



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 Alpha Delta Friends,
As I was researching a local history topic recently, I came across an article announcing the beginnings of our Delta Kappa Gamma chapter in 1953. In May of that year, three of our charter members were inducted into the Society by members of the Alpha chapter in Greensboro. In a few weeks, nine more women were added to the membership from Rockingham and Caswell counties. So, this year marks the 70th anniversary of our chapter!

Over these seventy years, we have honored scores of exemplary women educators with membership and had the involvement of some of the most outstanding educational professionals in our area in a variety of projects. Our largest membership peaked at around 60 members in the early 2000s. Right now, as we come out of the pandemic years, we have 35 active and reserve members and are poised to welcome one new member next month.

We would love to have several new members join us in the coming months or have some of our previous members return! Let's work on this!

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DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

NC DKG: "Linking the Past, Present and Future"

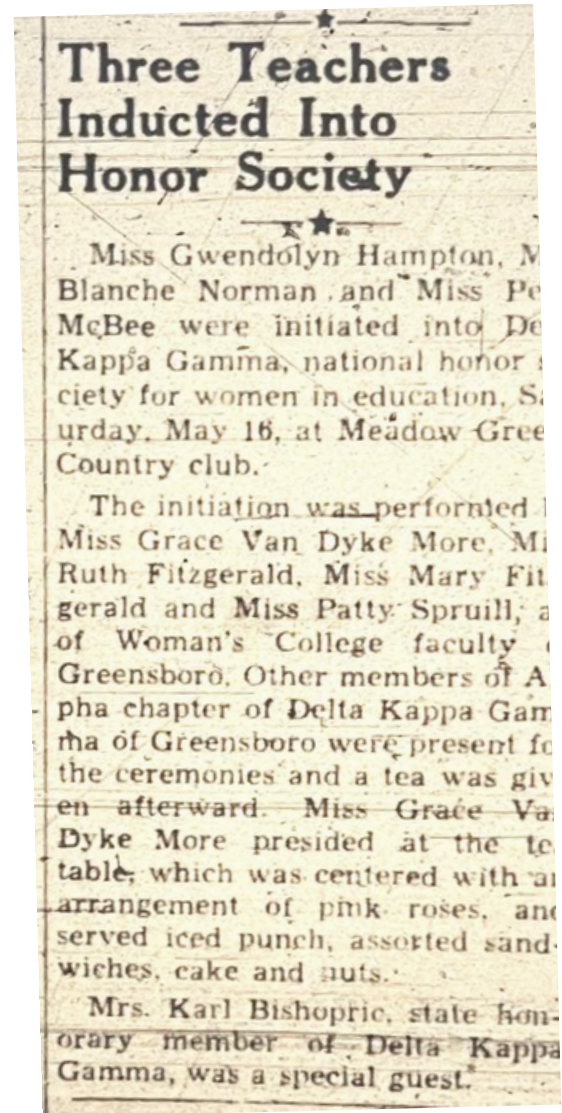
PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

As for projects accomplished, our chapter has many! Over several decades, we have provided scholarships to young women pursuing a teaching degree, awards now totaling in the tens of thousands of dollars. We are excited to meet our 2023 recipient on May 5. Together, we have contributed to many other worthy educational and community projects in our two counties and have been faithful to do our part to support state and international initiatives as well—from disaster relief in eastern NC to school projects in Africa. Also at the May 5 meeting, we will celebrate our success in providing support and encouragement for beginning teachers through our mini-grants project.

I believe our founders would be very proud of the quality of the chapter they established and be pleased with their legacy. Let's continue our good work for education!

Debbie

Co-President [Contact Request](#)



*Leaksville News, May 21, 1953, page 1.
Submitted by Debbie R.*

MAY MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Friday, May 5, 2023

Location: First Baptist Church
533 Greenwood Street, Eden

6:00: Fellowship time

6:30: Meal (prepared by Carol Drye)

We will continue our traditional May projects: the dorm shower for our scholarship recipient and the book/DVD sale to benefit World Fellowship.

Menu:

Chicken Salad

Croissant

Pasta Salad

Fruit Salad

Deviled Eggs

Tea and Water

Cupcakes

Hostesses:

S. Quate,

R. Williamson,

N. Williams

The cost of the meal is \$15.00. You will be contacted by a member of the social committee to confirm your attendance. Please reply by April 29th.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our Grant-in-Aid recipient this year is from Rockingham Early College HS - Her name is Jamiee Kelley. She will attend UNCG.

