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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,

The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. I don't know when or where I first heard this, but it definitely describes how I feel about our Alpha Gamma Chapter. This is my last time writing the President's Message so I want to do some reflection. What I have learned during my time as president and co-president is that our chapter has so much to offer, and we have a truly remarkable and varied group of educators.

Our Alpha Gamma membership numbers have grown, and our average age has dropped significantly. Our committees are now defined. Our communications have grown in quality and quantity with our newsletters, Facebook, and website. Our endowment is established and will be included in this fall's grant cycle. Our outreach includes Convocations in both Avery and Watauga, the BREMCO Blood Drive, the Blue Ridge Relay, the Woolly Worm Festival, and the Summer Literacy Program at Boone United Methodist Church.

In this newsletter, you will find a list of grants that are available to all of our members. The due date is September 30 so I encourage members to go on line for details and to see which ones match your individual needs.

Kim Shields is moving smoothly into the role of President this fall.

Please be ready to say YES to her when she calls as she also continues to learn about NC DKG! Now, it's summertime! Good weather! Time with People! Good times are here! Please enjoy and relax this summer. We have all earned it. Thank you for allowing me to serve our chapter!

Sincerely,
Brenda Reese
Brenda Reese, Co-President

Alpha Gamma Chapter, NC DKG

Time to Pay Annual Dues!

- Dues are \$83.00, check made payable to DKG. (\$26.00 for reserve members.)
- Members may pay through the **Venmo app** - @AlaSue-Moretz
- Members may pay at chapter meeting - March, April, or May.
- Checks should be mailed to my address: 2371 Big Hill Rd, Boone, NC 28607
- **Dues are due by June 30, 2021.**
- Our chapter receives achievement award points when our dues are collected and paid to the state Treasurer by the due date. Please help us meet this deadline!
- Please contact Ala Sue, Brenda, Kim, or Susan P. if you have any questions or concerns about your membership or if you need financial assistance.



DUES INFORMATION FOR SPRING INDUCTEES

NC DKG Treasurer

Leslie Black

The dues structure for DKG may be a little confusing for members inducted after December 31. Details for spring inductee dues are as follows:

- Members inducted between January 1 through March 31 pay half dues (state-\$7.50 and international-\$20.00), initiate fee (\$10.00), and scholarship fee (\$1.00) for a total of \$38.50. These new members will pay full dues for the next year beginning July 1.
- Members inducted between April 1 through May 31 pay the full dues amount (state-\$15.00 and international-\$40.00), initiate fee (\$10.00), and scholarship fee (\$1.00) for a total of \$66.00 plus chapter dues. Treasurers will credit these dues to the next year beginning July 1.

If you have questions, please contact NC DKG Treasurer, Leslie Black.

April 1
April 23-25
May 8
July 7-10
July 21-24

Travel Program, Avery Library
NC DKG Convention, Asheville Croome Plaza
And Resort
Induction
International Conference, Portland, OR
International Conference, San Antonio, Texas

ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER DATES

NOV. 5
DEC. 14
JAN. TBD
FEB. 25
APR. 1

Watauga Board of Education
Program by Nancy Gylder
(New Inductee and LMC Professor)
Hospitality House Service Project
Beginning Teachers Packing Party
Zoom Meeting for Book Club
Travel Division

 MARK THE DATES

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

President, Ms. Brenda Reese, opened up the meeting with an inspirational quote and recognition of teachers due to it being American Education Week. As a special recognition, Ms. Brenda Reese recognized a teacher from Newland Elementary School in Avery County, Ms. Whitney Carver. Ms. Carver's principal from Newland, Dr. Robert Camacho, and her husband, Mr. Justin Carver, who is also a principal in Avery County, spoke about the dedication that Ms. Carver displayed to one of her students this past school year. Ms. Carver saved one of her kinder student's lives by recognizing that he had become allergic and not responding to external stimuli throughout the school day. As a result of her observation, the principal and Ms. Carver were able to give CPR and call medical in enough time for the child to recover from the incident. Ms. Carver also stayed with the child as he was transported to the hospital. It was not for the thrill, dedication, and connection that Ms. Carver had with her student, the child may have perished while attending school.

Chapter News

HELP! Judith's Moving!

As you may or may not know, Judith was surprised to find out that she is having to move again. She would greatly appreciate any help you can offer! Here is her plea!

I literally am reaching out to see if you'd help me by seeking 'helpers'....among any willing & available Chapter members. I am planning a SALE here at the house on Friday & Saturday, June 25 & 26 from 8-5 or 5:30. I will need helpers for those days, ideally in shifts so it is short term for everyone. There is a long deck and it will be good to have 2 workers there & 1-2 in the house.... possibly 1 additional. Thursday I'll need help with the organizing and set up so things are ready. I will also need some additional tables. I hope this is not a burden but an opportunity for support & fellowship. Can we give service points?! Will you send out an appeal!!

