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Dates to Remember

NC DKG State Convention
April 29-May 1, 2022
Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort

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

NC DKG Convention
April 28-30, 2023
Greenville, NC

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Message from our President

President
Trudy Farnell
2020-2022



Well, Alpha Beta women, here we are beginning another new year together. As I do before I write each newsletter, I reread my old ones. When perusing my February 2021 missive I could not decide whether I should laugh or cry. I'm opting to smile because my sentiments were not wrong. They were not naive. They were accurate assessments at the time they were written; my wish for a return to normalcy (I'm channeling Warren G. Harding this morning) simply did not come true. But one of my statements gave me pause and I've been thinking about it ever since. One year ago I wrote, "Words from past presidents remind me of our common thread." As I build on the admonitions of the two state presidents under whom I have served, I am looking more than ever at the Goals of DKG in their entirety; not just the ones that I like the most (4 and 6), but what all seven say as guides to what defines our profession and our duty to it. I realize our goals are our common thread, and must now be executed in a new paradigm. This is more than simply changing with the time. Many of us have had careers that began in the age of the thermofax machine and chalk boards, and ended with SMARTBoards and classroom assignments completed via Google Classroom. The steps from beginning to end, while representing the quantum leap from hard copy to digital, were taken in increments that were manageable. That is no longer the case.

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Members Recognition

Darla Peedin was recently named the Executive Director of Johnston County Ed Foundation. Darla retired from JCPS after 30 years and has continued to sub and work since her retirement. Since her recent appointment she has worked with the foundation's board of directors to reestablish funding for scholarships and grants as well as build a new website for the Foundation. Darla is an active member of our chapter and serves as the membership chair. We are proud of her work in this new role with the foundation. Check out their website at: jced.foundation



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.)

I am not surprised that teachers who are eligible are retiring earlier than they originally planned. The Charlotte Observer reports that the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System had 871 teachers resign between August and December. It is clear that these are not just 65 year old teachers who began teaching right out of college. These are educators who are seeing their authority in the classroom erode as entities beyond the educational sphere dictate policies ranging from health care to course content. In an occupation where personal professional satisfaction and parental support are crucial, many of our colleagues are seeing too little of both.

All of this begs the questions - are our common threads out of date? Do they speak to a period that no longer exists thus making them irrelevant? I say a resounding NO. In fact, rather than being obsolete, our common threads, our goals, make our place in education more important than ever.

During our December meeting we sent out cards to our homebound members (goals 1 and 2). At that same meeting, we heard exciting news of teacher responses to our Literacy Grant Applications and authorized additional funding for outstanding proposals (goal 6). All of us enjoyed meeting Suzanne Sweat, director of JoCo Teach, and are grateful for her leadership in a program to prepare students for a career in education (goals 3, 4). As a response to our interaction with her, our Scholarship Committee has kicked into high gear. Committee obligations had already been met by Chair Debbie Woodruff. The new year began with an assessment of our scholarship criteria. At our February meeting, a report will be given by committee member Mary Nell Ferguson which will demonstrate Alpha Beta's continuing commitment to growing our profession through scholarships (goal 5). A shifting focus will allow us to address the financial needs of student educators in a more substantial way than ever before. Lastly, we know that the State Legislature has created a committee to consider a redesign of K-12 public education. I can't decide if that is good news or cause for grave concern; but, whichever way the wind blows on this one, Alpha Beta must "inform the members of the current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society" (Goal 7). I'm a member of our Educational Law and Policy Committee but have left its work to Lynn Ragsdale. I have to do better. I must step up and follow her lead.

Our common threads have sustained us through two years that have left many burned out. Can revisiting them fire us up? Let's see what this year brings!

