



# From A to Z

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## President's Message

Dear Alpha Zeta Sisters,

It's a little late but I'd like to say Happy New Year! I hope everyone is continuing to stay safe as the cases of Covid-19 have been increasing. I've included information about the Covid vaccine and how you can register to get vaccinated if you are in the designated group. NC and SC are currently accepting anyone 65 and older but there are still some issues with places having enough doses.

The NC DKG State Convention will be virtual this year but they are planning a variety of events to span part of the week and the weekend. There will be some live and some pre-recorded sessions. The registration information will be available soon but the workshop presentation form is available now online. At the executive board meeting we talked about some of Alpha Zeta's members applying to present. I encourage anyone who is interested to fill out the form. This is a great way to dip your toe into a state convention because the fee to attend will be nominal and you can join from your home! I miss in person events but I'm so grateful that technology has allowed us to still keep in touch and share ideas.

On the bottom of page 3 there is a link to a professional survey that every member is asked to complete by March 1st. As previously mentioned in an email, our February meeting will be all virtual and our April meeting has been moved to May 1st. The original April date was over spring break and then another date conflicted with the NC DKG Convention so we decided to push into May. That meeting is planned as a hybrid meeting at this time.

Dr. Teresa Cowan holds monthly ASK Time sessions with the chapter presidents and last night's session was about the differences between tradition, habit, and items required by the by-laws, standing rules, and governing documents. I feel like Alpha Zeta has been evaluating practices the past few years to see what traditions and habits we would like to keep and what we would like to change. If we want to continue to grow and thrive, we need to consistently survey current members for their thoughts regarding potential changes to respect what has gone before but also continue to move towards the future. I know this chapter means a lot to us so we need to work to keep it strong by adding new members as well as retaining the members we have now. Please know that you can reach out to me any time if you have ideas or concerns. I am forever grateful to be in Alpha Zeta and want to continue to see the chapter thrive! Thank you for all you do to make that happen!

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.”

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## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 15-Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open
  - Jan. 25 ASK Time for chapter presidents
  - Jan. 31 NC DKG Educational Grants applications due
  - Feb. 1 Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Report due
  - Feb. 1 Nominations for Founders Award due
  - Feb. 1 Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards applications due
  - Feb. 1 Scholarship applications due for NC DKG & DKG International
  - Feb. 1 NC DKG News deadline
  - Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submissions due
  - Feb. 22 ASK Time
  - Mar. 1 Bulletin: Journal submissions due
  - Mar. 1 Chapter Achievement Awards, Golden Key Award, and Rising Star Award applications due
  - Mar. 1 Professional Awards Survey due
  - Mar. 1 Requirements for the Newsletter Excellence, Website Excellence and/or Communications Excellence Awards due
  - Mar. 1 Annual reports due from state leaders
- Alpha Zeta Meetings**  
May 1 Siler Presbyterian Church 9 am – 12 noon
- Conventions**  
**April 23 - 25, 2021** NC DKG Convention, VIRTUAL  
**July 10 - 18, 2022** International Convention, New Orleans, LA  
Also check the NC DKG calendar online at <https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html>.

## February Meeting Information

**When:** February 6, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 am—12:00 pm

**Where:** Online

**Zoom information:** <https://zoom.us/j/96393591270?pwd=YIA5cGh5Qk5XcEZ2c3hZeVFhZ3ZqUT09>

Meeting ID: 963 9359 1270, Passcode: DqpNk3

**Program:** US Educational Forum, information about the new US Secretary of Education



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## NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

### Time to Spread the Wealth

People like to ‘store up their treasures.’ But in order to do so, one must identify that which she treasures. I tell others that my treasure chest is ‘stored up’ due to DKG. Join me on a quest to discover the hidden DKG treasures and how to act upon them.

**Step One:** Follow the ‘map’ to discover the treasures of DKG. Read publications, search websites, and ask questions. This quest will lead you to the ‘X.’

**Step Two:** Collect your booty. Calendars, memos, and visuals are great ways to remind you and others of DKG opportunities at your fingertips.

**Step Three:** Decide how to use your treasures. Store for the future? Use now to improve your situation? Or share with others?

