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



President's Message

Dear Alpha Gamma Members:

With schools opening up fully within a few weeks, we know you are both excited and anxious about all that needs to be done to make this possible. You remain our heroes during this everchanging season of teaching, and we applaud you! Your tenacity and perseverance are not going unnoticed by those around you. Stay strong!

Our February meeting was a great success as we joined Alpha Phi for our book club discussion of *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. Thank you to Ala Sue Moretz and Maggie Christenbury for their part in making this happen. The presentation was excellent, and the discussion was thought-provoking. Members from both chapters responded to make it an interesting and informative evening.

Planning for the Summer Literacy Program continues to be underway with the six weeks scheduled for June 14-July 22. Be sure to 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. Shelly Campbell, reading specialist at Parkway, will be directing the program this summer. She has expressed her enthusiasm and appreciation that we are wanting to be a part of this program through volunteerism. Let's step up and make it happen!

Congratulations to Ala Sue Moretz on the birth of her grandson, Kevin, who was born at the end of February. Our condolences go out to Susan Blackburn on the passing of her father as well as the

family of Leota Cloyed, a reserve AG member, who recently passed away. Please let us know when you hear member news of which we should be aware. We want to be here to share the joys and sorrows of one another's lives.

Our April 1 meeting will be held at Mount Vernon Baptist Church in The Meadowview Room from 5:30 - 7:00 (3505 Bamboo Road). Come early to enjoy fellowship with friends and refreshments provided by Diane Ward, Susan Phipps, and Carol Deal. There will be plenty of room for social distancing. We look forward to having Martha Trimble share her presentation on Dubai.

Brenda Reese, Co-President

Kim Shields, Co-President

DKG Alpha Gamma April Meeting

When

Thursday, April 1st, 5:30-7pm

Where

3505 Bamboo Road Boone, NC

More information

This link is for those who are unable to attend the in-person meeting.
Adele Byrd is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: My Meeting

Time: Apr 1, 2021 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78510013634?pwd=S25QSEJwTXI0eE5NUzUwbFBHTWlaQT09>

Meeting ID: 785 1001 3634

Passcode: Fh6fgg

[Click here to sign up to bring Refreshments](#)

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

April 1	Travel Program - Avery Library
April 23-25	NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza And Resort
May 6	Induction
July 7-19	International Conference, Portland, OR
July 21-24	International Conference, San Antonio, Texas
ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER DATES	
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
ADR. 1	Travel Program - Watauga county

MARK THE DATES

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To open the 2021 book club discussion about the book, **Born a Crime**, by author Trevor Noah. Ms. Kim Shedd (Vice President of Alpha Gamma) gave a greeting to both DKG groups participating in the discussion. For the book discussion, Alpha Gamma partnered with Alpha Phi (the Asheville Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma).

"BORN A CRIME" BY TREVOR NOAH BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

The discussion presenters were Maggie Christenbury and Ala Sue Moretz from Alpha Gamma. Ms. Moretz was unable to attend the discussion. Therefore, Ms. Christenbury led the discussion. Alpha Phi's presenters were Ms. Danielle Parker and Ms. Kristen Vaden. The book is an autobiography of Trevor Noah's life growing up in South Africa during Apartheid. Mr. Noah was biracial, and during the time he was growing up, it was a crime to be biracial in his society. Four literature themes were discussed during the meeting: Apartheid, Multiracial identities, Motherhood, and language/Culture. Trevor Noah is currently a successful comedian in Africa and host of "The Daily Show with Trevor Noah."

DKG Business Meeting (2...

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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.

Chapter News

MEET DONNA GREENE

**Green Valley Elementary School
Watauga County**

Donna Greene teaches and has taught kindergarten at Green Valley Elementary School for years! She is still as vivacious and energetic as the year she started! She is not only a pro at Letterland, but, more importantly, she is a pro at growing young minds as she teaches the whole child. Her room is peppered with wise sayings, not the least of which is the definition of a teacher: a multi-tasking educational rockstar who lives to inspire and loves to encourage.



