

NC DATA ~ Monthly Update for Chapter Presidents and Editors

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DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide


Announcing Second Vice President Dr. Michelle Tuck Thomas

Dr. Michelle Tuck Thomas has been named to serve as NC DKG second vice president as of September 26, 2023. The resignation of Carolyn J. Lane as first vice president was announced by President Hilda Parlér at the September 16 Fall Executive Board meeting in Greensboro. Janie Webb, NC DKG's former second vice president, moved up to serve as first vice president per our NC DKG *Bylaws*.

Dr. Thomas has been a member of NC DKG for nine years and is a member of Beta Kappa Chapter in Region V. She is chapter president and served as the regional director in Region V during the 2020-2022 biennium. She also served on the NC DKG Planning Committee. In her new role, Dr. Thomas will sit as a member on The NC DKG Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

Please welcome Dr. Michelle Tuck Thomas to the NC DKG Executive Committee as second vice president!



 **Hints to Editors:** Please share this important leadership change with your chapter members in your newsletters.

Mark the Dates

Oct. 27	NC DKG Founders Day
Nov. 1	Cornet Individual and Seminar PD Awards applications due
Nov. 1	NC DKG News deadline
Nov. 6	ASK Time for chapter presidents
Nov. 15	990-N ePostcard deadline to IRS
Dec. 1	DKG Ignite (LMS) applications due
Dec. 15	Chapter directory due to regional director
Dec. 15	<i>Bulletin: Collegial Exchange</i> submissions due
Dec. 15	Proposed amendments to NC DKG <i>Standing Rules</i> and/or <i>Bylaws</i> due
2024	
Jan. 8	ASK Time for chapter presidents
Jan. 15-Feb. 15	Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open



Proposed Amendments Due December 15

Any proposed changes to the NC DKG *Standing Rules* and *Bylaws* should be submitted by December 15. The [proposal form](#) can be found on the NC DKG [website](#). Questions may be directed to the chair of the Rules Committee, [Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon](#).

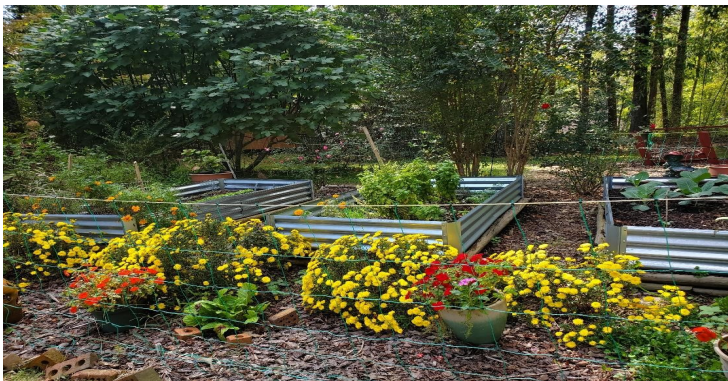


A Message from President Hilda Parlér

It's Harvest Time for NC DKG Chapters!

- O**rganize your agenda and send it to members at least a week before the meeting.
- C**ommunicate monthly with former members to ask if they would consider reinstatement.
- T**rain incoming officers with outgoing ones and committee chairs for smooth transitions.
- O**bserve and celebrate special events, especially chapter charter anniversaries.
- B**elieve your chapter will increase its membership by recruiting intentionally.
- E**nergize your members by allowing some "stretcherise" time before and after meetings.
- R**ecord meeting minutes correctly by stating *what was done and not what was said*.

~ [President Hilda](#)



Source: Hilda Parlér's Fall Garden—raised veggie beds and huge fig tree top left

A Note from Educational Law and Policy

The state budget was finalized September 22. [Here is a link](#) to a good article about the education aspects of the budget. Please share with your members.

~[Rhonda Dillingham](#)

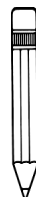
Only 7 Months Until Convention 2024!

Make sure the dates April 26-28, 2024 are on your calendar! Secure a roommate! Start planning your "After 5 Attire" for the Saturday night banquet! And *don't* forget your dancing shoes! It's not too early to start daydreaming about the fun you will have at the *NC DKG State Convention!*

Exciting changes and new activities were announced at the Fall Executive Board meeting. More details will be forthcoming, so be on the lookout for those. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities for those who want to enhance their Convention experience. [Dr. Carol Maidon](#), Volunteer Coordinator, would love to hear that you are interested!

