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President's Message

Dear Alpha Zeta Sisters,

I hope everyone was able to stay safe and warm during the storm over the weekend. There is the possibility of another storm for the next weekend! Wasn't it just 70 degrees a couple of weeks ago? I was thankful the predictions of massive power outages didn't happen. I'm also thankful for the beautiful sunny day today that helped to clear off many of the roads and sidewalks. I did have to shovel a shady area of my sidewalk but that was a quick job.

Our February meeting is going to be an important one as we welcome NC DKG President Beth Winstead to give a presentation about her theme and plans for the biennium. President Beth's mother, also a DKG member, will be attending as well. I hope many of you can attend!

Thank you to everyone who attended our November meeting and auction! I don't have the final total amount raised yet but I think we did well. We all had plenty to eat and had a good time shopping.

I don't know if many of you had met NC DKG membership/expansion chair Susie Miller but she passed away at the beginning of the month due to complications from Covid-19. I met her a few years ago at a state convention and we were both in the choir. She was a wonderful woman who was very dedicated to DKG and just a delight to be around. Her passing is just another reminder to me that each day is precious and to appreciate our family and friends for as long as we have them. I am also thankful for all of you and what you bring to our chapter.

I'm now in the last quarter of my biennium and soon we will be voting on new officers. Are you ready to be an officer for Alpha Zeta? Are you willing to step up into a leadership role? Check out DKG International President Becky Sadowski's article on about chapter leadership on page 2 of the latest DKG News. I'm also looking for someone (or more than one) to take over the newsletter and the chapter website.

Check out our chapter website for the latest membership spotlight on Gladys McCain Kerr. There are also a few photos from the November meeting on the website.

The NC DKG Convention registration is open and I hope a number of you will make the short trip to Asheville to attend!

Yours in Sisterhood,
Deb Christensen
Alpha Zeta President



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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.

Congratulations to Paula Tautfest's Family!

Paula and her husband went to Vancouver Washington in December to visit their new grandbaby! Rylan William Rekstad was born December 8th and weighed 7 lbs, 3 ozs.



Alpha Zeta Recruitment

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. We hope to sell these at the NC DKG Convention in April too.



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 *Linking the Past, Present and Future... Together Again* 
2022 NC DKG Convention — April 29-May 1, Asheville Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort

Register and Participate in the 2022 Convention

With a new year comes new beginnings! Make this the year you participate fully in the 2022 NC DKG Convention to be held in Asheville on April 29-May 1 by presenting a workshop, honoring a friend with an ad, raising money for your chapter by being a vendor, and volunteering your time.

The [proposal form](#) to present a workshop is on the [NC DKG Convention webpage](#) and is due January 25. Proposals should fall into one of the four focus strands—Teaching and Learning, DKG Society, Self-Care, and Creative Fun. Contact Second Vice President [Tammy Cullom](#), workshop coordinator, with questions.

[Ads](#) for the convention program, due March 15, are a great way to honor/ memorialize chapter members or celebrate chapter projects. Program editor [Carol Bostian](#) will be happy to help you create the ad or brainstorm your topic with you.

Vendors are needed for the Marketplace to be open on Saturday afternoon. Fill out the [Vendor form](#) or contact [Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon](#) with questions.

[Volunteers](#) will make this convention successful. There are lots of ways to help, so check out the form or contact Convention Chair [Connie Savell](#).

Convention Registration and Hotel Registration

[Register now](#) for the 2022 NC DKG Convention and be a part of the fun in Asheville the last weekend in April.

Registration via a Google form is available by check or credit card until April 10. Early bird registration for Beginning Teachers and Collegiate members is \$25 and is \$35 for all other members. One day registration is \$20. Mail checks to Leslie Black, Convention Treasurer, 4715 Little Mountain Road, Catawba, NC 28609-8212. Contact [Leslie](#) with questions regarding payment.

The registration form also provides an opportunity for donating to Headquarters as part of “Pass the House” and contains information about donating to the convention project MANNA FoodBank.

Everyone must register, including award recipients, presenters, guests, and those who are volunteering during the convention. Submit one registration form per person. Refunds will **not** be issued if you do not attend the event.

Contact NC DKG Executive Secretary [Elizabeth Miars](#) with questions regarding registration.

Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations may be made by calling the toll-free number 1-844- 330-0296 (24/7) and mentioning the group name “Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma.” The special group rate is \$155 for two queen beds and only applies to Friday and Saturday nights. Reservations may also be made online at [Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma](#).

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NC DKG News

Convention Project Supports Local Food Bank

Food insecurity is growing and a local food bank that is a member of Feeding America is the 2022 NC DKG Convention project.

The Mountain Area Nutritional Needs Alliance (MANNA), a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, works to end food insecurity for students and families in Western North Carolina (WNC).

