



ALPHA DELTA NEWS

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
NC DKG State Organization
Alpha Delta Chapter
Region VII
Caswell/Rockingham Counties

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

I have had a hard time putting together my message this month. Uncertainty and concern about the present state of things are heavy on us all. I have not lost close loved ones during the past months as several of our members have, and my heart goes out to you as you deal with such profound grief. Yet, sometimes the sadness about all the loss and separation of the past year seems overwhelming.

Still, there is much to be grateful for. Springtime in our state is a lovely time of year and the bright colors all around us lift our spirits. Vaccines are becoming widely available and give us hope of finally getting to the other side of this pandemic. Students are returning to in-person classes

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

and we are able to move about a bit more freely.

Another bright spot in the past year I want to mention is the example of humanitarian Dolly Parton. I was thrilled when I saw that she was recognized by Delta Kappa Gamma International as an honorary member last summer. An iconic singer, songwriter, and actress, Dolly is also truly an educator. She has taught others through her sensitive songs about the love of family, the struggles of the worker, and the difficulties of poverty. The DKG recognition, I believe, was based primarily on her work in literacy through her Imagination Library program. What a wonderful gift each child in this program receives—a book every month from birth to age five. Millions of children have benefitted from Dolly Parton’s vision and generosity.

In 2020, Dolly made headlines once again by giving one million dollars to the development of a COVID-19 vaccine at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Then, after the vaccine became available, and even at age 75 herself, she was such a great model for others in refusing to get the vaccine until those more vulnerable to the

terrible virus were vaccinated first. Sending out a “call for kindness” on her most recent birthday, Dolly Parton has shown herself to be a lifelong learner and educator, a role model for us in a very challenging time. I am very glad that Delta Kappa Gamma International selected her for honorary membership in our organization!

In hope and friendship,

D. Russell Contact Request



Photo by D. Russell

This lovely scene is from the beach home so graciously offered by one of our members for our Alpha Delta auction in 2019. Our family spent a quiet enjoyable week there recently.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 1 Deadline for applications for Cornetet Individual PD Awards*
- May 1 NC DKG News deadline*
- May 2 ASK Time*
- May 7 Alpha Delta Zoom Meeting*
- May 11 DKG Founders Day*
- May 15 Bulletin: Journal submissions due*
- June 8 Early registration deadline for Portland conference*
- June 23 Early registration deadline for San Antonio conference*
- June 28 ASK Time*
- June 30 Membership dues due to chapter treasurers*
- July 1 New Biennium begins*
- July International Conferences (two dates and locations)*



Alpha Delta Membership Request

All Alpha Delta members are asked to update their membership information for chapter records using Form 82 Member Biographical Sheet. A link to the form which will open in a Word document is provided on the Alpha Delta website under the Activities Tab. Click on Forms on the drop-down menu and select Form 82. Please print, complete, and mail this form to Carol H., Membership Chair, as soon as possible. The Alpha Delta

Membership Nomination Form is located in the same place. Members are encouraged to nominate a worthy educator for membership in our chapter. Nomination forms may also be mailed to the membership chair. Her address should be in your book. The forms will also be attached to the newsletter email.

Tip: The biographical sheet is an editable word document. If you download it you can type your information in before printing!

Keep up to date!
Visit the International Website...



International Website: <https://www.dkg.org>.

NC DKG Website: <https://www.ncdkg.org>.

Alpha Delta Website:
<https://ncalphadelta.weebly.com/>

**NC DKG 2021 State Convention
Report by D. Russell:**

The 2021 convention, led by NC DKG State President Dr. Teresa Cowan, was a virtual one, and, even though attendees missed meeting their Delta Kappa Gamma sisters in person, convention events were very successful.

Eighty-six chapters (of the 96 in North Carolina) were represented at the convention, with representatives of all the chapters in Region VII in attendance. Many of the elements of the convention—virtual showcases of awards, presentations of chapter presidents and regional directors, the Ceremony of Remembrance, and tours of attractions in the Asheville, NC area—are available now and soon will be archived on

the state website for the coming year under “News”-- Meeting Documents. <https://www.ncdkg.org/>

The Virtual Marketplace was especially effective with sales equaling or exceeding those of previous years. NC DKG leadership will look into making the Marketplace available year-round for individual chapters to market their fundraisers.

The newly elected NC DKG President is Beth Winstead, who has served the past 14 years as state webmaster.

The positions of state webmaster and Executive Secretary now need to be filled. If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, or to be appointed a member of a state committee, see the state NC DKG website.

Alpha Delta ad on page 76 of the NC DKG State Convention program

Congratulations!

Marguerite Holt, Sara Quinn, and Hilda Pugh
for your 50 years of membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society



Alpha Delta Chapter Region VII



Convention Dates

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

Member Spotlight Information

Members are the shining stars of DKG, and both North Carolina and International are highlighting members who are showing leadership and excellence in professional and personal ways that make them stars.

