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Next Meeting
March 19 2022
@ 10 am

**Andrews United
Methodist Church**
Andrews, NC



**DKG International Art
Gallery Call for Spring
Submissions!**

Submissions now open
Jan. 15th – Feb. 15th .
You can do this!

Contact **Dedra Davis**
NC DKG Liaison to
International Arts &
Humanities Jury if you
have questions or need
assistance.



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"Linking the Past, Present and Future"



NC DKG President
Beth Winstead

Linking the Past, Present and Future



DKG Purpose II: To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education

This is the second Purpose the Founders of Delta Kappa Gamma listed. NC DKG has several ways to honor members at the state level, such as the Golden Key and Rising Star. We also have the Founders Award that can be given to members or non-members in odd-numbered years. The Beginning Teacher Support Committee has an award for beginning teachers, and the NC DKG Educational Foundation has ways to honor current educators. Many chapters also recognize members throughout the year.

Now, look at this Purpose again. I believe being a member of DKG *is* the honor. In other words, the greatest honor you have been given is to be nominated to be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. We are an honor society. **You** have given or evidenced potential for distinctive service in education!

Take pride in that honor and work towards ensuring NC DKG and Delta Kappa Gamma are here to honor future generations of women educators.

Beth Winstead
NC DKG President

Just Say YES to Stepping into Chapter Leadership

As your chapter selects its next slate of officers, what will YOU say when asked to serve on the leadership team for the next biennium? Answering YES may improve your negotiation and communication skills, give you greater self-confidence both in DKG and other life experiences, and enhance your understanding of the Society. If asked, consider it an honor that your chapter has bestowed on you and decide whether the time might be right for you to accept that honor. The members have confidence in your leadership skills and abilities to lead the chapter forward over the next 2 years. Consider their request, and accept the nomination if your life circumstances allow...just say YES!

All DKG members have leadership skills, and working with your chapter leadership team will surely enhance those skills. Remember, you will be a part of a team working together for the good of the chapter. Know that your members will support your efforts, and past leadership team members will be there to mentor you. If you are unsure what your responsibilities may involve, talk with current or past leadership team members. You will also find helpful information regarding the responsibilities of positions on the DKG website.

Go to www.dkg.org > Resources > Chapter Tools > [Chapter Leader Guidelines](#) to access helpful publications that explain the responsibilities of positions. Under the Chapter Tools tab is a Chapter Leaders Calendar so you can easily find important deadlines. The President's Page, a newsletter for chapter presidents, provides helpful information for all chapter leaders.

The responsibility for the well-being of the chapter rests with ALL of its members. What can YOU do?

- Be supportive of your new leaders by being open to new methods and ideas.
- Help leaders to grow and develop in their new roles.
- Be willing to serve on committees as requested by your leadership team.
- Support and thank leaders for their service to your chapter.

The DKG International Leadership Development Committee hopes that many women will step forward and accept a nomination to serve their chapter! By saying YES, you will not only help your chapter but be greatly enriched as well. Your members will enthusiastically support you!





North Carolina
State Organization



Educational Excellence

There have been several state legislative issues/bills that affect our families and their students related to how they will be instructed, learn and live. Chapters are encouraged to communicate with national, state, and local legislators concerning issues involving education, women, and children. Cultural diversity and equity in all schools are areas of major concern. Reach out on your own or with your chapter to learn more in order to increase your understanding. Invite legislators to join a meeting to bring you up to date or attend an NC General Assembly session related to the issues and your concerns.

Your EEC Tip of the Month is brought to you by [Hilda Parlér](#), NC DKG First VP, EEC chair.

Register and Participate in the 2022 Convention

With a new year comes new beginnings! Make this the year you participate fully in the 2022 NC DKG Convention to be held in Asheville on April 29-May 1 by presenting a workshop, honoring a friend with an ad, raising money for your chapter by being a vendor, and volunteering your time.

