



Alpha Beta Bits

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Dates to Remember

DKG International Convention
July 12-16, 2022
New Orleans, LA

Incoming Officer's Retreat
July 2022

Alpha Beta Chapter Officers

Trudy Farnell
President

Mary Daughtry
1st Vice President

Angie Proctor
2nd Vice President

Heather Pennica
Secretary

Becky Kuszamul
Treasurer

Final Message from our President



Happy summer, almost. As I pen this last newsletter of my biennium, I am sitting on Hilton Head Island getting a sunshine fix before I begin volunteering with My Kids Club in Selma. I am anticipating the birth of a second granddaughter and Lee and I have summer colds which, thankfully, are just that - colds and not COVID. The primary was last night and some of my candidates won; but, those who lost did so fair and square - I've never doubted that elections are run by decent people who value their professional reputations more than the machinations of partisan politics. In short, this summer is almost a carbon copy of the summer of 2020 - and yet what a journey it has been.

COVID has done (and continues to do) a number on all of us, and I hope we are wiser, not just about the dangers of viruses, but also about how easy it is to lose sight of the daily blessings that characterize our lives. I know my focus has changed, and that's not a bad thing.

As I reflect on the last two years, relative to public education, one of my happiest thoughts is that there is an almost universal recognition of the importance of face to face instruction. I think about all the times in the past when teachers were told that they would be replaced by computers. HAH! (For you youngsters reading this, HAH is the Baby Boomer equivalent to LOL).

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Members Recognition

Congratulations to Heather Pennica, our incoming second vice president who was recently named the Executive Director of Media and Technology for Wilson County Schools. Heather has always been a change maker and her time in Wilson has given her the opportunity to make a lot of change for the better. In the year she has been in Wilson as Director of Media she has already transformed all their 24 media centers into modern learning spaces as well as helped their media team become Future Ready Librarians. We can't wait to see what she will do in her new role. Your sisters in DKG are so proud of you!



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.)

No trick, gimmick, or program can match the value of passionate teachers who demonstrate competence in their areas of expertise. Considering the importance of in person instruction flies in the face of my second observation, which is my disappointment in the level of disregard and disrespect leveled at educators. There is nothing I can do about boorish conduct except to try to make sure it isn't mine. Whether it's teachers, policemen, the healthcare provider who just gave me my second booster, or the guy stopping traffic at a road construction site, I just need to be nicer. One of the biggest falsehoods ever told was the dictum, "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." Every morning before I have my first cup of coffee, I should repeat, "Watch what you say," fifty times.

Relative to Alpha Beta and the next biennium, I have three thoughts. The first is that my presence matters. We are a working organization and we meet four times during the year. The chapter depends on members attending the meetings to move the work of the order forward. Historically, Alpha Beta has had a membership with a "deep bench," and presidents have not had to worry about a quorum. That has not been the case during my presidency. It's no one's fault, but is rather a circumstance which has characterized the Age of Covid. But, going forward, we need to reconsider the importance of our meetings. They are wonderful opportunities to enjoy the pleasure of our friendships. But our attendance at meetings also serves as an encouragement to the committee chairs, the members of our Executive Committee, and to our elected officers. The Executive Committee will announce the dates for our meetings after the summer retreat. We should put those dates on our calendar and make a commitment to show up. My second thought is about the actual value of four years as an executive officer in Alpha Beta. I am awed by the strength and talents of the women under whom I have served. The friendships I enjoy in our chapter and at the state level are gifts that have come my way through Delta Kappa Gamma. I expect the same will be true for our new officers. My third thought is that we must, by our very existence, mentor each other. A shout out to the Executive Committee members and the past presidents is in order. They always gave me a quick response to my constant "I have a time sensitive question" text messages and they never said no to my ideas (ok, that last one is not entirely true).

So this last meandering newsletter does not mention a single goal but it concludes with a pledge to give Mary, Sonya, Heather, and Lynda the same support and encouragement that has been given me, and a heartfelt thanks to our entire membership for the pleasure of these last two years as president. .

Have a great summer. - Trudy

Alpha Beta Chapter Minutes/Treasurer's Report



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

Next Meetings: To be set at the July Officer's Retreat



**Alpha Beta
2022-23 Chapter Meeting**



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**.