CHAPTER VOLUNTEER PROJECT UPDATE

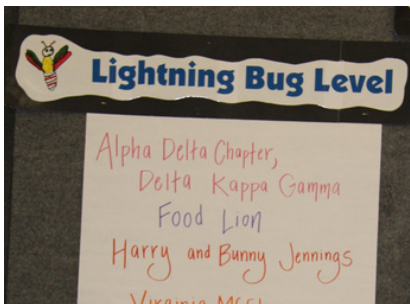
Winky, Wanda and Carolyn volunteered in the last couple of months at the Parent Resource Centers. They helped pack the Tots packets for April and May. Their assistance is much appreciated.

Volunteer Sign-up for coming months:

May--Susan T., Jeryl R.

June--Melissa B., Wendy C., Michelle H.

COMMUNITY READING FESTIVAL UPDATE



Left--our chapter name on the Sponsor Wall.

Below--Wild Thing book character.

Submitted by Catherine M.



Winky volunteered at the Clifford table above, and helped children make the Clifford ears you see on the right at the Giraffes Can't Dance table.

Submitted by Catherine M.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Apr. 28-30 NC DKG Convention, Greenville
- May 1 Cornetet Individual PD Awards applications due
- May 1 NC DKG News deadline
- May 11 DKG Founders Day
- May 15 Bulletin: Journal submissions due
- May 22 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- June 30 Membership dues due to chapter treasurers
- July 1 New NC DKG State Organization biennium begins
- July 11-16 International Conference, Detroit, MI
- July 18-22 International Conference, Phoenix, AZ
- July 26-29 International Conference, Tampere, Finland
- July 15 Form 15 due from chapters to state treasurer
- Aug. 1 Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due
- Aug. 15 Arts and Humanities Gallery submission window opens
- Sept. 16 NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting, Greensboro

Convention Dates

- July 11-16 2023 — International Conference Detroit, Michigan
- July 18-22 2023 — International Conference Phoenix, Arizona
- July 26-29 2023 — International Conference Tampere, Finland
- April 26-28, 2024 — NC DKG Convention Durham
- July 9-13, 2024 — International Convention, Maryland
- June 30-July 4, 2026 — International Convention, CO

Treasurer's Report

Balance in Checking
as of 3-31-2023: \$815.21

Balance in Savings (Grant-in-Aid/Scholarship)
as of 3-31-2023: \$5611.09

Joy Restored

Gone is the anxious isolation—the distance.

Fear is brushed away,

And Loss is no longer a keen blade

But has been softened by Time and warming memories.

We are emerging and gathering

With thankful hearts for those we love,

Who love us—who have seen us through,

And for those we do not know, but love just the same,

As all of us mesh as one to return to our living, breathing world.

Healing comes from simple cures:

From quiet renewal through reading, in soothing sleep,

In savoring a sweet treat, in the magic of music,

Or just being strengthened by cherished moments

Before the busyness of the day begins,

From the cleansing quality of a deep breath

To the stillness when night has settled in.

From the certainty of nature in early morning walks,

Basking in the sun by waves that calm us,

Paddling upstream, digging in the earth — God’s garden,

A brace of fresh air, crunchy leaves,

And the colors of the sunset at day’s end.

From our beloved loyal ones—

Happiness comes on four warm, little feet.

Walking, holding, and talking to those furry pals—

They bring us serenity and joy.

From reconnecting with our world, one soul at a time—

By sidling up for a warm hug

From an endearing child, a sweet grandchild, a neighbor, an old friend,

Or just by making eye contact

With a fellow someone on life’s journey.

By believing that all others are ‘significant others,’

And that what happens to them really matters.

Sharing a note, a card, encouragement.

Letting down our guard, not in weakness, but to accept invitations—

Invitations to bestow a gift that is given back tenfold,

Like being cared for and caring,

Being thankful and graciously accepting thanks,

Listening, revealing, being vulnerable, being needed.

There is an unexpected truth:

Helping someone who has less of something

Gives us more of everything

And then—-We’re back!

With bouncy feet and cheerful hearts,

Laughing often, honed by our experience,

Hosting and toasting life—

Our restored joy is a priceless treasure.

A crowd-sourced poem from Alpha Delta Chapter, NC DKG

Compiled and edited by Teresa Price

NC DKG NEWS

ARE YOU A PARLIAMENTARIAN?

NC DKG is seeking to create a list of all the parliamentarians in our state, whether registered or not. If you have had parliamentarian training, at any level, please complete the new [Google form](#) on the website.

Thank you!

NC DKG CONVENTION APRIL 28-30

We can look forward to hearing about the convention in Greenville from our co-presidents. Debbie and Tee should have lots of updates for us at our May meeting. They will be presenting our crowd-sourced poem as an "Inspirational Moment" at the Saturday evening banquet. There are so many interesting workshops available, they are sure to come back with lots of great ideas for our chapter.