They're kind of a big deal! Donna is that big deal to all of the little ones who cross her doorway. Another one of her favorite quotes is: *Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best. (Bob Talber)* These two quotes sum up the essence of what makes Donna the remarkable teacher she is. She is definitely in her right niche in kindergarten!

SUMMER LITERACY PROGRAM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Boone United Methodist Church

June 14-July 22, 2021

Plans for the Summer Literacy Program, funded by the Duke Endowment, and sponsored by Boone United Methodist Church, are well underway. This is the third year our chapter has been actively involved. Carol Deal and Brenda Reese are on the planning committee, Adele Byrd was the morning site director last summer, and many of Alpha Gamma's members volunteered both of the last two summers. This year the six week program will run from June 14 to July 22. The literacy focus will be from 9:00-12:00 each day with enrichment activities occurring from 12:30-4:00. We will have a sign up sheet available at both our April and May meetings so you can select the time and dates you would like to assist with this wonderful project. It is even more important this summer since so many of our youngsters have struggled with virtual instruction and have fallen further behind in their literacy skills!

Martha Trimble Appears in edNC

Middle School Teacher/Blowing Rock

Watauga Virtual Academy

Recently Dr. Scott Elliott, Superintendent of Watauga County Schools, took edNC on a tour of all of Watauga's schools, highlighting how each one is truly a community school. When they visited Blowing Rock, Dr. Elliott made a point of introducing Martha Trimble. This year, Martha (a former Teacher of the Year) is working with students in the district's virtual academy. Dr. Elliott emphasizes Martha's leadership and perseverance in her unique situation. She talks about directly reflecting the classroom experience in remote instruction, meeting kids where they are, and how to get to smooth sailing for students of all abilities. Martha expertly articulates the experiences she and many of her peers are experiencing this year as they recreate their ways of teaching. - *From edNC*

DESERVED RECOGNITION: CARMEN SCOGGINS

Watauga High School

Foreign Language Teacher

Everyone knows that if you want something done and done right, you find the busiest person you know. One of the busiest Alpha Gamma members we know is our own Carmen Scoggins. Here are few of her many accomplishments, but, please note, at the same time she is working full time and she is

never too busy to do whatever we ask of her. You know that if Carmen commits to a project, it will be done and done well! Plus, she always does it with a smile!

Keynote address:

Recalculating reality. Foreign Language Association of North Carolina, March 7, 2020.

International presentations:

- ***Game on!*** Recorded for Global C.R.E.D., December 2, 2020.
- ***Get your head in the game: The power of learning in teams.*** Recorded for World Language Teacher Summit, October 6, 2020.
- ***Is it time to reboot or recalculate?*** Webinar for Technology in Language Teaching, July 16, 2020.

National Presentations

- ***A remote reboot.*** Webinar for Vista Higher Learning, January 26, 2021.
- ***Possibilizelt.*** The American Council on Teaching of Foreign Languages virtual annual convention, November 20, 2020.
- ***Transitioning: It's time to rewind, rethink, and recalculate.*** Webinar for the Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association and the Indiana Language Roadmap, June 8, 2020.

State Presentations

- ***Loading...*** Session presented virtually at the Foreign Language Association of North Carolina, February 27, 2021.
- ***Selfie: The new student view.*** Session presented virtually at the Foreign Language Association of North Carolina, October 11, 2020.
- ***Top 20 countdown for 2020.*** Top 10 session presented virtually at the Foreign Language Association of North Carolina, October 10, 2020.
- ***There is an "I" in EQUIPOS.*** Top 10 session presented at the Foreign Language Association of North Carolina, March 7, 2020.

The Dr. Judith B. Carlson Limited Endowment Fund

Alpha Gamma committee members joined Sheila Groves, Chair for the Board of Directors for the NC DKG Educational Foundation, and Betty Marshall, Treasurer, for a Zoom meeting to discuss the specifics of the Dr. Judith B. Carlson Endowment. The state needed a picture of Judith and a write up to advertise our grant on the state website. After several emails back and forth with committee members, Judith was asked to give the final approval of this write up for the website. It has been forwarded to Sheila Groves and appears below.



