and entertainment celebrating the arts. The on-site marketplace held many unique crafts for sale. Workshops offered professional and Society information as well as hands-on opportunities for participants to create their own work of art.



Elaine Warwick (left) presents media award to WLSO-TV members Joseph Fishleigh & Tammy Watford

Tammy Watford, WLOS TV evening news anchor, and Joseph Fishleigh, station general manager, accepted the 2019 DKG Arts & Humanities Conference Media Award presented by Southeast Regional Director Elaine Warwick. Each weeknight Tammy shares an education segment "Never Stop Learning" on the evening news. Luncheon speaker, Dr. Kevan Frazier, Executive Director of Western Carolina University's Asheville program and author of *Legendary Locals of Asheville*, shared the history of the social and economic development of Asheville and the rich culture of the area. The US Forum speaker, Dr. Akil Ross, "flunked third grade," but thanks to the high expectations of home, school, and sports he earned a full scholarship to Duke University and later, recognition as the National Principal of the Year. DKG International President Cathy Daugherty presented ways that the Society can stay healthy and vibrant with the focus on CPR - Commitment, Professionalism and Recognition as a prescription for success in making a difference. Sheila Kay Adams, seventh-generation ballad singer, storyteller and banjo player brought the conference to a spirited conclusion with her unaccompanied ballads, stories and claw-hammer banjo music.



Dr. Kevan Frazier



Sheila Kay Adams

If you asked those who attended to list highlights from the conference, you are sure to get an impressive variety of responses. However, the comment that seemed to capture the spirit of this first international conference with the arts and humanities theme came from NC DKG member, Dr. Carol Maidon. She described the event, from beginning to end, as a *tapestry of joy*.

Thank You, NC DKG!

NC members, what a memorable and arts-filled experience you delivered in Asheville during the first of our five international conferences! Teamwork was visible everywhere and provided a wonderful model of DKG at its best. Members enjoyed the site, the attractions, the workshops, sessions, and especially the culture of Western NC. They made new friends and reconnected with friends made at previous DKG events. Happiness was palpable wherever I went. Keynote speakers and entertainment were "spot on" in keeping with this conference's theme. NC members under the leadership of Regional Director Elaine Warwick, along with a hardworking steering committee led by Sheila Groves, orchestrated a great conference. Thank you so much. You have energized me for the remaining conferences this summer and the convention to come in 2020. Hope to see you in 2020 in Philadelphia so I can return the hospitality you showed me this summer in Asheville, NC!



Cathy

Cathy P. Daugherty, International President

DKG International Arts & Humanities Conference

Images of the More than 100 NC DKG Members In Action at the Conference



NC DKG Leaders Attend the Leading Effective Meetings Seminar

LEM Participants

Connie Savell, Dr. Teresa Cowan, & Tobey Worthington

DKG members from fourteen states and three countries attended the North Carolina-sponsored seminar, *Leading Effective Meetings*. Presiding were Dr. Gwen Simmons, PRP; Kathy Boyer, PRP; and Becky Sadowski, DKG First Vice-President. The four-day seminar (June 21-25) was held in Asheville, NC, at the Crowne Plaza.

Robert's Rules of Order came alive as participants engaged in best instructional practices. The seminar



included but was not limited to role-playing the language of parliamentary procedure and activities for large and small groups. The goal of the seminar was to increase the knowledge of DKG members in regard to parliamentary procedure in order to increase member participation in meetings both as attendees and leaders.

The seminar prompted participants to evaluate the power of membership when parliamentary procedure is effectively implemented. The concept of power, in membership and in women, was affirmed as Sarah Broughton presented a session on "The Wonder Woman Within: Strategies for Engaging Your Inherent Superpowers." The seven NC DKG members that attended are motivated to carry this message throughout the state.



