

Every MEMBER Counts  **Celebrating NC DKG**

**CELEBRATING A NEW NC DKG CHAPTER
 WELCOME, DELTA PSI!**

NC DKG 2018-2020 Region IX Director
 Rebecca "Becky" Keesler

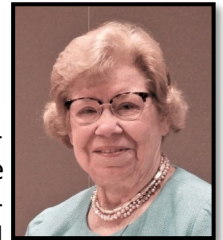
NCDKG made history on September 27, 2020, with the first virtual chartering of a new chapter. We welcomed Delta Psi in Stokes County into our DKG family. This exciting event has been a long time coming. The first seeds were planted in 2010, when Betty Marshall, NC DKG president, called Alpha Theta President Becky Keesler. "Do you know that Stokes County is the only county in our state without a Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter?" queried Betty. This initial contact was the beginning of a long, long growing season to establish a new chapter.

The first outreach included sending invitations to numerous educators in Stokes County Schools. A small number of folks responded and joined Alpha Theta members in neighboring Surry County for a lunch meeting. Many personal contacts were made, but the time wasn't right. Leaders devised a new plan to invite Stokes County educators to become members of Alpha Theta and nurture a new chapter through participation. That plan began to bear fruit when Debbie Merritt and Cindy Roberts were inducted in April 2013. Each year since then, other Stokes County

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**CELEBRATING NC DKG
 STAR OF THE SOUTHEAST**



Ruth Jones, a member of Delta Chapter in Region II, was recognized as the 2020 North Carolina Star of the Southeast during the Fall Executive Board meeting in October. Each biennium, this prestigious award is presented during the DKG Convention. However, when International cancelled the 2020 Convention, the award presentation was postponed. NC DKG President Dr. Teresa Cowan, working with Delta member Betty LeRoux, surprised Ruth with the announcement and presentation of her Star of the Southeast pin during the *Every MEMBER Counts* virtual event.

The Star of the Southeast recognizes a woman who has given exceptional and tireless service to the Society. The award is given out of honor, respect, and gratitude to an NC DKG member that makes a difference in her region without calling attention to herself.

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**CELEBRATING MEMBERS
 NC DKG FALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

The fall meeting of the NC DKG Executive Board held on Saturday, October 24, 2020, was shared with all members through the *Every MEMBER Counts: Celebrating NC DKG (EMC)* virtual event. President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan presided. Doris Littlejohn, NC DKG secretary, inspired members with her message of hope and encouragement as we support one another and share successful program and project ideas.

Officer Reports

- President Cowan stated that "Ready, Set, GROW!" is a call to action. Her actions this year include:
 - ~ Implemented timely financial systems and utilized technology to ensure the continuation of Society business

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Ready, Set, **GROW!** In Action

MY DKG STORY SPARKS A SENSE OF GRATITUDE

*"Gratitude is a powerful catalyst for happiness. It's the spark that lights a fire of joy in your soul." Amy Collette **

*"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." Melody Beattie ***

A chapter visit request prompted me, a DKG enthusiast, to reflect upon my DKG Story and what DKG means to me. A simple request, one would say, especially for a self-proclaimed DKG enthusiast, but as I prepared for the presentation, I found myself overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude. Gratitude and thankfulness are woven throughout my DKG story! And, as the season of thanksgiving is upon us, it felt right to share my sense of gratitude for all levels of DKG.

Grateful for the Chapters of NC DKG

Alpha Phi invited me to become a member in 2005. I am grateful that an Alpha Phi member saw something that I did not always see in myself. Chapters across NC DKG offer that sense of value every day to area educators. I am thankful that NC educators have local chapters that strive to equip educators with what they need to flourish personally and professionally.

Grateful for the State Organization of NC DKG

Committee member, committee chair, state officer, and Foundation Board member are simple words on a resume. Words that cannot articulate how state-level service opportunities lead to peace and happiness; both are emotions grounded in service to the members of NC DKG. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and proudly do so.

Grateful for the DKG Society International

I am grateful to be a member of an international community of educators. This collective force continually impacts educational, political, and social norms. As individuals, we could never achieve what we as a Society have been able to do. This International Society provides me, as a member, a vision of optimism for the future. For that, I am eternally thankful.

The quotes by Collette and Beattie capture the essence of my DKG story. As we move into 2021, I encourage you to articulate your DKG story. Be someone's "catalyst." "Spark" them to find gratitude that promotes happiness and joy as they value their past, present, and future.

Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

NC DKG President

* **Amy Collette** is a book coach, founder of Unleash Your Inner Author, and author of *The Gratitude Connection*. She is also an award-winning speaker, teaching business and creative groups about the power of their unique stories to build authentic connections in their personal and professional lives.