The Dr. Judith B. Carlson Limited Endowment Fund

Dr. Carlson has worked diligently to not only create this Endowment in her Alpha Gamma Chapter, but she has also been a driving force in the establishment of the DKG Educational Foundation for the state of North Carolina. As a retired physical education professor at Appalachian State University who passionately prepared students for careers in teaching, she recognizes the need to support

The ultimate goal of The Dr. Judith B Carlson Limited Endowment Fund is to ignite and intrigue the imagination of educators as they create inspiring, enriched learning experiences within and beyond the classroom.

This Endowment focuses on two clearly defined areas:

- to provide opportunities for international travel and cultural immersion allowing educators to bring broader cultural perspectives to their classroom and
- to offer unique enrichment opportunities for students through field trips (ie. museums, galleries, concerts, theater), outdoor education, camping, and other experiential and diverse learning opportunities.

This Is Us!

Alpha Gamma is fortunate to have more and more active teachers in its membership. The majority of members recognized here are actively working as educators.

Sherri Hale, Rose Petal Editor, continues to be a strong advocate for our chapter and has submitted the application for the communications award. It includes information about our newsletters, website, Facebook, and chapter brochure. Check out another of her talents: creating diamond pictures!



Kim Dunnagan, 6-8 teacher at Bethel, has posted on DonorsChoose for funding of historical fiction books that give two perspectives about September 11, 2001, and a book of her students' choosing to keep for themselves. She plans to expand the reach of her activities by creating an online group of teachers around the country to read Ground Zero with them.

Kelly Walker, Watauga's Central Office, tweets good advice to encourage educators to remember the PDSA (plan, do, study, act) cycle when doing collaborative team work. One step leads to the next. Making the agenda for the next meeting at the end of the current meeting keeps the cycle moving forward. *Retweeted from Chris Jakicic

Dr. Hannah Reeder, ASU, tweeted she is thrilled to share that Appalachian State University RCOE remains the number one institution in the nation for preparing National Board Certified Teachers! Ask her about the NBCT support program! (This would make a great program for next year.)

Patty Buckner is named as Watauga County's Principal of the Year! Patty loves her school and loves to praise her students. For example, she recently tweeted her delight when her middle school Battle of the Books team won first place in the county!

Teresa Shadoin, social studies teacher at Avery Middle School, was named the North Carolina winner of the National Society Daughters of the America Revolutions Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest. Her entry has been submitted for competition at the national level.

Laura Johnson, retired Cove Creek teacher, has volunteered to pack food boxes for organizations such as Wine to Water. She also devotes a good amount of time to Wayland, her new puppy!

In Memorium

Leota Harrison Cloyed, one of Alpha Gamma's reserve members, passed away peacefully in Tampa, Florida, on March 5, 2021. She was born May 14, 1945, and became a member of Delta Kappa Gamma November 1, 1984. During her career, she taught in a one room schoolhouse, in elementary through high school, and then at the university level! She was a lifelong learner and continued to support the arts in Boone where she spent her retirement until she moved to Tampa eight years ago.

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2021 Virtual Conference
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State News

FUTURE NC DKG CONVENTION LOCATIONS

NC DKG Executive Secretary

Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon

Going virtual for the NC DKG convention in 2021 means that our hotel contracts have been moved to a year later. Shifting the schedule has avoided paying contract cancellation fees.

The NC DKG 2022 convention will be in Asheville at the Crowne Plaza Resort, April 29-May 1, 2022. Greenville is the site of the 2023 convention, April 28-30, 2023. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to once again enjoy in-person fellowship with your NC DKG colleagues.

International News

Designing DKG

from your Members-at-Large Communicate and Connect

DKG membership means opportunities for personal and professional growth and a chance to connect with a network of key women educators across the world. Members are invited to take three actions to stay informed of current international initiatives and to interact directly with other members.

