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Next Chapter Meeting

September 30, 2022
NC Grants Due

October 28, 2022
Hinnant Vineyards Social

April 28-30, 2023
NC Convention - Greenville

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Mary Daughtry
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1st Vice President

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Message from our President, Mary Daughtry



Greetings Alpha Beta Sisters,

As I write to you, there is a refreshing nip in the air which always brings me back to school and fall season thoughts. Several of you are joining others in returning to work this month in whatever school setting you are: elementary, middle, high, community college or university. Many of us are retired now and reflect on the memories and excitement that accompanies the first week. I always had a hard time sleeping the night before school started back for students because I wanted it to be well planned, engaging and perfect for them.

I feel that same sense of excitement for our Alpha Beta Chapter as we begin this new biennium. The excitement began when Trudy Farnell, Sonya Kiser and I attended the DKG State Convention in April. I had always heard how wonderful it was but never felt I could take the time to attend. Being in Asheville with other key educators, hearing dynamic speakers and learning new ideas was inspiring! Speaking of the DKG State Convention....our chapter members have the best chance to attend this year as it is being held in Greenville, North Carolina April 28-30, 2023. Those that would like are welcome to spend the night or we can carpool and go for the day on Saturday. This is a great time for many of our Alpha Beta Sisters to be inspired just as Sonya and I were. So MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW and our chapter will be well represented!

[READ MORE PG 2](#)

Members Recognition

We have so many members doing great things but Heather Bryant at Clayton High has decided to make a BIG impact for the students at her school! Here is her idea:



Heather Bryant,
Clayton High

If you haven't heard, free breakfast and lunch are not a thing anymore as it was for the past two years. Yes parents can fill out forms but anyone want to place a bet of how many high schoolers give those to their parents? Nah, me neither.

I'm shocked when I hear my students haven't had anything to eat all day. Most of my kids come to school with nothing.

They've worked long hours at part time jobs, helped their siblings get ready or just had life interfere.

My passion project is to provide something like "Backback Buddies" but for teenagers. We can help - below is a link!

[Link to Her Amazon Wish List](#)



Important Links

Our Website:
deltakappagamma.org/NC-alpha-beta/

NC Chapter Website:
www.ncdkg.org

International Website:
www.dkg.org

Message from our President (cont.)

One idea we heard at the DKG state convention was to survey our chapter members to hear your ideas/wishes. We came back and did just that! We had a great response from our recent chapter survey and have used much of that information to guide the planning for our upcoming 2022-2024 biennium. Thank you to Heather Pennica for preparing and sending that survey out and thank you to all who took the time to complete. Your voice was heard! (See changes on the next page)

I will close with this last snippet from convention. One of the sessions we attended discussed people from different age groups and how differently they like to communicate based on their age. Depending on which group you are from affects which form of communication you tend to use frequently. Depending on if you are a Millennial, Generation Z, Generation X, or Baby Boomer suggest which means you prefer to utilize: text, phone call, email, or hard copy letter. If you are a millennial you tend to want your information through text. Either way I have a feeling that only a few people will take the time to read this newsletter. Let's see how many of our sisters actually read this information. I hope you surprise me! If you have made it this far I have some personal news to share: I am going to be a grandmother! Send a text to me at 919 915 1239 that simply says: "Congratulations". If you feel more comfortable communicating through a phone call, call me and leave a message saying "Congratulations". You may feel more comfortable with email, if so, send me an email that says: "Congratulations!" I will share results at our September business meeting and I really hope to see you all key women educators on **September 20th.**

Always remember our Alpha Beta Chapter is special but not special without you!

In sisterhood,
Mary Daughtry



Alpha Beta Chapter Minutes/Treasurer's Report



Please read the minutes and treasurer's report before each meeting

Upcoming Dates:

Tues. Sept. 20

Oct 28 - Social

Tues. Nov. 29

Tues. Feb. 21

Tues. May 2



**Alpha Beta
2022-23 Chapter Meetings**



Don't forget, you can donate to our **Alpha Beta Chapter Endowment Fund** in honor and/or memory of one of our Sisters. You can find the form on the last page of this newsletter. Also included is the **Alpha Beta Chapter of DKG Expense Form**.