In Memoriam - White Roses -

Name	Chapter	Date of Death
Helen A. Bonner	Alpha Omega	April 14, 2019
Dorris Q. Koontz	Chi	April 18, 2019
Mildred L. Hallyburton	Alpha Nu	April 23, 2019
Thelma O. Davis	Gamma Delta	May 13, 2019
Nellie J. White	Gamma Chi	May 18, 2019
Helen R. Sheffield	Chi	June 19, 2019

We celebrate the lives of these Society members whose deaths have been reported to 2017-2019 NC DKG Membership Chair Mary Beth Dailey between April 10, 2019 and June 30, 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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DKG Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide

DKG Mission Statement

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

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NC DKG at Work

Training Provided for NC DKG Leaders at Iowa Leadership Conference

Membership/Expansion Chair

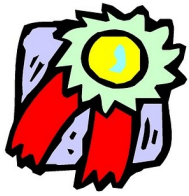
Elizabeth Miars

Three NC DKG state leaders traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, for the DKG International Conference on Leadership. The conference provided officer training for incoming NC DKG President Dr. Teresa Cowan, Treasurer Leslie Black and Membership/Expansion Chair Elizabeth Miars. These training sessions focused on "The Big Picture" for DKG leaders in 2019-2021 and the goal of revitalizing DKG membership due to the continuing decline in membership over the past five years. Susan Leahy, a national speaker on leadership, opened the conference with a motivating presentation on leadership transformation. The NC representatives walked the city of Des Moines, sampled the local cuisine, and visited the ornate Capital building and the outdoor Pappajohn Sculpture Park.



Pictured left to right: NC DKG members Leslie Black, Treasurer; Elizabeth Miars, Membership Chair; & Dr. Teresa Cowan, NC DKG President

NC DKG at Work



2019-2020 Chapter Achievement Form Available

Awards Committee
Teresa Shadoin, Chair

The NC DKG Awards Committee encourages every chapter to utilize the [2019-2020 Chapter Achievement Form](#) as a roadmap to GROW your chapter. The newly updated form is available on the NC DKG website in a fillable format for chapters to **Develop** and map their chapter programs and accomplishments for the upcoming year. We also encourage chapters to utilize the achievement form the **Energize** both new and existing members with *opportunities for leadership*, not only as a member of your chapter but also with NC DKG.




As a member of the Awards Committee for the past two years, I have witnessed first-hand how the Chapter Achievement form can **Cultivate** friendships with generations of DKG members and how it can **Nurture** new members into becoming active participants. Use the suggested activities and accomplishments in the form as the “seeds” to cultivate new friendships, nurture new members, energize your chapter leadership and develop well-defined programs.



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 July/August 2019 issue 76-4 [HERE](#).

Sign in on www.dkg.org.

	<p>Click the <i>DKG Bulletin: Journal,</i></p>
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Three M's of NC DKG Make Membership Matter



Membership/Expansion Committee
Elizabeth Miars, Chair

As NC DKG members, we ready ourselves to set new biennium goals for growing our membership and energizing our current members. Though state and international trends indicate a steady decline in DKG membership, we value our DKG involvement and strive to encourage teachers to join with us. The introduction of collegiate DKG membership broadens our opportunity for supporting beginning teachers and marketing the benefits of membership in a new arena. Through creative interaction with teachers across our state, we can nurture opportunities to strengthen NC DKG through our support and encouragement of NC educators.

Your NC DKG 2019-2021 Membership Committee will be a vital resource as your chapter develops effective strategies for recruiting new members and expanding educational and leadership opportunities for current members. Our goal is to develop and disseminate innovative techniques to support chapters in their growth and development. As you develop your chapter's membership strategies for the coming year, your Membership Committee can collaborate with you to support and strengthen your goals and objectives. Let us help you to **Make Membership Matter!**

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North Carolina State Organization**

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The NC DKG Educational Foundation Board of Directors elected officers for the 2019-2021 biennium at their May meeting. The new officers include Sheila Groves, chair; Sharon Frazier, vice chair; Dr. Mary Cauley, secretary; and Betty Marshall, treasurer. The new leaders are committed to continuing the Foundation’s mission to secure funding for grants that support professional and personal development of women educators and excellence in education throughout North Carolina.

The Foundation is now accepting grant applications for 2019. Applications are due September 30. Information on applying for grants, including guidelines and the rubric, can be found on the Foundation website at <http://www.ncdkgef.org/grants.html>.

Dr. Judith Carlson, Foundation Board chair for the past 10 years, shared in a letter to all NC DKG members, “I have been privileged to provide leadership to our Board. We have, together, experienced what we have dreamed about. This is a most exciting time, and we now look ahead to fresh ideas and strong leadership.” Read the complete text shared in a letter to all NC DKG members in the Foundation newsletter *In A Nutshell*.