THREE ENTICING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CHOICES



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

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

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



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Important Update from President LeBlanc

Avenue M is a consulting group that has been hired by DKG to work with the Membership Committee to find ways to attract, engage, and retain members. It has analyzed trends and patterns in membership to make recommendations for membership, leadership, and marketing. Learn more about this important step in recruiting and retaining members in President LeBlanc's [three-minute video](#) posted on the DKG YouTube Channel.



INTERNATIONAL IS SEEKING MEMBER INPUT

DKG President Dr. Debbie LeBlanc and the Headquarters Staff are initiating Town Hall meetings to seek member input.

The [DKG website](#) says, "Moving DKG forward requires informed and strategic decision making, so member feedback and input is essential. Please join us for a series of Town Hall meetings. Our first conversations will focus on future conferences and conventions."

The meetings will be held:

- Wednesday, April 26 at 6:00 p.m. (EDT)
- Thursday, April 27 at 11:30 a.m. (EDT)
- Wednesday, May 3 at 1:30 p.m. (EDT)
- Saturday, May 20 at 11:30 a.m. (EDT) (with the administrative board)

LOCAL DKG HAPPENINGS

Photos from the Region VII Chapter Presidents event on Saturday, April 1. We met for tea at the O. Henry Hotel in Greensboro. In addition to enjoying a lovely time together and delicious food and tea, we discussed our Region VII event planned for September to encourage and assist Beginning Teachers in our area.



Lovely table decorations provided by our hostesses.



All photos submitted by Debbie R.

MARCH ALPHA DELTA MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Speaker Chrissy Griffin of the Child Advocacy Center, Help, Inc. with Carolyn L.



Rachel, Melissa, Deborah and Ruth with donations of stuffed animals, blankets, and snacks for the children and their families served by the Center.

Rachel S. needs chapter dues by the end of May. \$71.00 for active members and \$27 for reserve.

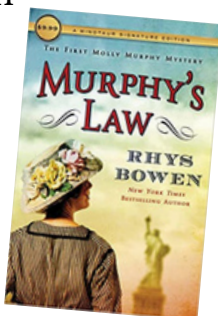
WHAT'S NEW...

- May 6- Norma W
- 15- Nell R.
- 19- Marguerite H.
- 31- Susan T.
- June 3- Catherine M.
- 7- Winky P.
- 13- Sharon V.
- July 19- Lynda P.
- 21- Patsy S.
- August 4- Casey T.
- Cindy S.
- 7- Carolyn L.
- 16- Sara Q.
- 16- Wanda S.

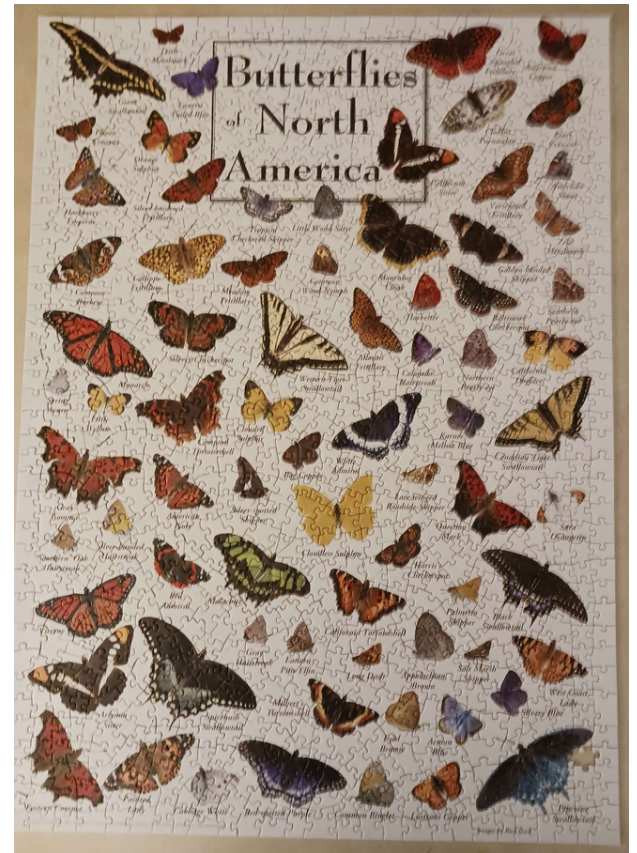


Book Recommendation

From Susan T.
I have begun a new series of detective stories and really like the books. They are the Molly Murphy series by Rhys Bowen. Molly is a curly, red-headed immigrant from Ireland who came to America to escape possible conviction from a murder she claims was self-defense. Her dream is to be a private detective, which proves a challenge for a woman in New York in 1901.



Recently completed 1000 piece puzzle.
Submitted by Susan T.



