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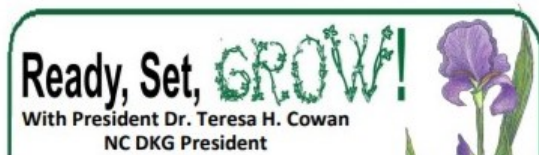
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April 2021

**DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide**



**NC DKG President**  
**Dr. Teresa H. Cowan**



**Lessons Learned from  
Grandma Gatewood**

A chapter president recently introduced me to Grandma Gatewood.\* She is a walking example of "making lemonade out of lemons." Let's see what lessons can be learned as we "walk" with Grandma Gatewood.

**LESSON ONE: Never Quit!**

*"I thought it would be a nice lark."* As a solo female hiker in her late 60's, she found the Appalachian Trail in the 1950's a mess. It was in need of repair, restoration, and remarking. She did not quit or turn back; instead, she finished this notorious trek not once but twice.

**LESSON TWO: Travel light!**

*"Make a rain cape and an over-the-shoulder sling bag, and buy a sturdy pair of Keds tennis shoes."* Carrying minimal supplies meant weight from unnecessary "baggage" was not a problem. She left it behind and relied upon her natural surroundings for items needed.

**LESSON THREE: Make a Difference!**

*"This is no trail. This is a nightmare."* Grandma Gatewood used her experience to make a difference. Many credit her for "saving the trail from extinction" because her advocacy led to much-needed trail maintenance.

Questions to ponder as you walk your trail: Can you see it through? Will you leave behind what is weighing you down? And, how can you use your journey to make a difference?

\*[Appalachian Trail Histories](#)

Thank you, Alpha Nu President, for this inspiration.

**News From International**

**Conference Plans Progressing**

Portland, Oregon, and San Antonio, Texas, are slated to be the sites of two international conferences this summer. Plans are continuing and awaiting a decision whether they will be in-person or virtual or a combination. In the March/April DKG News, published last week, DKG Executive Director Nita Scott addressed the question, "When will we know for sure whether the conferences in Portland and San Antonio will be held in person?" She responded, "The 'magic' time frame for addressing any mandates and restrictions affecting the event is 60–90 days prior to the opening of the conference. We have been in conversations with the hotels, so it is possible that a decision could be made sooner. However, your feedback to surveys, registrations, and hotel reservations, as well as your direct communications with international leaders and staff, are critical." Read the entire article "From the Desk of the Director" that addresses other questions about in-person vs virtual conferences this summer on page 4 of DKG News. Highlights of the Portland and San Antonio conferences, including keynote speakers, schedules at a glance, and area attractions, are included in this issue. A separate article answers questions about conference costs, such as food and beverage expenses, meeting the block of rooms, and registration fees. Other articles in the March/April issue include information about the progress towards the sale of Headquarters, a new submission policy for DKG publications and the Art Gallery, and information from committees.

**International Website:**

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)



**North Carolina  
State Organization**



**Officers to be Voted Upon at Convention Voting will take place via a Google form. The form will be sent only to those registered for the convention.**

Instead of a slate of officers being approved by attendees at a state convention, this year's registrants for the 2021 NC DKG Convention will vote to elect officers from nominees put forth by the Nominations Committee.

Registrants will vote between two qualified candidates for president: Tobey Worthington, current 1st VP. Also nominated is Beth Winstead, current Webmaster. NC DKG 1st VP nominee Hilda Parlér is from Region I. The office of second VP also has two nominees: Carolyn Lane and Tammy Cullom. Both nominees are from Region II. Patty Higgins of Region XI is the nominee for NC DKG Secretary. Announcement of election results by President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan will take place on Saturday, and the installation of the new officers will be live on Sunday afternoon, April 25.

Candidates for each office were shared in the Spring 2021 NC DKG News, found on the state website.

Friday's opening night will also feature a brief meet the candidates opportunity. Each candidate will present her platform.

**Virtual State Convention** will kick off on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Each day that week will feature virtual "tours," recorded showcases, zooms, and activities around the state that all members can enjoy at any time. These will continue through the weekend.

**NC DKG Past on Friday-** The actual convention, for which members will need to register, will begin on Friday evening. That event will feature the presentation of the Founders Award and a "Meet the candidates" session.

