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Region IX

Rose Petal

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Ready, Set, Grow!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Alpha Gamma Members,

This is the time of year we begin looking to the future.

Our next official meeting is on March 5 and will be devoted to our book choice of Educated by Tara Westover. This gives you another month to read. You will find yourself examining the meaning of family throughout the book!

It is time to be thinking about potential new members for our induction in May. We have a tentative list started, but we want to GROW. We need to think about adding and mentoring more younger members, under age 40, to help our chapter GROW for years to come. It is also time to begin thinking about officers for the 2020-2022 biennium.

Now that we have reached our \$10,000 goal for our endowment, we get to go to the next step of creating an appropriate name for our endowment and determining what its focus will be! This is the fun part!

Several of our members are already actively involved in the planning process for the Summer Literacy Program at Boone United Methodist Church. Dates for this summer are June 22 through July 31. Please check your summer calendar for times you will be available to volunteer.

All of these activities and those listed in other parts of our Rose Petal are designed to support **President Cowan's theme: Ready...Set...GROW!** I am so proud of our chapter and how it has adopted President Cowan's vision!

Sincerely,
Brenda Reese
President

IMPORTANT: SPRING DUES!

Ala Sue Moretz reminds us of the change in dues date! This year DKG dues are due in the spring. You may pay the \$83.00 in installments or in one lump sum. If you wish to pay in installments, please discuss this with Ala Sue so she will know when to expect your payments.

2019-2020

MEETINGS/EVENTS

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

- Mar. 1 Chapter Achievement, Golden Key, Rising Star,
and Newsletter Excellence due
- Mar. 5 Alpha Gamma Meeting/Book Study BREMCO
Educated by Tara Westover with Maggie
Christenbury and Ala Sue Moretz supported by Barbara Perry-Sheldon
- April 2 Alpha Gamma Meeting/Stonewalls/Banner Elk
Scotland by Diane Ward and Leeann Williams
- Apr. 10 NC DKG News deadline
- May 1-3 NC DKG Convention, Embassy Suites
Greensboro, Region VII
- May 7 Alpha Gamma Induction BUMC
New Members
New Officers
- May 16 Compassionate Communities WHS
July 7-11 International Convention, Philadelphia, PA
- April 23-25 NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and
2021 Resort
- July 11-14 International Convention, New Orleans, LA
2022 (Okay, JADE EVAUL, you HAVE TO make plans to
be there for us!!! You have plenty of planning time!!!)

REFRESHMENTS

- March 5 - Amy Anderson, Gwen Clark, Adele Byrd
April 2 - Sherri Hale, Maggie Christenbury, Ala Sue Moretz
May 7 - Birgitta McGalliard

DOOR PRIZES

March 5 - Gwen Clark, Sherri Hale, Birgitta McGalliard

April 2 - Amy Anderson, Carol Deal

May 7 - Cori Braxton, Carmen Scoggins

Birthdays

August

Heather Furr	21
Kim Shields	23
Birgitta McGalliard	31

September

Beth Masters	2
Judith Carlson	18

October

Kay Company	3
Teresa Shadoin	11
Marjorie Farris	16
Maria Mohr	22
Christy Welch	25
Shawna Williams	31

November

Carol Deal	4
Ebbie Hendrix	4
Louise Osborne	4
Lori Tyler	14
Sheri Little	18
Sherri Hale	23
Margaret Gregor	25
Amanda Grindstaff	25

December

Brenda Reese	4
Carmen Scoggins	22
Ala Sue Moretz	24

January

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

February

Jennifer Luetkemycer	2
Maggie Christenbury	14
Laura Johnson	24

March

Susan McKay	13
Barbara Perry-Sheldon	16
McKinley Kunz	21
Kelly Walker	28

April

Olivia Haigler	3
Kim Dunnagan	5
Jade Evaul	12
Adele Byrd	18
Nancy Henry	22
Sharareh Nikbakht	29

May

Amy Anderson	23
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June

Judith Geary	9
Kristen Heckle	18
Linda Seamster	19
Linda Queen	25
Donna Green	26

July

Diane Ward	4
Cori Braxton	8
Patty Buckner	9
Susan Phipps	11

EDUCATED

Several members have read their copies of Educated and are willing to share. **Sherri Hale, Susan Phipps, Lori Tyler, and Brenda Reese** are willing to share their copies. Currently **Adele Byrd** has Brenda's copy, but I am certain she will be willing to share it again when she finishes reading it.

