



From A to Z

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President's Message

Dear Alpha Zeta Sisters,

In August some members of the Executive Board were able to meet online for our first electronic meeting. It was definitely an interesting experiment! I was a little flustered at the beginning but we all got through it. The minutes are attached to the email.

Thank you to everyone who responded to my email regarding whether you felt safe to attend our September meeting in person or not. We had enough members say they'd like to attend in person that we will have a combination in-person and online meeting (hybrid just like in the schools!). With the move to Phase 2.5 in North Carolina we will be within the numbers that are allowed to meet indoors as well. We will still work to physically distance inside the fellowship hall and do everything to make this a safe meeting place for all. I hope that those of you who do not feel comfortable attending in person will try to join us online. We will be installing the new chapter officers, inducting our new members (really hope you can all join in somehow), celebrating our 65th chapter anniversary and more! This really is an important meeting so I hope you will all want to be a part of it in some manner.

To better capture who will be able to attend in person or virtually, I've created a Google form instead of an EventBrite for this meeting. Here is the link to the Google Form RSVP: <https://forms.gle/aEVxaP7Ka3grC8WT7>. It would be great if everyone would **respond by Thursday, September 10th** using that form. There's an option to select in person, virtually, or unable to attend.

For those of you who will be attending virtually, here is the Zoom information. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99507045064?pwd=ZUxXUzhSeU9EQ2JnUFFkNXNyWEh3dz09>. Meeting ID: 995 0704 5064. Passcode: 5HDfc1. If anyone who plans to attend virtually is unfamiliar with Zoom and would like to practice, I'd be happy to set up a practice session. It does take some getting used to and I am not a master of it either!

I'd like every member to select a committee they'd like to be a part of and to help with that I've created another Google form where you can just type your name and put a check next to the committee you'd most like to help with. Here's a link to the form: <https://forms.gle/vKD8HDyLwTqoxQM6A>. Descriptions of chapter committee duties can be found on our website: <https://alphazetanc.weebly.com/duties-of-chapter-committees.html>. We need everyone involved to help make us the strongest chapter we can be!

To add additional security to email addresses since there have been a number of phishing attempts at the state and international level, I will send emails with your addresses in the BCC field so they cannot be seen by others. I have also made the newsletter page of the website a password-protected page. 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. Please make note of this login information. Hope everyone is well and that I see you all next Saturday!

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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“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”

Upcoming Events

Aug. 15-Sept. 15 **Submission period open for DKG Gallery of Fine Arts**

Sept. 30 **Deadline for grants to NC DKG Educational Foundation**

Oct. 24 Fall Executive Board Meeting

Oct. 24 Chapter Rules updates due to NC DKG Rules Committee

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

Dec. 1 Deadline for proposed changes to *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*

Dec. 15 *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* submissions due

Jan. 3, 2021 DKG Educational Foundation project applications due

Jan. 15 Regional Directors annual report due

Jan. 15-Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open

Feb. 1 Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Annual Report due

Alpha Zeta Meetings

September 12 Siler Presbyterian Church 9 am – 12 noon (virtual option also available)

November 14 Siler Presbyterian Church 9 am—12 noon

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>.

September Meeting Information

When: September 12, 2020

Time: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

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

Cost: \$10.00

RSVP by Thursday, September 10th: <https://forms.gle/aEVxaP7Ka3grC8WT7>

Zoom information: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99507045064?pwd=ZUxXUzhSeU9EQ2JnUFFkNXNyWEh3dz09>. Meeting ID: 995 0704 5064.
Passcode: 5HDfc1.

Program: Induction of new members, officer installation, 65th Anniversary Celebration, and Recognition of Milestones and Convention Nominees.

Bring: \$25.00 to create a fund for future money requests and we won't have to worry about passing the hat for those events.

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NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

Effort: Foundation to Transformation

Have you and your chapter strategically planned how to implement the **Five A's** to *acknowledge, agree, accept, act and assume* “change” to foster growth? Daily effort by all vested parties is the foundation for transformation. In July the NC DKG Leaders put the **Five A's** into action. See how we **GROW**.



See **NC DKG GROW!**

Chapter Mentors announced.

Chapter support across **Generations of members**.



See **NC DKG GROW!**

Conducted member surveys and evaluations.

Utilized **Research data** to design training. 96% chapters represented at New Leaders Training.



See **NC DKG GROW!**

Scheduled follow-up sessions for new leaders.

Knowledge = confidence = **Opportunities for leadership**.



See **NC DKG GROW!**

First Virtual Training for Presidents, Regional Directors, Membership & EEC Chairs = **Well-defined programs**

State and chapter leaders put forth the effort. As the new year begins, I am reminded of the skills/tools many have acquired as a result of this transforming effort.

I shared recently, *Mrs. Spitzer's Garden*. One key page says, “Mrs. Spitzer consults her calendar and plans her daily schedule. She checks her tools.”

Question to ponder as you move into this new season:

Have you created and consulted your NC DKG calendar? Have you planned your daily schedule to include NC DKG?

Have you checked your NC DKG tools?

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!