Every \$1 donated to MANNA helps provide four meals for people across WNC.

Chapters and/or members are invited to support the convention project with donations. Checks and money orders may be written to MANNA FoodBank with reference to the 2022 NC DKG Convention Project. Bring checks to the convention or mail to MANNA FoodBank at 627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville, NC 28805. To make a secure, online donation, visit the MANNA donation page, choose “Designate My Donation,” select “Other Info,” and then enter NC DKG State Convention Project.

Visit the [MANNA FoodBank website](#) for more information or contact [Connie Savell](#), Convention Chair.



BYOB — Should be Fun!

New at convention this year will be BYOB—Bring Your Own Bag. Returning attendees are encouraged to bring their favorite past convention bag (or any bag), as bags will be provided for first-time attendees only. It will be fun to see the variety of bags!



The DKG Art Gallery is open for submissions until February 15th. You can submit your artwork or find information about the process here: <https://gallery.dkg.org/index.php/gallery-submissions/>

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Educational Excellence

There have been several state legislative issues/bills that affect our families and their students related to how they will be instructed, learn and live. Chapters are encouraged to communicate with national, state, and local legislators concerning issues involving education, women, and children. Cultural diversity and equity in all schools are areas of major concern. Reach out on your own or with your chapter to learn more in order to increase your understanding. Invite legislators to join a meeting to bring you up to date or attend an NC General Assembly session related to the issues and your concerns.

Your EEC Tip of the Month is brought to you by [Hilda Parlér](#), NC DKG First VP, EEC chair.



Leadership Links Everyone



Sometimes life gets busy, and we can get into a “rut.” It is during these times that we most need to be open to growth. Try something new, change a habit, or take a class. By focusing on growth, we can break free from those entrenched habits that may be weighing us down.

This Leadership Tip of the Month is contributed by Leadership Development Committee Chair [Lori Holguin](#).

Spring Grant Opportunities

The NC DKG Educational Foundation is proud to announce that the spring cycle of grants are now available on the [Foundation website](#), under the [Grants tab](#). These grants are available to members and non-members, so please share the news! The deadline for all applications is **January 31**.

The following grants are now available: Foundation Learning/ Literacy Grants, Foundation Continuing Education Grants, Groves-Little Grant for Early Career Educators, Simmons Longest Grant for Professional/Personal Growth, and Linda Richards Grant, which supports female volleyball coaches in NC.



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DKG International

International Convention Schedule at a Glance and a Video Posted

Plans are being finalized for the 2022 International Convention to be held in New Orleans, July 12-16. President Becky Sadowski recently shared what members have to look forward to at the convention in a video posted on the [DKG website](#) and on YouTube, including expanding network opportunities, exploring new topics and ideas, electing new leaders, making decisions that will affect our organization, and celebrating the fun and fellowship of being together.



After the opening general meeting on Tuesday night, DKG attendees can enjoy an evening of celebrating at Sazerac House, an interactive museum and distillery on Canal Street, next door to the Sheraton convention hotel.

Watch President Sadowski’s video and the earlier invitation video, see the Schedule at a Glance for the convention, and read about the two keynote speakers on the [Events tab](#) once you are logged in to the website.



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Read the winter issue of NC DKG News at

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DKG Publications

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin
International Journal for Professional Educators



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DKG News Now Online

Nominees for the 2022-2024 DKG officers headline the Jan/Feb issue of [DKG News](#) now on the website.

Dr. Debra LaBlanc for president leads the nominees. There will be three nominations from the floor, including one for first vice president and two for member-at-large. Information on all of the nominees is contained in this issue.

Also included are convention updates, World Fellowship recipients, an article on the difference in the DKG Facebook accounts, and highlights of the November Administrative Board actions.

Log in to the [DKG website](#) and click on the Publications tab to read either the pdf file or the Flipbook edition.

Registration Opening Mid-January

Registration for the July 2022 DKG Convention in New Orleans will open in mid-January, according to DKG Executive Director Nita Scott’s column in the Jan/Feb *DKG News* (page 9). The registration fees are listed in the Administrative Board actions on page 16.

Remember to Update MyDKG Profile

Fall is a great time to check your MyDKG Profile on the international website to be sure it is up to date. Many members may have retired or changed schools or have never added their profile to the database. Follow these simple steps to update your profile:

- Login to the DKG website
- Click “My DKG” on the right side
- Update or complete the “About Me” information and save it
- Click the “My Participation” tab, scroll down to “Communication Preferences” and click “Yes, include my DKG Profile in the Online Directory” and click Save again. (It is safe and secure, and only fellow DKG members will see it.) If you have never logged on to the DKG website or do not remember your password, clicking the Chat feature is the easiest way to get it.



Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/