Alpha Beta Chapter Minutes/Treasurer's Report



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

**Next Meetings:
February 22, 2022
May 5, 2022**



**Alpha Beta
2021-22 Chapter Meeting**

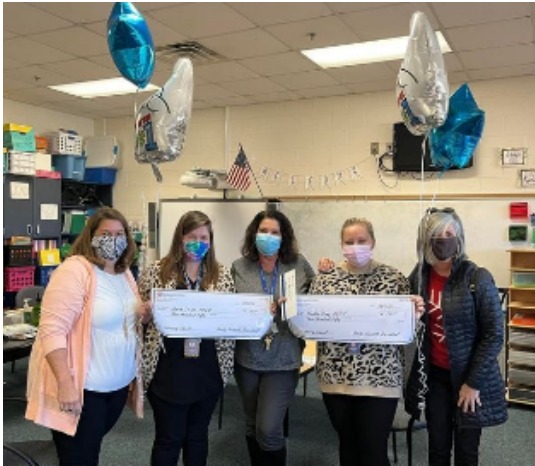


Don't forget, you can donate to our **Alpha Beta Chapter Endowment Fund** in honor and/or memory of one of our Sisters. You can find the form on the last page of this newsletter. Also included is the **Alpha Beta Chapter of DKG Expense Form**.

2 Additional Literacy Grants Awarded



After the December meeting and the literacy committee's request to fund additional grants 2 more recipients were awarded \$250 each to promote literacy in the classroom.



Pictured above are:

Amy Stanley, co-chair of the DKG literacy committee, Anna Smith, 3rd Grade Teacher at Princeton Elementary, Jessi Gurley, assistant principal of Princeton Elementary, Madison Casburn 3rd Grade Teachers at Princeton Elementary, and Michelle Casey, DKG literacy representative.

The chapter approved to continue to award these grants annually. A new grant cycle for 2021 to promote literacy is now open for anyone who would like to apply. bit.ly/dkgliteracy.

Please share with teachers at your school.

International Impact



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) adopted Schools for Africa as our first official international project in 2010. Schools for Africa is a partnership between UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and the Hamburg Society. Schools for Africa helps the most disadvantaged children in Africa to get a quality education, focusing on girls, orphans, and other vulnerable youngsters.

Since 2010 DKG members have donated approximately \$445,134.90. In 2019-2020 alone we have donated \$32,047.65.

Currently the project works with 21 countries in sub-Saharan Africa including: Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. Schools for Africa has reached more than 30 million children.

According to UNICEF's most recent annual report on the Schools for Africa (SFA) project, found on our DKG website, significant gains have been made in:

- Early childhood development
- Access and retention to quality primary basic education
- Non-formal education
- HIV prevention in schools
- Education in emergencies

Upon her return from a UNICEF-US Fund Site Visit to Ethiopia in 2019, Immediate Past International President Cathy Daugherty commented: "I was never so proud of DKG as I was touring the schools and medical facilities that DKG contributions made possible in this country. Children and women of all ages were reaping the benefits of DKG members' generosity, making a difference worldwide!"

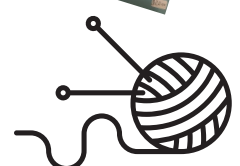
(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), January 7, 2022.)

Show and Sell was a HUGE Success

December's meeting focus was the Show and Sell, this year's show and sell was a huge success, raising nearly \$600.



We appreciate everyone who **brought** items and everyone who **bought** items, the funds raised go to our Endowment Scholarship.



Tech Tip - Closed Caption with Google Slides

To boost accessibility in Google Slides, try switching on automatic captioning, which displays the speaker's words alongside each slide. After entering presentation mode, hover your cursor in the bottom left corner of your screen to bring up the menu. Click the three dots, then select Captions preferences, and Toggle captions (English only). Google will listen as you present and transcribe your words as you speak. Tip courtesy of @jessicaradams.

Captions in Google Slides

Did you know that Google Slides has built-in closed captions? 🗣️

It will listen as you speak and transcribe your words in real time!

Turn on while presenting by clicking the three dots.

Today's Agenda

Communication & Organization

Topics we will cover

- 🔥 Certification Checklists
- 🔥 Chrome Browser
- 🔥 Google Drive
- 🔥 Google Keep
- 🔥 Google Tasks
- 🔥 Your First Scenario Challenge

Today we will be talking about communication and organization

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#TuesdayTechTip | @jessicaradams

**Check out more tips
here from Edutopia**

“Linking the Past, Present and Future with Fellowship”

NC DKG President's Message

During my biennium, I have chosen the theme “Linking the Past, Present and Future.” I believe it is important to remember our beginnings to continue to work towards our future. If it had not been for the Founders in 1929 taking a risk in creating an organization for women educators, where would we be today? The uncertainty of the world during the past two years has taken a toll on all of us—educators, organizations, and individuals. While there is still uncertainty, we want to work towards continuing forward.