Message from our Incoming President, Mary Daughtry

My name is Mary Daughtry and I am excited to serve as your new Delta Kappa Gamma President. I have been a member of our DKG Chapter since 1997 and find it to be a place of hard working, innovative, key women educators. I retired from Johnston County Public Schools in 2016 after teaching at Four Oaks Elementary for 15 years and then served in multiple curriculum roles in all 44 schools for the next 17 years. Much of my time was spent maintaining records and evaluating students for the Gifted Program, evaluating new curriculum opportunities, writing scope and sequences for new curricula, writing lesson plans for summer camps/academies, and planning and providing inservice for teachers. I presently serve as a member of the Johnston Community College Board of Trustees and as our church Lay Leader.



I am very thankful for a lot of things these days and one of which is the leadership of Trudy Farnell over the last 2 years. In the large box of DKG items that I inherited there was no handbook found on how to serve a chapter as president during a pandemic so Trudy had to figure that out as the pandemic progressed and she navigated the waters positively and professionally. I am also thankful First Vice-President Sonya Kiser and I had the opportunity to travel to Asheville for the DKG State Convention and learned SO MUCH! It was inspiring and just as many of you who have gone in the past know, convention was filled with excellent information and resources to help prepare to lead our chapter. Every meal that we shared together was with key women educators from across the state of North Carolina.

Many of you know that before my mother passed away she was a member of DKG for over 50 years and served as Alpha Beta President in the early 80s. I remember her placing all the Alpha Beta Chapter information on and under a card table in our guest room and spending numerous hours at that table planning without a computer or cell phone at her fingertips. Much like her, I now have the Alpha Beta "boxes" in my spare bedroom and have begun the unboxing and planning process for the next biennium.

So what does planning for the next Alpha Beta (hopefully post pandemic) biennium look like? I hope many of you will share input in the best ways for our chapter to move forward, lead or serve on an active committee when asked, and attend face to face meetings. Your officers will be attending a leadership seminar on June 18 to help us prepare for our next biennium and our planning retreat in July. Our Alpha Beta chapter is filled with key women educators who know how to problem solve to rise above and move forward in the best way possible. So, I have no doubt that the best is yet to come and I look forward to being a part of our next two years together!

Educational Excellence: Professional and Personal Growth

From the EEC International Blog Post May 6, 2022:

Going back to special instances as a member of DKG for many years, I recall how I was encouraged by a coworker to attend a DKG meeting. It was a time when I was very timid and only related to a small circle of teachers and friends. To my astonishment, I learned about this organization and how it supported teachers from many places in the world. I also learned how DKG assisted educators of all levels and disciplines to grow professionally and personally.

Today, many years later, I ask my fellow members these questions: Why did you decide to improve yourself as a professional? Was it that you had mentors who encouraged you? Was it a personal goal to excel in your career or to reeducate yourself in another field? On the other hand, was it your aim to reach the highest level of professional degrees or maybe was it a family goal to reach the educational level that would make a difference to you and your family? These are some of the valid reasons why someone would work to attain these educational goals. DKG did that for me. My answer to all the questions is yes. I reached the highest level when I graduated from my doctoral studies. As a member I was encouraged and supported by my DKG members and at the same time accomplished the vision of DKG which is to support its members in their educational endeavors.

The organization's **Educational Excellence Committee (EEC)** can help members to set priorities through multiple options that can be found on the DKG website. I will focus on three of the major areas that support the professional and personal growth of DKG members. The website provides valuable information on Committees, Resources, and Programs and Projects. Educational Excellence Committee - The committee shall support programs of action that promote the personal well-being, intellectual growth, and global awareness of women educators; encourage a focus on the arts at international conventions, regional conferences and state organization conventions; and develop strategies that will enable chapters to encourage members to become leaders.

I would encourage you, if you are interested in advanced studies, to check in the Resources section on the second tab, where you can find information on scholarships.

Scholarship Tools - The Scholarship Tips Sheet provides tips on how to work on one of the seven purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International which is "To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators." This tip sheet offers suggestions as to how chapters can aid members who may be interested in applying for scholarships.

Under the About Us>Committees>Scholarship section of the DKG website, up to thirty (30) DKG scholarships are awarded annually in the amount of \$6,000 (U.S.) for work toward a master's degree and \$10,000 (U.S.) for work at the doctorate level.