1. Update email address in your Member Profile: An updated email address ensures that you stay up to date with the latest news. How to update? Log in to dkg.org with your username and password. Click on your name (top right). Look for the section that says About Me and check that your email is correct. Make changes as needed.

2. Subscribe to blogs: DKG Blogs share the most recent information and Society best practices from international committees. Subscribing to blogs will ensure new posts are sent to your email, saving time from searching to see what's new. How to subscribe? Log in to dkg.org using your username and password. Look for DKG Blog midscreen on the right and click VIEW. On the DKG blog page, look for Subscribe to this Blog in the left column, enter your email address, and submit to receive these discussion items and posts.

3. Follow a DKG Community: DKG Communities are members-only discussion boards. Topics include personal, professional, and Society themes. When you follow a community, new posts are sent to your email, and it is easy to participate in ongoing conversations. How to follow? Log in to dkg.org using your username and password. Click on your name (top right). Then, click on My Communities. When My Communities is open, Click here to join a Community will appear. Click this link. Now, the Communities page opens, and you can browse 23 DKG communities. Select a community of interest by clicking on the community name. When the community blog opens, click Follow Community.

Consider these three simple steps to be informed, connect with others, and strengthen our network. Will you join us?

Foundation Funding at Work: Cornetet Award

CAPTURE A CORNETET AWARD! Do you know about the Cornetet Professional Development Fund awards? A colossal bequest to the Society by longtime Ohio educator Lucile Cornetet led to establishment of this fund in her name. She championed wonderful opportunities for educators who have a vision and a plan to pursue ways to captivate, connect, and contribute to educational excellence. Two awards come under this fund: the Cornetet Individual Professional Development (CIPD) Award and the Cornetet Seminar Professional Development (CSPD) Award.

Challenge yourself to capitalize on a cherished professional opportunity by applying for a CIPD. Past awards have funded participation in such offerings as online courses, workshops, degree programs, and attendance at conferences, seminars, and lectures. Believe in your capabilities and make a commitment to apply. Applications are received twice a year: May 1 and November 1.

Writers Take Note: New Submission Process for Publications!

Submission procedures for the DKG Bulletin in both formats will change beginning with the May 15, 2021 deadline. Authors of articles for the more formal, academic International Journal for Professional Educators and for the less formal, practice-focused Collegial Exchange magazine will need to submit an electronic cover sheet along with manuscript copy.

The submission cover sheet will be an interactive online Google form found on the DKG website under the Submissions tab: <https://forms.gle/gEFu9XVRjN1sCMVE6>. It will guide authors through the pieces needed for a complete submission, providing a kind of “check list” of what is required. After submitting the cover sheet, authors will forward their proposed articles to bulletin@dkg.org.

Bulletin editor Judy Merz notes, “The new process will provide an extra ‘receipt’ for those who submit articles as well as ensure that the submission process is followed more carefully and closely.”

Teacher Appreciation

I Watched My Child’s Teacher on Zoom and Was Blown Away
www.boredteachers.com

Bored Teachers shared a letter to Dear Teacher giving 10 reasons parents are grateful and love their kids teachers. Grateful Parents Everywhere emphasize and appreciate:

1. Your Patience
2. Your Grace Under Fire
3. Your Easy-Going Nature
4. Your Organization
5. Your Positive Attitude

7. How Easy You Pivot
8. Your Communication
9. The Many Hats You Are Wearing
10. Your Professionalism

All of this is happening as the pandemic sweeps our country and schooling is being reinvented!

Inspiration

Speak no ego. Be no ego.

Stay humble.
Be teachable.
Listen more.
Appreciate people.
Relax.

Sam Parker from InspireYourPeople.com offers these jewels to make those hard days easier to navigate and be positive while doing it! Great advice!

Words of Wisdom

Service is the rent we pay for living. It is the very **purpose of life** and not something you do in your spare time.

*Marian Wright Edelman
American Activist
Founder Children's Defense Fund*

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Newsletter

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