Foundation Board Officers left to right: Chair Sheila Groves, Vice Chair Sharon Frazier, Secretary Dr. Mary Cauley, and Treasurer Betty Marshall

NC DKG Chapters GROW!

National Teacher of the Year Speaks to Kappa Chapter

Kappa Member
Candace Anderson

Kappa Chapter (*Region VIII, Mecklenburg*) members and their guests welcomed Bobbie Cavnar, NEA’s 2018 National Teacher of the Year, at their Spring Luncheon. Co-President **Gloria Jones** introduced Mr. Cavnar as a teacher of Senior English Literature at South Point High School in Belmont, NC, and an advocate of the arts as a means for us to learn to understand one another.

Mr. Cavnar shared his views on public education today and the avenues open to him to advocate for positive change for teachers and students. Serving on the Governor’s Commission on Teacher Recruitment and Retention, he related that many of today’s young adults no longer see teaching as a long-term career. One reason for this is the salary cap after 15 years of classroom experience. One of his goals is to help legislators to see that teaching is a lifetime commitment.



Pictured left to right: Gloria Jones & Jeannette Carofano, Kappa Co-Presidents; Bobbie Cavnar, NEA 2018 National Teacher of the Year; & Nancy Smith, Region VIII Director

Bobbie also shared his beliefs in the importance of the arts in public education. While math and science are important for our economy, literature and other arts are a remedy for the inability many have to see the humanity in other people, especially those who seem different. With more and more jobs requiring time in front of a screen rather than relating to others directly, we need ways to teach empathy and caring.

Mr. Cavnar closed with, “Education is about creating not only skilled people but ‘good people’ too.”

Alpha Lambda Presents Books to Schools

Alpha Lambda Communications & Marketing Chair
Wanda Love

Alpha Lambda Chapter (Region XI, Henderson)

recently purchased four signed copies of the book *The Life and Times of Asheville's Thomas Wolfe* by Jennifer Prince. Prince, a youth services librarian at the Fairview Branch of the Buncombe County Library System, spoke to the group at the spring meeting. The biography is the first of the series "True Tales for Young Readers" that is sponsored by the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Alpha Lambda will present a copy of the book, an excellent introduction to Wolfe, to each of Henderson County's public middle schools.



President Linda Soble (left) receiving copies of book from author Jennifer Prince (right)

Lambda Inducts New Members

Lambda President

Christina Wilkins

Lambda Chapter (Region VI, Robeson) recently held their 2019 induction ceremony. Lambda inducted three new members: **Henrietta Graham**, **Leslie Harris**, and **Nancy Johnson**. Two of the new inductee were sponsored by **Janice Gardner**.



Gamma Psi Celebrates 35 Years

Gamma Psi Corresponding Secretary

Sharon Harvey

Gamma Psi (Region IX, Yadkin) held a celebration of the chapter's founding on April 6, 1984, with a historical presentation by officers that reflected the history of DKG and Gamma Psi. **Brenda Couch** and **Dianne Brendle**, charter members in attendance, were each presented with a rose from Gamma Psi President **Melva Edmisten**.



Charter members Dianne Brendle and Brenda Couch receive a rose during the 35th birthday celebration.

For 35 years, this chapter has supported the community with donations to The Ark, Tri-County Christian Crisis Ministries, Yadkin Christian Ministries and Grace Clinic, which was founded by former member, Lynn Barnes. Gamma Psi's most proud achievement is the presentation of the Mary Speer Scholarships funded by investments and the Eva Hine Grant supported by members through our annual silent auction and fundraisers. These funds, totaling over \$180,000, have been awarded to 55 young women from Elkin and Yadkin County to support their pursuit of degrees to become educators.

Rose pins were presented to recognize members for their years of membership, the DKG Purposes were reviewed, and a delicious dinner and birthday cake were enjoyed by members and guests. Following the meal, an induction ceremony was held for new members **Elizabeth Felts**, Elkin; **Melissa Smith**, Elkin; and **Rhonda Moran**, Yadkin County. It was a positive, uplifting evening of sharing and, hopefully, the beginning of a long-standing tradition.