Finally, I would advise you to explore how DKG is supporting its members through Programs and Projects such as the support for early career educators

SEE (Support for Early Career Educators) - The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International established Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) as its second international project during the 2012 International Convention in New York City. SEE encourages members/chapters to be creative in support of early-career educators with a variety of strategies, such as 1) giving support for phone calls and visits, 2) helping with lesson plans and bulletin board ideas, 3) offering advice on classroom management and parent-teacher relations, and 4) providing support in appropriate and practical ways. DKG has multiple ways to lead its members to gain access to professional development, scholarships, personal growth, and a variety of demonstrations of the talents and accomplishments that might have been hidden on many occasions or maybe were not explored. Take the time to go through these suggested areas of what DKG has to offer. I can assure you that DKG helped me in many ways to search and apply for committees and grow professionally and as a leader. You will succeed and DKG is here to support you!

We encourage you to research the [DKG website](#) for a wealth of resources which will help you grow personally and professionally. Don't hesitate to reach out to an EEC member for assistance!

New officers Inducted

Our May meeting was packed full of Good news and Celebrations. We were glad our state president was able to attend as our speaker and we inducted an amazing line up of new officers.

Mary Daughtry, President
Sonya Kiser, 1st Vice President
Heather Pennica, 2nd Vice President
Lynda Sutton, Secretary



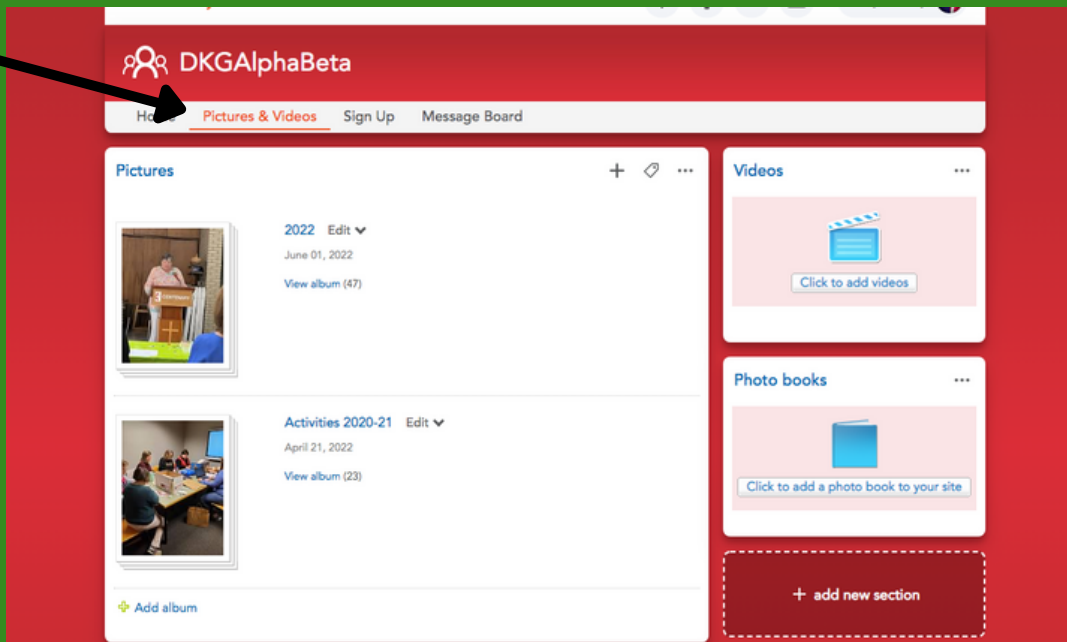
Tech Tip - Our Chapter's new photo hosting site

In an effort to streamline the collection of photos for our historical records we have decided to go digital. We are hosting our images on a Shutterfly Share Site. The link to our site for viewing is: <https://dkgalphabeta.shutterfly.com/> If you would like to contribute pictures to the site please just email Amy Stanley and she will add you as a share site contributor.

You can get the Shutterfly ShareSite app for your phone at the following link:

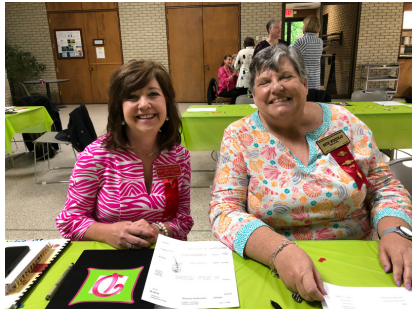
Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/shutterfly-share-sites/id567273381>

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.shutterfly.android.sharesites&hl=en_US&gl=US



Tech Tip: Shutterfly is a great tool for sharing photos, creating custom gifts, cards, books and other items. In the classroom you could create a ShareSite (set up takes just a few minutes) to easily manage photos of class activities. The site has also options for appointment sign ups and messages to keep everyone informed. Privacy settings allow for varied options from completely open to the public or private with just your students and families. No storage limits so you can upload every image without taking away space in your drive and freeing up space on your phone.

