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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

Everyone,

Happy New Year from Kim and me to all of our Alpha Gamma members! We are all optimistic that 2021 will help us forget the challenges of 2020. Hopefully, we have learned how much we need greater understanding and appreciation of each other. Add compassion and healing--not only locally, but also at our state and national levels. Our own Laura Johnson shared the importance of the four "L's: Love, Laughter, Learning, and Living." What a wonderful reminder of what is important! Value those you love and those who do not have love in their lives. Share laughter. Keep learning. Enjoy living. Current news programming encourages us to move out of our comfort zones and do something new and even scary each day to keep our minds sharp and alert. 2021 gives us HOPE!

Now for Alpha Gamma--we have been busy. We delivered our Christmas dinner to Hospitality House and packed 32 bags of goodies and supplies for all beginning teachers in Watauga and Avery. Sherri Hale generously allowed us to use her home for our packing party. Bags will go out to the schools during the week of January 4. Our book club committee will be Zooming with Alpha Phi's committee in January to finalize our plans for our joint venture with the book, *Born A Crime*. Note that the date has been changed from March to February 25 which will be a virtual meeting.

As school begins in the New Year, remember to acknowledge outstanding beginning teachers with a BEE certificate. Alpha Gamma will also be submitting the President's Report, Necrology Report, nominations for Golden Key and Rising Star, and preparing our Chapter Achievement document. Second semester always seems to absolutely fly. We will be planning for the state convention as well

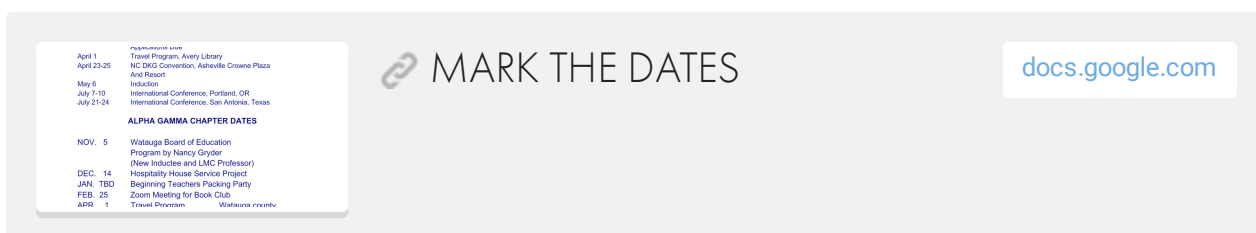
as seeking nominations for potential new members. Before you know it, this school year will be over. Everyone is looking forward to a new year when students will return to school full time, and we can meet face to face. We truly miss seeing everyone. We encourage you to reach out to each other and especially to our newest members through cards, emails, Zoom, twitter, any and every way possible to help them learn and stay vested in Alpha Gamma.

May 2021 be our best year ever!

Brenda Reese, Co-President

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**MARK THE DATES**

April 1	Alpha Gamma
April 23-25	Travel Program, Avery Library NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza And Retreat
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 Gyder (New Inductee and LMC Professor)
DEC. 14	Hospitality House Service Project
JAN. TBD	Beginning Teachers Packing Party
FEB. 25	Zoom Meeting for Book Club
APRIL 1	Travel Program Watauga County

## Chapter News

### EXPRESSING GRATITUDE & JOY!

**Judith B. Carlson**

Expressing joy & happiness is a fundamental function in our lives. I am shouting HOORAH to you, all the way from Ft. Myers, FL, to express my delight and my heartfelt appreciation to each of you who willingly matched my challenge! I had hoped to get 15 members at \$10.00 each to match my \$150.00 to add to sustaining our Alpha Gamma Endowment Fund. WOW! We had 22 members and the donation amount reached \$320. To add true commitment to this endeavor, Susan Phipps matched what was anticipated to be our collective of \$300. What a beautiful sense of support from those who believe in what our Endowment can do to stimulate unique teaching-learning! We must continue to contribute to this Fund, allowing grant applications to be funded.

For your donations, for your decision to put our Endowment in my name, and for your commitment to working together with faithfulness to our Society, I thank you. May your Christmas holiday be filled with simple, safe and beautiful blessings. Stay well and let us look with hope to a far better 2021 and all the best in the year ahead. Yippee!

### Look High... Look Low... Then Nominate!

This is just a quick reminder from Susan Phipps and Keana Triplett, your Membership Committee Co-Chairs, to take a little time to consider outstanding women educators in Avery and Watauga Counties who would be excellent additions to our merry band. Remember, these educators do not need to be "traditional" teachers and administrators in our schools. They can be members of the community who teach dance, music, healthy eating, exercise, senior seminars, pre-school children, nature classes, travel tips, etc.

