



# From A to Z

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## President's Message

Dear Alpha Zeta Sisters,

It's hard to believe that this will be the last meeting of my biennium as your president. The last two years have been difficult with the pandemic but I'm so proud of all of you for stepping up and doing whatever you could to help keep our chapter going!

I hope many of you can attend our April 2nd meeting at Siler Presbyterian Church. We hope to have an induction ceremony (electronic vote on candidate(s) will be coming soon), officer installations (see the slate on page 3), and Region VIII Director (and our very own amazing sister) Janie Webb will have a program about the DKG Founders. I've invited some people to attend who may be interested in joining us. It's never a bad time to invite a friend! As the pandemic eases I hope we can continue to find more ways to spread the word about DKG and have a greater impact in our community.

I hope everyone who was able to join us in February enjoyed visiting with NC DKG President Beth Winstead and hearing her message that, "we need to remember our roots, work in our present and look towards our future."

The NC DKG Convention is coming up at the end of April and I hope we will have a strong representation from Alpha Zeta. Please let me know if you have registered and are planning to attend. It's not too late to make plans to attend! The early registration deadline is April 10th but if you want to pay by check you would have to put that in the mail no later than April 1st. There are still hotel rooms available for Friday and Saturday night.

After we vote in new officers remember that our incoming president will be looking for committee chairs, leads for hostess groups, etc. Please consider how you feel you can best help meet the needs of Alpha Zeta. I know we all have busy lives and sometimes you don't think you can take on one more thing which is okay but many of these roles are not all that time-consuming. Definitely feel free to ask questions to understand what you are being asked to do before you say yes or no.

It was just ten years ago that I (along with Janie and April Dawkins) were invited to join Alpha Zeta and I love being part of this chapter and I appreciate all of you who have gone before and paved the way.

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

Mar. 29 Group rate for convention hotel reservations ends  
Apr. 1 Deadline for postmarks for mailed convention registration  
Apr. 10 Deadline for Early Bird Registration for state convention  
Apr. 25 ASK Time for chapter presidents  
Apr. 29-May 1 NC DKG Convention, Asheville  
Apr. 30 Dissertation Recognition due to International  
May 1 Cornet Individual PD Awards applications due  
May 1 NC DKG News deadline  
May 11 DKG Founders Day  
May 15 Bulletin: Journal submissions due  
May 15 New Chapter Officers Report Form 110 due  
May 23 ASK Time for chapter presidents  
June 4 Deadline to submit Member Art Gallery form for international convention  
June 12 Early bird registration for NOLA convention ends; price increase of \$100  
June 18 New Leader Training for incoming chapter leaders

### Alpha Zeta Meetings

September 2022  
November 2022  
February 2023  
April 2023



### 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>.

## April Meeting Information

**When:** April 2, 2022

**Time:** 10:00 am—12:00 pm

**Where:** Siler Presbyterian Church, 5919 Waxhaw-Indian Trail Rd., Wesley Chapel, NC 28104 (Choir room, this building is right beside the sanctuary on Weddington Road, Building 2, and there will be a red balloon on the mailbox where the building is)

**RSVP:** <https://forms.gle/Kxog5scAGgZTJLgp7> Please respond by March 25th!

**Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/94994982845?pwd=ZHVqanNib0NCdEtqSGNOUmNaeWZXUT09>

Meeting ID: 949 9498 2845

Passcode: NKg03w

**Program:** Induction, Officer Installation, and a program by Janie Webb

**Bring:** The hostess group is providing all the food but bring a friend!



## 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 Alpha Zeta Members!

Janie Webb, Deb Christensen, and Paula Tautfest were notified that their submissions to the spring DKG Art Gallery have all been accepted! The gallery should be posted by mid-April on the DKG International website and on the NC DKG website. Congratulations! The next gallery submission period is August 15– September 15.