My address is 2179 SORRENTO Drive, just off of Friendship Church Rd. 2nd house; long gravel driveway.

Sincere appreciation,
Judy

FAREWELLS...

Our SHERRI HALE will soon be moving to Carteret County!

Our MARTHA TRIMBLE is moving to Maryland.

Our SUSAN MCKAY is moving.

Our SHERI LITTLE has moved.

Our LINDA QUEEN has headed to Black Mountain.

Our LEOTA CLOYED passed away on March 5, 2021.

Our KATHLEEN DOUGHERTY passed away on November 10, 2020.

The Stone Center and Samaritan's Purse Warehouse Region IX Joint Chapter Event

On Saturday, May 22, seven Alpha Gamma members joined NC DKG members from the other chapters in Region IX for a delightful morning in North Wilkesboro. Adele Byrd, Judith Carlson, Jade Evaul, Birgitta McGalliard, Rhiannon Manis, Susan Phipps, and Brenda Reese met for a light breakfast at the Stone Center for Performing Arts before traveling to the Samaritan's Purse Wilkes Office and

Warehouse. Region IX Director Susan Blackburn guided the group and shared an amazing amount of information about the mission and operation of Samaritan's Purse on the tour of their warehouse.



May Meeting - New Member Inductions



New Members of Alpha Gamma



Alpha Gamma members after the May meeting

Information on Educational Foundation grants

NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants
Foundation Learning/Literacy
Foundation Personal/Professional Growth
Dr. Judith B. Carlson Endowment *NEW
Margaret Church Endowment
Sally & Fred Cianford Endowment
Delta Rho Chapter Endowment
Groves-Little Endowment
Maxine & Don McCall Endowment
Linda G. Richards Endowment *NEW
Simmons Longest Endowment *NEW
Lynda Tamblyn Endowment

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State News

2021 NC DKG CONVENTION INCLUDES INSTALLATION OF 2021-2023 OFFICERS

NC DKG convention delegates elected the following officers: Beth Winstead (Beta Alpha), president; Hilda Parler (Gamma Theta), first vice president; Tammy Cullom (Alpha Psi), second vice president; and Patrice "Patty" Higgins (Gamma), secretary. President Winstead reminded us in her acceptance speech, "This organization is made up of powerful and busy women. It takes each of us linked together to be voices of influence empowering NC women educators." The new state officers will lead us as we are "Linking the Past, Present, and Future" during the next biennium.

FYI: Alpha Gamma Chapter officers serve for two years. Their biennium runs in an even number two year span. State officers serve for two years. Their biennium runs in a odd number two year span.

CELEBRATE NC DKG THEME NC DKG: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

During the 2021 NC DKG Convention members were introduced to President Winstead's new theme: NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future.

"Remembering NC DKG Past" -- Dorothy Carter (Omicron) shared that our Founders' courage helped to establish an organization intent on improving opportunities for women educators in a time when they had to keep the society a secret. Due to the position of women in society, the secretive aspect remained for most of the 1970s. The organization transitioned to a public entity that still improves opportunities for women and students of all ages.

"Celebrating NC DKG Present" -- Rebecca Keesler (Alpha Theta) reviewed the timeline forward from "planting the seed." She encouraged members to think about the gifts we bring to NC DKG -- the strength of chapters, the honor of membership, and the growth for yourself and your chapter. Debbie Merritt (Delta Psi) spoke about the creation of the new chapter in Stokes County.

"Shaping NC DKG Future" -- Ashley Taylor Layton (Alpha Omicron) reminded us that with every strategy used to keep chapters engaged, we learned that a thriving chapter is not so much what we have done or where we have been, but much more where we are willing to go. So we look ahead and remember that faith is always pointed toward the future.

IT'S GRANT WRITING TIME!

Region IX Director Susan Blackburn recently shared the following:

Some of you or your members may be thinking about furthering your education or thinking about things you need for your classroom. Look to Delta Kappa Gamma to help with financing.

Listed below are the grants available for the fall cycle. Applications are due September 30. Now is the time to apply! <https://www.ncdkgef.org/>. Educational Foundation Grants--Where Wishes CAN Become Reality!

