



Alpha Beta Bits

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
NC DKG North Carolina State Organization

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Dates to Remember

November 29, 2022

Show & Sell

Meeting at Centenary Methodist
Please let Karen Creech know if
you will attend ASAP

April 28-30, 2023

NC Convention - Greenville

Alpha Beta Chapter Officers

Mary Daughtry
President

Sonya Kiser
1st Vice President

Heather Pennica
2nd Vice President

Lynda Sutton
Secretary

Becky Kuszamaul
Treasurer

Message from our President, Mary Daughtry



Season's Greetings Alpha Beta Sisters!

As key women educators we celebrate this season with **preparation** and thankfulness. We have so many gifted and talented members to be thankful for and let me begin by mentioning our September meeting where many of us came together for food, fun and fellowship, and conducted the business of our society. Thank you to all who **prepared** for our Alpha Beta Chapter meeting, reported on the work of our committees and were present on September 20th. The skit was a lot of fun. Now as we **prepare** for our next meeting, please mark your calendars to join us on Tuesday November 29th at Centenary United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Your attendance is important!

How are you **preparing** for this season? This season of **preparation** and thankfulness is so different from the holiday seasons of my youth. I remember as a 12 year old my mother was busy attending her December after school events and we did not have a Christmas tree (or any decorations) in our house the week before Christmas. Did I also mention we were hosting an extended family meal in our home that Christmas Eve? My father was tasked with taking me to the local grocery, picking out a live tree (one of just a few not so desirable ones left), putting it up, decorating it, putting a few lights in the windows, a few Carolers on the mantle, and a wreath on the door. We were ready! Those were wonderful simple times! **Preparation** for our holiday season is very different today. Lots of people (including myself) do not wait for Thanksgiving to pass before the **preparations** for Christmas begin. I will have to admit the Town Market had a little Halloween candy still out while the Turkey and Poinsettia paper plates were making an appearance.

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Lynn Ragsdale

Members Recognition

We want to recognize our members who are doing great things in the community! Lynn Ragsdale is certainly on the top of the list.

Lynn was recently named Vice President on the Board of Directors of the local Salvation Army. She is also the new Sergeant of Arms for the Central Johnston Rotary Club. She has always been so active in our chapter in keeping us informed about current issues in the legislature concerning education. Congratulations on these prestigious appointments.

We are proud to know and love Lynn! She represents us well in the community.



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.)

Taking the time to pause and be grateful before we rush to **prepare** for the next season needs to be an intentional, mindful habit. Difficult, but doable!

On Saturday September 24th I attended the fall Executive Board meeting in Greensboro where DKG presidents from across the state came together to hear about the work of DKG. I was reassured when the presidents from our region discussed the work of our chapters and I heard how we are similar. The many DKG leaders who filled this large ballroom shared how **preparations** for their chapters were evolving with the times..

September meeting Darla Peedin, chair of the membership committee **prepared** us for this very important season of inducting new members. She reminded us of the DKG purposes and leadership characteristics needed in new members. Darla encouraged us to consider diversity and representation from across our county and schools. Inside your red folder was a copy of our Alpha Beta nomination form. Heather Bryant has turned this form into a Google Document as well and Karen Creech emailed the form to all members. If you can not access the hard copy you were given, please contact Darla or Karen to get another copy. Please look carefully within your schools and communities for worker bees who display the characteristics needed of DKG members. We are depending on you to find the BEST new Alpha Beta members.

Second Vice President, Heather Pennica encouraged us to be thinking and **preparing** items for our upcoming Show and Sell which will take place during our November meeting. Be thinking about items that you could donate that others would love to purchase to help us raise money for the scholarship that our Alpha Beta Chapter offers. Home made and baked items sell really well!

We are looking forward to coming together in November as we continue to "Recharge, Reset and Reacquaint" among our membership. Tiffany Long, our DKG Regional Director will be joining us and Terry Dickens has graciously agreed to be our hostess chair.

I will close by reminding you that as you **prepare** to do the work of your committee or are **preparing** to attend our meeting, keep in mind that our Alpha Beta chapter is working to honor our past while embracing the present, and inspiring the future!

**Your Alpha Beta Sister,
Mary Daughtry**

Alpha Beta Chapter Minutes/Treasurer's Report



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

Upcoming Dates:

Tues. Nov. 29

Tues. Feb. 21

Tues. May 2



Alpha Beta 2022-23 Chapter Meetings

Don't forget this is a nomination year for **new members!** Darla Peedin, membership chair is accepting nominations at the upcoming 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**.

Opportunity to Serve



The Salvation Army's Red Kettle has become an icon in American Christmas Culture. As the major annual fund-raiser for Johnston and Harnett counties, our red kettles fund assistance to needy families and individuals in our community. Volunteering your time to ring bells will save approximately \$86 per kettle per day.

