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**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™**

**The NC DKG North Carolina State Chapter - Alpha Gamma Chapter  
Avery & Watauga Counties - Region IX**



## President's Message

Dear Alpha Gamma Members:

We had a white Christmas, and now it looks like we may have a white Valentine's Day! It seems like it has been forever since we have seen one another! Just because we have not been able to gather, however, does not mean that we have not been busy and involved in lots of different activities and situations.

Remember our March meeting has been moved to February 25 at 5:00. We will be holding a joint Zoom meeting with Alpha Phi featuring Trevor Noah's book, *Born a Crime*, with Alpha Gamma's business meeting to follow. Our April and May meetings are planned to be in person at the library in downtown Newland.

Planning for the Summer Literacy Program is underway with the six weeks scheduled for June 14-July 22. Take a look at your calendars and let us know which days or weeks you will be available to volunteer. Volunteers are needed in the morning for reading instruction from 8:00-12:00 and for enrichment activities from 12:30-4:30.

Beginning Educators Excelling (BEE's) from Watauga County are being recognized at the Board of Education meeting on February 8. These excellent teachers are: Olivia Boudin (Bethel), Kacie Poplin (Blowing Rock), Libby Rose (Cove Creek), Emma Willard (Green Valley), Morgan Bell (Hardin Park), Ben

Brown (Mabel), Audrey Jones (Parkway), Shelby Hatton (Valle Crucis), and Amber Kimbro (Watauga High School).

March 1 is an important deadline for NC DKG reports and applications. Chapter Achievement reports will be due so we will be contacting committees to verify the parts that apply to their duties. The nominees's applications for those representing our chapter for Rising Star Award (Sherri Hale), Golden Key Award (Brenda Reese), and COVID.

On a sad note, Christy Welch just lost her mother to COVID after weeks of struggles. Her mother was very careful and still got sick. So, Christy reminds everyone how important it is to Wash...your hands, Wear...your mask, and Wait...six feet apart.

Take care and be safe. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Brenda Reese, Co-President

Kim Shields, Co-President

\*\*\*Kim Shields is currently in Boston with her daughter and grandchildren. While there she has been treated to 22 inches of snow...which was quickly removed so folks were immediately able to travel.

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[Click here to sign up to bring Door Prizes](#)

April 1	Travel Program, Avery Library
April 23-25	NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza
May 6	Induction
July 7-10	International Conference, Portland, OR
July 21-24	International Conference, San Antonio, Texas
<b>ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER DATES</b>	
NOV. 5	Watauga Board of Education Program by Nancy Grady (New Inductee and LMC Professor)
DEC. 14	Hospitality House Service Project
JAN. TBD	Beginning Teachers Packing Party
FEB. 25	Zoom Meeting for Book Club
APR. 1	Travel Program Watauga county

 MARK THE DATES

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## Chapter News

### Update on Dr. Judith B. Carlson Limited Endowment

Betty Marshall, Treasurer, NC DKG, just sent this to Alpha Gamma:

*"This is an update on the above named fund for 2020.*

*A \$10,000 Certificate of Deposit was opened on January 7.*

*A total of \$1,645 in donations were made to the Fund during the year.*

*In addition to the \$10,000 CD, the Fund currently has \$2,193.97 in checking.*

*Funds are now available for the next cycle of grants."*

This will be a topic for business at our February meeting. In looking at our committee structure, both the Education Foundation Committee and the Awards Committee have duties which impact this. We will need to decide if the two committees will work jointly on this or which committee should take on this project...determining the process for submission and selection for the next cycle of grants. It's great to be at this point!

## **Book Discussion: Born a Crime**

**February 25 5:00 pm**

This is a gentle reminder of the book discussion of Trevor Noah's book, Born a Crime, so you have time to get and read it...if you haven't already. Remember this will be a Zoom meeting held jointly with our mentor chapter, Alpha Phi (Asheville) on Thursday evening, February 25 at \*5:00. The Watauga library is currently closed, but folks can either call in or order online to borrow books and have curb-side pickup. Also Born A Crime was on last year's high school Battle of the Books list, so the high school libraries will have multiple copies of the abridged version, which is essentially the same minus the curse words. You should be able to borrow one of those by asking their high school librarian.

### **Strategies to Recruit New and/or Regain Dropped Members**

Recruiting new members and/or dropped members continues to be a strong focus for Alpha Gamma. Our State President, Dr. Teresa Cowan, and our new Region IX Director, Susan Blackburn, presented ideas for increasing membership and participation at our first two fall meetings. This year Alpha Gamma grew by adding 12 new members and reinstating 6! Our membership committee solicits names of potential members from the entire Alpha Gamma membership. The membership chairperson, Susan Phipps, holds an orientation for potential members who are also invited to attend one or two meetings as our guests to see how we function. We also share recent newsletters with these candidates. Attempts are made to have more than one member in each school and in each content area to increase access and collaboration. We evaluate our list of members by age ranges and actively seek new members in the 20-40 year old range...where we now have 11 members. This is up from 3 last year. We actively address public relations by getting the name of our organization in front of teachers and community members. Newsletters, local media, school board meetings, convocations, blood drives, Hospitality House dinners, Duke Endowment Summer Literacy Program, and the Blue Ridge Relay are some of the more direct avenues used to publicize our work. We give door prizes of school supplies collected throughout the year at both Avery's and Watauga's beginning of year convocation meetings. We actively participate in the state's Beginning Educators Excelling (BEE) recognition program by presenting certificates, placing the recognitions in our newsletters and local newspaper, and recognizing recipients at a school board meeting. We actively research for programs which will be especially appreciated by younger members. Our hybrid meetings have the unexpected plus of making it easier for younger teachers who have children to participate from home.

