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"Linking the Past, Present and Future"

"Linking the Past, Present and Future with Fellowship" During my biennium, I have chosen the theme "Linking the Past, Present and Future." I believe it is important to remember our beginnings to continue to work towards our future. If it had not been for the Founders in 1929 taking a risk in creating an organization for women educators, where would we be today? The uncertainty of the world during the past two years has taken a toll on all of us—educators, organizations, and individuals. While there is still uncertainty, we want to work towards continuing forward. As a part of remembering our beginnings, I want to look closely at the purposes of DKG. I will address these purposes for the next several columns. Let's begin by examining the first purpose of the Society: To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship. I have struggled with the wording "genuine spiritual fellowship." After some soul searching and research, I believe that in this case, the word spiritual, written in lower case, is that of a community of like believers. In this, I believe that in DKG, the genuine spiritual fellowship is to comfort, encourage, celebrate each other, and recognize our organization's diversity. After attending both the DKG International Conference in San Antonio and the Leadership Conference in Atlanta, the fellowship of others was the one thing that impacted me the most. I have so missed this over the past months, and I expect we all feel this way. I wish I had a crystal ball to see how the next few months will go with the latest variants of COVID, but we will continue to plan for in-person meetings and add virtual sessions as we find necessary. On each occasion we have to gather, we will schedule a time for fellowship. However, we all need and crave the fellowship of other DKG members. After all, our Founders made this the number one purpose. I encourage you and your chapter to spend some time reconnecting and enjoying the companionship of DKG friends. As two of the speakers in San Antonio mentioned, human connection is necessary to succeed, and the value of belonging is essential. Enjoy fellowship for the well-being of each individual and the health of the chapter. Beth Winstead NC DKG President.

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International Website:
www.dkg.org



NC DKG President
Beth Winstead
2021-2023

Call for Presenters for New Orleans International Convention

Exciting plans are being made for the [2022 International Convention](#) at the Sheraton New Orleans on Canal Street, July 12–16, 2022. [The Presentation Proposal Form](#) is linked here and posted online and is due January 7, 2022. Read more about the convention and watch the invitation video under the Events tab on the DKG website.

DKG Vision Statement
*Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education World-
wide*

DKG Mission Statement
*The Delta Kappa Gamma Soci-
ety International
promotes professional and
personal growth of women
educators and excellence in
education.*





North Carolina
State Organization



Strengthen Your Links Through
 *Membership*

Welcome Fall! The beauty of the season is all around us. As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, the Membership Committee wants each member to know how truly thankful we are for your dedication to NC DKG. Let's reach out to all our members and express appreciation for their talents and gifts they share with children, adults, and the community.

Hotel Reservations, Vendor Form Ready For 2022 Convention

Plans are taking shape for an in-person state convention this spring at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort in Asheville on April 29 to May 1, 2022.

Hotel reservations may be made by calling the toll-free number 1-844-330-0296 (24/7) and mentioning the group name "Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma" in order to receive the special group rate of \$155 for two queen beds. Reservations may also be made online at [Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma](#).

The [vendor form](#) for individuals or chapters wishing to sell in the Convention Marketplace is ready and posted online for applications now. See the vendor form for prices and payment options.

Convention Chair Connie Savell is seeking volunteers for the convention. This is a chance for all members to be involved! A variety of options are available to enhance members' convention experience and are listed on the [volunteer form](#). A link will be shared later to sign up for specific times.

Watch for more information coming soon on the Convention Program Ad form and Workshop Presenters form. Be talking with your chapter members now about ads and encouraging members to present!

Scholarship Applications Posted Online

One of the DKG Purposes is "To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators." NC DKG offers scholarships for postbaccalaureate and doctorate studies. [Applications](#) are now online and are due February 1, 2022. (There is also a link on the NC DKG homepage.)

Information requested for the application includes three letters of reference, official transcripts or documentation of enrollment in the program, a copy of a current teaching/administration license, an essay on what DKG means to you, and a listing of related DKG experiences. Applicants are encouraged to begin gathering application materials now.

Contact Scholarship Committee Chair [Michelle Benigno](#) with questions.