As a part of remembering our beginnings, I want to look closely at the purposes of DKG. I will address these purposes for the next several columns. Let's begin by examining the first purpose of the Society: **To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.**

I have struggled with the wording “genuine spiritual fellowship.” After some soul searching and research, I believe that in this case, the word spiritual, written in lower case, is that of a community of like believers. In this, I believe that in DKG, the genuine spiritual fellowship is to comfort, encourage, celebrate each other, and recognize our organization's diversity.

After attending both the DKG International Conference in San Antonio and the Leadership Conference in Atlanta, the fellowship of others was the one thing that impacted me the most. I have so missed this over the past months, and I expect we all feel this way.

I wish I had a crystal ball to see how the next few months will go with the latest variants of COVID, but we will continue to plan for in-person meetings and add virtual sessions as we find necessary. On each occasion we have to gather, we will schedule a time for fellowship. However, we all need and crave the fellowship of other DKG members. After all, our Founders made this the number one purpose.

I encourage you and your chapter to spend some time reconnecting and enjoying the companionship of DKG friends. As two of the speakers in San Antonio mentioned, human connection is necessary to succeed, and the value of belonging is essential. Enjoy fellowship for the well-being of each individual and the health of the chapter.

Beth Winstead NC DKG President

Time to Register for NC Convention



Plans are taking shape for an in-person state convention this spring at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort in Asheville on April 29 to May 1, 2022. Hotel reservations may be made by calling the toll-free number 1-844-330-0296 (24/7) and mentioning the group name “Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma” in order to receive the special group rate of \$155 for two queen beds. Reservations may also be made online at Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma. The vendor form for individuals or chapters wishing to sell in the Convention Marketplace is ready and posted online for applications now. See the vendor form for prices and payment options. Convention Chair Connie Savell is seeking volunteers for the convention. This is a chance for all members to be involved! A variety of options are available to enhance members' convention experience and are listed on the volunteer form. A link will be shared later to sign up for specific times. Watch for more information coming soon on the Convention Program Ad form and Workshop Presenters form. Be talking with your chapter members now about ads and encouraging members to present!

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International News

Celebrating 100 Years since our Chartering



Delta Kappa Gamma Society International came into being on May 29, 1929. Our initial purpose—to enhance education and advance women in the profession—has never changed through the years. Now we are getting ready to celebrate the 100th year, and each chapter is encouraged to plan a way to share the excitement prior to the Celebratory Conference to be held during July 2029 in Austin, Texas, the

birthplace of the Society. Plans are already being developed to have members come together that year for one big event. The Centennial Celebration Committee is working to make this a most enjoyable, exciting, and educational conference and welcomes your ideas and suggestions. Email suggestions to CelebrateDKG@protonmail.com.

The DKG International newsletter, DKG News, is an “online only” publication. Sign in on www.dkg.org. Then you can read the July/August 2021 DKG News Vol. 88-2 here.

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Dates from NC DKG

2022

- March 1 Chapter Achievement, Golden Key, Rising Star, and Communications Excellence due
- April 29-May 1 NC DKG Convention, Asheville, NC
- May 1 Deadline to submit to the NC DKG News

2023

- Apr. 28-30 NC DKG Convention Greenville, NC

Dates from DKG International

- March 1 Deadline to submit to the Bulletin: Journal
- March 1 DKGIEF project applications due
- May 1 Deadline for DKGIEF Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadline: November 1)
- May 11 DKG's Founders Day (DKG will be 93!)
- May 15 Deadline to submit to the Bulletin: Journal
- 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

January	February	March	April
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 - Carolyn Riddick • 4 - Leigh Anne Nichols • 16 - Cathy Cox • 27 - Jennifer Swartz • 28 - Ann Parrish • 31 - Glenda Hales 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 - Morgan Dickens • 4 - Kristy Stephenson • 21 - Gayle Barbour • 26 - Jean Stowers • 26 - Mary Helen Sills 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 - Darla Peedin • 13 - Carol Massenburg • 14 - Angie Proctor • 28 - Renee Wiggs • 30 - Marlene Sanders 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 - Frances Warren • 16 - Olive Cooke

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
Laura Faye Canaday
Ramona Cash
Sybil Edwards
Betty Ferrell
Glenda Hales
Maylene Sanders

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



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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: _____