Want to do something right now? Glad you asked! A fun Dance Party is planned for Friday night that is sure to get attendees on their feet and movin' to the beat! We need a playlist! What is *your* favorite song that gets *you* up and dancing? Send the title and artist to 2024 Convention Chair [Nikki Steckroth](#) who will track suggestions. Perhaps we'll have an NC DKG Official Dance Song! (Steckroth suggests "We Are Family" by Sister Sledge. You may recall that the second line is, "I've got all my sisters with me!")

Are you feeling the fun yet? Don't forget to clear your calendar for April 26-28, Convention 2024!



Hints to Editors: Share in your newsletters so your chapter members can get excited and begin planning to attend!



The NC DKG Leadership Development Center

By: [Nikki Steckroth](#)
Leadership Development
Committee Member

The Leadership Development Committee strives to make *your* work as a leader less daunting. Finding innovative ways to promote leadership and discuss it with chapter members can be time-consuming – unless you know where to look. Fret no more! The [NC DKG Leadership Development Center](#) has been created with you – and all members – in mind!

Start with the link on the state website homepage under *New on the Website*. One click takes you to resources divided among four headings.

Featured this month is DKG's "[Leadership Discovery Centre](#)."

- This DKG International website is divided into "Leadership Tools" and "External Resources" to help you quickly decide what best fits your needs.
- The current "Leadership Tools" makes it easy to reference leadership articles.
- Check out the article "Stretch Goals" that explains how using a rubber band as a visual aid can help chapters understand how staying connected both personally and professionally helps break the cycle of DKG disconnect. Vertically pushing up and horizontally pushing out stretches our understanding of what makes us stronger chapter members.

If *you* have a leadership-related resource you would like to share, please note at the top of the NC DKG Leadership Development Center page the information that should be sent to [Phyllis Broughton](#). We are DKG Key Women Educators *and* Leaders!



Presidents Take Note: Not only are the resources in the Leadership Center to help you, but you can find some great program ideas to help develop leaders in your chapter!

They're Back! Chapter Presidents'

ASK Meetings Are Here!

By: [Janie Webb](#), First Vice-President and
Dr. [Michelle Tuck Thomas](#), Second Vice-President

The Chapter Presidents' ASK meetings are back with a new meaning. The Regional Directors and Vice Presidents met to consider a rebranding of the name and to discuss input from the chapter presidents about topics to be presented. The Regional Directors agreed to keep ASK as the name associated with the meetings, but it now stands for:

- A—Ask Questions
- S—Share Ideas and Feedback
- K—Keep NC DKG Forever Strong!

Sounded like a winning name to us!

During the Fall Executive Board meeting, it was announced that the ASK meetings would occur every other month beginning in November on the first Monday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The dates for the first year of the biennium are November 6, 2023, January 8, 2024, March 4, 2024, and May 6, 2024. The first two meetings will be dedicated to creating or revising Chapter Strategic Plans as this was a topic which seven out of 11 regions deemed important. We hope that all chapter presidents make plans to attend and take advantage of these

Important Notice

NC DKG News Items

- ✓ Photos, chapter news, and members news for the issue should be submitted to [Dedra Davis](#) by November 1.
- ✓ Chapter articles should be 125-140 words in length.
- ✓ Member articles should be 75-100 words in length.
- ✓ Submit photos as jpg files.



Request from DKG International Concerning Websites

President Hilda recently received the following request from Nita Scott, Executive Director of DKG:

“Recently, there have been actions which have caused great concern resulting from postings on several different social media and web sites affiliated with but not managed by the International Society. In general, owners of creative content are growing increasingly intolerant regarding the misuse of intellectual property. As a result, recent incidents related to such misuse by entities at various levels within our organization have resulted in both actualized and potential liabilities to the Society.

“Therefore, the Administrative Board and counsel have approved the placement of a notice on DKG affiliated internet sites (including social media accounts, such as Facebook) that we hope will defray liability and protect the Society. We want to support the continued use of the DKG name and logo by members, chapters, and state organizations. However, we also cannot and do not wish to monitor the many affiliated sites in order to identify potential liability and risk. Please note the attached disclaimer statement (also provided in Spanish for use by Spanish speaking entities) that we request be posted on any website or social media site that bears the DKG Society International name (including “DKG” or the DKG logo).”