Book Recommendation

From Donna R.
I just finished a monster 876 page book entitled, *Into the Wilderness* by Sarah Donati. Takes place in late 1700's. A young ingenue comes to live in untamed NY area to live with father and start a school. Very enjoyable. I also read, *Tisha* by Robert Specht about a young teacher in the Alaskan wilderness. A very good read.



WHAT BRINGS US JOY?



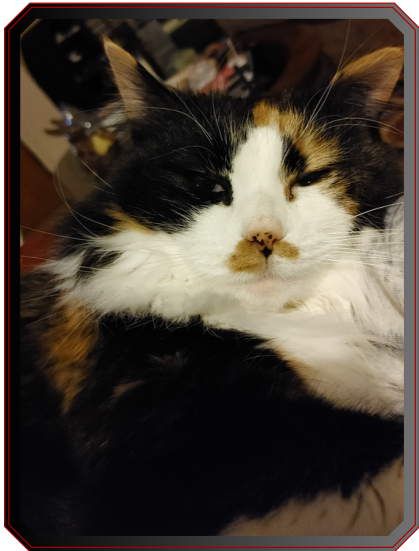
Meet Melissa's pets-- 9 month old Milo the cat and Rudy, her rat terrier age 10.

Submitted by Melissa B.



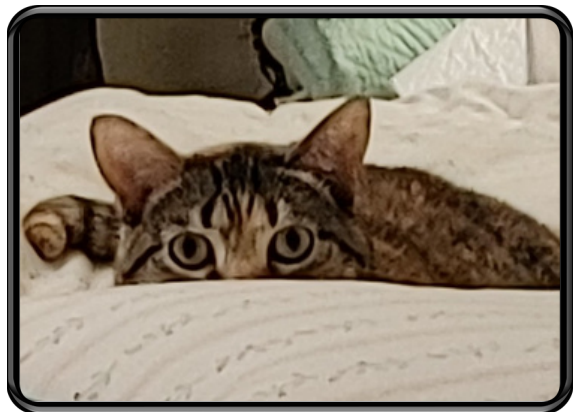
Can you find both dogs in this picture? Susan's dogs really love to chase squirrels!

Submitted by Susan T.



My cats are complete opposites. Marmalade on the left is my older, sleepy lap cat. Mocha, on the right is very active. Whenever I go into the bedroom, she runs ahead leaps onto the bed and goes into "stealth kitty" mode.

Submitted by Catherine M.



Galactus is Donna's 7 year old chihuahua/terrier mix; although he actually owns her. He was named by George after a comic book character. Needless to say, he is the only pet at the vet with that name. He hates the mail truck.



Submitted by Donna R.

Tucker Rice. He is a a blonde dachshund, one and half years old. Tucker loves to play fetch and he has a very sweet disposition.

Submitted by Jeryl R.



Alpha Delta News Editor C. Massengale Contact Request

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Delta Kappa Gamma Society
Alpha Delta Chapter
March 3, 2023
Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of DKG met March 3, 2023 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Reidsville, NC. Co-President T. Price welcomed and made introductions. As an inspirational message, Co-President D. Russell read a 1914 local news article that encourage teachers to attend the Chautauqua lectures to reinvigorate themselves. Second Vice President S. Lassiter led the collect and response. Hostesses were Chair W. Smith, C. Rutledge, and W. Carter. C. Drye catered the meal. Twenty-one members attended the meeting.

C. Griffin presented a program on Help, Incorporated: Center Against Violence agencies. Much information was given on Kaleidoscope which is the Children's Advocacy Center. Services described included multidisciplinary team investigations, forensic interviews, court advocacy, mental health counseling, and medical assessments.

Co-President Price called the business meeting to order. E. Balmori made the motion to accept the agenda. R. Scott seconded the motion and all were in favor. E. Balmori made the motion to accept the December chapter minutes. D. Crumpton seconded the motion with all in favor. The treasurer's report was included in the newsletter.

Committee Reports

Communications- C. Massengale encouraged members to submit travel and reading information for the newsletter.

Social- S. Dickens thanked the hostesses. She discussed a possible May meeting location.

Leadership Development- C. Holcomb reported no one attended the Leadership Conference. She requested members to submit book titles for the summer book club activity.

Membership- W. Pasour announced one name has been submitted for membership invitation and circulated biographical information to introduce the nominee. One former member is also considering rejoining.

Global Awareness- D. Crumpton reminded everyone to bring their materials for the May meeting book sale.

President's Report and Report of the Executive Board

The Executive Board requested that the chapter approve a \$50.00 contribution to the NC DKG State Convention project Food Bank of the Albemarle. B. Brewer made the motion to accept with C. Massengale seconding the motion. All were in favor.

New Business

C. Massengale reminded the members that Alpha Delta included in its budget a \$75.00 donation to the Rockingham County Schools Reading Festival. Following announcements the meeting ended.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeryl Rice, Secretary