### **Duke Endowment Summer Literacy Program Boone United Methodist Church**

Carol Deal and Brenda Reese are actively involved in the planning process for the third summer of the Summer Literacy Program funded by the Duke Endowment. Boone United Methodist Church is the site where forty rising first, second, and third graders will receive intensive reading instruction as well as enrichment activities from June 14 through July 22.

Volunteers from Alpha Gamma's ranks are welcomed with open arms. This program is one of the local projects Alpha Gamma actively supports.

Volunteer sign up sheets will be available, hopefully, by our April meeting.

### **Tips for Connecting with Law Makers**

- Introduce yourself to new legislators and share your story.
- Reach out early and often.
- Stick to a few key facts.
- Face-to-face meetings might not be possible this session.

- Follow up with a thank-you when legislators stand up for public education.

**Amanda Litvinov**

*neaToday, January 2021*

**Kim Dunnagan shared Daniel Steele's apt quote:**

"COVID doesn't stop our teachers. It makes their job much, much harder.

But it doesn't stop them.

They don't stop caring. They don't stop delivering. They don't stop making an impact.

But it doesn't stop them.

### **Sad News**

Alpha Gamma members send their condolences to our reserve member, Leota Cloyed, who lost her son, Gregory Parker Floyd, on November 13 in West Palm Beach, Florida.

## **This Is Us!**

**Carmen Scoggins**, Spanish teacher at Watauga High School, was awarded the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language Florence Steiner Award for Leadership in Foreign Language Education (K-12). Carmen was honored at the January Board of Education meeting. Dr. Scott Elliott, Superintendent of Watauga County Schools, gave this quote to the Watauga Democrat "There's an excitement and an energy within the languages department. You can't help but want to learn and have fun."

Please keep **Christy Welch** and her family in your prayers. Her mother passed away recently.

## **The Buzzing BEE**

Watauga's Beginning Teachers Excelling  
BEE Awards

Watauga's Beginning Teachers Excelling are recognized at the Watauga County Board of Education meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021. Since COVID limits the number of individuals who can be in the building, Dr. Elliott asked Garrett Price to do a slide of pictures of the recipients to share with the board. This is a summary of the statements shared with the board:



The Alpha Gamma Chapter of the North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma International Society recognizes Beginning Educators who Excel with the BEE certificate during this challenging 2020-2021 COVID-19 pandemic school year. This certificate is awarded as recognition of their dedication and adaptability as Beginning Teachers. Alpha Gamma congratulates them on their professionalism and extraordinary perseverance!

\*Watauga County's Beginning Teachers who are recipients of the BEE certificate this year are:

Olivia Boudwin Bethel

Kacie Poplin Blowing Rock

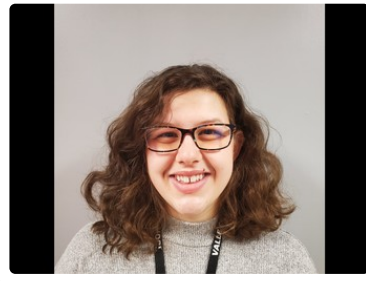
Libby Rose Cove Creek



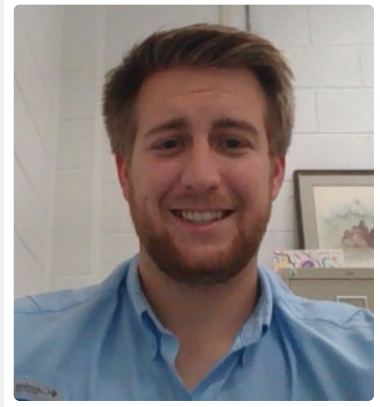
Emma Willard Green Valley  
Morgan Bell Hardin Park  
Ben Brown Mabel  
Audrey Jones Parkway  
Shelby Hatton Valle Crucis  
Amber Kimbro Watauga High School



**Kacie Poplin**  
Blowing Rock School



**Shelby Hatton**  
Valle Crucis School



**Ben Brown**  
Mabel School



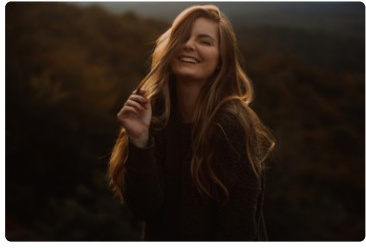
**Audrey Jones**  
Parkway School



**Libby Rose**  
Cove Creek School



**Emma Willard**  
Green Valley School



**Amber Kimbro**

Watauga High School



**Olivia Boudwin**

Bethel School



**Morgan Bell**

Hardin Park School



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## State News

### Workshop Presentations for Convention

Members wishing to present a workshop on Saturday afternoon are invited to fill out the Google form found online. The link will also be available on the NC DKG website homepage. Submission deadline is Monday, March 15, 2021. Presenters will be responsible for setting up their own meeting link or recording their own session and sending the links to Tobey Worthington by April 1. Workshops will be assigned a 50-minute slot between noon and 4:50 p.m. on Saturday, April 24.

