



From A to Z

Alpha Zeta Chapter

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President's Message

Dear Alpha Zeta Sisters,

The summer is officially over in my mind because those of us still working in education are back in school already! School starts Monday for students in Union County and surrounding areas. I hope you will all keep students and staff in your thoughts as we return to school and are still dealing with this pandemic.

Last month we received the sad news that Linda Klein had passed away after her two year battle with cancer. Details about the visitation and memorial service that are this Saturday are on page 4. I will not be able to attend because Janie and I will be in Albemarle for the transition meeting for state organization leaders. In lieu of flowers Lisa sent a donation to the Harris Hospice Unit which was listed as one of the choices in the obituary. I submitted the required paperwork to DKG International and received a reply. I was asked to "Please extend our sincere condolences to the family of Linda L. Klein and to her sisters in NC Alpha Zeta Chapter."

Our September chapter meeting is coming up quickly and we have a great guest speaker lined up. Dr. Brad Breedlove who is the Chief Academic Officer for Union County Public Schools will speak about UCPS going back to school and how the system is handling COVID.

Missy Howell has worked to find us a safe space for our meeting. We will be using the meeting room at the Best Western Inn near the Monroe Aquatic Center. There will still be a Zoom meeting option for anyone who does not feel comfortable joining us in person. Missy's sister will be catering for us and we will have one or two members of the hostess group serving the food to everyone as they come up to the table to limit contact with service utensils, etc. Remember to RSVP!

The new chapter achievement form is out and I hope everyone will look at what the committee feels chapters should be working towards to continue to be strong chapters. I will be working to divide the form up and ask the committees that relate to specific areas to work towards accomplishing some of the goals in their area.

Thank you to everyone who worked hard to help our chapter earn a Superior rating last year! I hope to see many of you in person on the 11th. Please consider wearing masks for safety even if you are vaccinated.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Deb Christensen
Alpha Zeta President



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Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Elevator Speech

Delta Kappa Gamma is an international honor society of women educators, which encourages and supports professional growth through legislative efforts, conferences, workshops, and offers scholarships to members and future educators.

Theme

“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.”

Linking the Past, Present, and Future

“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”

Upcoming Events

- Aug. 15-Sept. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open
- Aug. 21 Transition Meeting in Asheboro for new NC DKG leaders
- Aug. 23 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Sept. 10 Deadline to register for the NC DKG Fall Executive Board meeting
- Sept. 15 International Speaker recommendation due
- Sept. 15 Nominations due for international offices or elected committees
- Sept. 18 NC DKG Fall Executive Board meeting, Greensboro
- Sept. 27 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Sept. 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due
- Sept. 30 Deadline to enter dues into portal to avoid members being dropped
- Oct. 1 *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due
- Oct. 1 Proposed amendments to DKG *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* due
- Oct. 25 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Oct. 27 NC DKG Founders Day
- Nov. 1 Cornet Individual and Seminar PD Awards applications due

Alpha Zeta Meetings

- Sept. 11 Chapter Meeting
- Nov 6 Chapter Meeting

Conventions

- April 29-May 1, 2022** — NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort
- July 12-16, 2022** — International Convention, New Orleans, LA
- April 28-30, 2023** — NC DKG Convention, Greenville

Also check the NC DKG calendar online at <https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html>.

September Meeting Information

When: September 11, 2021 (second Saturday due to Labor Day the first Saturday)

Time: 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Where: Best Western Inn and Suites, 2316 Hanover Dr, Monroe, NC 28110

RSVP: Through this Google Form <https://forms.gle/fYo4mbuKPir4vXy48> **no later than Friday, September 3rd** so an accurate headcount can be given to the caterer. You can also call/text Missy at 704-221-3122 or email her at missydhowell@gmail.com.

Bring: \$10.00 to cover the cost of breakfast

Zoom Information:

<https://zoom.us/j/98588100202?pwd=QWtINmV5STlxNFNYMUswQmlmVEVDUT09>

Meeting ID: 985 8810 0202

Passcode: 8kSS43



2021-2023 NC DKG Committee Chairs

Committee	Chair	Email Address
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Note: In keeping with International’s recommendation not to publish email addresses, remove the space before the @ symbol when emailing.