Executive Committee Meeting Survey Results

Once the survey results were in, we met with groups to begin making plans. The first group meeting was with several past presidents and the next meeting was with our executive board. As we reflected on the survey data with both groups, I am reminded what a strong group of sisters we are with many gifts and talents. I am thankful for the leadership of our past presidents and am impressed with the problem solving abilities of our Executive Board. The theme for NCDKG this year is "Linking the Past, Present and Future." These two groups reflected on the data from the surveys and applied the results to many of our present Alpha Beta processes. We asked several questions along the way while looking through the lens of what is working for us? Which processes would we like to keep? What do we need to be open to change for the future? I will give you a quick example from this discussion: Our survey results reflected that a few of our members would like an earlier start time for our business meetings but several of our members would not be able to attend if we were earlier than **5:30** as many of our schools are not finished with buses until 4:30/5:00 pm.

We also used the survey preferences to place members on committees and a few of these committees have already been hard at work. Thank you to Jennifer Moore and her Beginning Teacher Support Committee for serving breakfast to our new teachers just getting started in JCPS. Committee Chairs are in the process of contacting their committees so if you have not heard from your chair yet, you will soon. **Be on the lookout for that!**

The nominations committee is already beginning to think about inducting new members and they need your help. Begin thinking now about who you know that is a "key woman educator" who would make a strong Delta Kappa Gamma member and would be a worker bee to join our group. We had discussions about needing members of diversity from all across our county and all facets of education.

During our planning sessions we discussed our first meeting of the year having a **"Refresh, Renew, and Re Engagement"** theme. Our first business meeting of the year will be held on September 20, 2022 and I can't wait to see you there! It is going to be so much fun. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!** Make DKG a priority as we are innovative women educators who are true leaders in our profession and show up when needed.

Educational Grants Due September 30

NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants Applications Due **September 30** Applications for the fall grant cycle with the NC DKG Educational Foundation are now available. Grant proposals for funds to be used for professional or personal growth, literacy/learning projects, gifted education and fine arts projects, field trips, teacher travel, and leadership opportunities are due September 30, 2022.

Don't miss out! Details are on the Foundation website www.ncdkgef.org. Click on the Grants tab to learn more and on the specific grant for the application.

This is a great opportunity to get funds for creative and enhancing projects at your school - most are open to members and non-members so tell a friend if you know someone else who might want to apply.



First Social Meet up October 28

The survey results suggested that we come together for a social event. This social event is planned for **October 28 at Hinnant Family Vineyards for "Music Bingo"**. This promises to be a lot of fun for members of any age and teachers should be really good at this, Tours of the vineyard and winery will be available. The vineyard is lush, colorful and beautiful in the fall!



Tech Tip - Google Keep to get Organized

Google Keep is an online web tool for creating and saving notes, lists, reminders, and more.

Think of Google Keep like an online sticky note board, with digital versions of your sticky notes. You can add images, text, drawings, voice notes, and more.

This robust tool is underutilized!

You and your students can use Google Keep to take notes, manage projects, set goals, communicate, and collaborate in your classroom.

Google Keep is a fantastic and robust tool for teachers and students. In this blog post and podcast episode, Kasey Bell has [this awesome cheat sheet](#) with 25+ awesome ways to use Google Keep! Find out how to use this tool for notes, labeling, annotation, speech to text, feedback, and more!

If you have never experienced the wonder that is Google Keep, go to keep.google.com to check it out. Google Keep automatically syncs with your Google account and is a part of G Suite for Education.

Get Google Keep Everywhere

Google Keep can be used in any browser, but I highly recommend you use Google Chrome and install the Chrome App and Extension.

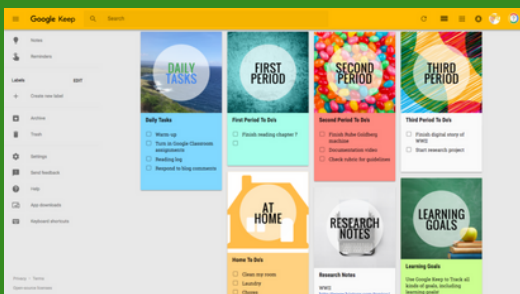
Google Keep for Chrome

- Get the Chrome App
- Get the Chrome Extension

There are additional features that only work on mobile, so be sure that you also install the app on your mobile devices.

Google Keep on Mobile

- Get the iOS app
- Get the Android app



Note Options

- Reminders: Create a reminder by date and time or a location-based reminder.
- Add Collaborators: Share your notes and lists with other individuals or groups.
- Change the Note Color: Choose from a palette of other colors to brighten things up or color-code your notes.
- Add an Image: Add a picture (or snap a photo on mobile) to your notes.

