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CTRL Key Functions

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NC DKG President
Dr. Teresa H. Cowan



Eluding Insanity Looking FRESH

"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results." Remember these wise words from Albert Einstein? I suspect we have all said them countless times. Curious then--have you and your chapter implemented the **FRESH*** approach? Let me share some **FRESH** actions seen across the state as members continue to Ready, Set, **GROW!**

- G** See **Delta Pi GROW!**
Collective poetry project** capitalizes on Generational Diversity
- R** See **Beta Upsilon GROW!**
Research showed Geographical Reps were needed to distribute information over 6 counties
- O** See **Beta Kappa GROW!**
Sharon Stone recognized as Civitan Rookie of the Year: **Opportunities for Leadership** beyond DKG
- W** See **Alpha Omicron GROW!**
Well-defined Zoom program:
Took members on a "World Virtual" Tour

Routine is natural but often creates complacency. In the face of these changing times, embrace change as an opportunity to look **FRESH!** It could be a silver lining to the state of affairs we are all facing.

Questions to consider in the season ahead:
Do you treasure your DKG membership and sisters like others treasure silver? Do your actions throughout the year display that feeling?

*See the President's Message, [Eto Data, November 2020](#)

**Delta Pi - each chapter member is submitting a poem or line of poetry descriptive of their first year of teaching. Pieces will be compiled and shared as a part of their chapter anniversary celebration. Completed piece to be submitted to the International Gallery of Fine Arts.

NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL



The following actions were recently approved by the DKG Administrative Board:

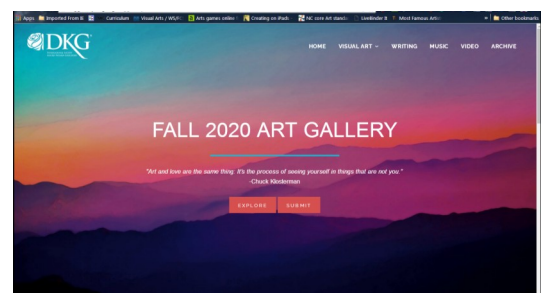
- Approved an expenditure of not more than \$5,000 for Society Headquarters roof repairs.
- Approved the dissolution of San Luis Potosi State Organization.
- Approved the postponement of the International Conference in Europe to 2023 and the site of the conference to be Finland. (*There will only be two International Conferences in 2021.*)

Have you had an opportunity to check out [Annie Webb Blanton's blog](#)? Find her suggestions for "Helping Teachers During the COVID-19 Pandemic" in the latest post.



DKG Art Gallery Has New Look

Check out the new look to the DKG Art Gallery at <http://dkggallery.dkg.org/dkggallery/>. The Fall 2020 collection includes many works from NC DKG members. Browse by clicking the red Explore button or going directly to the topic by the menu bar across the top. The submission window opens **January 15 for the next gallery.**



Scholarship Applications Due Soon

February 1, 2021, the deadline for applying for an NC DKG scholarship, is quickly approaching. Two scholarships are available—one for \$4,000 for doctorate degree one for \$1,000 for post-baccalaureate work.

Applications are available under the Scholarship Committee page on the NC DKG website: <https://www.ncdkg.org/scholarships-committee.html>

New Round of Grants Offered

For the first time, the NC DKG Educational Foundation is offering a Spring cycle of grants!

This new round is in addition to the grant opportunities due each year in September. The deadline for these new grants is **January 31, 2021.**

Grants to be awarded include: Continuing Education, Literacy/Learning Project, Groves-Little Early Career Educator, McCall Gifted Education or Fine Arts, Margaret Church Endowment, Richards Endowment.

Find the applications and more details at <https://www.ncdkgef.org/grants.html> (scroll down to Guidelines for All Grants). The Foundation also sends a huge thank you to all those who supported the Day of Giving, November 20.

The Foundation is approved by the IRS as a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization. Donations may be made anytime through the donation tab at <https://www.ncdkgef.org/donation-page.html>.

EEC Equals Well-Defined Programs

Stay Connected with Chapter, Others

By: *Tobey Worthington, NC DKG First Vice-President*

Having trouble thinking of a program or project for your chapter to do in these times of social distancing? Try these:

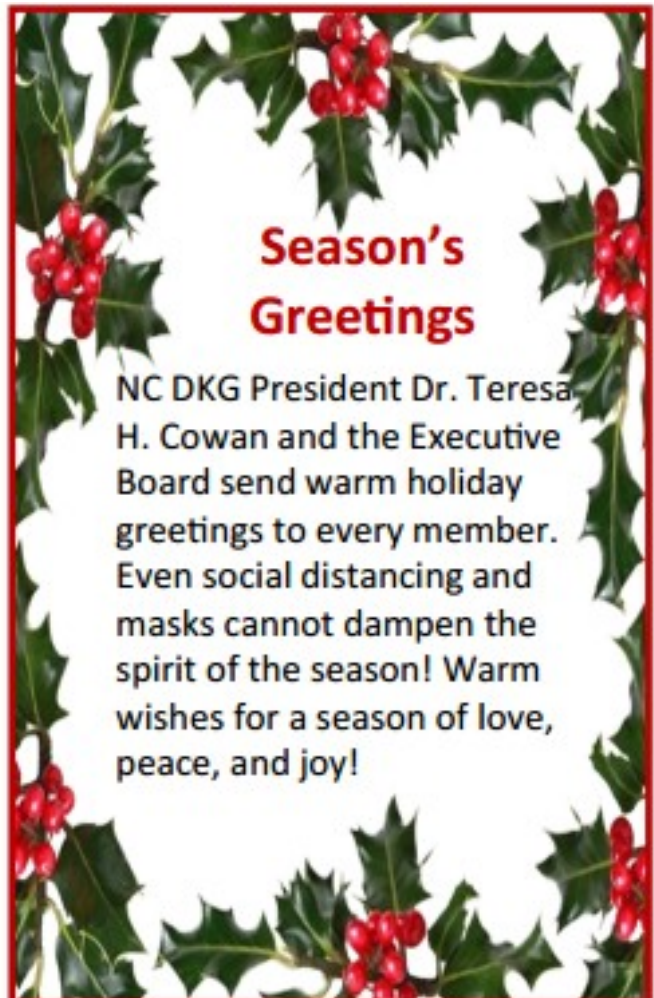
Project: Contact school social workers to find out if there is a family in need of items that your chapter can donate or give money to for supplies. (Delta Chi)