[Amy Collette, Author](#)

** **Melody Beattie** is an American author of self-help books on codependent relationships.

[Melody Beattie, Author](#)

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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.

CELEBRATING A NEW NC DKG CHAPTER

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teachers have joined and taken leadership roles in Alpha Theta. And nearly-new member Debbie served as 2016-2018 Alpha Theta President, with the idea that she would lead the new chapter the following biennium.

Not so fast! That was not to be. Betty Marshall and other state leaders continued to cultivate the hope of a new chapter. During Connie Savell's tenure as NC DKG President, she worked closely with Surry and Stoke's leadership to finally get this new chapter into being. At the NC DKG Convention in Hickory on May 3, 2019, the State Executive Board voted to approve the establishment of a new chapter, and the name Delta Psi was chosen. Yay - harvest time? Not yet!

At last, April 19, 2020, was set as the new chapter's chartering date. Plans were made, members were recruited and oriented, the charter arrived from Texas, and a box full of DKG paraphernalia was delivered from State Headquarters to the new chapter. But the pandemic quarantine threw one more kink into the plans, and the chartering event was delayed. After a summer full of conversations, emails, and phone calls, NC DKG President Dr. Teresa Cowan determined that Delta Psi's chartering could be a virtual event.

So, on Sunday, September 27, under the leadership of NC DKG President Dr. Teresa Cowan and with participation by state leaders Betty Marshall and Connie Savell, Region IX Director Dr. Susan Blackburn and previous director Becky Keesler, and Alpha Theta leaders Jennifer Freeman and Sue Jarvis, the long-awaited chapter blossomed into being. In addition to the chapter chartering ceremony, the officers were elected and installed, and leaders made plans for the first chapter meeting. Eighteen members transferring from Alpha Theta and 17 new members became the 35 charter members of Delta Psi. We were Ready, we got Set (and re-Set!), and we have GROWN!



CELEBRATING MEMBERS

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- ~ Generated media and virtual showcases to recognize members and chapters because of the cancelled 2020 NC DKG Convention
- ~ Implemented the first virtual New Chapter Leaders Training
- ~ Hosted the first virtual Fall Executive Board Meeting open to all members
- ~ Utilized every form of communication to support members and maintain sisterly fellowship
- First Vice-President Tobey Worthington talked about collaboration with committees, related personnel, and elected officers to ensure the progress of Society business. Her goal is to provide beneficial programs and projects to chapters. She created an EEC logo for the NC DKG website and urged members to share their EEC programs and projects for the NC DKG website.
- Second Vice-President Hilda Parlér sent a written report stating she had updated the required submission of chapters' Ready, Set, GROW! slides and tri-fold displays for the NC DKG website and 2021 NC DKG Convention. She also facilitated the virtual New Leaders Training for Regional Directors, published a Regional Director Training Manual, and developed a Regional Map Project for marketing NC DKG and recruiting new members.

Committee Reports

- Awards — Elaine McRae, committee member, announced that the Chapter Achievement Award form and the guidelines and rubrics for the Founders, Golden Key, and Rising Star Award applications are posted on the NC DKG website. All applications are due March 1, 2021, except the Founders Award, due February 1, 2021. A digital badge is being sent to 2018-2020 chapter presidents whose chapter received a 2020 Chapter Achievement award. The committee developed a survey form posted on the NC DKG website to document chapter members' professional achievements.
- Beginning Teacher Support — Chair Brenda Reese encouraged chapters to use the BEE certificate online to show that beginning teachers are valued and appreciated. The committee is also developing a Beginning Teacher Award of Excellence to be presented at the 2021 NC DKG Convention to members and non-members. This committee provided door prizes for the *Every MEMBER Counts* event.
- Leadership Development — Carolyn Coram, chair, invited members to attend the Spring Leadership Development Seminar April 22-23, 2021. The committee will present a workshop at the 2021 NC DKG Convention, focusing on taking leadership skills to a higher level.

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- Membership/Expansion — Chair Elizabeth Miars stated the committee's goals are to improve the communication links with chapter membership chairs, support sustainable strategies for member development, and initiate a strategic plan for chapter expansion. She reported that the committee is initiating research on developing a virtual chapter.
- Finance — Ruth Jones, chair, announced that funds are available for doctoral and master's degree scholarships. She also provided changes to the state convention fees for 2021.
- Nominations — Chair Missy Wells announced the committee is accepting nominations for 2021-2023 state officer positions of president, first vice-president, second vice-president, and recording secretary through November 15, 2020. The Nominations Recommendation Form and Outline are available on the NC DKG website.
- Personnel — Lynne Leatherwood, chair, announced the committee conducted a critical review of the related personnel job descriptions and studied possible restructuring of the related personnel infrastructure.
- Rules — Chair Sheila Groves stated the committee is accepting proposed amendments to the State *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules* from any member, committee, board, or chapter. Proposals are due December 1, 2020. The committee is also finalizing the State review of chapter rules, a requirement every four years. Sixty-eight chapters are in compliance, and their rules have been filed.
- One Member, One Vote Ad Hoc — Ashlee Taylor, chair, reported the committee investigated the pros and cons of every member voting on amendments to the NC DKG *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules* and investigated types of voting methods. The committee will present the final report to the NC DKG Executive Board at the 2021 state convention.