Three simple steps to discover and act upon DKG treasures. Go on this DKG quest but bring a friend along. There is plenty of wealth in DKG to go around.

Questions to ponder during your quest: What treasures did I discover or rediscover along the way? How can I share or use each to “store up my treasures?”



### 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>.



January		February		March		April	
29	Nancy Smith	10	Taura Napier De Forrest	25	Joyce Reed	2	Dr. Kim Schroeder
						15	Beverly Christopher
						24	Louise Napier
						30	Frances Davis

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## 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.

### Linda Klein

Shared that she has started another round of chemo treatments.

## Grant in Aid Auction Update

Thank you to everyone who attended our November meeting in person and virtually and to those who sent donations after the event. If you meant to contribute but forgot, you can still send a check to Lisa Stephens at 5728 Verrazano Drive, Waxhaw, NC. 28173. **So far we have raised \$1409.00!** Remember that this money sponsors our Wishful Thinking Grants for beginning teachers and our scholarship for a high school senior going into education.

## \$25 Donation

We had discussed collecting a \$25 donation from everyone so when a request for funds for a special fundraiser or event comes up we don't have to pass the hat or ask members to donate multiple times a year. Thanks to those of you who have already contributed. If you haven't sent your money in yet then please mail a check to Lisa Stephens at 5728 Verrazano Drive, Waxhaw, NC. 28173.

## Calling All Members

Although anytime can be recruitment time, we have typically been more focused on recruitment in the spring. Our last meeting this spring is typically our induction ceremony 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. You can also ask a potential candidate to fill out the chapter information form that was with the email. This is a fillable PDF form so you'll need to save it to your computer before you start typing on it or the information won't save.

## DKG Dues

Please remember that your yearly dues will be due to Lisa Stephens by June 15th. Your check should be made out to Alpha Zeta for \$76.00 and may be postdated to June 15th. It is imperative that Lisa receives them by this date in order to make sure that the correct paperwork is submitted to International and NC DKG. Her address is: Lisa Stephens 5728 Verrazano Drive Waxhaw, NC. 28173 No need to send your dues in yet but Lisa asked that everyone be reminded it will be coming up in the spring.

## Covid-19 Vaccine Information

Here are some websites with information about how you can get registered for the Covid Vaccine. Anyone 65 and older can sign up now. Information from the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

[Union County](#)

[Mecklenburg County](#)

[Atrium Health](#) (multiple counties)

[Cabarrus County](#)

[Lancaster County](#)

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## NC DKG News

### 2021 NC DKG Convention to be Virtual

Out of an abundance of caution for its members, the 2021 NC DKG Convention will be a virtual event but will retain as much of a face-to-face atmosphere as possible.

NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan has announced that the 2021 convention will build on the success and learning experience of the Fall Executive Board virtual event that was open to all members and included workshops, presentations, a business session, and recorded and live vignettes. The virtual aspect of the convention will allow more members to participate and an expanded offering of workshops.

The theme for the convention will be Celebrating NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future. [Workshop presentation applications](#) are being taken now via a Google form, and registration for the convention beginning on Friday evening, April 23, will be posted soon.

### Society Representative for Convention

DKG Membership Director Patricia “Trish” Woodley will be NC DKG’s Society Representative at the spring convention. Trish joined the DKG staff in 2018. She will be our speaker on Saturday evening and do a session or two on Saturday. She will bring energy to a membership focus.



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### Presenters Wanted for Convention

*By: Tobey Worthington, NC DKG First Vice-President*



Do you know anyone looking for an opportunity to Engage, Empower, and Create our membership to help them GROW? The state convention is the place to do it! Being a totally virtual event gives us the opportunity to think above and beyond what we have done in the past. We do not have to limit our workshop sessions in time, allotted seating space, available technology tools, or availability of a presenter to be on-site that day. Encourage everyone to present at our virtual convention and plan to present yourself! The [form](#) can be found on the state website and is due by Monday, March 15, 2021. Let’s recruit some wonderful, unique workshops that will help us all GROW.