NC DKG is honoring member excellence in a prime spot on the homepage of the website. Anyone may nominate an NC DKG member for the spotlight. Use the link under the spotlight section to find the Member Spotlight Nomination form.

International is also spotlighting a member on the DKG homepage and includes chapters and state organizations in their nomination process. There is a link under the spot light section to read more about the honoree and to find the nomination form.

NC DKG has many worthy members for the state and international spotlight sections! Nominate someone from your chapter today.

DKG wants your input!

Survey Says . . .

Have you taken the survey on the DKG homepage? DKG President Becky Sadowski is encouraging members to answer the current survey question to help guide decisions about the 2021 summer conferences. She says, “As we move forward with planning for 2021 International conferences, we are offering an opportunity for members to share their thoughts regarding attendance at these DKG events.” Are you ready? Go to the DKG website and sign in. Look in the upper right section of the page to find the survey question. You may need to scroll down to submit your response. The survey question changes periodically, so check back often to share your thoughts on each question. Your input is valuable to planning and operations.



PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL NEWS

Note from K. Pasour:

As many of you may recall, I am continuing my quest to be an author. Currently, I am in the midst of a blog series on public schooling in America. The post is creating some online discussion. I invite you to take a look and join the discussion. You can find my website at www.katherinepasour.com, then click the blog tab. If you are so inclined and want to help me in my quest, please subscribe to my blog. You will not be overwhelmed with junk emails, but will receive an email announcement each week when my blog is posted.

I have the first draft of a devotional for beginning college students completed and am seeking a publisher. Publishers now require authors to have a strong and established marketing platform (in advance). One of their measures of the author's future chances of success is based on the potential author's social media success. The numbers they look at are: subscribers to blog, number of visitors to blog, Twitter followers, Instagram followers, friends on Facebook, likes on Facebook author pages, etc. That sounds terrible, doesn't it--to have the possibility of a publishing contract to rest on social media presence?

I appreciate your thoughts and prayers on my journey and if you are active on social media, I will be most grateful if you reach out to me on any of the sites listed above that you participate in. You can look for me as "Katherine Pasour". Please feel free to email me if you have questions.

Thank you,
Winky

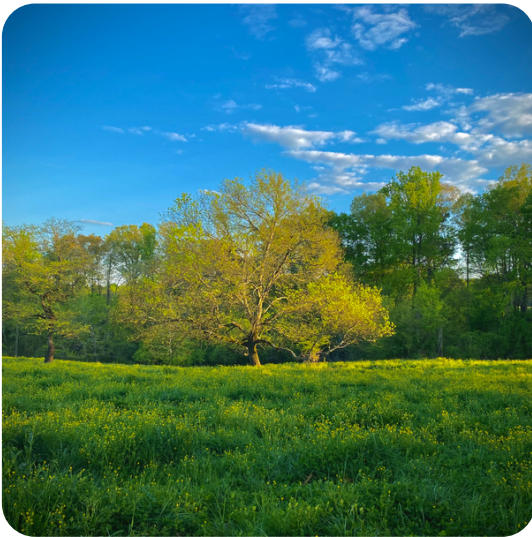
*Winky's new grandson
Kyler at 7 weeks!*



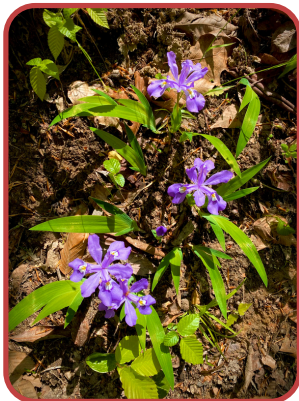
Debbie and Marguerite worked on the committee that prepared the recent *Griggs vs. Duke Power Co.* exhibit at the Museum and Archives of Rockingham County. The exhibit had a virtual opening on March 8, 2021, commemorating the Fiftieth anniversary of this important Supreme Court decision on workplace equity. The case originated in Rockingham County at the Duke Power Steam station where the 13 plaintiffs worked. The museum also seeks artifacts related to your experiences during the pandemic. Check the museum website for a link to a video about the Griggs exhibit and to donate items to the MARC.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL NEWS (CONTINUED)

From S. Lassiter--I've begun my spring hiking and have had several excellent adventures with friends already, some close to home and some further afield. I'm especially interested in the spring ephemeral wildflowers like these Crested Dwarf Iris. Then sometimes I return home and look out my front door to see the afternoon light striking these trees just so. It has been a beautiful spring . . . so far.