September		September (continued)		October	
2	Frankie Ritch	15	Sarah Harrison-Burns	1	Wanda Allen
5	Judy Cline			13	Diana Sweezy
5	Alice Coleman			23	Missy Howell
15	Pascale Glenn				

Alpha Zeta News

Chapter newsletters are now protected behind a password on the Alpha Zeta website. When you are on the Alpha Zeta website and you click on News and Communication on the left menu you'll be brought to a page with a login screen. The username is AZmember and the password is @lphaZ3ta. That is how you can access past newsletters on the Alpha Zeta website.

Remembering Linda Klein

Linda lost her battle with ovarian cancer on July 27, 2021. Linda was inducted into Alpha Zeta in 2015. She was a dedicated member of the chapter and participated in meetings through Zoom last year. She even donated a quilt wall hanging to the annual Grant in Aid auction. She will be deeply missed.

VISITATION: Saturday, August 21, 2021 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Morning Star Lutheran Church, 12509 Idlewild Rd, Matthews, NC 28105

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Saturday, August 21, 2021 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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Alpha Zeta Recruitment

We did not receive any nominations for membership this year but we are not limited to having an induction ceremony in the spring so if you have anyone you think might make a good addition to our chapter, please nominate them. Remember you can print copies of our [brochure](#) to share information with prospective members.

Clipboard and Keyrings for Sale

We purchased some clipboards and keyrings and will try to sell them at the 2022 NC DKG Convention. If you know anyone who would like to buy one or if any of you want to buy one as a gift we have them available. They have sayings about teaching and education on them. The clipboards are \$10 each and the keyrings are \$5 each. Janie Webb currently has all the inventory at her house.

Alpha Zeta Dues Due!

Did you forget to send in your dues? Your check should be made out to Alpha Zeta for \$76.00 (reserve is \$45.00). All dues must be entered **before** September 30th in order to avoid members being dropped. It is imperative that Lisa receives your dues before this date in order to make sure that the correct paperwork is submitted to International and NC DKG. You can also send through Venmo to @Lisa-Stephens-233.

Her mailing address is:

Lisa Stephens
5728 Verrazano Drive
Waxhaw, NC. 28173

We would also like all members to contribute \$25.00 once a year to help support the different collections we are asked to make throughout the year. This would keep us from having to pass a hat at meetings. You can either include the \$25.00 with your dues or pay it separately at the September meeting but we'd really like everyone to make this contribution to help support society projects.



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NC DKG News

Honoring Heroes Certificates Ready to Print with Donation

Teachers have gone above and beyond the last couple of years and are preparing to go back into classrooms and educational settings this month. Their dedication is inspiring and needs to be recognized!



The NC DKG Educational Foundation invites you to honor educators— females and males, members and non-members—through the ***Honoring Heroes*** project. You can “Celebrate a Teacher” and support the Educational Foundation too! The donation forms and celebration certificates are online, ready to print. You may mail checks or donate online. Instructions are on the form found at <https://www.ncdkgef.org/honoring-heroes.html>

Chapters will be recognized for their contributions with a badge designed for display on newsletters and websites. One chapter from each region will be honored at the 2022 NC DKG Convention.

There will be copies of the form available at the September meeting and also included in the email for the September meeting.