## Alpha Zeta Officer Slate

- President: Dr. Rachel Clarke
- Co-Vice-Presidents: Dr. Kim Schroeder and Janie Webb
- Secretary: Nancy Smith
- Treasurer: Lisa Stephens
- Parliamentarian: Missy Howell



## Clipboard and Keyrings for Sale

We have clipboards and keyrings for sale! 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 have been approved to sell these at the NC DKG Convention so if you are going to be at the convention, please let Janie Webb know when you can man the booth during the event.**



April		May		June		July	
2	Dr. Kim Schroeder	1	Paula Tautfest	8	Sarah Miller	10	Janie Collins
15	Beverly Christopher			21	Lisa Stephens	18	Michelle Goode
24	Louise Napier			21	David Zike	20	Diane Maye
30	Frances Davis			26	Kathy Glasheen	22	Gladys Kerr

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

## Convention Time Nearing, Registration Deadline Soon

Excitement is growing as NC DKG Convention time draws nearer. The convention program is being finalized, volunteers assigned, sessions scheduled, vendors registered, music planned, and donations being accepted for the convention project and Headquarters. The convention will be held April 29-May 1, 2022, at the Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort.

There is still time to be a part of the fun and fellowship of the convention. Early bird [registration](#) is open until April 10, but if mailed, registrations should be postmarked by April 1.

MANNA FoodBank, part of Feeding America, is the convention project. Anyone may donate by going to <https://donate.mannafoodbank.org/> and designating NC DKG State Convention Project in the Donations Comments box under the Designate My Donation and Other Info links.



Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered! Many slots are filled but there is still a need for more volunteers, so check your preference on the registration form or fill out the [Volunteer Form](#). Someone will contact you!

## Hotel Group Rate: Ends March 29

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](#).

## Convention Registration: Early Bird Ends April 10

The deadline to register to be guaranteed meals and materials is April 10. There will be on-site registration for a slightly higher fee. Registration is through a [Google form](#) and may be paid by check or credit card. Detailed info is on the registration form. Contact NC DKG Executive Secretary [Elizabeth Miars](#) with questions regarding registration and Convention Treasurer [Leslie Black](#) about payments.

## Volunteers: Due April 10

Make the most of your convention experience by volunteering to help! [Convention Volunteer Form](#). Contact Convention Chair [Connie Savell](#).



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### **Convention Note**

At this time, masks will be a personal choice of each participant. NC DKG President Beth Winstead and Convention Chair Connie Savell will be monitoring any changes in COVID guidelines and making appropriate adjustments as needed.

### **Executive Board Meeting April 29**

The Spring Executive Board Meeting will be held Friday, April 29, in the Crowne Ballroom at the Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort. The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Chapter presidents are part of the Executive Board and are expected to attend or send a representative.



### **One Rules Proposal for Convention**

The Rules Committee will be submitting one proposal to the convention floor for a vote. The Finance Committee submitted the proposal to add a rule to Section E. General Rules for Finance that reads, “In addition to the Treasurer’s name, the names of the President and Executive Secretary shall be added to the Available fund and Headquarters banking accounts.”

The proposal was sent to all chapter presidents and state leadership for information on March 5 by Executive Secretary [Elizabeth Miars](#) on behalf of the Rules Committee.

#### **NC DKG Educational Foundation**

### **“We would love to see you at Convention!”**

The members of the board for the Educational Foundation would love to see you at the Annual Meeting of the NCDKGEF. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., right before the General Meeting. You will hear all about our grant and scholarship recipients, new endowments, and successful fundraisers.

The Foundation will have a table Saturday afternoon where there will be information featuring directions on how to apply for a grant, how to start an endowment, plus much more. A workshop will be held by the Legacy Committee introducing “The Oak Society,” what it is and how to be a part of it.

You are all members of the Foundation. Please come, be informed, and learn how you can help.