Our Alpha Beta group would like to volunteer to adopt a kettle FOR A DAY. This consists of approximately 5 volunteers ringing 2 hours each. However, if we have more volunteers we can adjust.

If you are willing to assist in this effort, please let Mary Daughtry know so she can create a schedule. You can text her at the following number: **919-915-1239** or let her know at the November meeting.



Spring Convention Project Announced

The 2023 NC DKG Convention Project is collecting food and monetary funds for the Food Bank of the Albemarle located in Elizabeth City. The Food Bank of the Albemarle helps fight hunger and poverty in northeast NC, serving Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington counties. The Food Bank is collecting canned items such as meats, proteins, vegetables, fruits and soups; dry goods such as pasta, cereal, rice and dried beans. In addition to food items, toiletries, personal hygiene items, toilet tissue, and laundry soap are very much needed to help families. These are necessary essentials that they cannot obtain with food stamp benefits. There will be a table set up at the convention for items to be donated. More information can be found at <https://afoodbank.org/>. Other convention plans are also progressing. Watch for the call for proposals to present workshops soon. Begin preparing sessions now!



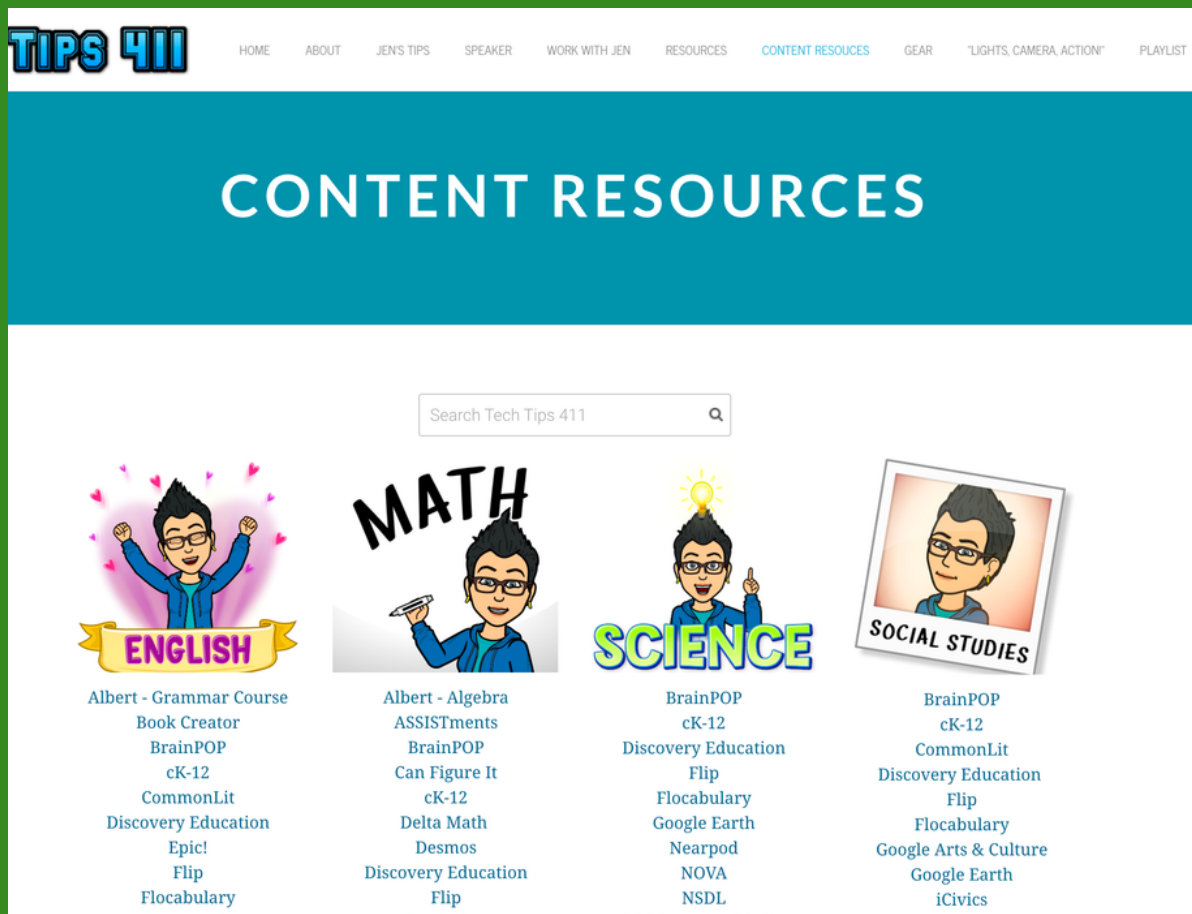
Show and Sell November 29th

What is Show and Sell and how does it work? Members bring their favorite homemade goodies, crafts or other holiday items, and during the November meeting there is friendly silent bidding war on the items.

