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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Alpha Gamma Members,
Welcome back to another NEW SCHOOL YEAR! Each year time seems to fly by ever more quickly, so as Austin Salsbury writes: "...let's harvest all the light and life and goodness that we can."

Carol Deal graciously allowed your Executive Committee to meet on her deck on August 5 to beginning planning for this upcoming year. Dates and locations for meetings and events were visited, and we lined up program topics for the year. Our book study was a great success so we plan to repeat it this spring. We want to hear about Diane and Leeann's trip to Scotland, help you write grants, get updates on the Summer Literacy Program, and hear from Dr. Teresa Cowan and Rebecca Keesler as they focus on: Ready! Set! GROW!

Time was spend on updates for our Education Foundation grant status. We still need approximately \$4,000.00 to reach our goal of \$10,000. Our members have attended the state convention and international conference, the Duke Endowment Summer Literacy Program, Avery's new employee workshop, Watauga's convocation, and Watauga's Back2School festival.

Members will have opportunities to volunteer at the Blue Ridge Relay, and we want to extend an invitation to Ashe and Wilkes chapters to join us in December at Hospitality House. Lots of good ideas are in the works! You are personally invited to join us at our first meeting on September 5!

Sincerely,
Brenda Reese
President

GRANTS

We ENCOURAGE you to bring your computer and your grant ideas with you to our first meeting!

At our first meeting we will have a short update on the Duke Endowment Summer Literacy Program. Then we will break into small groups to assist members with writing grants for the NC DKG Education Foundation. Grants are due September 30 and are definitely doable! Go to ncdkgef.org to preview grant details.

We really want our members to benefit from these funds. You could benefit from up to \$500 for grants that focus on:

Continuing Education for Professional/Personal Growth

or

Advancement of Learning and/or Literacy in a Classroom, School, or Community Setting

2019-2020 MEETINGS/EVENTS

All regular meetings are from 5:30-7:00 PM

September 5

Location: TBD

Program: Summer Literacy Program, Grant

Writing – Dr. Teresa Cowan

September 6—Blue Ridge Relay

September 30 – Grants Due

October 3

Location: BUMC

Program: Education Foundation - Dr. Judith Carlson

October 19—Wooly Worm Festival

October 26—Possible Joint Chapter Event

November 7

Location: BREMCO

Program: DKG Membership – Rebecca Keesler

December TBA—Hospitality House

January TBA

Location: Susan Phipps' house

Program: Beginning Teachers Project

March 5

Location: BREMCO

Program: Book Study, Maggie Christenbury and Ala Sue Moretz

April 2

Location: Stone Walls, Banner Elk

Program: Scotland, Diane Ward and Leeann Williams

May 7

Location: BUMC

Program: Induction

Birthdays

August

Heather Furr	21
Kim Shields	23
Birgitta McGalliard	31

September

Judith Carlson	18
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October

Kay Company	3
Teresa Shadoin	11
Marjorie Farris	16
Shawna Williams	31

November

Carol Deal	4
Debbie Hendrix	4
Louise Osborne	4
Lori Tyler	14
Margaret Gregor	25

December

Brenda Reese	4
Susan Hawkins	15
Carmen Scoggins	22
Ala Sue Moretz	24

January

Leeann Williams	3
Rebekah Saylor	8
Clara Hollar	16
Gwen Clark	18

February

Jennifer Luetkemycer	2
Laura Johnson	24

March

Susan McKay	13
Barbara Perry-Sheldon	16

April

Jade Evaul	12
Nancy Henry	22
Sharareh Nikbakht	29

June

Linda Seamster	19
Linda Queen	25

May**July**

Diane Ward	4
Susan Phipps	11

Ready, Set, Grow

Dr. Teresa Cowan is our 2019-2021 NC DKG President, and she will be joining us as our guest at our September 3 meeting. The theme for 2019-2021 is “Ready, set, GROW!” This is not just each chapter in NC growing in membership but each individual member growing professionally and individually. We can GROW! Rebecca Keesler, our Region IX Director, will be joining us at our November 7 meeting to reinforce Dr. Cowan’s message on growing, ie. recruiting and maintaining members.

STATE AND INTERNATIONAL Events

August 15-September 15	Submission Deadline for DKG Gallery of Fine Arts
September 30	Deadline for Ed Foundation Grants

Convention Dates

May 1-3	DKg NC State Convention, Greensboro, NC
July 7-11	International Convention, Philadelphia, PA

Welcome New Members

Please welcome our newest members:

Cori Braxton	Watauga High
Kim Dunnagan	Bethel
Donna Greene	Green Valley
Olivia Haigler	Watauga High
Sherri Hale	Valle Crucis
McKinley Kunz	Bethel
Melanie McLeod	Freedom Trail
Beth Masters	Freedom Trail
Christy Welch	Mabel

Currently, we have 52 active members! It is not too early to be thinking about new inductees! You know who those outstanding educators are. Please share their names with your officers.