Nature Photos by S. Lassiter



Spring Bushes

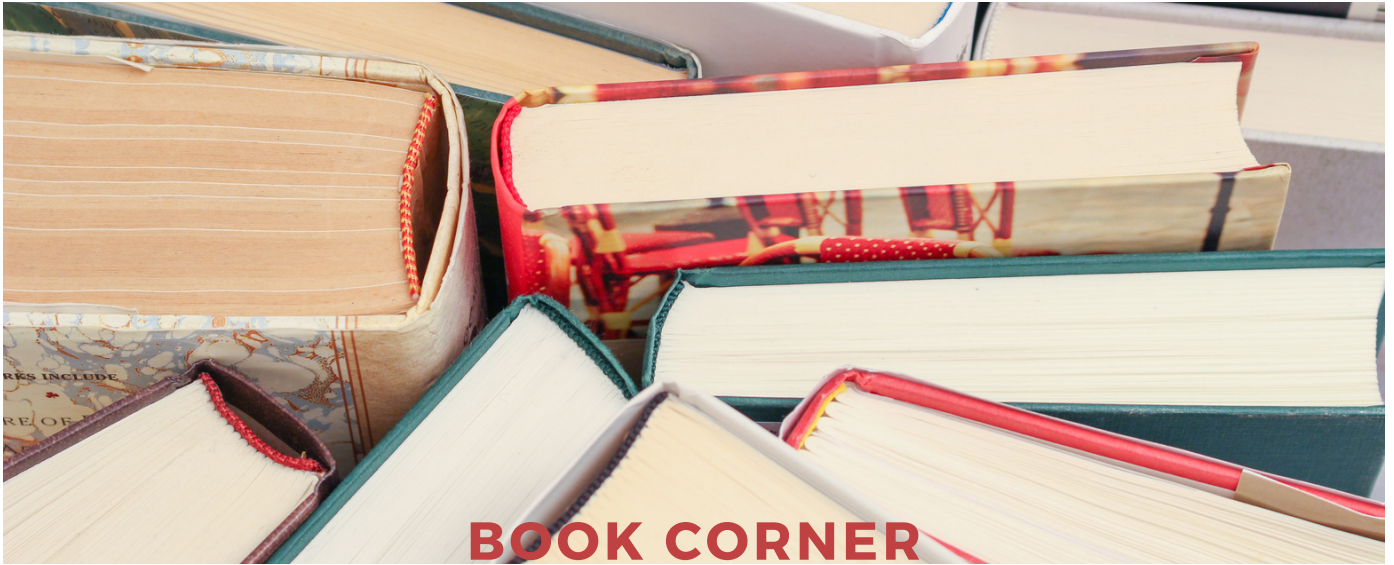
Photo by J. Rice



- April 19 Paige M.
- 19 Carolyn R.
- May 6 Norma W.
- 15 Nell R.
- 19 Marguerite H.
- 31 Susan T.
- June 2 Carol S.
- 3 Catherine M.
- 7 Winky P.
- 13 Sharon V.
- 24 Kathryn S.



**Our Next Meeting
is Friday May 7th
7 PM on Zoom**



What are we reading?

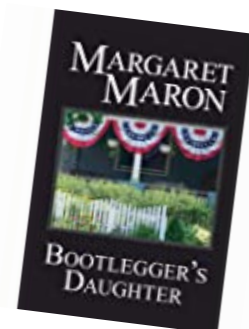
C. Lester relates that much of her reading lately has been of the “beach” variety and recommends the trilogy by **Jojo Moyes**: **Me Before You**, **After You** and **Still Me**.



C. Holcomb: I read **Nicholas Sparks** and **John Grisham**, and I am never disappointed. **The Return** (Sparks) and **Camino Winds** (Grisham) are two that I have read in recent months. Both of these books are a little different from the author’s usual style.



C. Massengale: Years ago my mother gave me her copy of **Bootlegger’s Daughter** by **Margaret Maron**. I loved it and over the years have read the entire Deborah Knott series. Right before the recent death of the author I had begun to re-read the series. I really enjoy these books and love the Deborah Knott character and their North Carolina settings. Based on more recent events, I see the author clearly saw the struggles faced by those living in various regions of our state. The fictitious Colleton County is very like other small towns. I am saddened that there will be no new Deborah Knott books.



Delta Kappa Gamma
Alpha Delta Chapter
March 5, 2021
Minutes

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Alpha Delta Chapter March 5, 2021 meeting was conducted digitally via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Twenty-one members participated. Co-President D. Russell welcomed members to the 7:00 pm meeting. She introduced guest speaker NC DKG State President Dr. Cowan. Former Alpha Delta President W. Smith read an inspirational story “The Friend List” emphasizing the importance of communicating to friends their value and worth. First Vice-President T. Price led the collect and response.