“Linking the Past, Present and Future with Fellowship”



NC DKG President joined us for our May meeting

DKG Purpose IV:

To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators

This critical Purpose is often overlooked because, as a Society, we do not engage in lobbying, but we encourage members to speak individually. I often think that because it is too easy to say, “someone else is better at that,” or “they will look after the children and the educators,” many members dismiss their responsibility for this Purpose. As individuals, many of us feel inadequate or untrained in speaking with lawmakers, so we just stay in the background. Are the policymakers for your school or educational system making decisions you really support? Would you be an advocate for the laws being introduced at the state and national level that affect the interest of education and women educators? If not, it’s time to speak up and get involved. Contact those who represent you, find out how they stand on these topics, and volunteer for those you support. This doesn’t mean you have to knock on doors or star in their commercials, but there are currently many issues involving education and educators that demand our attention. Our Founders did not wait for someone else to do it, and we should not either.

Beth Winstead
NC DKG President

NC Convention Project Success



Convention Project - MANNA FoodBank

Eleven NC DKG members spent several hours volunteering at the Mountain Area Nutritional Needs Alliance (MANNA) FoodBank on Friday, May 29, as part of the 2022 convention project. Volunteers were divided into two groups. One group sorted green peppers, with the “good” peppers going into boxes to deliver to clients and “bad” peppers going to the compost bin. The second group sorted beverages into varying categories or discarded out-of-date items.

The work was not always pleasant but was very gratifying. NC DKG members contributed \$983 to support the FoodBank. MANNA works to end food insecurity in the mountains of Western North Carolina.



DKG members volunteer at MANNA FoodBank

Pictured left to right:
Front: Hilda Parlér, NC DKG President Beth Winstead, DKG International President Becky Sadowski, Carol Bostian, Tammy Cullom
Back: Tammy Albright, Angela Winstead, Dr. Rhonda Hager, Dr. Teresa Cowan, Thommi Hendricks
Not pictured: Patty Higgins, Dorothy Rapp and husband Ray

International News



Celebrating 100 Years

The Centennial Celebration continues with the addition of an interactive Timeline that has videos and important dates throughout the decades. I'm linking below and you will need to sign in to view it.

Check it out on the [DKG International Website](https://www.dkg.org)

The DKG International newsletter, DKG News, is an “online only” publication. Sign in on www.dkg.org.

Dates to Remember


Dates from NC DKG

- June 1 • 2022-2024 Chapter Contact form due • Form 87 Change of Treasurer form due
- June 4 • Deadline to submit Member Art Gallery form for international convention
- June 12 • Early bird registration for NOLA convention ends, \$100 price increase
- June 18 • NC DKG New Leader Training for incoming chapter leaders
- June 30 • Deadline for 2022-2023 member dues to chapter treasurer
- July 1 • New DKG year and new chapter biennium begins • Window opens to file 990-N with IRS
- July 12-16 • 2022 International Convention Sheraton New Orleans, LA
- July 15 • Form 15 Chapter Treasurer Annual Report due to state treasurer
- August 1 • Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due
- Aug. 15-Sept. 15 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts submission window open

Dates from DKG International

- June 12 Last day to register early for the DKG International Convention
- July 12-16 DKG International Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana





Go Ahead Tours
The American South:
New Orleans to Memphis
 Following the 2022 DKG International Convention
 in New Orleans



Visit sights in New Orleans, Natchez, and Memphis
 with DKG Ambassador Dr. Beverly Hall!
July 17 - 21, 2022
 For more information or to register for the tour,
 visit the [NOLA to Memphis Info page](#)



Chapter Birthdays

May	June	July	August
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 - Terry Dickens • 8 - Trudy Farnell • 13 - Jennifer Moore • 18 - Sybil Edwards • 23 - Lorine Davis 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 - Amy Stanley • 9 - Noela Sue Woodall • 13 - Kathy Hamilton • 19 - Tucker Twisdale • 25 - Lynn Ragsdale 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 - Stacy Holloman • 5 - Paula Bullock • 15 - Ann Carper • 20 - Edna Luper • 21 - Amy Creed 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 - Debbie Woodruff • 2 - Ann Brown • 3 - Melissa Finch • 25 - Mary Fred Daughtry

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: _____