We hope you will participate this year either by bringing something to auction or bidding on items brought by other members. It's a great way to start your Christmas shopping.



Tech Tip - Subscribe to Tech Tips 411



Back a few years ago, I met this dynamic and energetic teacher from Atlanta, Jen Hall. She was a Discovery Ed Ambassador and she had started this little project Tech Tips 411 (now it's a big project). She sends it out monthly with tips to save teachers time and shares a new resource she has researched and tried in the classroom. I highly recommend you check out her website: <https://www.techtips411.com/> Look around at the content resources she has already shared and sign up to get her monthly newsletter. You will surely find something you can use no matter your role in education. It's amazing!

“Linking the Past, Present and Future with Fellowship”

Message from the President, Beth Winstead

I hope each of you and all our members made it safely through Hurricane Ian. If you have a member who has had any damages, please let me know so we can get them connected to the DKG Society

Emergency Fund. What a wonderful resource for all our members in their time of need.

The Nominations Committee has posted the information for next biennium’s officers, and I hope some of you have taken the step forward to serve at the state leadership level. There is no greater joy than getting to meet with so many DKG sisters throughout the state. Each of you has the abilities for these positions, and you will gain so much from others.

Upcoming: Keep an eye on the NC DKG website for information on the Leadership Retreat in March being arranged by the Leadership Development Committee. Watch for workshop application forms for NC DKG State Convention in April, a pre-convention event sponsored by the Educational Foundation, plus more.

Finally, take care of yourself and other chapter members. I believe fellowship and personal connections are the keys to a healthy chapter. Make sure your members want to be at your meetings and events.

Thank you for all you do.
Xxxx President Beth

Emergency Fund

Remember the DKG Emergency Fund
Several natural catastrophes have impacted the world in recent months, including wildfires, tornadoes, and Hurricane Ian. The DKG Emergency Fund helps members who have suffered a major loss due to a natural disaster and is supported solely by donations.

If you would like to make a donation, go to MyDKG, click on the Donate Now button on the left or go to the DKGIEF tab, select Emergency Fund, and click on the click on the **red Donate** button. If you have been impacted by a natural disaster, fill out Form 84 and contact President Beth.

This fund's generous spirit exemplify the “genuine spiritual fellowship” of the Emergency Fund and allows you to give and help other members in need. Click on the icon below to learn more.



DKG Tour of Finland and Estonia



Enjoy spending eight more days in Finland and Estonia after the 2023 DKG Conference in Tampere, Finland, next summer with a Go Ahead Tour, or 12 days with a Finnish Lakeland and Helsinki extension. This will be the ninth Go Ahead Tour in conjunction with DKG. The tour will begin on July 30, 2023, the day after the DKG Conference in Tampere ends. The tour includes seven nights in handpicked hotels, seven breakfasts and some evening meals, four sightseeing tours, private deluxe motor coach, and much more. Download the full itinerary from the DKG website by clicking on the Finland icon on the [Go Ahead Tours page](#) under the Events tab once logged into the member side.

Survey

The Legacy Committee is hoping to apply for an International grant to support a workshop in 2024. In order to get an idea of what sort of financial information would help members most, the Foundation is asking for members to complete a very short survey. Just answer a few questions and hit Submit!

Here's the link to the survey: <https://bit.ly/EdFoundSurvey>
Responses are due by Nov 15.

Dates to Remember

Dates from NC DKG





- 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
- Dec. 15 - Chapter directory due to regional director
- Dec. 15 - Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due 2023
- Jan. 15-Feb. 15 - DKG Art Gallery submission window open
- Jan. 23 - ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Jan. 31 - NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due
- Feb. 1 - Chapter President Annual Report due
- Feb. 1 - Scholarship applications due for NC DKG & DKG International
- Feb. 1 - NC DKG News deadline

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

November	December	January	February
 <ul style="list-style-type: none">2 - Karen Parker5 - Janice White7 - Denise Byrd11- LarKeysha Sheppard14 - Barbara Barnes28 - Sonya Kiser	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 - Jenny Batten-Wiley2 - Lynda Sutton15 - Abby Salas29 - Johna Faulconer	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">4 - Leigh Anne Nichols16 - Cathy Cox27 - Jennifer Swartz28 - Ann Parrish31 - Glenda Hales	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">3 - Morgan Dickens21 - Gayle Barbour26 - Jean Stowers26 - Mary Helen Sills

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

family of Betty Ferrell (click here for [her obituary](#))

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 are aware of any deaths among our membership please make an officer aware.



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: _____