Over 30 scholarships are awarded each year through the DKG International Educators Foundation ([DKGIEF](#)) to members pursuing advanced degrees. Scholarships for those seeking other graduate studies are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000. Those applications are also due February 1, 2022.

NC DKG members may apply for both an NC DKG and an International scholarship within a given year. The membership requirement for International applicants is three years for doctoral studies and one year for other graduate studies and two calendar years from induction for NC DKG.

NC DKG Educational Foundation also offers scholarships. The Spring grant cycle will include awarding five grants, as well as the Groves-Little, Richards, Simmons-Longest, and the Church. The due date for these is January 31, 2022.



Great news related to The Day of Giving. Currently the total amount donated is \$6185. We more than surpassed last year's goal. Rumor has it that some more donations are on the way. So, if you didn't get the opportunity to donate on Saturday, donations are still being accepted! Heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated. Each year NC DKG Educational Foundation designates November 20 as a Day of Giving.



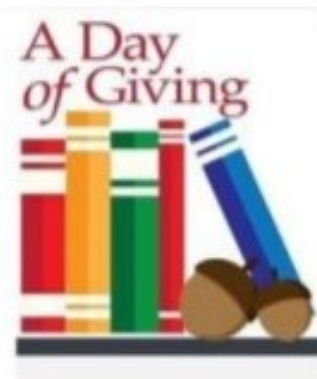
Day of Giving

Again this year, the NC DKG Educational Foundation will sponsor A Day of Giving. The Board encourages every member to donate \$5 on this day.

Last year's Day of Giving raised \$5,155 and the goal this year is to top that amount!

The Foundation gave over \$25,000 in grants and scholarships to educators last year and over \$67,000 since the Foundation received its 501(c)3 status in January, 2015. It has two grant cycles a year.

A Day of Giving celebrates the Educational Foundation, and is a day for members to show our DKG pride and gratitude for the work of the Foundation and its impact on chapters and members in NC.



Meeting Details for 2021-2022

<u>General Reminders</u> Meetings begin at 10 AM.	Date	Hosting County	Agenda Highlights	Opportunities of support
<p>Meetings will be available both in person and virtually.</p> <p>Our chapter will adhere to CDC recommendations regarding face coverings and social distancing.</p> <p><u>A mask is required for unvaccinated members.</u></p> <p>Thank you for supporting our colleagues who may care for others or their own health concerns that place them and their families at greater risk for complications due to COVID-19.</p>	Sept 11, 2021	Macon	Installation of Officers Ceremony of Induction for New Members <i>Special by Dedra Davis</i>	Meal Donation 50/50 Raffle Brag & Pay \$ Jar
	Nov 6, 2021	Graham	County & Committee Break Out Sessions <i>Special by Barbara El- Khouri</i>	Meal Donation 50/50 Raffle Brag & Pay Book Exchange
	Dec 4, 2021	Jackson	December Auction	Brag & Pay Animal Treats
	March 19, 2022	Cherokee	Committee Updates <i>Special by Terry Gribble</i>	Meal Donation 50/50 Raffle Brag & Pay \$ Jar
	May 14, 2022	Clay	Founders Day Celebration Catered meal Ceremony of Induction for New Members	50/50 Raffle Brag & Pay Book Exchange

*Your generosity goes a long way . . .*50/50 Raffle - Schools for Africa (SFA)

The SFA mission involves providing access to quality, basic education for children, focusing on girls, orphans and other vulnerable youngsters. https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Schools_for_Africa.aspx

Book Exchange - Mara Academy

Our approach helps local communities and rural Maasai schools identify the most talented and vulnerable children and offer a development plan for them at MaraGirls. <https://mglschool.com/>

Brag & Pay - World Fellowship

World Fellowships are awarded to non-member women educators who are continuing their education.

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/DKGIEF/Funds/World_Fellowship_Fund.aspx

Only available once a year - animal treats at the December auction support this fund.

December Auction: Grant in Aid

Our local chapter provides two scholarships for students pursuing a degree in the field of education.

Meal Donation: General fund

The host county provides the meal for the event at no cost to our organization. A donation of \$15 is recommended. This combined effort has bolstered our general account making it possible to give generously to our focused priorities.

