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DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide



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Since assuming the role of President, I have posed two difficult questions. First, "What are you willing to do for this Society?" and second, "Is it time for renovation of NC DKG?" Each question lends itself to growth either as individuals or as a Society.

As committees start to take action, the Executive Board meeting approaches, chapter meetings begin, and convention planning is underway, I want to share how some have answered these questions and are "getting their hands dirty."

"Renovation" efforts to modernize systems and utilize NC DKG structural framework

- Direct pay and workflow platforms for reimbursements (Finance Ctm)
- Wi-Fi to Headquarters (Headquarters Ctm)
- Strategies for distributing information (C&M Ctm and Related Personnel)

"GROW" efforts to cultivate, nurture, energize, and develop leadership and membership

- Induction ceremonies scheduled for the fall (You GROW, chapters!)
- Newsletters, brochures and marketing materials published (You GROW, chapters!)
- Members accepted committees, chair and convention roles (You GROW, girls!)
- Members pursue career changes and/or advancements (You GROW, girls!)

Once again I leave you with a question,
"Are your hands dirty yet?"



Thank You, NC DKG! NC members, what a memorable and arts-filled experience you delivered in Asheville during the first of our five international confer-

ences! Teamwork was visible everywhere and provided a wonderful model of DKG at its best. Members enjoyed the site, the attractions, the workshops, sessions, and especially the culture of Western NC. They made new friends and reconnected with friends made at previous DKG events. Happiness was palpable wherever I went. Keynote speakers and entertainment were "spot on" in keeping with this conference's theme. NC members under the leadership of Regional Director Elaine Warwick, along with a hardworking steering committee led by Sheila Groves, orchestrated a great conference. Thank you so much. You have energized me for the remaining conferences this summer and the convention to come in 2020. Hope to see you in 2020 in Philadelphia so I can return the hospitality you showed me this summer in Asheville, NC!

Cathy P. Daugherty,
International President



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Deadline Near!

All International Fine Arts Gallery Submissions will be made through Google Forms. The submission form link is [CLOSED](#) after September 15th! Submissions will not be accepted after 11:59pm CST - 9/15/19

For submission procedures, help, and tutorials visit the [Art Gallery website](#), or Tracy Hagan the NC Fine Arts Gallery Liaison @ haganshangout@gmail.com

There are many categories to showcase all of our talented members such as : music, drama, dance, filmmaking, writing and oratory.

Apply for a Foundation Grant

The application window is now open for grants from the Educational Foundation. The application is available under the [Grants tab](#) on the Foundation website, www.ncdkgef.org.



Grants up to \$500 each will be offered in the literacy/learning projects and the continuing education categories. Read about past awardees and their projects in the [brochure on the Giving page](#).

Applications are due **September 30, 2018**.

How Does Your Membership GROW?

Wear your DKG or chapter tee shirt during an event (walk for cancer, diabetes, etc.). Create a banner highlighting DKG to use during these types of events or during a community activity. Have an elevator speech ready to share what DKG is.

Your Membership Tip of the Month is brought to you by the NC DKG Membership Committee, Elizabeth Miars, Chair.

Convention Dates

May 1 - 3, 2020 — NC DKG Convention, Embassy Suites, Greensboro, Region VII

July 7 - 11, 2020 — International Convention, Philadelphia, PA

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

July 11-14, 2022 — International Convention, New Orleans, LA

DKG Emergency Fund is Here

The North Carolina coast has been hit hard by hurricanes the last couple of years, including this month by Hurricane Dorian. NC DKG members have taken advantage of the Emergency Fund to help recover from these disasters.



If chapter members need assistance due to a natural disaster, the International Emergency Fund is here for them. The form is on the Society website under MyDKG and is to be submitted by the chapter president to President Teresa.

Over \$21,000 was collected this summer at the five international conferences for the Emergency Fund. If anyone wants to donate to the fund now, they may go to <https://www.dkg.org/DKGDONATE/DKGDONATE/DonateNow.aspx?itemid=ERFUND> (no login necessary for this link) or donate through MyDKG once logged in. Donations are always appreciated and all funds are used to help members.



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EEC Equals Well-Defined Programs
Supporting Early-Career Educators
By: Tobey Worthington
NC DKG First Vice-President

Supporting Early-Career Educators (SEE) using well-defined programs? What might that look like?

When designing a SEE program, chapters might consider getting first-hand feedback from SEE teachers. What are their biggest challenges/obstacles? How can chapters really help? Using their feedback, chapters can then develop outreach projects that fit the needs of SEE teachers and other educators. This can be done by giving time and supplies or by supporting through mentors who can offer advice and encouragement. Check out ways to support SEE educators at all levels under the [DKG Programs/Projects tab Support Early Career Educators \(once logged in\)](#).

MEMBER SUPPORT

Please continue to keep our members who are having personal health issues or whose family and loved ones need our support in your prayers. It was wonderful to have Barbara in attendance on Saturday after her recent health crisis that landed her in ICU. Mary Brogan says she is on the mend from her knee surgery and appreciates your well wishes. She hopes to be in attendance at the November meeting. Amy's mother is still very ill in the hospital at Harris Regional. As they continue to run tests to diagnose and effectively treat her, they would appreciate your prayers and healing thoughts!

ingles

Annual Fall Ingles Fundraiser deadline is October 14th.

It is time to begin Fall Ingles fundraiser! In the county breakouts at our September meeting, counties decided once again to purchase \$10 Ingles cards for all their BT's for BT Support this year.