New Business

Delta Dollar\$

President Cowan announced the Delta Dollar\$ project, initiated by chapter presidents, to collect donations for members of The Louisiana State Organization recently hit by three hurricanes. Chapters or members can make online donations on the [NC DKG website](#). Checks can also be mailed to NC DKG Treasurer Leslie Black. Contributions will be accepted through January 1, 2021. Members may also make a donation to the DKG Emergency Fund on the [DKG website](#).

Electronic Voting by the Executive Board

During the fall Executive Board Meeting, electronic voting took place on two motions: establishing a task

force on regional directors and transferring ownership of the Scholarship Fund and the Pauline Moser Longest Leadership Development Fund to the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Both motions passed. Votes earlier by the Executive Board approved Greenville, NC, as the location of the 2022 convention and the dissolution of Rho and Beta Sigma chapters.

Every MEMBER Counts Vignette Presentations

Every MEMBER Counts included vignettes focused on DKG opportunities during the fall board meeting. Dr. Malinda Pennington (*Region I, Mu*) encouraged members to take advantage of NC DKG and DKG scholarships in the "Members Benefit" vignette. "Members Publish," shared by Dr. Suzanne Irwin (*Region IX, Gamma Delta*), introduced ways for members to share the joy of writing in DKG publications. Meredith Fychok (*Region II, Omicron*) spoke about taking advantage of opportunities to serve and grow in the "Members Network" vignette. "Members Lead," presented by NC DKG Immediate Past President Connie Savell (*Region X, Delta Tau*), urged members to have the confidence to accept leadership roles at all levels of the Society.

Personal and Professional Growth Workshops

The Every MEMBER Counts virtual event offered a choice of eight workshops on various topics focused on members' personal or professional growth. Members were able to attend two of the workshops.

Announcements

- NC DKG Educational Foundation —
 - ~ Congratulated Region X for their amazing work celebrating more than 90 North Carolina teachers in the 101 Donations Challenge. Names of nearly 500 educators across North Carolina are listed in the November NC DKGEF newsletter *In a Nutshell*.
 - ~ Participants were thanked for their donations to the Guitar Fundraising Raffle that raised over \$2,000 for foundation grants. Pat Taylor was the winner of the drawing.
- Evaluations for the NC DKG Executive Board Meeting were due October 28, 2020. The evaluation form was available on the NC DKG website.
- Remembrance Booklets — All chapters that had a member death reported by March 1, 2020, will receive a hard copy of the *Book of Remembrance* at the 2021 NC DKG Convention.

Closing Remarks

Pre-recorded closing remarks were shared by DKG President Becky Sadowski that highlighted how every DKG member counts. Dr. Teresa Cowan adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.



**IN MEMORIAM
- WHITE ROSES -**

Name	Chapter	Date of Death
Laura S. Cameron	Phi	July 18, 2020
Betty A. Glover	Beta Upsilon	August 9, 2020
Dr. Carolyn B. Morrison	Beta	July 26, 2020
Mary L. Smith	Alpha Phi	August 18, 2020
Anne C. Smith	Alpha Lambda	August 27, 2020
Barbara D. Howard	Beta Lambda	August 23, 2020
Paula S. Arnold	Phi	July 14, 2020
Mildred Wiggins	Phi	May 9, 2019
Amelia "Amy" Luther	Gamma Zeta	July 28, 2020
Euzelle P. Smith	Delta Beta	September 19, 2020
Beverly J. Alford	Delta Beta	September 25, 2020
Susan M. Almond	Psi	September 29, 2019
Sharon G. Lynn	Beta Epsilon	May 11, 2020
Mary B. Gaylord	Beta Upsilon	October 28, 2020

We celebrate the lives of these Society members whose deaths have been reported to 2019-2021 NC DKG Membership Chair Elizabeth Miars between August 2, 2020, and November 1, 2020.

