



From A to Z

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President's Message

Dear Alpha Zeta Sisters,
We've been blessed with some lovely fall days lately. I love watching the leaves change color and enjoying some cooler weather at times. There is a lot going on this fall and I want to ask that you all to read this entire newsletter to be up to date on events at the chapter, state, and international level.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our September meeting. It was great to have a successful hybrid meeting. I really enjoyed hearing what DKG has meant to those of you who spoke representing the different decades. It was a very special meeting and you all continue to remind me how lucky I am to be a part of this great chapter! We also welcomed four new inductees and a transfer member. Alpha Zeta is growing!

Our November meeting is our annual Grant in Aid auction and this is always a lot of fun. We will once again have the option for you to attend in person or virtually. If you can't attend at all, please consider making a donation to our scholarship fund. You could send a check to Lisa Stephens at 5728 Verrazano Drive, Waxhaw, NC 28173. I hope that many of you will be able to attend in person or virtually. Remember that this meeting is always a great time to bring potential members or just some friends who might like to do a little shopping.

I'd like to ask everyone to consider registering for the fall virtual board meeting. **Registration closes on October 20th.** More information about the meeting and the special workshop sessions that will be available can be found on pages 4 and 5 in this newsletter. This is a first of its kind event and I love that NC DKG is working to reach out to all members and giving you all a chance to see a different side of the organization.

Another important event coming up is the election. Just 100 years ago women were granted the right to vote so research the candidates to find who you think is the right fit and then vote! There is information on page 5 where you can find more details about candidates for NC state school superintendent and the candidates in other state races.

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy as we continue to battle the coronavirus. It sounds promising for a vaccine in 2021 so let's hope we will be able to return to a more normal way of life next year. See you in November!

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.”

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 20 Last day to register for *Every Member Counts* virtual event
- Oct. 24 Fall Executive Board Meeting/Virtual Event
- Oct. 24 Chapter Rules updates due to NC DKG Rules Committee
- Oct. 26 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Oct. 31 Website compliance reassurance form due
- Nov. 1 DKGIEF Cornetet Seminar applications due
- Nov. 1 Deadline for submissions for Winter *NC DKG News*
- Nov. 10 International Speaker request due
- Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS
- Nov. 15 Nominations for NC DKG officers due
- Nov. 30 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Dec. 1 Deadline for proposed changes to *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*
- Dec. 15 *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* submissions due

Alpha Zeta Meetings

- February 6 TBA 10 am—12 noon
- April 3 Siler Presbyterian Church 9 am – 12 noon

Conventions

April 23 - 25, 2021 NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort

July 10 - 18, 2022 International Convention, New Orleans, LA

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

November Meeting Information

When: November 14, 2020

Time: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Where: Siler Presbyterian Church, 6301 Weddington Rd, Matthews, NC 28104

RSVP by November 13th: <https://forms.gle/RNZbTSL7P11PpHqa7>

Zoom information: Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/99892708054?pwd=NURXSnV5eTJKM211Q1VxMnNjUU5LZz09>

Meeting ID: 998 9270 8054, Passcode: 7CEVe1

Program: Grant in Aid Auction

Bring: Items for the Grant in Aid Auction, money for bidding, a dish or beverage to share, and enthusiasm!

If you didn't bring \$25.00 last meeting, please bring that to create a fund for future money requests and we won't have to worry about passing the hat for those events.



“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”

NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

Improving Your NC DKG Tool Inventory

How did the chapter tools inventory go? Did you find there were tools missing or tools to eliminate due to age or condition? Did you add new tools to your she-shed after exploring the NC DKG website? Let me share how some improved their tool inventory after evaluating their she-sheds.



See **Gamma Delta GROW!**
Chapter poetry project *Where I'm From* means to honor **Generational Diversity**



See **Awards Committee GROW!**
Used historical **Research data** to revamp applications, rubrics, and more



See **Regional Directors GROW!**
Four past RDs accepted **Opportunities for Leadership** when asked to evaluate the RD system



See **NC DKG GROW!**
See Chi Chapter GROW!
Well-defined Zoom program included a Q&A for State Superintendent candidates

Improving one’s skill set and staying current are steps in the growth process. Recently, an NC DKG sister said, “Learning new skills has taken me out of my comfort zone and pushed me to grow. I was becoming complacent after years in retirement.”