New inductee Melissa Smith (left), with sisters Amy Wagoner (center) and Pam Mickey (right), take part in a photo opportunity during the birthday celebration



Eta Chapter Celebrates 80 Years

Eta Educational Law & Policy Chair
Harriette Davis

Gloria Quick and **Dr. Robin Gillespie**, Co-Presidents of **Eta Chapter** (*Region V, Durham & Person*), welcomed members and guests to the chapter's 80th anniversary. Eta Chapter has served the Durham community since June 17, 1939. Rogers-Herr Middle School in Durham is named in honor of charter members Maude Rogers and Marguerite Herr, a founder and NC DKG Past President.

Eta Chapter has expanded four times sponsoring **Alpha Pi** (*Region V, Orange & Chatham*), **Beta Iota**, **Beta Kappa**, and **Delta Gamma** (*all serving Region V, Durham & Person*). Eta Chapter has given decades of service to the communities of each of those counties by awarding scholarships to students pursuing degrees in education, providing books for early readers, giving materials and support to new teachers, and providing opportunities for continued growth to its members. The society also co-sponsors quiz bowls, spelling bees, and partners with community groups.



Pictured left to right: Gloria Quick, Tammy Baggett, & Dr. Robin Gillespie

Tammy Baggett, Director of the Durham County Library, for the Children's Programming Room.

The anniversary celebration included reflections on a 45-year membership by Golden Key Award recipient Annetta Andrews and a toast by North Carolina State Organization President Connie Savell. Another highlight of the 80th anniversary celebration was the presentation of 100 books to

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Alpha Delta Presents Scholarship

Alpha Delta President
Wanda Smith

Alpha Delta Chapter (*Region VII, Caswell & Rockingham*) awarded Mattie Thomas of Stoneville, NC, and a senior at Dalton McMichael High School, the 2019 Alpha Delta Chapter Grant-in-Aid Scholarship at their May meeting. The \$1,000 award is presented to a female planning to major in education. In addition to the scholarship, Alpha Delta Chapter also gave the recipient a dorm shower.



Pictured left to right: Chrystal Thomas (mother), Mattie Thomas (scholarship recipient) and Patsy Snyder (Grant-in-Aid Chair)

Spring Cookout for Warren County Beginning Teachers

Gamma Chi Communications & Marketing Chair
Nancy Tunstall

Gamma Chi Chapter (*Region III, Warren*) recently sponsored a spring cookout for Warren County beginning teachers to help them celebrate the near completion of their school year. The event was held at Richard and Elaine Blankenship's lake house on Lake Gaston. Richard Blankenship's mother, Nancy Blankenship, was a charter member of the Gamma Chi Chapter. The Blankenship family supports Gamma Chi to honor their mother's memory and her love for Delta



Beginning teachers in attendance at the cookout are, from left, Matthew Stewart, Mona Liza De Leon, Jill Burnette-Ellis, Daniela Neuling, Grant O'Brien, Georgie Wilkins, and Briana Chase

Kappa Gamma. The family has contributed to the Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund for many years in celebration of the anniversary of their mother's birthday.

"We Love Our Teachers" Night

Gamma Pi Communications & Marketing Chair

Robin Tomasio

Gamma Pi (Region VII, Cabarrus) recently held their "We Love Our Teachers" teacher appreciation night. New teachers and principals from Concord High School, Concord Middle School and Winecoff Elementary School and our grant-in-aid recipient were invited to attend. President **Micah Thompson** welcomed everyone, and NC DKG Region VII Director **Nancy Smith** gave a short presentation on "What is DKG?" After dinner, each new teacher was presented with an award, roses, and two books; *School Bells and Inkwells* and *All Eyes Up Here* authored by member **Beth Smithson's** mother, Dr. Tee Carr.



Gamma Zeta Learns About Fitness

Gamma Zeta President

Julia Thorn

Gamma Zeta (Region II, Carteret) hosted Carl Whitfield, of Better Life Enterprises, Inc., at a recent chapter meeting. Mr. Whitfield taught principles of good health and maintenance for both active and retired members to encourage better daily health and longevity. Establishing and supporting healthy habits in the community are some of the goals of Mr. Whitfield's training profession and commitment to better health.



Mr. Whitfield speaks to Gamma Zeta. The chapter also presented a scholarship to Maggie Guthrie, a University of North Carolina at Wilmington dean's list sophomore and East Carteret High School graduate. This is the second year that Miss Guthrie was granted the scholarship.