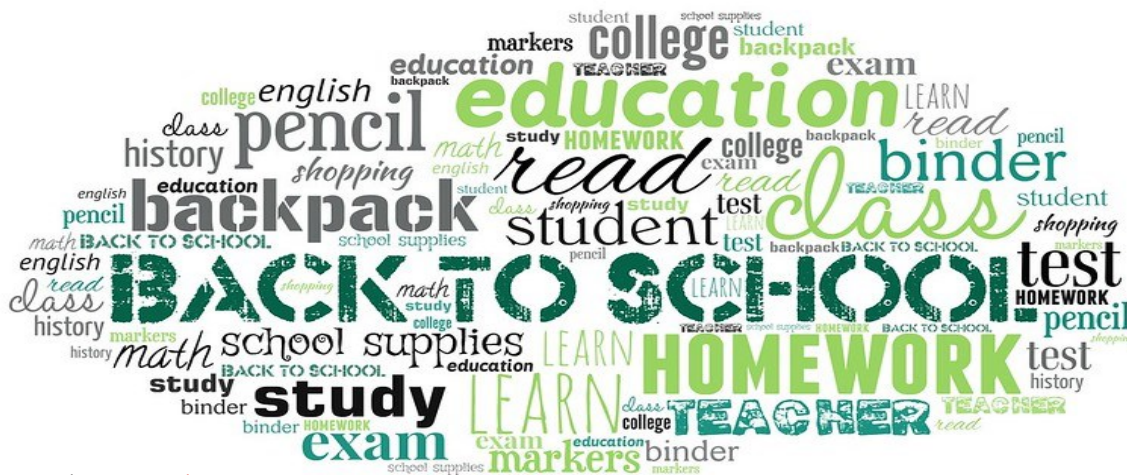


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Strengthen Your Links Through Membership

The beginning of a new school year is the perfect time to reach out to former members for reinstatement and to make that prospect list for the coming year. Use this opportunity to inform others about your chapter and NC DKG.

Your Membership Tip of the Month is brought to you by the NC DKG Membership Committee, Susie Miller, chair.

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DKG Seven Purposes Revisited

The Purposes are the fundamental reasons our Society exists. They are the “why” our Founders organized DKG and continue to be the core guiding our actions as members.

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education
4. To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society



Scholarships and Grants Available—One Benefit of DKG Membership

NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants

Spread the word—the Educational Foundation has many grant opportunities available and applications are due by September 30, 2021. Classroom projects, chapter projects, and professional development are all possible— but you must apply.

Check them out at <https://www.ncdkgef.org/grants.html>.

DKG International Educators Foundation Grants

DKGIEF supports effective educational projects and professional growth of educators worldwide. Two specific funds available for members to apply for professional development and educational degrees are opening soon.

Cornetet Individual Awards will fund participation in conferences, seminars, lecture series, online courses and workshops, plus other degree programs. Applications are due September 1. The Apply button is available on the [Cornetet page](#) after logging in to the website.

Scholarship Funds awards 31 scholarships for members pursuing advanced degrees—\$6,000 for graduate studies and \$10,000 for doctorates. Those [applications](#) will be available on the website July 1 and are due by February 1.

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/

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NC Leaders Attend Training in Atlanta

President Beth led the NC DKG delegation in Atlanta for training in their new roles by international committees. Attending with President Beth were EEC Chair/First Vice President Hilda Parlér, Membership Chair Susie Miller, Treasurer Leslie Black, and Executive Secretary Elizabeth Miars. Past President Connie Savell attended as part of the International Membership Committee and helped conduct training.



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DKG Publications

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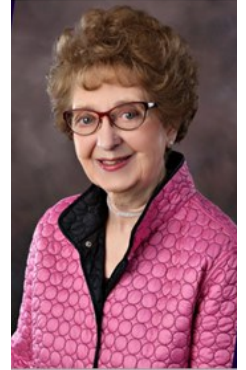
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DKG International

Dr. Hoag is International Achievement Award Winner

Dr. Constance “Connie” Hoag has been named the International Achievement Award winner for 2021. DKG President Becky Sadowski informed Connie of the award virtually before it was announced at the conferences.

Dr. Hoag is currently serving on the Scholarship Committee and has served on the following international committees: Membership, Educational Foundation (which is now DKGIEF), Golden Gift Fund, Non-Dues Revenue, Educators Book Award, Research, Program, Personal Growth, and is a graduate of the Golden Gift Seminar. She is a member in Sioux City, Iowa.



Japan Charters Its Second Chapter

Japan State Organization has chartered its second chapter, according to the DKG Facebook page. In addition to the photo here, there are several other pictures that show their enthusiasm and pride. International representatives participated via Zoom. Check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/dkgorg/>.

DKG has chapters in 17 countries. Japan is part of the Southwest Region. Log in to read more about the regions and countries under the [About Us](#) tab on the DKG website.

Note: Consider adding the international and state DKG Facebook pages to your social media viewing so you may fully recognize the scope of belonging to an international organization.



Art Gallery Open for Submissions

Calling all DKG artists! The Fall 2021 Art Gallery is open for submissions through September 15. Find more info & submit your project here: https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Apply_Submit/Art_Gallery_Submission.aspx

Alpha Zeta has A LOT of talented members! Share your artwork today!