### ***Don't forget to BYOB –***

Bring Your Own Bag to the Convention! Only first-timers will receive a bag but convention bags will be available for \$5 each if you want to buy one.



## NC DKG News

### Musician and Chorus Members Needed

Music Representative [Judy Rhodes](#) is looking for members willing to sing in the chorus and/or share musical interludes on your instrument during the convention. Judy has the chorus songs available on MP3s and will send those to you if will [contact her](#). The more, the merrier!



### Using Headquarters Reminder

Mary Beth Dailey, chair of the Headquarters Committee, thanks members for the increased use of our NC DKG home. She said, on behalf of the committee, “We are glad everyone feels welcome. We need to continue to make it safe for everyone. Before you leave, please go back and make sure you have completed the checklist on the kitchen table, signed the register on the table in the greeting room, and set the alarm. Thank you.”



### Educational Law and Policy Committee Stay Informed...

Our NC Legislature has been very busy this school year, passing a 2.5% pay raise for most teachers and creating a fund to help smaller districts increase their local supplements. Public education, including student skill recovery, teacher recruitment, and retention, will continue to be a big topic during the upcoming election season. With much at stake, your NC ELP Committee will present strategies at the NC DKG Annual Convention in Asheville to help your chapter advocate for teachers in your area. We hope to see you there!

Find helpful links to stay informed at <https://bit.ly/NCDKG-ELP>.

### *Strengthen Your Links Through* *Membership*

When considering women for membership, consider hosting a "bring a friend" meeting. This social event would let potential candidates for membership meet others in the chapter and see first-hand what a meeting is like.

For more membership tips on recruitment and retention, consider attending Membership's workshop at state convention entitled, "*Connecting and Engaging Different Generations in Chapter Membership*." There will be a great presentation and a panel of successful presidents to answer your burning questions!

*Your Membership Tip of the Month is brought to you by the NC DKG Membership Committee, Dr. Susan Blackburn, chair.*



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## DKG International

### Attending the July International Convention?

The [DKG website](#) has a neat graphic on the rotator that lists the steps for members interested in attending the International Convention this summer:

1. Register for the convention
2. Book a hotel room
3. Submit forms and sign-ups
4. Download the DKG App
5. Prepare for voting

And for NC members attending, there is a #6—Let NC DKG Executive Secretary [Elizabeth Miars](#) know you are attending!



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[https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2021-2022\\_nc\\_dkg\\_news\\_spring\\_vol.81-3\\_color.pdf](https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2021-2022_nc_dkg_news_spring_vol.81-3_color.pdf)

# DKG Publications

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## DKG International

### **Mar/Apr DKG News Online Now**

The Mar/Apr issue of *DKG News* is now available online for members. It features the 120 proposed amendments to the *Constitution and International Standing Rules* that will be discussed at the New Orleans convention, July 12-16, 2022.

Because there has not been an in-person convention since 2018, some proposals have been carried forward with the proposer’s consent and others are new submissions. Pages 11-85 deal with the proposals.

Download this large edition from the Publications [DKG News page](#) once you are logged into the DKG website.



### **Member Art Gallery at Convention**

The Mar/Apr issue of *DKG News* contains an article about the Member Art Gallery that will happen at the DKG Convention this summer in New Orleans, LA. The exhibit will showcase members’ talents in person in the visual and literary arts and musical composition areas. The Arts and Humanities Jury will select works to be displayed on Fri-day and Saturday. Learn more on page 9 of *DKG News* or online through the link on the [convention Events page](#).

### **The Move is Complete**

As of March 1, 2022, the move from the brick building at 416 W. 12th Street, Austin, that DKG has called Headquarters for many years, is complete. Headquarters staff is still intact, working on a hybrid schedule and meeting the needs of members as usual. While it was bittersweet to leave the building, Executive Director Nita Scott says she looks forward now with excitement. (See more of her comments in the Mar/Apr *DKG News*, page 4.)



**Important Websites**

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

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

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

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