**Celebrating the Present on Saturday** -Saturday will kick off at 9:00 a.m. with the Executive Board Meeting. All registered members are invited to participate, but voting will be limited to Executive Board members. Workshops, live and pre-recorded, will be in the afternoon, and the evening session will celebrate the accomplishments of chapters and members, featuring DKG Membership Director Trish Woodley.

**Celebrate the Future on Sunday** Sunday's activities will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the annual meeting of the Educational Foundation, followed by the general session featuring the installation of the newly elected 2021-2023 NC DKG officers and the passing of the gavel.

## Something for Everyone, Even If Not Registered for Convention!

One advantage of a virtual convention is that everyone can participate! With scheduled activities before and after the general meetings and workshops, the 2021 virtual convention strives to involve everyone! Before the meetings convene on Friday evening, April 23, virtual activities will be available each day. Beginning Tuesday, a different area of Region XI, (convention hosts,) will be highlighted through a selection of virtual tours such as the Carl Sandburg home, the Penland School of Crafts., and John C. Campbell Folk School. Also each day, beginning at noon, members can enjoy various NC DKG activities, such as the presentation of award winners and the Ceremony of Remembrance. After the convention ends on Sunday, members can still visit the Virtual Marketplace until April 30 to donate to the convention project (Knickers for a New Life) or the Passing of the House for Headquarters. The Virtual Tours and Virtual Showcases will remain available also. For more specific information on the Virtual Tours or the Virtual Showcases, refer to the Spring issue of NC DKG News on the website and watch social media for times.

[2021 NC DKG Convention Registration](#)

## Amendment Proposals to be Presented at the Convention

Forty-one amendments to the [NC DKG Bylaws](#) and [Standing Rules](#) will be considered during the 2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention.

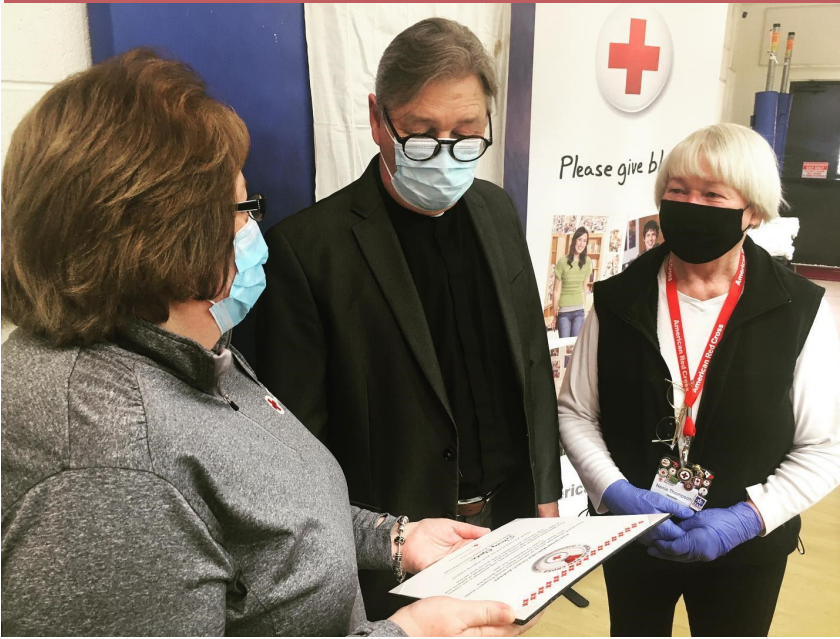
Those proposed amendments are linked above and are posted on the [NC DKG website](#).

On Saturday morning, April 24, the NC DKG Executive Board will vote on whether to recommend each proposal.

The General Business meeting will follow immediately. At this time members will vote on whether the proposed amendments will be adopted.







## WLOS Person of the Week

Photo courtesy of John Le WLOS

John Le, reporter for WLOS News 13 featured one of our members as their “Person of the Week” which aired on Friday March 26th. Nenia Thompson, Alpha Iota member since 2018, is a

much beloved retired HOSA teacher, and RN. Nenia was recognized for her role as an outstanding Red Cross volunteer in her Cherokee County community. Mrs. Thompson has contributed endless hours of time and talent to many worthy causes including the area schools, Boys Scouts and the American Red Cross. One of her biggest passions is coordinating blood drives. The segment states that since 1994 alone, blood drives at the Andrews United Methodist Church have saved an estimated 14,000 lives—huge in a rural community.