Money (\$ Jar) - Classroom Teacher Mini-Grants

These mini-grants in the amount of \$125 is intended to support special projects or activities in the classrooms of current Alpha Iota members.

Beginning Teacher Support Fundraiser



We ordered \$9590 worth of Ingles cards for our fall fundraiser. Therefore, we earned \$479.50 for our Beginning Teacher Support project. This August our counties had 95 beginning first year teachers. Due to the extremely large number of beginning teachers, members voted to use money from the general fund to cover the cost of 95 \$10 cards for our BT's. Overall, the sale this year was a huge success! Thank you to all who purchased cards this year.

Member receives stipend from NC Arboretum

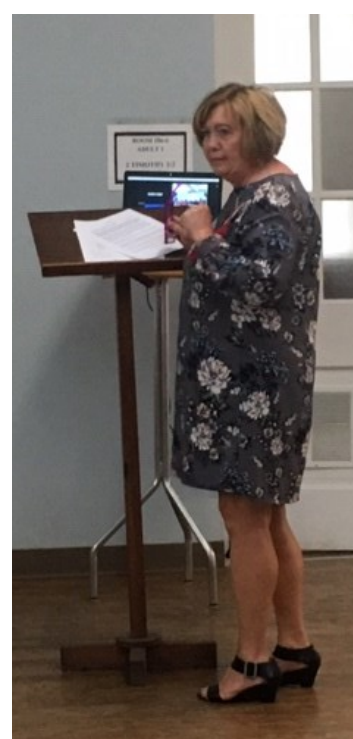
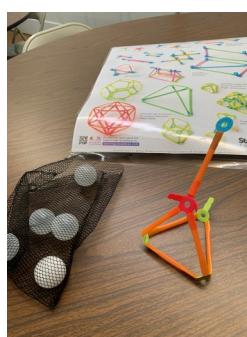
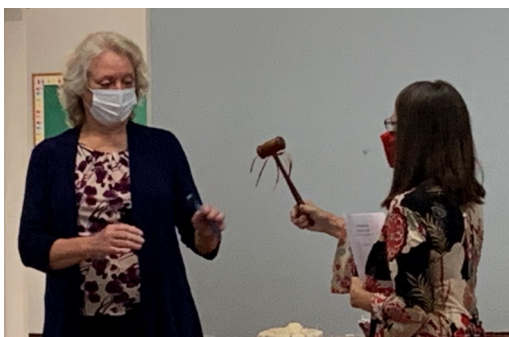
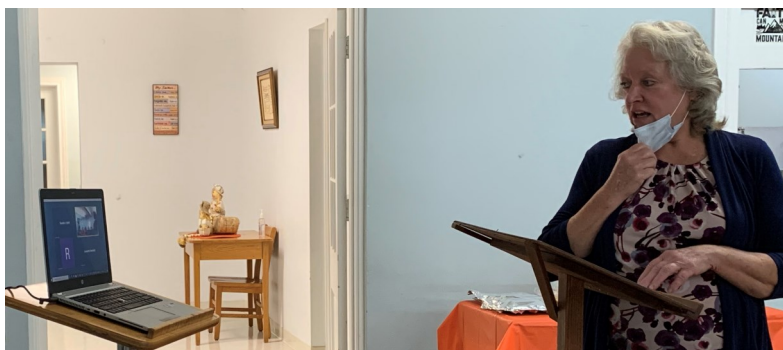


Rita Hubbs has recently been awarded a \$100 stipend for a "Project EXPLORE" by the NC Arboretum. This is a two year program that is designed to help students learn more about how climate change affects their own ecosystems.

Rita will be implementing a unit to track the "leaf out" timings of the trees on school grounds. Rita says she is very excited and grateful for the award. Rita is from Macon County and teaches science at Franklin High School. Congratulations and well done, Rita!

Christmas Auction! The big day we have all been waiting for is quickly approaching. Saturday, December 4th, is just around the corner! Gather your items for the live auction, silent auction, yard sale tables. There are always some delicious home baked goods and hand-crafted items by our talented members! We will surely have a good time as you purchase some items for your Christmas. this year! As always, our proceeds provide the funds our annual grant-in-aid awards given each spring to deserving future teachers. Please bring lots of items to auction. Plan to arrive between 9:15-9:45 AM to display your items. The event begins at 10 AM.