Questions for you and your chapter to consider: Are you exploring fresh, vibrant ideas/tools beyond your comfort zone? Are you sharing those ideas with others? Have you replaced any dated practices/tools with new ideas?

2019-2021 NC DKG Theme

Ready, Set, **GROW!**

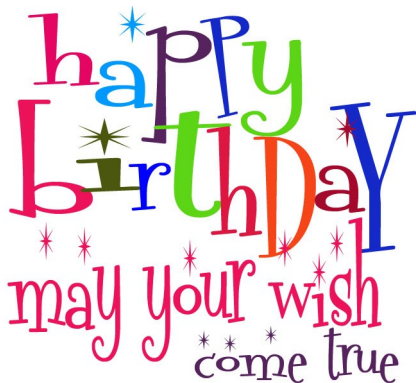
Cultivate fellowship with **G**enerations of DKG members

Nurture membership with **R**esearch-based strategies

Energize members with **O**pportunities for leadership

Develop chapters with **W**ell-defined programs

You **GROW**, girl!



December	
4	Helen Rose
25	Amy Herlihy

January	
13	Peggy Harris

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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.

How Does Our Membership GROW?

Remember to keep looking for prospective members for our chapter. Listen to family members and friends speak about the characteristics of new teachers and administrators. Listen for strategies and activities that signal an outstanding educator and invite them to a meeting! Our Grant in Aid auction is a wonderful time to have a potential new member join us for a meeting.

NC DKG News

October 24 Virtual Event Open to All

Register now for the October 24 *Every Member Counts*: Celebrating NC DKG virtual event that is open to all NC DKG members. The registration form may be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y2eyye44>. Deadline to register is October 20. There is no registration fee.

This event, an expanded Fall Executive Board Meeting, includes the business portion in the morning, consisting of reports and vignettes, and workshops in the afternoon. The Star of the Southeast, an award normally presented at the International convention, will be announced before lunch.

Voting on business by the Executive Board will take place prior to the meeting and results will be announced by NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan during her president's report. Other reports will highlight current happenings, progress on goals, and time-sensitive updates.

The addition of workshops in the afternoon makes this Fall Executive Board Meeting unique. Registrants will have the opportunity to attend two of eight workshops during the afternoon sessions. Regional directors will meet with chapter presidents prior to or following the virtual meeting.

Why Attend?

Many chapter members only experience the state organization through the convention. Now it is possible for all members to hear the reports and be a part of a state executive board meeting without leaving home!

The goal of opening the meeting is to have members of NC DKG see that their membership matters at all levels of the Society.

Remember: all Executive Board members are expected to participate or have a representative to attend in their place. Members of the Executive Board include NC DKG officers, chapter presidents, related personnel, state committee chairmen, regional directors, and state past presidents. But— **everyone is invited to this special event celebrating NC DKG and its members.**



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NC DKG News

Workshops to be Offered During Fall *Every Member Counts* Virtual Event

Workshops are a popular part of the NC DKG Convention and many members missed those professional and personal growth opportunities. The afternoon workshops at the Fall Executive Board Meeting virtual event on October 24 will help fill that void!

Once registration closes for the event, members will receive an Event Logistics email containing links to the workshops. Some presentations will be live and others will be pre-recorded and available through the links in that email. Members are free to choose whichever work-shop they want to attend. (Members may also attend the workshops even if they choose not to participate in the morning board meeting but they must register.)

Workshops will be held at 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., with a 15-minute break between them to allow time to log in to the next one.