### Beginning Teacher Award

NC DKG has a new award that is for a beginning teacher but they do not have to be members of DKG to be nominated for this award. The [guidelines](#) and the [form](#) can be found online. The deadline to submit a nomination is March 1st. If anyone would like to submit a name I could help with making sure the form is filled out and turned in on time. Just let me know—Deb.

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## **NC DKG News**

### ***April Convention Plans Shaping Up***

Region XI, which was preparing to host members in Asheville this spring, has switched its focus to a virtual event, but planning is continuing on schedule to provide a full convention.

#### **Beginning Tuesday**

The virtual platform will allow the convention to reach more members and will kick off on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Each day that week will feature virtual “tours,” recorded showcases, zooms, and activities around the state that all members can enjoy at any time. These will continue through the weekend and be available later as well.

#### **NC DKG Past on Friday**

The actual convention, for which members will need to register, will begin on Friday evening. That event will feature the presentation of the Founders Award.

#### **Celebrating the Present on Saturday**

Saturday will kick off at 9:00 a.m. with the Executive Board Meeting. All registered members are invited to participate, but voting will be limited to Executive Board members. Workshops, live and pre-recorded, will be in the afternoon, and the evening session will celebrate the accomplishments of chapters and members, featuring DKG Membership Director Trish Woodley.

#### **Sunday to Celebrate the Future**

Sunday’s activities will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the annual meeting of the Educational Foundation, followed by the general session featuring the installation of the newly-elected 2021-2023 NC DKG officers and the passing of the gavel.

#### **Workshop Presentations**

Members wishing to present a workshop on Saturday after-noon 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. Work-shops will be assigned a 50-minute slot between noon and 4:50 p.m. on Saturday, April 24.

#### **Convention Registration**

Watch for registration links on the NC DKG website.

**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*



2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention  
Workshop Form



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## NC Educational Foundation Deadlines

The deadline for NC DKG Foundation grants is January 31. The Foundation urges members to submit applications now. Check the [Foundation website](#) for grants that are available and their proposal forms.

The Marilyn F Grinwis Gray Scholarships for those majoring in Music Education or Elementary Education, sponsored by Theta Chapter, are now available. The application is on the [Foundation website](#). Please spread the word by contacting any institution of higher learning with these programs and inform them of these scholarships. The deadline is March 15. This year five \$3,000 scholarships will be funded. Winners will be announced by April 12, 2021.



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Read the winter issue of the NC DKG News at <https://www.flipsnack.com/NCDKG/nc-dkg-news-winter-2020-color-vol-80-2.html>

# DKG Publications

(click on image  
to go to publication)



The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin  
International Journal for Professional Educators

DKG™ *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*

**Presidents' Page**  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Newsletter for Chapter Presidents



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## DKG International

### *Update on Sale of DKG Headquarters*

International President Becky Sadowski recently shared an update on the progress related to the sale of DKG’s headquarters building. In a written statement, she said, “Some of you may remember that the decision to move forward with this step was announced in 2019....there are many phases included in this process. We believe transparency is very important, and we also want to make every effort to ensure that our members are not given misinformation.”

More specific detail about the work being done was shared in a letter with state organization presidents, such as meetings taking place and considerations related to the building’s present listing on the National Historic Register. The process continues to evolve as the sale of the 60+-year-old building, with rising property taxes and wiring challenges, goes through these first steps.

President Sadowski stressed the importance of accuracy in discussions and postings on social media. She said, “We want you to be informed and have access to accurate information throughout this process.” She encouraged state organization presidents to contact her with questions. Likewise, our state chapter members are encouraged to contact NC DKG President [Dr. Teresa H. Cowan](#) with questions or if you would like to read the entire letter for more details about the process.



#### **T: Technique for engagement of all generations**

**I:** Develop ways all members can participate in virtual meetings. **Activity:**  
**Technology Buddies**

**P:** Item submitted by Phyllis Broughton, Beta Upsilon Chapter

Visit [Mentor Project](#) on the state website or contact [Doris Littlejohn](#).



**Important Websites**

[www.alphazetanc.weebly.com](http://www.alphazetanc.weebly.com)

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

[www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org)

[www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/)