



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Alpha Gamma Members,

We believe in doing work that we love and, in choosing that, nudging others toward doing what they love!

The Magnolia Manifesto

What could better summarize our wonderful Dr. Teresa Cowan's message of **Ready, Set, GROW?** We volunteer our time and resources because we are dedicated to supporting our profession whether we are new to it or have lived—with and through it—for decades. Alpha Gamma continues to share its wealth of expertise through you! I encourage you to rise to this occasion. An easy—and vital—way to share is simply through your attendance at our meetings. Support each other in all you do!

Our Executive Committee met at Valle Crucis Elementary School on September 24 for updates on several topics. Most important is the revision of our chapter rules and strategic plan. These will be presented to you at our next chapter meeting and voted on in November.

Other topics covered include: the Blue Ridge Relay, the Summer Literacy Project, Dollar\$ for Dorian, a joint Region IX chapter meeting, and our yearbook. Region IX is participating in a 101 Donations drive which will not only offer teacher recognition, but will also provide financial support for the Education Foundation. Region IX is also promoting a joint chapter venture on October 26 at Roaring Rivers Vineyards. Teresa Shadoin offered information on the sale of Auto Bell certificates as a fundraising activity. The meeting spent time reviewing Chapter Achievement requirements, awards, and the current status of our endowment.

As you can see, we will have LOTS of OPPORTUNITIES to support teachers across every grade and content. Be the best cheerleader you can be as you represent Delta Kappa Gamma through our Alpha Gamma Chapter.

Sincerely,
Brenda Reese
President

JOINT CHAPTER EVENT FOR REGION IX

You are invited to join the eight NC DKG Region IX chapters for a fall gathering to GROW the fellowship and professional connections among our members. Enjoy this opportunity to connect with fellow DKG members in a beautiful setting followed by a delicious sandwich and salad buffet lunch for \$15.00. Please respond to your president with your reservation and payment by Wednesday, October 9. (Optional wine tasting on your own for \$10.00 is available following the lunch.) Check out the website at www.roaringrivervineyards.com.



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493 Brewer Mill Road, Traphill, NC 29685

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2019-2020 MEETINGS/EVENTS

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

October 3

Location: BUMC
Program: Education Foundation - Dr. Judith Carlson

October 19—Wooly Worm Festival

October 26

Location: Roaring River Vineyards
Program: Fellowship Meeting of All Region IX Chapters

November 7

Location: BREMCO
Program: DKG Membership – Rebecca Keesler

December 16

Location: Hospitality House
Program: Christmas Dinner

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

Sheri Little	18
Sherri Hale	23
Margaret Gregor	25

September

Beth Masters	2
Judith Carlson	18

December

Brenda Reese	4
Carmen Scoggins	22
Ala Sue Moretz	24

October

Kay Campany	3
Teresa Shadoin	11
Marjorie Farris	16
Christy Welch	25
Shawna Williams	31

January

Leeann Williams	3
Rebekah Saylor	8
Melanie McLeod	9
Clara Hollar	16
Gwen Clark	18

November

Carol Deal	4
Debbie Hendrix	4
Louise Osborne	4
Lori Tyler	14

February

Jennifer Luetkemycer	2
Laura Johnson	24

March

Susan McKay	13
Barbara Perry-Sheldon	16
McKinley Kunz	21

April

Olivia Haigler	3
Kim Dunnagan	5
Jade Evaul	12
Nancy Henry	22
Sharareh Nikbakht	29

May

Amy Anderson 23

June

Linda Seamster	19
Linda Queen	25
Donna Green	26

July

Diane Ward	4
Cori Braxton	8
Susan Phipps	11
Kristen Heckle	18

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT

Past-President Teresa Shadoin is already reviewing and planning our Chapter Achievement Recognition for this year. Please be open to assisting in any way you can. One way that you could help is by writing short articles about projects you are spearheading. These do not have to be lengthy; just long enough to make your point(s).

SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA

Currently, DKG is supporting Schools for Africa. Schools for Africa help the most disadvantaged children in Africa to get a quality education. Since 1997, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG)—an international women's organization dedicated to excellence in education—has supported UNICEF's work around the globe. With support from Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Schools for Africa is helping to support UNICEF education programs in 13 countries – Angola, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, and Zimbabwe – in the following areas of intervention: Early childhood development, Access and retention to quality primary education, lower secondary and non-formal education, HIV prevention in schools, Education in emergencies.

<http://bit.ly/DKGsfa>

CHAPTER PROJECT

The Summer Literacy Program is so well supported by multiple Alpha Gamma members that it needs to be designated as an official chapter project. This is the summer program for struggling readers who are moving from kindergarten to first grade in Watauga County. This is a three year program funded by the Duke Endowment so our chapter has two more summers to offer support to it.

RULES

Our rules have been revised and are ready for your review at our October meeting. They will be voted on at our November meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Our strategic has been revised and is ready for your review at our October meeting. It will be voted on at our November meeting.

101 DONATIONS

The NC DKG Educational Foundation is offering **The 101 Donations Challenge** as a way for you to “Celebrate a Teacher.” Teachers should be acknowledged and celebrated. The Foundation wants to celebrate talented, dedicated, and resourceful educators through a statewide **101 Donations Challenge**. Each NC DKG region is challenged to recognize 101 teachers with a contribution of \$10.00 each to the NC DKG Education Foundation. More details will be shared at our Alpha Gamma Meetings this year.

BLUE RIDGE RELAY

Alpha Gamma was represented by 14 members this year. This was a great turn out, and everyone had fun getting to visit with one another while helping a great cause!

GRANTS

Currently, six grants are in the process of being written after the presentations at our September meetings. Williams Academy, Cranberry Middle School, Bethel Elementary School, Parkway Elementary School, and Watauga High School have requested letters of reference from your president. The due date is September 30 so there is still time to apply if you have a great idea!

THE EMERGENCY FUND

Did you know that International has an Emergency Fund? Members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, wild fires another natural disasters can be recommended by their chapter and state organization presidents to receive a \$500.00 Emergency Fund Award.

WELCOME Everyone!

New, transfer, and college members as well as visitors are welcome! Anna Volda and Radie Armstrong from Watauga County plan to join us for our October meeting. Katie Masters from Avery County plans to join us for our October meeting. Our ASU scholarship winner, Sarah Dixon, plans to join us, also!

COMMITTEES

Sign-up sheets for committees, refreshments, and door prizes will continue to be available at our October meeting. These will be available until all slots are filled. Also, the committee sheet reflects last year's assignments. If you

would like to change your placement, you may do so on the sign-up sheet.

TECH TIP

When you are asked to submit fillable forms, remember to download them first, save to your computer, and then fill the form out and save it again before you attach it to an e-mail to send or to upload it.

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!

Love to Read? Join the DKG Book Club!

1. Go to www.dkg.org.
2. Sign in with your membership number and password.
3. Click on the MyDKG tab.
4. Click on Communities.
5. Select DKG Book Club and complete information.
6. Subscribe and write topics to share with others.
7. Please post! The value of the community lies in its members contributing!

Meet Beth Masters, Avery County

I am Beth Masters, graduate of Appalachian State University. I teach second grade currently, and I love that grade. This is my sixteenth year of teaching in public school. I taught pre-k for 3 years prior to the move to elementary. I feel that in this day and time, teaching is almost like mission work. I strive to provide a kind, loving, and healthy environment for my students. I am dedicated to giving my students the tools to have the life they choose. I am also very aware that I am preparing students for a future that may look very different from the present. Students will have opportunities for jobs that haven't even been dreamed of yet, and they may likely face problems that we cannot foresee.