The [proposal form](#) to present a workshop is on the [NC DKG Convention webpage](#) and is due January 25. Proposals should fall into one of the four focus strands—Teaching and Learning, DKG Society, Self-Care, and Creative Fun. Contact Second Vice President [Tammy Cullom](#), workshop coordinator, with questions. Ads for the convention program, due March 15, are a great way to honor/ memorialize chapter members or celebrate chapter projects. Program editor [Carol Bostian](#) will be happy to help you create the ad or brainstorm your topic with you. Vendors are needed for the Marketplace to be open on Saturday afternoon. Fill out the [Vendor form](#) or contact Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon with questions. [Volunteers](#) will make this convention successful. There are lots of ways to help, so check out the form or contact Convention Chair [Connie Savell](#).

Strengthen Your Links Through



Membership

As we close this unprecedented year of 2021, connect with all your members and encourage them during the holidays. We all look forward to a different 2022 with positive changes and time to connect together as we continue to make a difference in our communities as NC DKG Women Educators. May your holidays be filled with joy, peace, and love!

Your Membership Tip of the Month is brought to you by the NC DKG Membership Committee, Susie Miller, chair.



It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we share that the Membership Tip above will be Susie Miller's last one. It seemed fitting to repeat it from the December NC Data issue, as it illustrates Susie's caring and compassionate nature. She was a valued leader, willing to take on anything asked of her with a smile. She fought a hard battle against COVID complications. She will be greatly missed.

Evelyn "Susie" Miller
Gamma Delta Chapter, Region IX



Leadership Links Everyone



Sometimes life gets busy, and we can get into a "rut." It is during these times that we most need to be open to growth. Try something new, change a habit, or take a class. By focusing on growth, we can break free from those entrenched habits that may be weighing us down.

This Leadership Tip of the Month is contributed by Leadership Development Committee Chair [Lori Holguin](#).



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.



MANNA FOODBANK
2022 NC DKG
CONVENTION PROJECT

The convention planning committee has selected the Mountain Area Nutritional Needs Alliance (MANNA) FoodBank as the convention project for 2022. A private, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and member of Feeding America, MANNA works to end food insecurity in the mountains of Western North Carolina.



Our Scholarship committee would like to give a “Shout-out” to Alpha Iota past grant-in-aid recipient , Ashlee O'Dwyer, a graduate of Blue Ridge Early College in Jackson County. Ashlee has been named a finalist for the NCCAT Beginning Teacher of the Year! Ashlee is teaching in Transylvania County Schools. Below is the Press Release from DPI.

NCCAT Beginning Teacher of the Year Finalists Named

Twenty-seven teachers from across North Carolina have been selected as finalists for the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) 2022 Prudential NC Beginning Teacher of the Year Award in honor of their dedication, innovation and ability to inspire students to achieve.

One of the finalists will be named the NCCAT 2022 Prudential NC Beginning Teacher of the Year. The award is scheduled to be presented Feb. 17, 2022, at the Bardo Center on Western Carolina University campus.

NCCAT Executive Director M. Brock Womble said the 27 teachers have all gotten off to a strong start as educators and that their schools and students are the real winners.

“Public school educators across our state work hard every day to make an impact on the lives of North Carolina students,” Womble said. “Taking time to honor excellent beginning educators across our state through the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) 2022 Prudential NC Beginning Teacher of the Year program is important, as we are continually striving to elevate the teaching profession and emphasize the significance of the work they do every day.

“Congratulations to these finalists and the school districts they represent. We look forward to having them with us for a week of professional development and a special night to honor the teaching profession.”

NCCAT provides professional development for educators from across North Carolina. With its main campus in Cullowhee and a second campus on Ocracoke Island, NCCAT offers programs and seminars designed to provide North Carolina teachers activities structured to develop renewed enthusiasm for teaching. The focus of NCCAT is year-round series of residential programs that incorporate the N. C. Standard Course of Study, which defines what students are expected to know and be able to do by the end of each school year or course.