Important Dates to Remember

2019

- September 1** DKGEF Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Award applications due
- September 3** Deadline to Register for NC DKG Fall Executive Board meeting
- September 14** NC DKG Fall Executive Board meeting
First Presbyterian Church - Burlington
- September 15** Deadline for DKG Fine Arts Gallery Fall submissions (Open Aug. 15-Sept. 15)
- September 15** International Speaker Fund applications due
- September 15** Applications due for International Officers & Elected Committee positions
- September 30** NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications deadline
- October 1** Amendment proposals to International Constitution/ISR due
- October 1** *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due
- November 1** Deadline to apply for DKGEF Lucile Cornetet Seminar PD Awards
- November 15** 990-N ePostcard due to IRS
- December 1** DKG Ignite (LMS) applications due
- December 15** *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* submissions due

2020

- May 1-3** **2020 NC DKG Convention**
Embassy Suites
Greensboro, NC Region VII
- July 7-11** **DKG International Convention**
Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
Philadelphia, PA

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

NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting September 14, 2019

First Presbyterian Church - Burlington

Registration Form is available at
www.nckdg.org/forms.html

Registration due September 3, 2019!

NC DKG Members GROW!

Delta Sigma

(Region X, Lincoln)



Shelia Wright, Delta Sigma member, has been named Assistant Principal and Title I Teacher at North Brook Elementary School. She will be working with principal and Delta Sigma member **Jennifer Carroll**.

Jennifer Luper, who serves as Delta Sigma newsletter editor, was recently named Future Business Leaders of America Adviser of the Year for NC. She was able to attend the National Conference for FBLA in San Antonio this summer representing North Carolina, Lincoln County Schools, and Delta Kappa Gamma.



Kay Wilson was recognized at a recent Delta Sigma meeting for 45 years of service in DKG. She is still an active member contributing to her chapter by being a leader in selling Fashion Show tickets. Delta Sigma President Dr. Rhonda

Hager (left) stated as she presented Kay (right) her service pin, "I appreciate Kay's legacy of being a member in this organization for 45 years and want to bestow on her the 45-year pin in recognition."

Delta Sigma is extremely proud of each of these role models and leaders.

Beta Kappa

(Region V, Durham & Person)

Michelle Tuck Thomas, president of **Beta Kappa**, successfully defended her dissertation entitled *Using Professional Learning Communities to Drive Tier One Response to Intervention (RtI) Mathematics in Middle School* in April. Michelle graduated with a Doctor of Education doctoral degree from High Point University. Michelle plans to present her research at the RtI Institute in October 2019. Congratulations, Dr. Thomas!



Mu

(Region, I, Edgecombe & Nash)

Dr. Malinda Pennington, Mu Chapter member, recently received her Doctor of Curriculum and Instruction doctoral degree from N.C. State University. Since chapter members could not attend her graduation, she role-played the special occasion at a chapter meeting. She expressed her appreciation for Mu Chapter's encouragement and support, as well as the Delta Kappa Gamma scholarships she received that helped her to realize her dream. Dr. Pennington is a Director/Teacher at East Carolina University Community School, East Carolina College of Education, in Greenville, North Carolina.



Delta Rho

(Region VI, Lee)

It was an electric few minutes at The International Arts & Humanities Conference in Asheville when **NC DKG President, Dr. Teresa Cowan**, held up a wall hanging that was woven on-site by **Delta Rho** member, **Patricia Pemberton**. Bids started coming in as Elaine Warwick, Southeast Regional Director, auctioned the weaving. The high bid of \$210 was made by Dr. Beverly Hall, Tennessee State Organization President, who presented the piece to Elaine Warwick in appreciation for her leadership. Proceeds from the auction were donated to the DKG Emergency Fund.

Pictured left to right: Dr. Beverly Hall, Elaine Warwick, Patricia Pemberton, and Dr. Teresa Cowan



NC DKG Members GROW!

Omicron

(Region II, Wilson & Greene)

Two **Omicron Chapter** members recently celebrated membership milestones.