Grants available from the Foundation:

- Foundation Learning/Literacy
- Foundation Personal/Professional Growth
- Dr. Judith B. Carlson Endowment--NEW

- Margaret Church Endowment
- Betsy & Fred Cranford Endowment
- Delta Rho Chapter Endowment
- Groves-Little Endowment
- Maxine & Don McCall Endowment
- Linda G. Richards Endowment-NEW
- Simmons-Longest Endowment-NEW
- Lynda Tamblyn Endowment

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Beginning Teacher Award Winner

President Brenda Reese (Alpha Gamma) traveled to Williamston to help President Dr. Phyllis Broughton (Beta Upsilon) and her chapter members celebrate with the first winner of the NC DKG Beginning Teacher Award, Taylor Moore of Riverside High School. Approximately ten other Beta Upsilon members joined the trio for an early dinner and great conversation. President Reese enjoyed hearing the stories about this amazing new teacher who obviously brings joy to everything she tackles. Taylor represents the best of the best!



International News

DKG Visibility

Fall 2020, the International Communications and Marketing (C&M) Committee asked state C&M committee chairs how they promoted visibility of DKG to non-members. The answers included methods such as websites, newsletters, social media, public news articles, and DKG brochures. As a result of the data provided, the International C&M Committee invites you to explore alternate options for promoting DKG using electronic platforms that can appeal to all generations.

Pinterest – This site is a resource for followers looking for personal and professional information. Refer non-members to this site as an additional resource, another way that DKG supports educators. - [The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Pinterest page](#)

YouTube – This site is a storehouse of sorts for DKG related videos. Refer non-members to this site as it offers current updates and programs, and showcases countless aspects of the Society overall. - [DKG: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International YouTube channel](#)

Facebook – Social media is a marketing tool appreciated by all ages. Current trend is that Millennials and Centennials follow FB pages more heavily but will abandon quickly if a post opposes their views. Refer non-members to either site for fresh, timely, and applicable Society information. - [The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Facebook page *Hosted by DKG Staff](#)

Instagram – Social media sharing app that allows users to edit and share photos and videos to followers. Refer non-members to this site to offer them a visual snapshot into the Society. - [Delta Kappa Gamma Instagram](#)

Linkedin – Often considered a “career-building” site but so much more. Refer non-members to this site as it explains what DKG is, it’s role in the education profession, and offers means for building a professional connection. - [DKG: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Linkedin page](#)

Twitter – Refer non-members here for the latest news and developments of the Society. Quick, easy, and “hot off the press” knowledge that can be used for marketing the Society. -

[The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International twitter page](#)

What are we missing? Snapchat, Tumblr, WhatsApp, Reddit, and more are other social media, communication sites that are available. Consider your population as you explore and implement social media tools to communicate and market membership to non-members. Remember non-members are often prospective members, donors, and community affiliates.

Arts and Humanities Jury Blog: Available Now

For many, stepping out of one’s comfort zone through the arts is an expression of courage. The reward is the feeling of gratification in the work, whether it be in the visual arts, music, or written word. The key lies within each other to find her true passion and to have the courage to express it.

The DKG International Arts and Humanities Jury has developed a mission to support and encourage members in the various elds of the creative arts. The committee is excited to expand the DKG platform into a new digital space and is offering to connect with members through a monthly creative-arts blog site, Arts & Humanities Jury.

The interactive visual arts, literary, and musical composition blog will provide interesting content and informational links and resources for readers. Topics will include spotlighting artists featured within the DKG Gallery, tips and tricks-of-the trade resources, insights into the motivations of an artist, and Q & A moments to gain insight and knowledge from seasoned artists, writers, and craftsmen.

Join the Jury members in their art-world exploration, where you, as an avid artist, are front and center and forever courageous. They look forward to your being a follower of the blog, which can be accessed by clicking on the blog icon on the home page of [dkg.org](#) or by using this address: <http://dkgsi.blogspot.com>. Sign up in the upper left corner to “follow” and receive a notice when a new blog is posted.

Words of Wisdom

Heather Furr constantly posts words of wisdom. She recently shared this Inspiration via educator James Vint in Teacher2Teacher:

“ You must see in kids what they don’t see in themselves.

See them for what they can be, not where they are,
and then teach them accordingly. You may be the
only hope in the lives of many of your students.

Believe in every single one of them every single day!”

Our new member, Anne Marie Younce Sukow, shared the following and apt quote by r.m. drake on Twitter. Think how much this applies to all of us!

"I know it's easier said than done but you have to control all of that overthinking you've been doing lately. You're creating scenarios that don't exist . And that's how you're breaking your own heart, love." ___r.m. drake

A Powerful Lesson in Unity

"Differences presumed and differences observed are meant to spark debate and conversation, not conflict and confrontation."

Karis Dean

carolinacountry.com

How to Write Better Emails

When writing an email, think it through.

1. Shorten it.
2. Write clearly.
3. Start with the most important point and continue with other points in descending order of importance.
4. Review it before sending.

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DKG - Alpha Gamma Chapter Information

[Alpha Gamma Dates 2020-2021](#)

[State and International 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.