In my personal life, I am the mother of John and Katie Masters. They have been an education in their own right. John is married, he and his wife operate a successful restaurant. John is also a deputy. Katie is about to graduate from Lees McRae. She has danced, cheered, and traveled all over. John played sports but his love is training horses and hunting. I am also married to Jim Masters, retired from the Department of Corrections. I am looking forward to having hobbies someday, but it looks like that may be a distant dream. For now, I am involved with the family and that keeps me pretty busy.

Meet Katie Masters, Lees McRae

I am Katie Masters. I am in the student teaching portion of my Lees McRae College education. I am placed at Gouge Elementary in Mitchell County. I serve primarily kindergarten through second grade, I also have a fourth grade inclusion group. I am a member of Omicron Delta Kappa honor society. My goal is to empower students from rural, socioeconomically disadvantaged communities through education. I am passionate about instilling not only a knowledge of reading, but a love of reading, by providing students materials which speak to their current life and to the life they could have. I want to awaken dreams in students and give them the tools to achieve those dreams. I also hope and pray I get a teaching job quickly.

I am a farm girl at heart. I love this area of the world, and the opportunity to have a farm and watch things grow. I was a member and officer of Avery FFA, and I earned my American Degree, which is one of my most proud accomplishments. I have danced and/or cheered since I was two years old. I feel the background in dance and cheer come in handy in all sorts of situations. I also appreciate the need to wiggle.



Dr. Teresa Cowan getting ready to hit the road after our September meeting.



Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, Teresa Shadoin, and Brenda Reese attended the NC DKG Executive Committee in Burlington on Saturday, September 14.

DKG Meeting

September 5, 2019

Boone United Methodist Church

Greetings:

The meeting began with a reading of an autumn poem by President Brenda Reese. Dr. Teresa Cowan from Asheville discussed the gift of giving of spirit and time. She shared pencils with members and encouraged members to share with someone who would benefit from DKG. She discussed the importance of growth.

Presentation:

Kathy Evans discussed the Summer Literacy Program. She defined the purpose of the program. This program has a commitment to faith-based organizations. Children learn best when they are in a nurturing setting. Guidelines were in place with no scripted reading program. Reading challenges and difficulties cut across all social norms. Dibels was used to progress monitoring.

Reports:

Minutes from May 2019 meeting were read by Adele Byrd and approved by members. The treasurer report was read by Ala Sue Moretz. In the report, she discussed the new protocol in the area of finance. The current checking account has a balance of \$2589.73. She discussed a letter she read by Leola Cloid, a 94 year-old member. The treasury report was approved by members.

Old Business:

Carol Deal has determined that she will no longer be creating newsletter. Sherri Hale was nominated to be the newsletter editor. Members voted on proposal and Mrs. Hale was approved by members.

Teresa Shadoin discussed the Blue Ridge Relay and potential money earned by members that volunteer at check-in stations. This is an excellent opportunity to bond with sisters in DKG.

Judith Carlson discussed the Education Foundation and the focus on grants.

New Business:

A review of scholarship and grant opportunities were discussed and requirements for individual awards.

Fundraising opportunities were discussed. The sale of car washes from AutoBell were discussed as a means of raising funds for Educational Foundation.

There will be a Joint Chapter Event at Roaring Rivers Vineyard on October 26, 2019.

The DKG quilt was raffled and the winner was Nina -Jo Moore.

Susan Phipps discussed World Fellowship Fund.

Meeting was adjourned after door prizes were awarded.

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Newsletter

Information for the newsletter can be sent to
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Refreshments for 2019-2020 Alpha Gamma
Meetings

September 5

Kim Shields
Carmen Scoggins
Maria Mohr

Cori Braxton
Donna Greene

October 3

Teresa Shadoin
Amy Anderson

November 7

March 5

Brenda Reese
Gwen Clark
Adele Byrd

April 2

Sherri Hale
Maggie Christenbury
Ala Sue Moretz

May 7

Door Prizes for 2019-2020 Alpha Gamma Meetings

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