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:

- Membership Director [Trish Woodley](#)
- NC DKG Membership Chair [Elizabeth Miars](#)
- NC DKG President [Dr. Teresa Cowan](#)
- NC DKG Treasurer [Leslie Black](#)

NC DKG News

NC DKG members and chapters are encouraged to send information to be used in the *NC DKG News* to [Carol Bostian](#), Editor

Newsletter Deadlines:

- August 1 Fall
- November 1 Winter
- February 1 Spring
- May 1 Summer

**NC DKG MEMBERS SELECTED
FOR THE DKG FINE ARTS
GALLERY**



NC DKG is pleased to announce that 21 members have works of art that are now displayed in the Fall 2020 DKG [Fine Arts Gallery](#).

Visual Art - Photography:

- Carol Bostian - *Nu*
- Elaine Boysworth - *Delta Sigma*
- Lisa Eads - *Alpha Theta*
- Bonnie Golden - *Alpha Phi*
- Lisa May - *Delta Tau*
- Susie Miller - *Gamma Delta*
- Wendy Motley - *Alpha Rho*
- Mintie Saintsing - *Gamma Delta*
- Connie Savell - *Delta Tau*
- Gretchen Simmons - *Theta*
- Londa Von Weter - *Gamma Beta*
- Tonya Welch - *Chi*
- Donna Wells - *Alpha Nu*
- Dr. Sherry Willis - *Alpha Nu*

Visual Art - Crafts:

- Lynne Nadel - *Kappa*

Visual Art - Painting:

- Diane Garner - *Alpha Epsilon*
- Dr. Suzanne Irwin - *Gamma Delta*
- Kristin Johnson - *Pi*
- Sylvia Wingler - *Gamma Psi*

Visual Art - Mixed Media

- Brenda Carter - *Beta Xi*
- Kristin Johnson - *Pi*

Visual Art - Sculpture:

- Sylvia Wingler - *Gamma Psi*

Writing - Poetry:

- Tiffany Long - *Gamma Eta*
- Wendy Motley - *Alpha Rho*

NC DKG is honored to have so many talented members!

The EMC virtual meeting was wonderful because it was the first time every member was included in a virtual meeting. I learned a great amount from the workshops.



Willie Harriett (Region IV, Delta Mu)

2021 NC DKG CONVENTION RESERVATIONS

NC DKG Executive Secretary

Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon

Plans are underway for our 2021 Convention at the Asheville Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort, April 23-25. The double rate is \$155 and \$170 for a king room, plus 13% tax on either type. The group rate ends March 23, so please reserve your room as soon as possible. You can cancel the reservation any time up



to 48 hours without being charged for one night. Please join us at the Crowne Plaza and help us meet our room quota. Below are the various ways you may book your room.

Booking Guest Rooms

1. Call the toll-free number **1-844-330-0296 (24/7)** and mention the group name **Delta Kappa Gamma** in order to receive the special group rate.
2. Call the local hotel number during normal business hours **828-285-2603** and mention the group name.
3. Go to the hotel website - www.ashevillecpc.com
 - o Check Availability (enter dates of stay)
 - o Enter Group Code: **EDK**
4. Use the link below to automatically add the group code when booking online (*be sure to verify the dates you want to reserve*) :
[Delta Kappa Gamma](#) (*not mobile compatible*)

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EEC Equals Well-Defined Programs

Chapter Projects During COVID

NC DKG First Vice-President & EEC Chair

Tobey Worthington



During these months of COVID, what have you been doing with some of your extra time at home? Perhaps quilting, knitting, painting, sewing masks, or some other craft. Consider providing this service for those in need or as a fundraiser for your chapter. Chapters could sell items to each other and/or others to raise money for scholarships, grant-in-aids, beginning teacher support, Schools for Africa, or other chapter projects. Members can deliver items at a designated time and meeting place or make a personal delivery. Money can be sent directly to the chapter treasurer. In this unusual time, we all need to find creative ways to Engage, Empower, and Create as we Ready, Set, GROW! (*Idea from Mu Chapter*)

DELTA DOLLAR\$

NC DKG Treasurer

Leslie Black



NC DKG, rallying to support our DKG sisters, is collecting donations to support Louisiana members who were recently hit by three hurricanes. NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan introduced the project during the October 24 *Every MEMBER Counts* virtual event.

Hurricane Laura, one of the most powerful storms to hit the state, battered Louisiana. Hurricanes Delta and Zeta closely followed this storm. NC members could empathize with those affected by flooding and storm damage. They were quick to offer support to the Louisiana members.

NC DKG members and chapters are encouraged to donate to the Delta Dollar\$ fundraiser through January 1, 2021. Make contributions online at <https://nc-dkg.square.site/> or mail a check to NC DKG Treasurer Leslie Black at 4715 Little Mountain Road, Catawba, NC 28609. All donations will be distributed directly to The Louisiana State Organization for distribution to chapter members.

MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

Membership/Expansion Committee

Elizabeth Miars, Chair

The NC DKG Membership/Expansion Committee is evaluating the process for reporting chapter member's deaths. Currently, **Form 6 - Report of the Death of a Member** is completed by a chapter officer upon a chapter member's death. Chapters send the completed form to DKG International, the NC DKG treasurer, and the NC DKG membership chair. Once received, Form 6 is used to record the change in the deceased member's membership status, and the death is published in the *NC DKG News*.

Form 2 - Chapter Necrology Report is completed by each chapter in February to report all member deaths for the previous year. Electronic records have dramatically improved processing and recording member status for DKG International and NC DKG. Membership leaders can update chapter rosters immediately and accurately when Form 6 is received. Therefore, the Membership/Expansion Committee will recommend eliminating **Form 2 – Chapter Necrology Report** for the 2021-2022 reporting year.

NC DKG EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION GUITAR RAFFLE WINNER

NC DKGEF Communications Chair

Sharon Frazier

The NCDKG Educational Foundation is pleased to announce that the winner of the mosaic glass inlay 12-string guitar raffle was Pat Taylor, Mu Chapter. The drawing took place on October 17 and the winning number was 000188. Congratulations, Pat!

The guitar is the artwork of North Carolina artist and educator Travis Driver. His unique visual art piece was donated to the Foundation with the intentions that proceeds from the raffle would be used to support Foundation grants for NC teachers.



AWARDS COMMITTEE NEWS

Awards Committee

Donna Rudisill, Chair



One of the Awards Committee goals for 2021 is to document the professional achievements of members such as National Board Certification, Teacher of the Year, Principal of the Year, Order of the Long Leaf Pine, and longevity 50+. The committee will collect information using the Professional Awards Survey. Presidents and editors are asked to distribute the link to the survey to all chapter members.

Professional Awards Survey:

<https://bit.ly/NCCKGPAA>

When completing the Professional Awards Survey, members should reflect upon their entire **educational** career. Focus on awards you received and not committees or boards you served on or community or church awards you received. Each member should complete the survey by March 1, 2021.

The Awards Committee also voted to award digital badges that replace paper certificates for the Chapter Achievement Award. Digital badges will be more cost-effective and allow chapters to showcase their work. Chapters can use digital badges on chapter websites, social media, and publications. The Awards Committee emailed the 2020 digital badges the week of October 26 to chapter presidents who served during the 2018-2020 biennium.

Founders, Golden Key, and Rising Star Award guidelines and applications are now available on the NC DKG website <https://www.ncdkg.org/>. Members can access these under the "Forms" menu. Award deadlines are as follow:

Founders Award – due February 1, 2021

(submitted in odd number years)

Chapter Achievement Award, Golden Key, and Rising Star – due March 1, 2021

If you have questions, please contact [Donna Rudisill](#), Awards Committee chair.

The EMC speakers were informative and inspiring. During this pandemic it is good to have positive things continuing in DKG.

Anonymous



**GROWING LEADERSHIP BURSTING WITH POTENTIAL
NC DKG LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
APRIL 22-23, 2021 ASHEVILLE, NC**



Leadership Development Committee
Carolyn Coram, Chair

- Growing in the discovery of individual leadership strengths
- Recognizing and respecting the leadership strengths of others
- Optimizing productivity when personal strengths are married to the strengths of others
- Widening the scope of confidence for putting leadership strengths to work across all opportunities of life

Do you enjoy fellowship, the mountains, getting away, and while doing so, learning about the strengths of your gifts for leadership? Put April 22-23, 2021, on your calendar! Your NCDKG Leadership Development Committee is organizing an opportunity to experience the *Clifton Strengths Finder Assessment* for learning more about the "Bursting Potential" that enables you to lead more productively while embracing the leadership strengths of others.

NCDKG member Nancy Cox brings encouragement, captivating insight, and activities as the seminar facilitator and NCDKG *Strengths Finder* consultant. Before the seminar, participants will be asked to take the *Clifton Strengths Finders* inventory, receive their results, and come to the seminar ready to discover how confirmed strengths can grow in productivity.

The seminar will be in the Asheville area as a Pre-NC DKG Convention opportunity. Sessions will begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, and conclude Friday, April 23, at 2:00 p.m. Registration includes overnight lodging and three meals. The Leadership Development Committee will share details regarding location and registration fees as soon as they are finalized. Watch the [NC DKG website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for announcements.

Michelle Wall, a 2017 Leadership Seminar attendee, shared, "At the seminar, I learned how my top five strengths contribute to my decisions, my leadership skills, and my relationships. I really learned how to capitalize on my strengths to improve my productivity, and how to recognize strengths in others to improve my interactions with them. Learning about my strengths has helped me reflect more, not just on my roles and relationships in DKG, but in all aspects of my life."