BEGINNING TEACHERS PACKING PARTY

Alpha Gamma's year starts off with a great turn out at **Susan Phipps'** house as we pack bags of goodies for first year teachers in both Avery and Watauga counties. This is one of our "fun" activities when we have time to socialize and enjoy each other's company as we set about creating New Year surprises for our beginning (first year) teachers. Thank you's go out to everyone who collected donations and to those who packed bags. Pictured in front of Susan's beautifully decorated fireplace are: **Adele Byrd, Birgitta McGalliard, Lori Tyler, Judith Geary, Barbara Perry-Sheldon, Linda Queen, Brenda Reese, and Susan Phipps.**



REGION 7 SCIENCE FAIR

Alpha Gamma member **Kay Company** smiles as we prepare to assist with the Region 7 Science Fair on Saturday, January 11. Kay joins **Lori Tyler, Sherry Nikbakht, and Brenda Reese** as they gave up their Saturday morning to serve as judges for Region 7. Region 7 includes students from Alexander, Allegheny, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey counties.

Phil Johnson, Former Director, ASU Mathematics and Science Education Center, who organized the Science Fair sent his thank you to those who helped make it a success. " I am sure you join me in thanking Coleman Bailey and **Lori Tyler** for leading us in this big undertaking; I have seen first hand the many hours of tireless effort they put into ensuring that the fair succeeds in being a good experience for the participants every year."



MEMBER UPDATES

Carol Deal has returned from her adventure to Portugal over the Christmas holidays!

Member **Kim Dunnagan** is always looking for ways to expand her students' horizons. One way is having them enter contests. One of her sixth graders was a runner up in the recent NASA art contest and was featured in the January 12 issue of the Watauga Democrat!

Donna Greene (Green Valley) and Tara Watson recently received one of the Watauga Education Foundation Grants for their peer mentor activity. Donna was recognized by Dr. Don Presnell at the January Watauga County Board of Education meeting.



Olivia Haigler (Watauga High School) presented her FFA team members at the January Watauga County School Board meeting. They recently attended the national FFA convention which is the largest national convention--aside from political conventions. Her club is rated as a Gold chapter, in the top 3% in the United States and their "3-star chapter" application was completed by her students. Each of her four students who were recognized hold multiple local and regional offices in FFA. Under Olivia's leadership, FFA has grown exponentially in both membership and recognition across the nation!



Carmen Scoggins (Watauga High School) was honored and presented at the January Watauga County Board of Education meeting with nine other teachers for the renewal of her National Board Certification. Watauga County Schools received a plaque identifying it as a National Board Accomplished District, one of 81 school districts in the United States to receive this designation...one in which 20% or more of teachers are National Board Certified!



Ready! Set! GROW! with Mamma G (Gwen Clark)

Our own **Gwen Clark** is the epitome of President Teresa Cowan's Ready! Set! GROW! theme with her regularly published column, *Gardening with Momma G!* in the Avery Post. Her most recent article offers tips about what we can do now to promote spring growth. Now is the time to plan for spring gardens by cleaning tools, checking out new plants, and drawing out your garden plots. This is the time to kill weeds, briars, and poison ivy and to plow to kill pests. Momma G recommends using tea leaves for ferns and coffee grounds for indoor plants. She suggests using paper tubes as great ways to start plants.

FRIEND OF EDUCATION

Articles publicizing Alpha Gamma's grant and scholarship recipients have recently been published in the *Mountain Times*, *Avery Journal*, and *Watauga Democrat*. An article on **Andrew Wade's** award as our **Friend of**

Education has been submitted for publication and **President Teresa Cowan** is placing it on the NC DKG homepage!

EMAIL FROM PRESIDENT COWAN

We received this wonderful email from **President Teresa Cowan**. She now has the Friends of Education award photo and details for posting!