Dr. Cowan presented the program “My DKG Story” covering the past, present, and future. She drew from her presidential theme of “Ready, Set, Grow.” For Dr. Cowan, DKG cultivated fellowship with generations of members. It nurtured membership with research-based strategies, awarded scholarships, and encouraged leadership. There also was a focus on developing chapters with well-defined programs. Dr. Cowan asked Alpha Delta members to share how DKG had made a difference in their career or life. D. Russell., K. Pasour, C. Holcomb, and R. Scott contributed personal antidotes. Dr. Cowan concluded by sharing information on the upcoming digital state convention. She described the virtual convention sessions, tours of Asheville, and marketplace.

Each meeting participant shared their recent experiences while living under COVID restrictive conditions. Many expressed excitement for their upcoming ability to “get out and about” after having taken their second vaccine shot.

M. Bailey, C. Massengale, S. J. Penn, and C. Tuttle described the challenges of teaching and working with the online classroom.

President Russell called the business meeting to order. M. Bailey made the motion to approve the agenda, with a second by P. Snyder. All were in favor. K.Pasour made the motion to accept the December 4, 2020 meeting minutes.

C. Massengale seconded the motion, with all approving. Co-Treasurer R. Scott reported the December scholarship auction raised \$1600. Currently the Grant in Aid account is \$4150.44. The chapter checking is \$7171.58.

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MARCH MINUTES (CONTINUED)

Committee Reports

Communications: C. Massengale requested members send her information for the Alpha Delta newsletter such as book reviews, announcements, blessings, and photos.

Grant in Aid/Scholarship: C. Tuttle announced the Grant in Aid application deadline for seniors has been extended to March 24th.

Membership: C. Holcomb requests that members complete form 82 updating their membership information. Form 82 may be printed from the Alpha Delta webpage, filled out, and mailed to C. Holcomb. Also chapter members are encouraged to recruit and nominate candidates for membership.

Educational Law and Policy: T. Price presented an overview of Senate bill 37 to reopen schools and the Governor's veto. She also listed legislative websites that provide information on education bills and policy.

Schools for Africa: K. Spencer reported on the state convention project "Knickers for New Life." The project supports education for African girls through the donation of sanitary items.

President's Report

President Russell expressed the desire to meet in the future with sister chapter Alpha Upsilon, Randolph County. She also discussed Alpha Delta's achievement level to be awarded by the state. It is based on a point system.

Old Business

Alpha Delta's Supplemental Resource Project for 2020-21 continues to assess school and teacher needs. Further action will be addressed by the Executive Committee and the membership will be consulted by email.

New Business

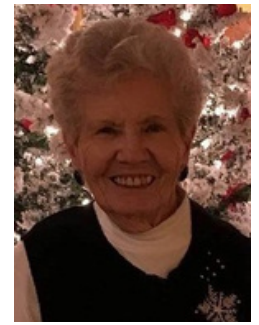
K. Spencer made the motion that Alpha Delta Chapter contribute \$100 to the NC DKG State Convention project "Knickers for New Life." C. Massengale seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Announcement

Former chapter president Blanch Page passed away recently.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary J. Rice

Obituary for Blanche Page, Former Member and Past-President of Alpha Delta



Blanche Foster Page, 92, died peacefully at her home on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, surrounded by her children.

Born June 21, 1928, she was the daughter of the Tom Franklin and Josie Slaughter Foster. She was a graduate of Bartlett Yancey High School, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She taught Business Education for seven years in Ellerbe, N.C., and 31 years at Bartlett Yancey. She was head of the Business Department & treasurer for the school at BY for many years. She was a member of the NEA and NCAE. She was a member and past president of the Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma (an honorary organization for women teachers), the Purley-Blanch Home Demonstration Club, and the Caswell Chapter 239, Order of the Eastern Star. She was a lifetime and faithful member of First Baptist Church of Yanceyville, where she served many years as a Sunday School teacher.

She was predeceased by the love of her life, Bedford J. "Buck" Page; her parents, and sisters Glenna Steagall and Joann Foster. She is survived by her loving children, Jo Sicz (Jeff), Sandra Tate (Wesley), Beth Slade (Rick), and Jack Page (Robert); grandchildren, Michael Tate, Ashley Morgan, Brad Slade and Abbye Slade; great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Emily and Maggie Tate, Addy and Ivy Morgan, and Malia Slade; brother, Tommy Foster (Jan); sisters, Jean Gwynn (Bill) and Marie Jordan (Gene); and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family acknowledges Sarah, Dorothea and Lori from Hospice, Ann Carpentier, Alicia McKennon, Bria Loftis, and many friends who helped Blanche stay at home where she wanted to be.

Graveside rites will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at First Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will be at the residence on County Home Road.

Memorials may be made to Authoracare (Hospice), 914 Chapel Hill Road, Burlington, NC 27215, or First Baptist Church, 378 W. Church St, PO Box 66, Yanceyville, NC 27379.

Alpha Delta News Editor C. Massengale [Contact Request](#)

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