As Chairman of the Leadership Development Committee, I welcome hearing from you and your interest in this biennial opportunity. Member registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Feel the welcome as you GROW your leadership potential!

Contact [Carolyn](#) with questions.

REMINDERS FOR CHAPTER EDITORS



Communications & Marketing Committee
Dedra Davis, Chair

Chapter editors may find it challenging to know when to change the volume and issue numbers on chapter newsletters. Each year, volume numbers change on issues published after July 1. All issues published from July 1 through June 30 will be part of that new volume number. Likewise, the new volume number's first issue should be issue one, with subsequent issues following in sequential order.

The scoring cycle for the 2021 Newsletter and Communications Excellence Awards is March 2, 2020 - March 1, 2021. Four issues per cycle are required to be eligible for the awards. The scoring cycle may include issues from more than one volume. This depends on when and how many issues you publish. The chapter also receives points for the Chapter Achievement Award for publishing four newsletter issues during this scoring cycle.

If you have questions or need assistance with numbering your newsletters, please contact [Dedra Davis](#), Communications & Marketing chair, or [Carol Bostian](#), NC DKG editor.

BETA UPSILON — FOR THESE TIMES . . .

Beta Upsilon President

Phyllis Broughton

Beta Upsilon (Region I, Bertie, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Tyrell, & Washington) members embraced technology to stay current and involved in the chapter's activities by holding their first virtual chapter meeting using Zoom. President **Phyllis Broughton** announced that 34 members were present. Approximately eight members were "technology buddies" for members who did not have access to technology or were not comfortable using Zoom.



"Technology Buddies"

*Ann Tetterton, Washington County
& Edith Warren, Martin County*

During the virtual meeting, the 2020-2022 chapter officers were installed, and eight new members were inducted. The induction included an online video of lighting candles for each new member. Phyllis Broughton, webmaster, and **Sarah Davis**, Facebook administrator, announced that the Beta Upsilon website and Facebook page are now available online for marketing the chapter.

While COVID-19 will eventually pass to the point when we can once again meet in person, Beta Upsilon members are open to technology and willing to do what is necessary to stay engaged and informed!

UPDATE FROM GAMMA PI

Gamma Pi Editor

Robin Tomasino

Gamma Pi (Region III, Wake) held their first meeting virtually in August using Microsoft Teams. This was a new format for many members. Fortunately, our co-presidents were able to help guide us through the process. Members also used the speakerphone option for anyone who could not connect virtually.

During the September in-person meeting, members discussed the chapter's mission, goals, and meeting programs. Members will craft a floral arrangement at a holiday meeting in December.



"A Slice of Gamma Pi" website debuted in September.

KAPPA CHAPTER SHATTERS FUNDRAISING GOAL

Kappa Media Contact

Lisa Hall

Kappa Chapter (Region VIII, Mecklenburg) went above and beyond their initial fundraising goal for the Charlotte CROP walk event held virtually in early October. Since this was Team Kappa's first year participating in the event, they set their initial fundraising goal at \$1,000, thinking that might even be a bit of a stretch to reach. However, due to their members', friends', and community supporters' generosity, Team Kappa ended up raising \$5,500, landing in fifth place in overall team fundraising for the Charlotte area event!



The EMC event was such an excellent avenue to spotlight amazing educators!

Anonymous



BETA ALPHA CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Beta Alpha Corresponding Secretary

LaVeta Weatherington

Beta Alpha (Region II, Pitt) held a chapter birthday celebration in September, marking 55 years of Beta Alpha history. Each member attending received a special cupcake and a treat bag, including a chapter history scroll, party favors, and a card recognizing one of the founding members. After the meeting's business portion, the chapter recognized members **Anne Briley** and **Jackie Jones** as DKG members for 44 years, and **Linda Marsal** for 43 years of membership.



The meeting also marked Beta Alpha's first meeting shared with members via Zoom. Thanks to new Communication and Marketing chair **Gail Marsal** for making this possible.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2020

December 15 *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* submissions due

2021

- January 1 [Delta Dollar\\$ donations](#) due
- January 3 DKGIEF Project applications due
- January 15 Regional Director Annual Report due
- February 1 NC DKG Annual Reports due ([Chapter President](#) and Chapter Necrology)
- February 1 [Founders Award](#) nominations due
- February 1 DKGIEF Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards applications due
- February 1 DKG & NC DKG Scholarship applications due
- February 1 *NC DKG News* deadline
- February 15 Deadline for DKG Fine Arts Gallery Spring submissions (Open Jan. 15-Feb. 15)
- March 1 NC DKG Awards applications due ([Chapter Achievement](#), [Golden Key](#), [Rising Star](#), [Newsletter Excellence](#), [Website Excellence](#) and/or [Communications Excellence Awards](#))
- March 1 Recommendations due for International Achievement Award
- March 1 *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due