Fundraiser: Conduct a Fine Arts Virtual Auction. Ask members to make something or provide a service that they are talented in, such as playing the piano, singing a song, or sewing something. Conduct an auction in a virtual environment. (Mu)

Program: Use a Bingo game to review and learn about your chapter, NC DKG and DKG International. (Beta Upsilon)

Each chapter can look at their schools and community to stay Ready, Set and GROW!





El-Khouri filled with Christmas Spirit all year!

When the Alpha Iota Executive Board decided to postpone the annual Christmas Auction due to Covid, 19, Barbara El Khouri was none too thrilled! She had been collecting items all year. Members look forward to this huge event and the fun and festivities that ensue. Bidding against each other on items to raise funds for our Grant-in-aid Awards has been a beloved Alpha Iota Christmas tradition for decades.

A creative problem-solver, Barbara volunteered her home for a drop-in yard sale for members to purchase items that she had acquired for the annual event. Many members called, texted and emailed to schedule a visit to stop by to peruse the wide array items available to purchase. Most who know Barb know that she is a master of garnering donations for charitable organizations. She definitely has acquired some of her father's philanthropic spirit. Her one –woman socially distanced fundraiser garnered over \$450 for our chapter! Thank you Barbara! Any member who wishes to make a donation can send them to treasurer Julie Norcross at 861 HWY 28, Robbinsville, NC 28771. We hope the March 13th meeting /auction in Andrews is able to proceed without issue. It would be so wonderful to meet in person once again.

Celebrations and Concerns

As 2020 comes to an end, many of our members are facing tough situations with their health or that of their loved ones. Please remember our members with challenging times ahead.

- Any & all members affected by the Covid 19 virus
- Nancy Norcross's husband Ted recently passed away(Julie's brother in law)
- Lisa Bloom's husband is still undergoing chemotherapy
- Cicely Cable's ongoing health challenges and recent surgeries
- Brynn Green's recent diagnosis. (see her email for details)
- Kim Elliott's husband's recent issues.
- Amy Hobbs's husband Alan's health issues
- The Andrews Community as a 16year old boy was lost in a car accident.

Please let our editor know of all celebrations and concerns [Dedra Davis](#)



Kathryn Kantz
Alpha Iota President

*Hello Dear Alpha Iota Sisters,
Well, we have almost made it through
2020! I hope that everyone is having
a holiday full of love -though you
might be receiving it through Zoom.
The white Christmas certainly added
beauty to the day. Thank you to all of*

*our members who have continued to stick by our group
and attend virtual meetings. It's so important that we
make it through these difficult times of separation and
come back strong when the pandemic is under control.
The Executive Board will continue to evaluate our March
meeting and determine whether we will be able to have an
auction at that time. Please keep our members who are
dealing with personal and family hardships in your
thoughts and prayers to get them through these difficult
times.*

Stay safe and practice the 3 W's:

Wear a mask, Wait six feet apart, and Wash your hands.

Best wishes,

Kathryn



Dates to Remember

Chapter Meetings

***September 19 th -
Macon County - Virtual**

***October 3 rd -
Executive Board Meeting
Virtual**

***November 7 th -
Graham County - Virtual**

***December 5 th -
Jackson County -Virtual**

Auction moved to March

***March 13 th -
Cherokee County (date change
due to Spring Break) TBD**

***May 15 th -
Clay County - Hinton Center
TBD**

IMPORTANT!

February 1st -deadline for new member applications. Please seek out potential new members to become a part of our chapter and have them to complete the membership application found on our Alpha Iota webpage under documents. There you will find is both a pdf or Word file . Completed forms should be sent to Beth Lofquist, our Membership chair .

Mark the Dates



- Dec. 15 *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* submissions due
- Jan. 1 Due date for donations to Delta Dollar\$
- Jan. 3, 2021 DKGIEF project applications due
- Jan. 10 Chapter presidents' photos due to Carol Bostian (see page 3)
- Jan. 15 Regional Directors annual report due
- Jan. 15-Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open
- Jan. 25 ASK Time
- Jan. 31 NC DKG Educational Grants applications due
- Feb. 1 Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Annual Report due
- Feb. 1 Nominations for Founders Award due
- Feb. 1 Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards applications due
- Feb. 1 Scholarship applications due for NC DKG & DKG International
- Feb. 1 *NC DKG News* deadline
- Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submissions due
- Feb. 22 ASK Time
- Mar. 1 Chapter Achievement Awards, Golden Key Award, and Rising Star Award nominations due
- Mar. 1 Requirements for the Newsletter Excellence, Website Excellence and/or Communications Excellence Awards due
- Mar. 1 *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due

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