Thank you for the newsletter.

Just a few observations:

- 1. Congratulations on the Alpha Gamma Endowment!!!! What a great example the chapter sets for others.*
- 2. Love the cauliflower recipe. I eat riced cauliflower a couple times a week.*
- 3. I just wrote "Educated" on my book list. Cannot wait until I can find time to read it.*
- 4. Appreciate the chapter data. I am going to share the entire newsletter with the membership committee just for their information. Curious what the chapter does with it in the upcoming days.*
- 5. Super cool "Friends of Education" award idea!!! I would like to post that on the state website. **If you send me that photo and details Beth will post it on the homepage.***
- 6. Awesome job to the members that pursued and received the grants!!!*

WOW!!!!

You GROW, girls!

Please convey my congratulations to the chapter for its Ready, Set, GROW!!!! efforts.

Teresa (Cowan)

SUMMER LITERACY PROGRAM

Plans are moving ahead nicely for this summer's Summer Literacy Program (SLP) at Boone United Methodist Church (BUMC). This program is a faith based venture funded by the Duke Endowment and provides funds over a three year period to help struggling readers. Alpha Gamma members have been involved in the planning and implementation of the SLP in conjunction with BUMC for the past two years. At least five members (**Carol Deal, Ebbie Hendix, Lori Tyler, Adele Byrd, and Brenda Reese**) were on the original planning committee and have returned this year.

The greatest need in Watauga County is for early intervention for five to seven year olds. Plans addressing these needs include three classrooms of twelve students each with a teacher and teacher assistant. Two classes will have kindergarten students who are moving into first grade, and one class will have first graders who are moving into second grade. Our own **Adele Byrd** will be the morning site director in charge of the reading components. At least one teacher and one teacher assistant will be returning. The program will be seeking three afternoon camp counselors. Preference will be given to qualified applicants who speak Spanish. The school system will once again be providing snacks and lunches for the program. Various programs from ASU, including our **Lori Tyler's** Summer Venture students, are making plans to assist but are not finalized at this point. Recruitment forms should be ready to go to teachers and parents about the first of March. **Carol Deal, Brenda Reese, and Adele Byrd** are deeply involved in the planning process at this time. Carol is exploring how to bring ASU reading clinic students as tutors this summer. Lori is encouraged to bring her Summer Venture students back as volunteers. And Brenda is actively seeking individuals who speak Spanish to serve as interpreters for parents.

ENDOWMENT NEWS

Congratulations, **Dr. Judith Carlson!** The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International recently announced that Dr. Judith Carlson (Region IX, Alpha Gamma) has been nominated for Trustee of the DKG Educational Foundation. Dr. Carlson was instrumental in establishing the North Carolina DKG Educational Foundation and served as the Foundation Board chair through June 2018. She will bring experience and knowledge to the International Educational Foundation.

SPARKLE

Alpha Gamma “Sparkled” as it reached its \$10,000 goal to establish an endowment to fund grants for educators. During this entire project, Alpha Gamma has sought to improve and extend its name recognition as a strategy for growth. This effort received support from local business Allen Wealth Management (**Susan Phipps**), donations from individual members such as the donation from President **Brenda Reese** in honor of her late husband, Andy Reese, and challenges from **Dr. Judith Carlson** who was willing to match donations during her challenge period. Alpha Gamma is also extremely thankful for donations in honor of Judith Carlson and Susan Phipps from **Maxine McCall** and **Sheila Groves**. State President, **Teresa Cowan**, attended our first meeting of the year to offer her encouragement and support. Alpha Gamma is holding an executive committee meeting on February 6 to formulate a recommendation for members about the name of Alpha Gamma’s endowment and its targeted area. Members will vote on this at our March 5 meeting. Now that the baseline of \$10,000 has been met, we look forward to soon being able to fund grants for teachers in our counties.

WCCI Conference May 16

The Save the Date flier for the **2020 WCCI Conference** is included in this link!
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UocgvTGxEPSvsxUQZZ1h-DmuJATCI4D2/view?ts=5d80fb8c>
The date is Saturday, May 16th from 8 am to 3:30 pm. The cost is only \$25 and includes three classes and lunch. Registration is required and opens Feb. 1.