NC DKG Webmaster Deb Christensen has already applied the disclaimer in the footer of the NC DKG website and pinned it to the featured post area of the NC DKG Facebook page. The English version of the disclaimer is posted below; the Spanish version can be provided if you need it for your chapter’s webpage and social media sites. Please implement this disclaimer as quickly as possible.

Disclaimer

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Presidents Take Note: Please inform your chapter webmasters and social media site administrators of this request and ask them to apply the disclaimer. Be mindful and do not repost copyrighted material on your webpages, social media sites, or in your newsletters without permission.

Meeting at NC DKG Headquarters?

Use the reservation procedure [document](#) to schedule your meeting at NC DKG Headquarters. Also, upon departure, please take any leftover items with you as it is often weeks before the building is used again. We just cleaned out the refrigerator—so much was thrown out because it was out of date.

Thanks for your help!
The Headquarters Committee

Membership Matters

Recruit! Δ Retain! Δ Recognize!

By: [Tammy Cullom](#)
Membership Chair

Who Last Said “Thank You”?

Let me be the latest one to say “Thank You” for your leadership in NC DKG. Delta Kappa Gamma is all about leadership. Our business is to gather key women educators and nurture, navigate, and nudge them into leadership positions within our chapter, their school, and school system.

As Dr. Teresa Cowan reminded us, “We grow leaders.” Beth Winstead reminded us to honor our past leaders, thank our current leaders, and get busy harvesting leaders for the future of NC DKG. So you, my sister, were **recruited**, are being **retained** as you currently serve, and at this moment, you are being **recognized** with a heartfelt **THANK YOU!** Lead on, my friend!

Click [here](#) for a chance to win a small prize.

Important Chapter Reminders!

Treasurer deadlines:

- Form 990N is due November 15.
- Form 18A is past due.
- Send your headquarters donation now when it is most needed.

Chapter editors:

Share your newsletters with:

- 1) [Hilda Parlér](#) (NC DKG President)
- 2) [Tammy Albright](#) (Communications & Marketing Chair)
- 3) [Dedra Davis](#) (NC DKG News editor)
- 4) your regional director

In the event of the death of a member:

Form 6 should be completed immediately and sent to:

- 1) [NC DKG Treasurer, Leslie Black](#)
- 2) [International Society Headquarters](#)
- 3) [NC DKG President Hilda Parlér](#)
- 4) [NC DKG Membership Chairman, Tammy Cullom](#)

More info can be found [here](#).

NC DKG Educational Foundation Thanks You!

NC DKG Chapters have done it again! Many thanks to presidents for collecting lots of snacks for golfers playing in **Tee It Up for Teachers** on October 7. This golf tournament continues to grow each year providing support for Foundation grants.

Members were particularly generous this summer, buying and selling tickets for a chance to own a baseball signed by Major League Baseball umpire Joe West. President Hilda drew the winning ticket on September 16. The winner, Tyler Marshall, is a statistician for the Detroit Tigers Major League Baseball team.

Educators are smiling thanks to your participation in **Make an Educator Smile**. To get this project started, two names of active educators were drawn from attendees at our recent NC DKG Executive Board meeting. April Tallant and Ann Carol Stocks were the lucky recipients of a \$25 Amazon gift card. Names of active educators honored with a donation to the Foundation during the month of September have been collected and a name drawn. The September gift card will be sent to Kelly Entsminger, Trinity Elementary in Trinity, North Carolina. Soon Kelly will be *smiling*! Go to the Foundation [website](#) to find out how you can get involved.

International Website: <https://www.dkg.org>
NC DKG Website: <https://www.ncdkg.org>

For comments or questions regarding *NC Data*, please contact Editor [Ann Carol Stocks](#) or or NC DKG President [Hilda Parlér](#)

Convention Dates

April 26-28, 2024 — NC DKG Convention, Durham

July 9-13, 2024 — International Convention, National Harbor, Maryland

June 30-July 4, 2026 — International Convention, Aurora, Colorado