EVERYONE: Please take the time to update or create your on-line profile!

- Go to www.dkg.org and sign in
- Click on your name at the top of the screen
- In the red line, click “My Participation”
- Scroll down under “Communication Preferences and like the box beside “Yes - Include my DKG Profile in the Members Only Online Directory
- Double check to make sure all of your information is correct
- Be sure to click the SAVE button!

Beginning of Year Door Prize Winners!



Elizabeth "Betsy" Holloman, a first year in Avery County teacher, won the Alpha Gamma basket of materials for her classroom at Avery County's new teacher orientation on July 31. Ms. Holloman teaches math at Avery Middle School.



Claire Jensen won the Alpha Gamma basket of materials for her program at Watauga County's beginning of the year convocation at Watauga High School on August 13. Claire is a counselor at Hardin Park Elementary School.

Table Decoration for International Conference



Diane Ward and Linda Queen's creative table decoration was featured up front on the reserved table at Delta Kappa Gamma's International Arts and Humanities Conference in Asheville



Maggie Christenbury, Christy Welch, and Brenda Reese were three of our Alpha Gamma members working at Watauga's Back2School Festival on Saturday, August 10, at Watauga High School.



A special *THANK YOU* goes to Kim Dunnagan, McKinley Kunz, and Sheri Little, all new members to Alpha Gamma, for manning our booth at Watauga's convocation!

TECH Tip...

Apps for Healthy Habits

- Sleep Cycle
- Sleep Alarm Clock
- Momentum
- Habit Minder
- Habit List

Summer Literacy Program

The Summer Literacy Program for rising first graders who struggled with reading was a huge success. This was the first of a three year program sponsored by Duke Endowment to provide tutoring and enrichment to these young students. As soon as we receive the list of Alpha Gamma volunteers we will share all of those names of our wonderful members who took the time to help! We hope to share specific results with all of you at our first meeting.

WORDS OF WISDOM

“The best thing about being a teacher is that it matters!
The hardest thing about being a teacher is that it matters everyday!”

#teachaid

COMMITTEES

This is the second year of the biennium. Be thinking about on which committee you would like to serve this year. We will have a signup sheet for committees, refreshments, and door prizes at our first meeting.



Meet Sherri Hale, Watauga County

Please meet one of our newest members, Sherri Hale, Digital Learning Coach/Instructional Technology Specialist, at Valle Crucis Elementary School. Sherri has worked at Valle Crucis since 2014. She came to North Carolina from Virginia where she served as an Instructional Technology resource teacher for nine years and as a first grade teacher from 2002-2004. She also had the opportunity to serve as a FUTURE program instructor in an after school program for a full year. She attended Emory and Henry College with a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications and Minor in Business Management; East Tennessee State University with a Master of Arts in

Teaching/Elementary Education; and Virginia Tech with an Educational Specialist in Curriculum and Instruction/Instructional Technology.

Sherri's husband, Eric, works for Avery County Schools as a Network Engineer. She has two children, Anna – a 9th grader at Watauga High – and Noah – a 6th grader at Valle Crucis. Sherri enjoys reading, computer games, and spending time with her pets.

DKG Meeting

May 2, 2019

Avery County High School

Presentation:

The meeting began with welcome by DKG President Brenda Reese to all. She introduced Byran Taylor, Superintendent of Avery County Schools. Mr. Taylor discussed his progression in the field of education. He spoke about the elements in DKG and the characteristics of an effective educator. The common themes of an effective teacher are caring, compassionate and innovative.

After Mr. Taylor spoke, Phillip Little, principal of Avery County High School, spoke the group.

He spoke about the involvement of his mother and wife in DKG. He requested that group assist him in singing Happy Birthday to his mother.

Treasury Report:

Mrs. Moretz presented treasury report to group. She stated there was a deposit of \$855.00 and \$25.00 in door prize money. The buckets have received \$18.00. She will be receiving training on Saturday. There is way to pay dues online. International decided to change due collection. Pins will be available in September. The money attained in buckets supports schools in Africa.

Minutes:

The minutes for April meeting were read by Adele Byrd and approved on by members.

Scholarship:

There were eleven recommendations from Appalachian State University and one from Lees McRae. Winners will be announced at a later time.

Legislative:

Susan Phipps discussed upcoming educational legislation in North Carolina.

Induction Ceremony:

New DKG members were inducted during meeting. Their names are: Kimberly Dunnagan, Donna Greene, Sherri Hale, Olivia Haigler, Beth Masters, Melanie McLeod and Christina Welch

Closing:

The meeting ended with a warm welcome to all new members by attendees. Door prizes were awarded as the conclusion of the meeting.

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Teresa Shadoin	Past-President
Gwen Clark	Vice-President
Adele Byrd	Secretary
Ala Sue Moretz	Treasurer

Newsletter

Information for the newsletter can be sent to Sherri Hale @ sherrihale75@gmail.com