Our theme this year is "**Community is the Solution**". As we have all learned, the number one factor to offset trauma is a relationship with a positive, consistent, caring adult. Come learn about how community can help us heal from trauma, deal with adversity, and develop resiliency. The WCCI webpage has more information and FAQs about the conference:
<https://wataugacci.weebly.com>

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

As you may have heard by now, the General Assembly adjourned until April, effectively ending the 2019 legislative session without a budget for North Carolina, and without any pay raise for teachers, ESPs, or retirees.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Grants provide a lifeline for educators at every level. Our Alpha Gamma Chapter began focusing on grant writing during the last biennium and continued our focus into the current one. **Past-President Teresa Shadoin** provided an evening program on, not only how to write grants, but also on a wide variety of funding sources. During this current biennium, Alpha Gamma chose to elaborate on this training. At our September meeting, **Maxine McCall** and **Susan Phipps** presented information on existing grants. Members were encouraged to bring their ideas and their computers to the first meeting. They were given the names and specific requirements of currently available grants. Regular business

was conducted, and, after an orientation, fellow members assisted those who wanted to write their own grants. Emphasis was placed on choosing the right grant so that it most closely matched what the educator needed. Peers read and offered suggestions.

President Brenda Reese visited each person (at their school) if they expressed interest in writing a grant to answer questions and walk them through the process. Then, the president wrote letters of recommendation. Over all, six area educators chose to write grants, five submitted them, and two received funding.

RECRUITMENT: Ready! Set! GROW!

Recruiting new members and/or dropped members is a strong focus for Alpha Gamma during this biennium. Alpha Gamma recently added nine new members, and at least two members who had previously dropped came back into the chapter.

A lengthy list of those names suggested by the Executive Committee and other members was presented to our membership chairperson, **Susan Phipps**. She held an orientation for these individuals, and they were invited to attend one or two meetings as guests to see if they would like to join us.

Alpha Gamma created a marketing plan which included some of the following strategies.

Region IX Director, Rebecca Keesler, presented ideas for increasing membership at Alpha Gamma's November meeting.

Newsletters were shared with potential members. President Brenda Reese did an informal survey to determine how many members came from multiple categories encompassing subject areas and grade levels. Attempts were made to have more than one member in each school and in each content area to increase opportunities for networking.

The recent survey sent to us from NC DKG asking about age ranges was an eye opener.

We had only 3 members under the age of 40! We are making a conscious effort to recruit members in this age range. We also are looking at our lists of beginning teachers for the last 2 years to see if any could be potential members. Lists of student teachers from Lees McRae College and Appalachian State University were reviewed for potential members. Part of Alpha Gamma's plan is to get our name out in front of educators. Articles were published in the *Avery Journal*, *Watauga Democrat*, and *Mountain Times* with the headline leading with DKG in bold lettering. Alpha Gamma also began offering door prizes at Avery County's and Watauga County's beginning of the year convocations. Since our members cover a wide geographical area, they are encouraged to discuss DKG at any and every opportunity.

President **Brenda Reese's** focus has been on "Getting to Know You." So that new members (and those who have been members) know more about their peers. Newsletters have featured short biographies covering both personal and professional

information that would let new members have a better idea of who shares their interests. Increasing personal connections is also important. President Reese made a conscious effort to immediately involve new members by requesting them to participate in specific activities. **Sherri Hale** became our new editor. **Melanie McLeod** has agreed to become our next secretary. **Adele Byrd** is moving from secretary to vice-president. (Adele is already presenting herself to us as a rising star!) **Laura Johnson, Donna Greene, and Kim Shields** organized our Hospitality House dinner. **Jade Evaul** worked the Woolly Worm Festival for us. All willing served when asked.

How to help everyone have a more enjoyable day...