NCCAT is funded as part of the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

Celebrations and Concerns

Please remember Tracie Metz, as her father recently passed away. Dedra Davis requests prayers for her mother’s recent health concerns. Please remember Gail Debnam in your prayers as she will soon be having a replacement surgery. Dr. Jeanette Headrick’s family had a tragic loss of three family members recently and prayers would be appreciated. Please send all celebrations and concerns to our [editor](#).

Our Regional Director Julia Keyse is inviting members to virtually attend the upcoming Region XI Virtual gathering event opportunity. Please see the **Brunch and Books** promotional information for details! What excellent books have you been reading and would like to recommend to other members of DKG across our region?

Brunch & Books

What: *A virtual book sharing event that allows attendees to share one (or more, if time permits) favorite book that she would recommend women read.*

When: *Saturday, February 26, 2022 @10:00-11:30*

Where: *Zoom (the link will come closer to 2/26/22)*

Who: *Region XI DKG Member and Guests*

Why: *Region XI has wonderful and intelligent women who share a bond as educators. During the Brunch & Books event, the members will meet other DKG women and share fellowship and book titles.*



Bring: *Your own brunch.....and a book!*

Meeting Details for 2021-2022

In December, member Dorothe Johnson Willson won an award from WCU for Outstanding Clinical Educator. “I am so honored for this nomination. Also one of the professors commented that I am referenced in the education department as a ‘superhost’ for always having a positive influence on upcoming educators and helping the students transition into the role as a teacher. Listening to these words from this professor just made my heart sing.” Dorothe lives in Haywood County and is a kindergarten teacher at Scotts Creek Elementary. Dorothe moved to WNC from Wilmington. She recently transferred her membership to Alpha Iota Chapter. The December meeting was her very first face to face meeting with us! Welcome and congratulations !



Christmas auction highlights



Our annual grant-in-aid fundraising auction was managed so beautifully by our Jackson county members! A fabulous potato and salad bar was provided by our holiday hostesses as well as some delectable desserts! Members from across our area showed up for the exciting event and donated some amazing items for the cause. It was so wonderful to have the auction once again after missing it in 2020.

Despite somewhat smaller attendance than previous years, we raised an impressive amount of \$2647.50 for mission of the day.

In addition to beautiful handicrafts and art, notice all the baskets and boxes of homemade deliciousness!

The Snoopy cookie jar was full of goodies as well! Members that were unable to attend sent donations of goods and monetary donations to go towards the grant funds. Thanks for your amazing contributions and support! We hope to see you at our next meeting in March!



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Going, going, gone!





Kathryn Kantz
Alpha Iota President

Greetings Alpha Iota Sisters,

I am always amazed at the rejuvenation that occurs when we gather as a group. The positive energy that was generated at our December auction was wonderful! A huge thank you to all the people who contributed items for the auction and to our auctioneer, Beth Lofquist, and her helpers, Lisa Bloom and Tracie Metz. What fun to share time and many laughs

together! At our December meeting our chapter received a beautiful DKG tuffet, created by Dorothie Willson's mother, who is a longtime member of DKG. What a wonderful gift for us to enjoy for years to come! (See photo)

I am sure that everyone is being very careful right now with the Covid 19 omicron surge. However, it looks like the larger cities are seeing a reduction in cases. Please be sure to check out the newsletter article on page 5 about the virtual Region XI Brunch and Books opportunity next month. I'm hoping that we will be able to meet in person for the March meeting. It is always such a joy to spend time together.

Stay Safe !
Kathryn



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Alpha Iota Dates

2022

**March 19 – 10 am Andrews
United Methodist Church**

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

Remember to consider inviting a deserving educator for membership in our chapter. Our Membership chair Dr. Beth Lofquist can answer any questions you may have. We typically vote on new members in March.



International Website:
www.dkg.org

NC DKG Website:

Alpha Iota Website
<https://alphaiota.nc.weebly.com>



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