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## International Fine Arts Gallery



We received notification that Sandra Marr had two photos accepted into the new Spring DKG International Fine Arts Gallery. Congratulations Sandra! We are so proud of you! Please take time to view her work and consider submitting work of your own in the fall cycle! Our chapter is full of creativity in all fashions!

## Membership Dues Collection– by end of May

Along with the mailing for donations to the Grant in Aid fund, will be the opportunity to mail in your membership dues to our treasurer Julie Norcross . Please see the message from our treasurer....

Hello!! It's already time to think about dues for the upcoming year. I thought it would be a good idea to let you know how the dues are divided up each year.

### Active Members:

To International	\$40.00
To Chapter	20.00
To State	15.00
To Headquarters	3.00
To Scholarship	1.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$79.00</b>

### Reserve Members:

To International	\$20.00
To Chapter	17.00
To State	2.00
To Headquarters	3.00
To Scholarship	1.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$43.00</b>

You may send your dues any time starting now. We do have an option to pay our dues in two installments. If you choose this option, just let me know. Checks need to be made out to Alpha Iota, with dues on the memo line. Please try to have them to me by the end of May. I must have time to process the payments and send our checks to the appropriate places. If you have any questions, please let me know. My address is:

Julie Norcross  
861 Hwy 28  
Robbinsville, NC 28771

This has been a different year. I have really missed seeing everyone in person and can't wait until we can meet together again. Be well!

Julie

## Celebrations and Concerns

**Celebrations:** April Tallant's son Jackson placed 3rd in the Regional Science Fair!

Julie Norcross and Dedra Davis will be retiring at the end of this school year!

Nancy Norcross is doing very well and sends her regards to all!

Terry Gribble will finally be gaining a daughter –in –law and will be celebrating 50 years of wedded bliss!

Andrews Middle school has hired its first a visual arts teacher ,who did his student teaching with Tracy Hagan. Tracy Hagan's son is graduating from Wake Tech with a degree in cyber security.

Sandra Marr is participating with her church in a virtual mission trip , teaching English to German students .

Kathryn Kantz's daughter had her first vocal recital at UNC Chapel Hill.

**Concerns:** Mary Ellen Montague fell and broke her femur. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Cards can be sent to her at 71 Sylvan Heights; Sylva, NC 28779.



Kathryn Kantz  
Alpha Iota President

Greetings Sisters!

Isn't it so great to see spring arriving? As I am looking at my backyard that has been full of violets, but is now starting to look weedy, I'm reminded of a special neighbor I had years ago. One day I came home from a long workday to find my yard mowed and all those weeds gone. I went next door to thank her and she explained why she did it: she had just lost her mother and she was feeling very down. Her mother always told her "when you are feeling down, do something for someone else and it will lift your spirits." I've always remembered that lesson – it is amazing how one positive action can have such wonderful side effects.

We'll be holding our May 15th meeting virtually, but I have great hopes that next fall we will be able to again meet in person. It will be so exciting to spend time together.

With many wishes for a joyful Easter season,

*Stay Safe !*

*Kathryn*



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Alpha Iota Website

<http://alphaiotanc.weebly.com>

Dates to Remember

Chapter Meetings

\*September 19 th -  
Virtual- Macon County -

\*October 3 rd -  
Executive Board Meeting  
Virtual

\*November 7 th -  
Virtual-Graham County

\*December 5 th -  
Virtual-Jackson County

March 13 th - Virtual  
Cherokee County

\*May 15 th -  
Virtual  
Clay County

Mark the dates

State /International  
Convention /Conference

April 23-25, 2021 -  
NC DKG Convention, Virtual Event

July 7-10, 2021  
International Conference, Portland, OR

July 21-24, 2021  
International Conference, San Antonio, TX

April 29-May 1, 2022  
NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort

July 12-16, 2022  
International Convention, New Orleans, LA

April 28-30, 2023  
NC DKG Convention, Greenville

*If you would like to be included in the Alpha Iota  
“Group Me” chat group for text reminders, please  
text Tracie Metz and let her know.  
828-226-3049*