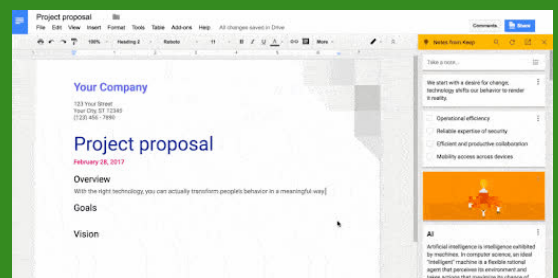
Personalize Google Keep for You and Your Students Adding custom images to create visually driven notes can be a great use for teachers and students.

Add a Drawing to Your Notes

- To Add a Drawing: Go to the 3 dots on your note, and select "add drawing."
- This allows you to sketch using the drawing tools (pen, marker, or highlighter) and add them to a note.
- Choose from different sizes and colors and add your drawing to a note or an image.
- You can even annotate on top of an image.

Use the Drawing Tool for Annotation & Labeling

- Add the image to Keep
- If you want to use an article or paragraph, take a screenshot and upload it.
- Click or tap on the image to get the drawing tools.
- Draw, label, or annotate.
- Be sure to click DONE to save the changes.
- If you want this shared, they can add you as a collaborator, right-click and copy the image, or convert to Google Docs.



Tip from
Kasey Bell Shake Up Learning

“Linking the Past, Present and Future with Fellowship”

Message from the President, Beth Winstead

I want to thank all the presidents for the great ASK meeting we had July 25, and I look forward to the rest of the meetings throughout my term. For those of you who have missed them, please do not stress about it—these are for information, and the recordings are found under the President’s Portal on the website. The NC DKG Finance Committee is doing a survey on active and reserve member dues, a couple of the things we discussed, as well as types of fundraisers that other chapters use that might be helpful for your chapter. We’ll post those results in the President’s Portal also.

I told a chapter I recently visited I have had a DKG summer between DKG Ignite 2022 and International convention. Meeting new friends and reconnecting with others is truly a blessing of DKG. I’m challenging each member to attend at least one NC DKG function in person before the end of June 2023 and to meet a new friend from outside your area. You would be amazed at how that enriches your life. Remember, the first Purpose of DKG is about genuine spiritual fellowship!

I look forward to seeing all the chapter presidents or their designees in Greensboro on September 24 for the Fall Executive Meeting! Go ahead and do your registration now so that’s one less thing to worry about as school starts back. For all of you still active in education—I’m sending good vibes for a great year.

Thank you for all you do.
Xxxx President Beth

NC Convention 2023

Mark
YOUR
Calendar

2023 NC DKG Convention

Hotel On One Level! The Hilton Greenville, site of the 2023 NC DKG convention, was renovated in 2020 and has comfortable accommodations for the event.

A large outdoor space with seating areas to socialize and rest is next to the meeting rooms, and Convention Chair Dr. Phyllis Broughton shares that all meeting rooms are on one floor and close to each other.

Mark your calendar for April 28-30, 2023!



2 NC Rock Stars Honored at International Convention



Two NC DKG Leaders, Others Honored at International Convention **Carol Bostian** was honored with NC DKG’s Star of the Southeast Award and **Dr. Teresa Cowan** was elected as the Southeast Regional Director during the International Convention in New Orleans in July. Carol, a two-time president of Nu Chapter in Region X, was awarded the honor during the Southeast Regional Breakfast. Being editor of NC DKG News only scratches the surface of Carol’s contributions and activities, including much work behind the scenes that only a few know about. Her strong organizational skills keep things running smoothly in the state’s communications arena. Teresa, immediate past president of NC DKG, will serve as Southeast Regional Director. Teresa is outgoing chair of the International Communications and Marketing Committee and shared during convention business sessions about the upcoming changes to the international website the committee is guiding. Teresa will serve the 11- state region as its representative on the DKG Administrative Board.