Workshops and presenters are:

- Growing in Fellowship as We Share Our Stories (Julia Ebel)
- Identifying Biased and "Fake News" (Danielle Parker, Michelle Benigno)
- Planning During a Pandemic: Keeping Your Chapter Engaged (Dr. Michelle Tuck Thomas)
- W is for Well-defined Programs (Susie Miller)
- Bitmoji Classrooms (Amy White)
- Adding to the Melting Pot: Immigrants in NC (Cindy Lockerman)
- Nurturing Members with Handmade Cards (Dee Snyder, Carol Bostian)
- Showcasing the Categories of the DKG Fine Arts Gallery (Tracy Hagan)

Complete descriptions of each workshop and times are available on the NC DKG website at <https://tinyurl.com/yy37ujmm>. Recordings of all presentations will also be available from the website for chapters to use as pro-grams. Join the fun and support our presenters.

Get Out and Vote

By: Dr. Patricia Fecher, ELP Committee Chair



One way in which DKG members can get involved with educational law and policy efforts is to get out and vote. Did you know 71% of educators in North Carolina are women? Just think of the difference our voice can make if we take the time to vote. The NC DKG Educational Law and Policy (ELP) Committee has put together two resources to help you make an informed decision about voting this November. First, who will be the next NC State Superintendent? Read this article [NCDKG Members Get Out & Vote](#) with helpful links to decide who you want to be the head of NCDPI. [Voting Sets the Course](#), the second resource, will support members looking for information on elected officials. Early voting runs October 15 - 31 and Election Day is November 3, 2020. Get out and vote!

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T: Technique for recognizing leadership contributions

I: Develop future leaders by honoring examples of leadership (Sample activity Lambda Rose linked on “Pool of Resources” on the website)

P: Item submitted by Pamela Wright, Lambda Chapter

Visit [Mentor Project](#) on the NC DKG website.

Look Up Members in the Directory

Need an address for a member? Look her up in the DKG Directory! Log in to the website, click on MyDKG, then Directory. Remember the directory is only as good as the info members enter so please make sure to update and share your info under the My Participation tab!



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Read the fall issue of the NC DKG News at

<https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/ncdkgnewfall2020.pdf>

DKG Publications

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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



Get Connected!

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DKG International

DKG International Educators Foundation Benefits Teachers



The DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) was established earlier this year when the DKG Educational Foundation and the DKG Supporting Corporation merged. Its mission is to support effective educational projects, the educational and charitable activities of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and professional growth of educators worldwide.

Each month, *Eta Data's* calendar lists due dates for upcoming applications that DKG members may apply for, such as the [Cornet Awards](#) for individual professional development or seminars or DKG [Scholarships](#). These fall under the DKGIEF, as do World Fellowship, Emergency Fund, and others. (Click on the graphic to go to the list.)

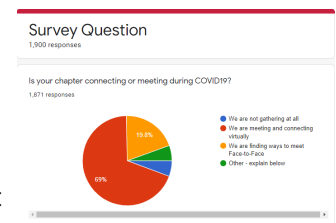
Now is the time for members to begin preparing applications that will be due February 1 for as many as 31 scholarships available for those pursuing advanced degrees. Scholarships for those seeking other graduate studies are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000. [Applications](#) are currently available on the Society website under the Apply/Submit tab → Applications.

Dr. Judith Carlson, an NC DKG past state president and past chair of the NC DKG Educational Foundation, was elected to the DKGIEF Board of Directors this summer. Judith says, “The Board has met and we are fully engaged in visions of fund-raising and of awarding funds to worthy proposals that will impact education, teachers and learners. Please visit the website, read the *DKG News*, and *Collegial Exchange* for ongoing news of our work as we break ground and bring fresh and creative ideas to the newly merged Board.”

Take the DKG Survey

The DKG website keeps a survey on the top right of the member page, and the current survey asks how your chapter is connecting during the COVID-19 pandemic—not gathering at all, meeting and connecting virtually, meeting face-to-face, or other. Once you click a choice and submit, you have the option of viewing the results.

Would it surprise you to know that 69% of the 1,650 responses said they are doing a combination of meeting and connecting virtually? Another 20% said they are finding ways to meet face-to-face. The comments under the thick red bar explain what some chapters are doing and is interesting reading. (Click on the graphic to go to the responses.)



Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/