We must order at least \$5000 worth of cards. We get to keep 5% of all card sales (there is no maximum amount)! That's \$250 for our Beginning Teacher Support. Although it does not sound like a lot, it will add up fast. The cards are like basic gift cards and as you use them, you can still use your Ingles advantage card with it when you pay for gas or groceries and earn your points and get your discounts!

Those of you that shop for food or gas at Ingles can purchase Ingles cards in advance in any amounts you wish. If you plan to spend \$100 at Ingles in the upcoming month, you can buy \$100 worth of cards. Now days, It's more like \$100 per WEEK with the prices hikes!

You also choose what increments you wish to receive.

For example, for \$100-you could get four \$25 cards, five \$20 cards, ten \$10 cards or one \$100 card. You can also order \$250,\$500,or more- whatever you want. You just need to specify what you want (possibly on the check) or in a note to Julie.

Make the check for the total amount payable to **Alpha Iota**.

Make sure to list increments and how many of each you want to order.

Mail checks to Julie before Oct. 14

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If you have questions, Julie's email address is julie.norcross3@gmail.com or after 3:30 pm, you can call or text her at 828-735-9647.

We plan to distribute these at the November 7th meeting in Bryson City.



International Arts and Humanities Conference Asheville, NC

The Arts & Humanities International Conference was held in Asheville, June 27-29. North Carolina welcomed 480 DKG members and guests from 22 states and 2 countries for three days of fellowship, engagement and inspiration! More than 80 NC members served in volunteer roles throughout the weekend.

Thirteen dedicated Alpha Iota members joined me to serve in various roles over the course of the exciting weekend. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, officially and otherwise: Suzi Cabe, Tracy Hagan, Katherine Parker, Beth Lofquist, Katherine Kantz, Reba Beck, Suzy DesLauriers, Amy Hobbs, Julie Norcross, Barbara El-Khoury, Betsy Garrett and Terry Gribble. Art could be seen and heard everywhere! Our gorgeous mountains and the talented people who reside here were the stars and they shined ever so brightly!



International Arts & Humanities Conference



**“Alpha Iota
in the
House!”**





Dear friends,

As I look to President Teresa's message, one passage especially hit home. "What are you willing to do for this society? Is it time for renovation of NC DKG?" Renovation happens to be a favorite topic of mine. I love looking behind nooks and crannies and finding treasures. As we look to renovate, we should look at areas where we can improve. I believe Alpha Iota is respecting our history while looking to improve the future. Our members are

not afraid of change or new challenges. A great example of this is our members willingness to take on new roles. At our last meeting, Brynn Green, brand new member of the Communications committee, agreed to take the lead and launch an exciting new communication tool to help send out timely reminders via text using the Remind 101 App. Many teachers and principals use this App to communicate with groups in a very efficient way. When you get a request to join, please accept it.

The amount of work our committees carry out continues to amaze me. Many thanks to the diligent efforts of the Rules and Finance committees and our hard-working Executive Board. Your summer meetings help to keep us on top of things. It was so rewarding to see the Scholarship/Grant in Aid committee offer the two mini-grants to members for their classrooms. This idea was brought to the committee last year and they have made it happen! Thank you Alissa Cheek for having those applications ready for member to take with them Saturday! An initial contribution made by Tracy Hagan for establishing this is now supported by our change drive! The mini-grant application has been emailed to you as well as uploaded to our website. I also want to encourage you to apply for the NCDKGEF grant opportunities mentioned in this publications and in the NC DKG NEWS.

In our county break-out sessions a plan for an exciting collaboration with students in multiple classes at Andrews High School and the Schools for Africa Project was initiated. Each county developed methods of delivering your BTS gifts, ranging from at a School board meeting to visits to the school and at district level BT meetings.

My heart is still so full after our meeting on Saturday for many reasons. The laughter, friendship, fellowship, support, creativity, intellect, passion, collaboration and commitment that I witnessed as I visited with each committee and county truly inspired me. The compassion you have for our students and communities is truly commendable. Your donations will be much appreciated by those who need them! We missed the lovely smiling faces of those of you that were unable to attend our September meeting. I look forward to seeing you all in November. Start inviting those new member prospects to the December 7th Auction meeting in Sylva! I am recruiting handmade items from artisan friends and will bring some of my own creations for our auction. It's never too early to start planning.

So in closing, I'll borrow from President Teresa again and ask each of you, "***Are your hands dirty yet?***" Growth requires some hard work. Are you using your talents to benefit Alpha Iota yet? We all have something to contribute.!

Keep Smiling,
Dedra

Chapter Meeting Dates

September 7th Peachtree Memorial Baptist Church, Murphy. Cherokee County Hosting

Nov. 2nd-Bryson City Presbyterian Church -Swain Co. & Jackson County hosting

December 7th- Sylva First Baptist Church -Jackson County- Catered Meal –Must RSVP Hostess

March 7th- Franklin First Baptist Church -Macon County Hosting

May 16th-NCCAT-Cullowhee-Jackson County-Catered meal–Must RSVP Hostess

Dates to Remember

Sept. 14 NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting, Burlington

Sept. 15 International Speaker Fund applications due

Sept. 15 International Fine Arts Gallery Submission end

Sept. 15 Applications due for International Officers and Elected Committee positions

Sept. 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications deadline

Oct. 1 Amendment proposals to International Constitution/ISR due

Oct. 1 Submission deadline for the Bulletin: Journal

Nov. 1 DKGEF Cornet Seminar PD applications due

Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS Dec. 1 DKG Ignite (LMS) applications due

Dec. 15 Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due

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