NC is the third largest state for DKG membership. Texas and California are #1 and #2

Dates to Remember

Dates from NC DKG

- April 28-30, 2023 — NC DKG Convention, Greenville
- Aug. 15-Sept. 15 DKG Art Gallery submission window open
- Aug. 20 Dues, fundraising survey due
- Aug. 22 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Sept. 15 International Speaker applications due
- Sept. 24 NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting, Greensboro
- Sept. 26 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Sept. 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due
- Sept. 30 Deadline to enter dues to avoid members being dropped
- Oct. 1 Bulletin: Journal submissions due
- Oct. 8 NC DKG Educational Foundation golf tournament
- Oct. 24 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Oct. 27 NC DKG Founders Day
- Oct. 31 Website compliance renewal Form 72 due
- Nov. 1 Cornet Individual and Seminar PD Awards applications due
- Nov. 1 NC DKG News deadline
- Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard deadline to IRS
- Nov. 15 Nominations due for 2023-25 NC DKG State Officers
- Dec. 1 Deadline to submit proposals for state Bylaws/SR changes

Dates from DKG International

- July 11-16, 2023 — DKG Conference, Detroit, MI
- July 16-22, 2023 — DKG Conference, Phoenix, AZ
- July 26-29, 2023 — DKG Conference, Tampere, Finland
- 2024 — International Convention, Maryland



Chapter Birthdays

September	October	November	December
 <ul style="list-style-type: none">4 - Mary Nell Ferguson5 - Ramona Cash11 - Becky Kuszmaul18 - Jennifer Bare24 - Laura Faye Canaday27 - Heather Pennica28 - Betty Ferrell	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">4 - Glenda Toler22 - Karen Creech22 - Mary Ann Lee25 - Terri Sessoms	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">2 - Karen Parker5 - Janice White9 - Denise Byrd11- LarKeysha Sheppard14 - Barbara Barnes18 -Ashley Radford28 - Sonya Kiser	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 - Jenny Batten-Wiley2 - Lynda Sutton15 - Abby Salas29 - Johna Faulconer

Purpose and Mission



The Delta Kappa
Gamma Society
International

promotes professional and
personal growth of women
educators and excellence in
education.

Vision Statement: *Leading Women
Educators, Impacting Education
Worldwide*

**Alpha Beta Chapter
Organized April 19, 1952**

TO UNITE women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

TO HONOR women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.

TO ADVANCE the professional interest and position of women in education.

TO INITIATE, ENDORSE, AND SUPPORT desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.

TO ENDOW scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.

TO STIMULATE the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.

TO INFORM the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

Thoughts and Prayers



We have several members or their family members who are not doing well. I know they will appreciate you keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Barnes

Ramona Cash

Sybil Edwards

Betty Ferrell

Glenda Hales

Maylene Sanders

Karen Creech's Sister Wanda

If you would like to add someone to this list, please contact
Amy Stanley.



If you have an idea for an article or information, you would like to see added to the newsletter, please contact the editor, Amy Stanley



Contribution
NCCF Alpha Beta Teacher Recruitment Endowment Fund

Contributor's Name: _____

Date: _____ Amt. of Contribution: _____

Contribution in memory or honor of :

Person to be Notified of Contribution: _____

Address: _____

If mailing contribution, send to Treasurer:
 Rebecca Kuszmaul
 (See Chapter Notebook for Address)

 (To be completed by Treasurer)

Date Contribution Received: _____

Contributor's Check Number _____

Date Mailed to NCCF: _____ AB Check Number: _____

Treasurer's Signature: _____

NC Alpha Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma
Expense Form

Date: _____ Member Submitting: _____

ATTACH INVOICE/RECEIPT OF EXPENDITURES TO THIS FORM

Reason for expenditures:

Committee	Amount
Awards:	
Beginning Teacher Support _____	_____
_____	_____
Biography _____	_____
Communication _____	_____
Historian(Scrapbook) _____	_____
Leadership _____	_____
Literacy _____	_____
Membership (Orientation, Nominations, Installations) _____	_____
Necrology/Remembrance _____	_____
President's Expenses: Lodging _____	_____
Registration _____	_____
Meals _____	_____
Travel _____	_____
Scholarship _____	_____
Annie Blanton Scholarship _____	_____
Social (Flowers, Gifts, Meeting Expenses) _____	_____
_____	_____
Supplies _____	_____
Miscellaneous _____	_____
TOTAL _____	_____

Check Written To? _____
 Address (if applicable) _____

Check to be returned: directly to individual _____ or mailed to vendor _____?

If check is returned to requestor directly, complete this section when member receives the check.

Member's Signature _____ Date: _____

(To be completed by Treasurer)

Receipts attached? _____ YES _____ NO Date Paid: _____ Check #: _____

Approved by President: _____ Treasurer's Signature: _____