All you need to do is think, think, think about all our talented educators and nominate anyone who would be an excellent addition to our growing chapter! Then send their name, email address, phone number and what they teach to [Susan](#) and/or [Keana](#) by January 1, 2021. We will make contact with each person nominated and set up an orientation date(s) when we can introduce them to DKG and find out if they would be interested in joining the chapter.

Happy searching!

### **Book Study: Date Change**

**February 25 - 5:00 pm**

***Planning Committee Members Include:***

***Danielle Parker and Kristen Vann—Alpha Phi***

***Maggie Christenbury, Ala Sue Moretz, Adele Byrd,***

***Kim Shields, Brenda Reese—Alpha Gamma***

After a joint Zoom planning meeting with Alpha Phi, our mentor chapter, the decision has been made to move our March meeting to one week earlier. This will allow Alpha Phi and Alpha Gamma to count this joint venture for Chapter Achievement which is due on March 1. We will have one joint chapter Zoom meeting on Thursday, February 25th at 5:00 pm. We will discuss the main themes of the book using the questions provided by Kristen Vann (Alpha Phi). The four themes to be discussed are: code shifting, apartheid, multiracial identities, and motherhood. Maggie Christenbury, Ala Sue Moretz, and Danielle Parker (Alpha Phi) will share PowerPoints with Kristen to combine into one slide deck. We will send out a synopsis of themes to be discussed to members (after a second planning meeting on January 19) so they can be thinking about them while they are reading the book. \*\*\*Alpha Gamma will stay online after the book discussion to conduct its business meeting.

### **Venmo**

As fewer and fewer members write checks, Venmo is being offered as an alternative. If you would like to make a payment toward the endowment, the Venmo account is @AlaSue-Moretz.

### **Farewell to Kathleen Dougherty**

Mrs. Kathleen McDonald Dougherty, age 96, of Boone, passed away Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at Glenbridge Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born in DeKalb County, Alabama. Kathleen obtained her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Auburn University. She was a home economics teacher for over forty years. She became a Delta Kappa Gamma member on October 1, 1972, and, after serving as an active member, she became one of Alpha Gamma Chapter's reserve members. She is survived by one son, Edward M. Dougherty. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin Shull Dougherty. Memorials may be made to NC Baptist Children Homes, PO Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27361.

### **December 14 Hospitality House Dinner**

Diane Ward, Birgitta McGalliard, Susan Phipps, and Brenda Reese gather in the Ingles parking lot to present Susan with food to take to the Hospitality House. Alpha Gamma sponsors this Christmas dinner each December. This year members donated other needed items in addition to food. Alpha Gamma had great participation this year. These members signed up to bring food and other items: Susan Phipps, Carol Deal, Leslie Howser, Adele Byrd, Barbara Perry-Sheldon, Brenda Reese, Donna Green, Carmen Scoggins, Teresa Shadoin, Sherry Nikbakht, Radie Armstrong, Lori Tyler, Kim Shields,

Birgitta McGalliard, Kay Company, Kim Dunnagan, McKinley Kunz, Diane Ward, Melanie McLeod, and Sherri Hale!



## Beginning Teacher Bag Packing Party

On January 2nd, Brenda Reese, Brigitta McGalliard, Susan Phipps, and Adele Byrd met at Sherri Hale's house to pack bags of goodies for beginning teachers.



## This Is Us!

Ala Sue Moretz proudly announces a new addition to her family. Her son, Danny Moretz, Jr. and his wife, Jeong-a Lim, are expecting their first child in mid-March!

COVID-19 hits another Alpha Gamma member! However, we are happy to share that Brigitta McGalliard has recovered and even helped us with our Hospitality House project! Nothing can keep her down for long!

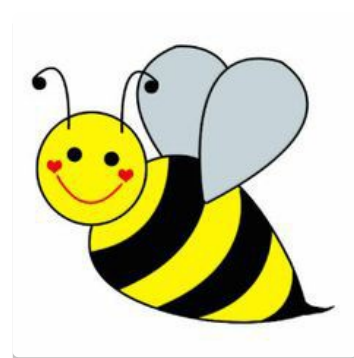
Ala Sue continues to be busy and is recognized in the Watauga County Library's newsletter this month: "We expect library visitors to keep the mask on correctly during the duration of the visit. If you forget your mask, we have disposable ones here and sometimes free cloth masks, thanks to the generosity of Ala Sue Moritz and Della Jones Pruitt. Let's all "mask up" and get through this together safely.

Christy Welch's mother is very sick. Please remember her in your thoughts and prayers.

## The Buzzing BEE

### Beginning Educator Excelling

Just as a Rose cannot grow without the BEE, educators cannot grow without outstanding support provided by fellow educators. DKG promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. The NC DKG Beginning Teacher Support Committee advocates for initially licensed teachers by identifying



excellence, supporting their journey, and creating relationships in an effort to sustain and retain quality educators.