CONVENTION & CONFERENCE DATES

2021

- April 23-25 **2021 NC DKG Convention**
Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort
Asheville, NC Region XI
- July 7-10 **2021 International Conference**
Portland, Oregon
- July 21-24 **2021 International Conference**
San Antonio, Texas

2022

- July 12-16 **2022 International Convention**
New Orleans, Louisiana

HEADQUARTERS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Alpha Upsilon President
Mary Pickett



Members of **Alpha Upsilon Chapter** (Region VII, Randolph) recently gathered at the NC DKG Headquarters to work on a Headquarters Beautification Project. Members **Linda Beddingfield, René Green, Mary Pickett, and Mary Beth White** weeded, prepared the ground, and added bedding soil along the back patio to plant six yellow and red chrysanthemums. Members placed mulch around the plants. The beautiful colors of the freshly planted flowers created a welcoming sight.

Alpha Upsilon will complete the Headquarters Beautification Project in the spring.

ALPHA NU INITIATES NEW PROJECTS

Alpha Nu Editor
Dr. Sherry Willis

Alpha Nu Chapter (Region X, Burke & Caldwell) recently met using Zoom to install new officers and introduce several new projects to support the active teachers in the chapter and the community.

Active teacher members were encouraged to create online wish lists at Walmart, Target, and Amazon. The lists will be shared with chapter members, who can then purchase items that the teachers need.

Members are also collecting toiletries, cleaning supplies, paper products, and laundry detergent for The Meeting Place in Burke County and Shelter Home in Caldwell County. Supplies for these women's shelters will be collected at the next chapter meeting and distributed to each shelter.



**Next NC DKG News Deadline:
February 1, 2021**

President Cowan and others responsible for creating and participating in the EMC event did a fantastic job! I loved the ability to clearly hear what was being said and to see the professionalism and enthusiasm of the speakers.

Kudos to all!"



Marsha Irvin (Region II, Omicron)

NC DKG Chapters GROW!

GAMMA CHI PRESENTS AWARDS

Gamma Chi Editor

Nancy Tunstall



Gamma Chi Chapter (Region III, Warren) recently presented awards to outstanding women who are pursuing degrees in education or enhancing their leadership skills. Ellen Denning, Faith Nickole Heisler, Heidy F. Labra-Franco, and Hailey Kaye Stroud were recipients of four \$500 Nancy Blankenship Grant-in-Aid Awards. Mila Alston received the \$500 Josephine Myrick Grant-in-Aid Award. **Aimee Cooper**, a Gamma Chi member, received a Gamma Chi Professional Development Grant to provide funding for her to attend Anxiety Treatment Certification Training.

NC DKG Members GROW!

Delta Rho

(Region VI, Lee)



Delta Rho member **Amanda Carter** has been named Central Carolina Community College Staff Member of the Year. Amanda is CCCC's Distance Education Director.

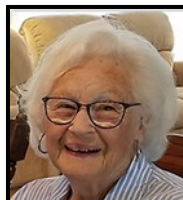
Beta Upsilon

(Region I, Bertie, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Tyrell, & Washington)



Dr. Kaye Dotson, past president, has published a new book, *The Value of Games: Putting Play Back into Practice for Children*. This work brings together a collection of games that have been a part of childhood and continue to be played in various forms around the world. It helps to meet a growing interest among educators and parents to encourage natural play and creativity in an increasingly digital world.

Edith Warren, Beta Upsilon charter member and past president, was recently chosen to be a participant with the East Carolina University Joyner Library mini-grant "She Changed the World: North Carolina Women Breaking Barriers." Edith has provided several oral histories, one of which includes celebrating the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, establishing women's constitutional right to vote. She is paving the way for all of us to "GROW" and serves as a role model for us to be all that we can be!



Alpha Iota

(Region XI, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, & Swain)

Dr. Lisa Fletcher, principal of Andrews High School and Alpha Iota member, was selected as the 2020 Principal of the Year for Cherokee County Schools. This distinction confirms her accomplishments and dedication. As a goal-oriented educator and visionary leader, Lisa embodies DKG's tenets, tirelessly working to make a difference by bringing out the best in others. Her hands-on leadership has provided direction and fostered a cohesive team of dedicated educators at Andrews High School.



Gamma Psi

(Region IX, Yadkin)

Penny Proffit Freeland, a Gamma Psi member, was recently awarded a Distinguished Fellow Award and the 2020 North Carolina Art Education Association (NCAEA) Supervision/Administration Art Educator of the Year.