October		November		November (con't)	
1	Wanda Allen	5	Janie Webb	9	Deb Christensen
13	Diana Sweezy	7	Grace Faris	12	Tommie Wall
23	Missy Howell	7	Gwyn Sinclair	27	Peggy Griffin



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Alpha Zeta News

Good news! Our Alpha Zeta website has successfully renewed International compliance and we have a new image to display at the bottom of our website. We don't have to renew our compliance again until October of 2022.

How Does Our Membership **GROW?**

Back to school time is the perfect time to seek 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!

Deb Christensen welcomed two new members to her family in the past week. These two siblings (right) were adopted from a local rescue. Callie is a calico girl and the boy (not named yet) is a black and white shorthair. They are so sweet and have helped her heal as she mourned the loss of her 17 1/2 year old Tiger (below).



Parliamentary True or False?

It is necessary to formally vote on the approval of the minutes of a previous meeting.

False. Taking a formal vote to approve the minutes of a previous meeting is not necessary. Time can be saved by a parliamentary procedure named unanimous consent. For example, the presider may ask, “Are there any corrections to the minutes of ... ?” After a pause (listening for an objection and hearing none), she would simply say: “Hearing no objection, the minutes are approved.”



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NC DKG News

EEC Goals Outlined

By: Tobey Worthington, NC DKG First Vice-President

As the time draws near to begin chapter meetings, the question might be in-person or virtual format? For either, may I suggest you use a clip or two from the DKG International Virtual Event. The videos are easily accessed at dkg.org after you sign in using your member ID number and password. There are clips from as short as three minutes to as long as an hour. You will find a variety of clips that are professionally presented. Any of these will make a well-defined chapter program. Find one on a topic of interest to your chapter members!



Ad Hoc Committee: One Member, One Vote Shares Findings

The findings of the Ad Hoc Committee: One Member, One Vote, set up during the executive board meeting at the 2019 NC DKG Convention to study the pros and cons of every member voting on amendments to the *NC DKG Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*, will be discussed at the Fall Executive Board Meeting on October 24. They will report on the trial test run and what changes will be needed to the NC DKG governing documents if the state organization moves forward with the proposal. Read more details of the committee’s work in the Fall *NC DKG News* to be published September 1. For questions or comments, contact Ad Hoc Committee Chair [Ashlee Taylor Layton](#).



BEE-ginning Teacher Recognition



The BUZZ is...BEE-ginning this school year, your Beginning Teacher Support Committee (BTSC) will be sharing Beginning Educator Excelling (BEE) recognition awards. These BEE notes will be delivered to BEE-ginning teachers by our members throughout the year to encourage them and let them know we see the great things they are doing for our students. The certificates are online for chapters to print for distribution to any BEE-ginning teacher throughout the year. (Scroll to the bottom of the [committee page](#).) The buzz is... this is a great tool for retaining teachers and recruiting new members. [Brenda Reese](#) is chair of the BTSC. Email her with questions. Find more detailed info in the latest *NC DKG News*.

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Mosaic Glass Inlay 12-String Guitar

The NC DKG Educational Foundation is proud to present the guitar artwork of North Carolina artist and educator Travis Driver. His unique visual art piece, a customized mosaic glass inlaid 12-stringed guitar, has been donated for a Foundation charity raffle. It is valued at more than \$500. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. Proceeds will be used to support Foundation grants for NC educators. Please share this information with friends and family. Don't miss this opportunity to own an amazing piece of art!

Raffle ticket purchase information is available on the Foundation web site www.ncdkgef.org. Tickets may also be obtained from any Foundation Board member. For more information contact Sheila Groves, Board Chair, at svgeta97@gmail.com



The drawing will be held on October 17, 2020.



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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

(click on image
to go to publication)



The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin
International Journal for Professional Educators



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DKG International

NC DKG Leaders Tapped for International Committees

Congratulations to NC DKG Immediate Past President Connie Savell, who has been selected to serve on the International Membership Committee, and to NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, who succeeds Susan Kuenzel, editor of *Eta Data*, as chair of the International Communications and Marketing Committee for the 2020- 2022 biennium. Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, NC DKG Executive Secretary, continues her term on the International Editorial Board through 2022. Sheila Groves, NC DKG President 2015-2017, ended two terms on the International Constitution Committee.



DKG Fine Arts Gallery

Call for submissions

2020 Fall Art Gallery open from August 15th - September 15th

SUBMISSION PROCESS

All entries must be filled out using Google Forms
(Submission form found under "Apply/Submit")

Visit the Art Gallery Website for helpful tips:

- Rubrics
- Submission procedures
- Tutorials on how to submit

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Apply_Submit/Submissions.aspx

International Conferences Dates Set

Plans are beginning for the 2021 International Conferences. International leaders send wishes for members “to stay safe and healthy so that we can meet next summer” in Portland, OR (July 7-10, 2021); San Antonio, TX (July 21- 24, 2021); and/or Tampere, Finland (July 28-31, 2021).

Locations have been selected for the three following conventions but dates have not been finalized for all.

- July 2022 International Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Summer 2024 International Convention, Gaylord National, DC Area National Harbor, Maryland
- Summer 2026 International Convention, Gaylord Rockies, Aurora, Colorado

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/