### Delta Dollar\$

"A huge shout out to chapters and members that made a donation to the Delta Dollar\$ fundraising effort. We are overjoyed to announce that the Louisiana State Organization will receive a check for \$3,445.37 from the gracious members of NC DKG."

*- from President Teresa*

### Professional Awards Survey

Every NC DKG member is asked to share her professional achievements through the Professional Awards Survey. This is a way for the Awards Committee to document and recognize members for their professional and educational achievements, such as Teacher or Principal of the Year, National Board Certification, or longevity of 50/+ years. Members are asked to focus on awards received and not committees or boards served on or community or church awards received. The committee's goal is for each member to complete the survey by March 1, 2021. The survey is found at <https://bit.ly/NCDKGPAA>.

### DATES TO PLACE ON YOUR CALENDAR

## State Dates

### Convention Dates

**April 23-25, 2021** — NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort

**July 7-10, 2021** — International Conference, Portland, OR

**July 21-24, 2021** — International Conference, San Antonio, TX

## International News

### PLAN NOW TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

It's not too early to begin planning to attend an international conference where great opportunities await our members. Dates and locations have been set, and additional information will be forthcoming in issues of the DKG NEWS. You can also find information on the DKG website by going to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) and clicking on the Events tab. Scroll down to see the information for the two conferences including schedules, forms, hotel information, and details specific to each conference:

- Portland, Oregon - July 7-10, 2021
- San Antonio, Texas - July 21-24, 2021

## Morning Mantra

My daughter loves horses and she shared this mantra from *Horsie Hippie* with me.

Morning Mantra: "Promote what you love instead of bashing what you hate." There's nothing positive to be gained by complaining about what is wrong with your life or the world. Use your energy sharing things that are right, beautiful, and good. Instead of complaining about whatever is bothering you, simply acknowledge it and then get busy doing something to improve the situation.



How true! We women are stronger than we often think we are!

## Great Reads!

Here are some great reads offered by the Raleigh/Wake AAUW Chapter:

Notorious RBG - The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom by Catherine Clinton

Capitalism in America - An Economic History of the United States

By Alan Greenspan and Adian Woolridge

Educated by Tara Westover

Giver of Stars by JoJo Moyes

Songs of America by Tim McGraw and Jon Meacham

Women with Silver Wings by Katherine Sharp Landdrek

The Last Runaway by Tracy Chevalier

The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict

Hall and Other Destinations by Madeleine Albright

Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell

Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver

Caste--The Origin of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson

**February is for Book Lovers**



**ONLINE BOOK SALE  
Starts February 15, 2021**

Go to our Facebook Page to view and select books



Books with prices will be posted **DAILY**.  
In the "Comments" below each post, indicate your wish to purchase it.  
First to comment with book name, gets the book.  
Come by the Watauga County Public Library **BEFORE MARCH 1st**,  
to pay (cash, debit, credit only) and pick-up your purchase.

*All proceeds benefit the Watauga County Public Library  
WataugaCountyFOL@gmail.com*

## Word Fun!

Credit goes to The Red Pencil, Watauga NC Retired School Personnel newsletter, submitted by Nanci Nance, January 2021 Edition

### Word fun:

Put these descriptions in order, as if you were saying them to a friend. Don't ask why; just grab a pen and a piece of paper and play along. It's not a contest and there's no prize. The explanation will appear at the end of this...

1. Red bow enormous
2. Sunday-go-to-meeting leather scuffed brown shoes
3. Teacup hand-painted Royal Doulton dainty antique
4. Lodge red oven oval 6-qt enamel-coated new Dutch
5. Tattered book little address old black

### Word Fun explanation:

Things native English speakers know but don't know they know:



Adjectives in English absolutely have to be in this order: opinion – size – age – shape – color- origin – material – purpose noun. You can have a lovely little old rectangular green French whittling knife, but if you mess with that word order, you'll sound like a maniac. It's an odd thing that every English speaker uses that list, but almost none of us could write it out. AND, as size comes before color, green great dragons can't exist. How did you do?

~Nanci Tolbert Nance

## DKG - Alpha Gamma Chapter Information

[Alpha Gamma Dates 2020-2021](#)

[State and International Dates 2020-2021](#)

[Alpha Gamma Birthday List](#)

### NC DKG State Contacts

International Website: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

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Region IX Director [Dr. Susan Blackburn](#), Delta Chi

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS/MENTEES

[Click here for a list of our current committees and chairs.](#)

### Newsletter

Information for the newsletter can be sent to Brenda Reese or Sherri Hale.