As the Visual Arts Administrator in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School district, Penny supervises 100 visual arts teachers. She has been involved with providing and facilitating professional development for her teachers, creating and revising a visual arts curriculum, and connecting with many community partners.



Welcome New NC DKG Inductees

Alpha

Eileen Porter

Gamma

Cathryn Hughes-Barnett

Zeta

Jan Vogts

Robin Phelps

Sara Harmon

Eta

Jennifer Campbell

Kathleen Turner

Meghan Wilder

Octavia Driessen

Kappa

Cynthia Smith-Perkins

Upsilon

Allison Hill

Lakeisha Williams

Mary Brooks

Alpha Nu

Elizabeth Fredrickson

Jessica Anderson

Terri Mull

Wendi Craven



Alpha Phi

Emily Davidson

Judy Rhodes

Morgan Denton

Beta Iota

Angela Batson

Beta Kappa

Alexis Spann

Christi Ellison-Bradsher

Iris Hester

Beta Phi

Julia Russell

Gamma Alpha

Tenaé Howard

Gamma Delta

Kim Brown

Gamma Eta

Amanda Morton

Kayla Maxile

Lisa Coster

Marissa Smith

Nelva Fuentes De Vecchis

Susan Gavin

Suzette Acree

Gamma Sigma

Cathy Harpster

Judy Heffner

Gamma Psi

Amanda Burton

Dolores Neil

Delta Zeta

Amy Gross

Chelsea Brantley

Holly King

Laura Daniels

Shauna Leggat

Delta Rho

Abbie Brummett

Amanda Carter

Debra Groce

Mildred Smith

Valerie Johnson

Delta Chi

Alicia Stone

Amber Faw

Karen Ester

Kimberly Gilley

Laura Brooks

Rebecca Ward

Takiyah McCathern

Teresa Stone



CELEBRATING NC DKG STAR OF THE SOUTHEAST

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A retired educator, Ruth taught accounting at the university level. Ruth, inducted in 1969, served as vice-president, treasurer, and secretary of Delta Chapter. She served six years as the NC DKG treasurer, guiding and supporting chapter treasurers in their work and conducting training sessions for new chapter treasurers. She currently chairs the state Finance Committee and serves as a member of the NC DKG Educational Foundation Board.

The North Carolina State Organization is proud to honor Ruth Jones as our 2020 Star of the Southeast.



Way to be risk takers on the cutting edge of our virtual state! The vignettes were a great idea!

Anonymous



NC DKGEF

AWARDS GRANTS

NC DKG Educational Foundation
Sharon Frazier, Communications Chair

The NC DKG Educational Foundation supports learning and literacy projects and professional development for NC educators through grants to teachers. The Foundation Board recently announced the recipients of the Fall 2020 grants. Read more about the recipients and how the grants are being used on the [NC DKGEF website](#).

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.

NOTICE:

Send address and email changes **IMMEDIATELY** to your chapter treasurer and to the DKG International Office.

Log in to www.dkg.org to change your personal information.



Event News

DKG will host two International Conferences in July 2021. Portland, Oregon, and San Antonio, Texas, will welcome DKG visitors with inspiring speakers, informative workshops, takeaways, and lots of sight-seeing opportunities.



Join us in Portland, Oregon, July 7-10, 2021, for “DKG: A World of Opportunities, Contributions, Impact.” Discover meaningful ways to make a difference for a positive impact on women and children in our world.

Portland Workshop Proposals

Submit a workshop proposal for the 2021 Conference in Portland!

ALL FORMS ARE DUE BY 11:59 PM CST ON JANUARY 8, 2021

[SUBMIT](#)

Portland Members’ Art Gallery

An Art Gallery will showcase members’ talents.

ALL FORMS ARE DUE BY 11:00 PM PT ON April 2, 2021

[SUBMIT](#)



Members are invited to San Antonio, Texas, July 21-24, 2021, to celebrate the “DKG: Opportunities • Contributions • Impact” we have attained because of membership in the Society.

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NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL

The following actions were recently approved by the DKG Administrative Board:

- Approved an expenditure of not more than \$5,000 for Society Headquarters roof repairs.
- Approved the dissolution of San Luis Potosi State Organization.
- Approved the postponement of the International Conference in Europe to 2023 and the site of the conference to be Finland. *(There will only be two International Conferences in 2021.)*

Have you had an opportunity to check out [Annie Webb Blanton’s blog](#)? Find her suggestions for “Helping Teachers During the COVID-19 Pandemic” in the latest post.



DKG News Available Online

The DKG International newsletter, *DKG News*, is an “online only” publication. Sign in on www.dkg.org. Then you can read the November/December 2020 *DKG News Vol. 77-6* [HERE](#).

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