1. CONTRIBUTE
 2. BE KIND
 3. BE PATIENT
 4. BE HONEST
 5. ENCOURAGE PEOPLE
 6. APOLOGIZE
 7. FORGIVE
 8. THANK PEOPLE
- inspireyourpeople.com

Registration for NC DKG Convention and Hotel May 1-3 Greensboro, Embassy Suites

Registration for the convention is online using the Google Form found at <http://bit.ly/2020NCDKGConvention>. Payment is by credit card or check following the directions on the form. A copy of the registration form will be sent to the email address provided on the form. Registration for the early bird pricing is April 15, 2020.

Registration is also open for hotel rooms at the Embassy Suites Greensboro. Call 336-668-4535 and use the code DKG.

NC DKG News and DKG News Both Available Now

Our state newsletter and the international newsletter— NC DKG News and DKG News—have both been published recently. Remember that both are online only and chapters are asked to send the links to members and to print and share these publications with members without Internet access. Members must be logged into the international website to access the link.

Call for Presenters for Philly Convention; Bus Ride Option

The proposal form is now on the website for members interested in presenting at the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia, July 7-11, 2020. It is a Google form, due January 6, 2020. Also available on the website is the vendor/exhibitor application, which is due with payment to Headquarters by April 15, 2020.

The 2020 Convention will be held at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. **Dr. Phyllis Broughton**, Beta Upsilon Chapter, is organizing a bus ride for members wanting an inexpensive trip to Philadelphia. Round trip is \$170 and the bus will leave Williamston in eastern NC at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7. Payment is due to Phyllis by January 30, 2020, to guarantee the numbers. Contact Phyllis at pbrought@suddenlink.net for more information.



General Information

Although there is a suggested theme for each issue of the *Journal*, manuscripts on all topics are welcome. The *Collegial Exchange* is not theme-based.

Themes for the next two issues are “Evolving Nature of Schooling” (deadline March 1, 2020) and “Controversial Issues in Education” (deadline May 15, 2020). Deadline for the next *Collegial Exchange* is August 1, 2020.

Submit electronically, in Microsoft Word format, to bulletin@dkg.org. All submissions will be acknowledged and assigned a review number within two weeks.

Electronic copies of *Journal* and *Collegial Exchange* are accessible on the [DKG website](#) by non-members and by members through their login. Click on the Publications tab on the website menu bar.

Why Publish?

Communicating your expertise and viewpoints through publication has many benefits. Writing will help you clarify your thoughts and will create knowledge for others when shared. It establishes credibility, connects you with others with similar interests or ideas, and provides valuable experience—skills learned to prepare the manuscript will be transferrable to other publication efforts. Also, it will make you proud!

Get Connected: Become a Part of a Community of Writers

Have you thought about submitting to the *DKG Journal* or *Collegial Exchange* but never got around to doing it? Do you need more guidance on the steps to take?

Based on feedback from conference attendees, the Editorial Board has brainstormed ways to encourage members to create and submit an article. These include:

- Expanding the submission process to include two options: electronically through Google Forms as well as via email attachments at bulletin@dkg.org. Watch the website for information on the roll-out of this option!
- Adding another issue of the magazine due to popular demand.
- Creating a better balance between theme-based and non-themed submissions so that you can write on whatever educational interests you may have.
- Providing more clarity about *Journal* themes by asking questions and probing prompts to help your thinking.
- Adding the opportunity to invite or sponsor a nonmember who may want to publish in our journal to submit an article.
- Identifying previous authors to share their writing and publishing experiences through the DKG website, conferences, and all DKG publications.
- Continuing to provide workshops at international and state meetings.
- Exploring the addition of webinars to explain the various types of writing submissions in the *Journal*.



The Editorial Board members hope you will help share these ideas to broaden our DKG community of writers and add to your personal and professional goals to be published.

Submission Support Online

The DKG website provides specific information on submitting to *Bulletin* publications. The “*Bulletin* Submissions Guidelines,” under the Apply/Submit tab, includes manuscript preparation and submission, plus a link at the top to “*Bulletin Journal* and *Magazine* Evaluation Rubrics” and one at the bottom to “Detailed Explanation of Submission Categories.” A flyer under Resources → Brochures/Flyers gives an overview of the two formats and a publication schedule and themes table. If you need more support, contact the editorial staff at bulletin@dkg.org.

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