Louise McLawhorn was recognized at Omicron's February meeting for 60 years of membership in DKG. She received a certificate and a 60-year pin. Louise was inducted into Omicron Chapter in 1959. Until Louise went on reserve status, she regularly at-

tended Omicron meetings. When asked, "Why did you become a member of DKG?" she responded, "It is an honor to be recognized by your peers."

Dorothy "Dot" Carter was recognized for 50 years of membership at Omicron's April meeting. She received a rose, 50-year pin, certificate and cards from her DKG sisters across the state. In 1969 Dot was inducted into Alpha Upsilon chapter in Asheboro where she became an active member both at the chapter and state level. Upon expansion, Dot became a charter member of Delta Nu until she moved to Sims and transferred her membership to Omicron. Her outstanding work at the state level led to her election as the NC DKG President in 1987. Her primary focus then and now is the first purpose of DKG, "To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship."



Dot served in many chapter leadership roles. In addition to serving on NC DKG committees as a member and chair, Dot served at the International level on the Scholarship Committee as a member and chair. Dot is a board member of the NC DKG Educational Foundation and chair of the Grants Committee.

In Omicron, we know her as Dot – our friend and mentor. We recognize her service, dedication and accomplishments in DKG as we look forward with her guidance and leadership to many more.

Welcome New NC DKG Inductees

Zeta

Edyth Berry
Allison Phelps

Chi

Janet D. Flynn
Rhonda D. Hunt

Iota

Lanise T. Bass
Crystal D. Lancaster
Heather N. Lockard
Mollie W. Musgrave
Amy B. Stamper
Whitli D. Thornton
Margaret I. Tyndall
Wooten W. Underwood

Omega

Morgan F. Norris
Belinda H. Collins
Amber W. Archie

Beta Mu

Melissa B. Cleland
A. Raegan Dalbo
Natallie S. Harding
Jocelyn F. Plummer
Stefoni I. Shaw

Omicron

Krista P. Batten
Ashley M. Helms
Debra B. Rogers
Dana C. Skinner
Sarah P. Winbourne
Debra W. Simons

Gamma Epsilon

Claudia H. Haddock
Suddona S. Murrell

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.

Chapter Treasurers:

If you did not send your annual report, Form 15, to NC DKG Treasurer Leslie Black by July 15, please do so *immediately!*

IRS form 990-N can also be filed now. Be sure to include your name and chapter name in the acceptance memo sent to the state treasurer.

Leslie Black

dkgnctreasurer@gmail.com

Correction: In the Summer 2019 *Eta State News*, the wrong chapter name was printed for Bonnie Henry on page 8 in the Fine Arts Gallery list. Bonnie is a member of Beta Sigma Chapter in Mecklenburg County.

2019 International Achievement Award Presented to Dr. Judith Merz

Dr. Judith R. Merz received the 2019 International Achievement Award during the DKG International Leadership Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. The gold medallion and chain known as the International Achievement Award is presented annually to a leader at the international level of the Society who merits recognition for her distinguished record of service. This medallion is worn only by members who have been voted the honor and privilege by the International Executive Board.



Merz served headquarters as the interim executive director of the Society and as the interim membership director. In 2006, Merz was appointed to the DKG Editorial Board. She was named editor in 2010 and communications and marketing consultant in 2015. Dr. Merz continues to serve as editor of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin* and as communications and marketing consultant to the DKG Administrative Board.

Dr. Merz is a member of Alpha Chapter in the New Jersey State Organization. She served as a member and as chair on numerous state committees, as well as leadership roles including first and second vice-president and president.

The following excerpt from the International Achievement Award nomination form for Dr. Judy Merz best describes her passion for the Society:

Dr. Judy Merz understands that the real "tradition" in DKG is one of women educators taking increasingly more effective roles of leadership in our profession. Judy exemplifies this idea by working unceasingly for the fulfillment of our founders' visions, for women in roles of leadership, and for excellence in education. Servant leadership is a fundamental part of Judy's being. She challenges those around her and serves in innumerable ways for the betterment of the Society with no thought of personal recognition. Judy Merz creates, empowers, recommends, encourages, and shares her passion for DKG.

Fine Arts Gallery Submissions

August 15 - September 15

Many NC DKG members have been recognized for their various forms of art, music, and literature. Consider submitting something for the Fall Gallery! Information and forms for submitting your work will be available August 15 at:

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



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