***Olivia Boudwin, Bethel Elementary***

Olivia brings energy and enthusiasm to her pre-kindergraten class of all boys at Bethel Elementary School. In addition to her passion for her job, she goes above and beyond by seeking the extra's which make her classroom even more inviting. She is to be congratulated for being awarded a Bright Ideas grant for "Natural Preschool," an innovative approach designed to engage her students in music, art, fine and gross motor activities, reading, writing, and dramatic play in an outdoor setting!

***Ben Brown***

***Mabel Elementary and Cove Creek Elementary***

Ben continues to bring the same passion and enthusiasm to his classes at Mabel and Cove Creek which earned him Watauga County's Rookie Teacher of the Year Award! He has brought Agriculture Education and Career Development alive at both of his schools. He constantly seeks ideas which will appeal to his students interests and abilities. One way he does this is collaborating with his peers. For example, he joined with Libby Rose at Cove Creek to write and win a Watauga Education Foundation Grant: Plant and Animal Life Cycles.

With the unusual schedules and situations teachers are experiencing this year our members may need to get creative in how they can interact with and see our beginning teachers in action. Twitter, school and classroom newsletters, and FaceBook posts give us glimpses of what teaching looks in 2020 and how our young teachers accept the challenge! Be aware of their efforts and present them with a BEE Award to encourage them and let them know they are appreciated.



Olivia Boudwin



Ben Brown

## State News

### Scholarship Applications Due Soon

February 1, 2021, the deadline for applying for an NC DKG scholarship, is quickly approaching. Two scholarships are available--one for \$4,000.00 for doctorate degree and one for \$1,000 for post-baccalaureate work.

Applications are available under the Scholarship Committee page on the NC DKG website.

<https://www.ncdkg.org/scholarships-committee.html>.

## **New Round of Grants Offered**

For the first time, the NC DKG Educational Foundation is offering a Spring cycle of grants! This new round is in addition to the grant opportunities due each year in September. The deadline for these new grants is January 31, 2021. Grants to be awarded include Continuing Education, Literacy /Learning Project, Groves-Little Career Education, McCall Gifted Education or Fine arts, Margaret Church Endowment, and Richards Endowment. Find the applications and more details at <https://www.ncdkgef.org/grants.html> (scroll down to Guidelines for All Grants).

## **PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT**

### **DOES YOUR PET NEED INSURANCE COVERAGE?**

VPI Pet Insurance is available for members. Through the Society a 5% group discount can be applied on the base policy. VPI covers: dogs, cats, birds, and exotic pets. Details can be found from the Society website under the About Us tab. Go to How to Become a Member > Insurance Benefits to learn more.

\*\*\*Many of Alpha Gamma's members have much loved pets. This might help you all keep them well loved!

International Website: <https://www.dkg.org>

NC DKG Website: <https://www.ncdkg.org>

## **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

**July 28-31, 2021** – International Conference, Tampere, Finland

**July 12-16, 2022** – International Convention, New Orleans, LA

## **International News**

### **Trio of Choices for 2021 International Conferences**

Annie Webb Blanton's vision for our Society will come alive at three international conferences in July 2021. Plans are underway for the events in Portland, Oregon (July 7-10); San Antonio, Texas (July 21-24); and Tampere, Finland (July 28-31). The two conferences in the United States will celebrate the benefits realized by members through DKG: Opportunities, Contributions, and Impact. The conference in Europe will focus on the theme Well-being and Sustainability in our Changing World.

Members are eligible and welcome to attend any or all of these conferences! Check the DKG website for the most current information, including applications to present, which are due by January 8, 2021. See page 5 for a link to these applications!

The Strategic Plan is the road map for DKG. The Strategic Plan includes four broad goals designed to strengthen the Society by improving the DKG experience for members: Support Members, Provide Global Opportunities, Develop Leaders, and Build Resources.

In August 2020, the Administrative Board's Strategic Plan Committee, the society mechanics, closely analyzed the Strategic plan and aligned the goals, initiatives, and objectives with Society work.

In 2020, implementation of the DKG Strategic Plan will be new, different, and both challenging and exciting.

Destinations can be reached via a variety of routes.

\*\*\*This is a great reminder for us to review Alpha Gamma's Strategic Plan again this spring.

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### **INTERNATIONAL DEADLINES**

November 1

DKGIEF Cornetet CSPD applications

November 10

SOPs to request an international speaker from International Speakers Fund

November 15

U.S. Treasurers to le IRS 990

December 15

Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions

January 3

DKGIEF Cornetet CIPD applications

January 15

Submission window opens for Spring Fine Arts Gallery



### **Technology Corner**

Connect to DKG International on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). You can also connect to DKG Alpha Gamma Chapter on [Facebook](#). The DKG Alpha Gamma website is [linked here](#).

## **DKG - Alpha Gamma Chapter Information**

[Alpha Gamma Dates 2020-2021](#)



[Alpha Gamma Birthday List](#)

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[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.