First Face to Face meeting in September!





Members in the spotlight- Celebrating Suzy!

Suzanne DesLauriers from Clay County, recently had a well attended opening at her most recent art show “Paintings Are Stories” at “Mountain Crowns” in Brasstown. The show includes watercolors, pastels and acrylic landscapes and some original paintings for the

John C Campbell Folk School catalogs and cookbook covers and the recent embellished botanical print series. Suzanne is the Resident Artist at Crane Creek Winery & Blue Ridge Mountain Art Center. Her beautiful art work is always a hot item at our Christmas auction. Suzanne also recently had two of her botanical eco prints accepted into the DKG International Fine arts Gallery this Fall. Pictured on the right is “Iron Weed and Eucalyptus” - Ink and Eco Print - Congratulations Suzy! Suzanne was inducted into Alpha Iota chapter in the fall of 2013.



Celebrations and Concerns

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



Kathryn Kantz
Alpha Iota President

Hello Alpha Iota Sisters,

How wonderful that we have now had two face-to-face meetings!

For those of you who have not yet attended, I want to share how conscientious our members have been at each meeting to take steps to ensure that all safety measures are being taken. Masks are worn by most people, even if they are vaccinated, and seating is spaced so people are spread out. I hope as the year goes on more and more of our members will rejoin us.

As I read through the message (at the front of this newsletter) from our State President, Beth Winstead, I was reminded of the fact that members of all chapters across the country benefit from a community of like minds: of educators who have had the same experiences, of women who work for the good of the community, of people who care about and for children. Even on those meeting Saturdays when we want to sleep late or have tasks that are hanging over our heads, seeing each other is always uplifting and rejuvenating. We are reminded of how the connections we have with one another support us. Beth's theme is "Linking the Past, Present, and Future with Fellowship." Let's think about the future of our group: Think about the benefits that being a member of our group could bring to a coworker or friend of yours. Think about how adding members can add energy and new ideas to our group. Think about how expanding our group can give everyone an opportunity for new friends and collaborations. I hope that each of us will think about the educators we know and invite them to consider membership. Perhaps they would enjoy the December auction? There are lots of excellent educators out there who would be wonderful assets to Alpha Iota. Let's recruit them!

I'm cooking for the December auction – trying to see how many lemon buttermilk pound cakes I can make on these clear cold days (they seem to fall if it's raining). Looking forward to seeing everyone and competing for some special items!

Stay Safe !
Kathryn



Alpha Iota Website

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<http://alphaiotanc.weebly.com>

Alpha Iota Dates

2021

December 4 – 9:15 am set up 10:00 meeting time. Annual Christmas Auction—First Baptist Church Sylva

2022

March 19 – 10 am Andrews United Methodist Church

May 14th -10 am Clay County Hinton Rural Life Center

NC DKG Dates to Remember



2021

- Sept. 10 Deadline to register for NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting
- Sept. 18 NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting, Greensboro Embassy Suites
- Sept. 27 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Sept. 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grant applications due
- Oct. 25 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Oct. 27 NC DKG Founders Day
- Nov. 1 NC DKG News deadline
- Nov. 22 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Dec. 15 Chapter directory due to regional director

International Dates to Remember

2021

- Aug. 15-Sept. 15 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts submission window open
- Sept. 15 International Speaker applications due
- Sept. 15 Applications due for International Officers & Elected Committee positions
- Sept. 30 Deadline to enter dues into portal to avoid members being dropped
- Oct. 1 Amendment proposals to DKG Constitution/ISR due
- Oct. 1 Bulletin: Journal submissions due
- Nov. 1 Applications due for DKGIEF Cometet Individual and Seminar PD Awards
- Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS
- Dec. 1 DKG Ignite (LMS) applications due
- Dec. 15 Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due

Conference & Convention Dates

2022

- Apr. 29-May 1 NC DKG Convention
Crowne Plaza Resort - Asheville, NC
- Jul. 12-16 2022 International Convention
New Orleans, LA

2023

- Apr. 28-30 NC DKG Convention
Greenville, NC

