



ALPHA DELTA NEWS

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

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Ode to Joy

As we continue the emphasis on finding joy in our lives, we are being intentional about choosing to do something everyday that makes us happy.

Besides enjoying the presence of family and friends (and dark chocolate, of course), music does it for me and I know for many of you, as well. Even if you do not find solace and comfort in music or find it perfect for celebrating the good times in your life, read on to hear the good news which you might want to celebrate in your own way.

In 1824, Ludwig van Beethoven composed his 9th Symphony, considered by many to be the greatest work in western music. This masterpiece is even more remarkable considering his failing health and hearing loss during the composing and conducting of this final completed work. The symphony's finale, popularly known as the "Ode to Joy," is about hope and unity and is still found in many church hymnals as "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," one of my favorite hymns.

Well, our collective last name is not Beethoven, and it is unlikely that we will ever achieve his celebrity in our lifetime; however, we have created our own "Ode to Joy," and we have been invited to share that joy with others.

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

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Our crowd-sourced poem, “Joy Restored,” to which we all contributed at our October meeting and with its first public reading at our December meeting, is receiving critical acclaim! It has been selected for inclusion in the April 2023 edition of the DKG international publication, *Collegial Exchange*. In addition, Debbie and I, as co-presidents, have been asked to represent our chapter by reading the poem at the 2023 state convention.

Here are some comments from the editor and reviewers for the publication:

“...a beautiful idea and a very nice poem”

“...real value and beauty”

“...cathartic”

“...an excellent activity for a chapter or class to undertake”

Who would have thought that the simple activity we began on an October evening in rural Rockingham County would result in our connecting with our colleagues statewide, nationwide, and internationally!

Congratulations, DKG Alpha Delta sisters. In pursuing our “restored joy,” we have created a “priceless treasure.”

Tee

Co-President

[Contact Request](#)

*Our poem will be published
in our next newsletter.*



MARCH MEETING INFORMATION



Date: Friday, March 3, 2023

Location: Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 1890 Bethlehem Church Rd., Reidsville

6:00: Fellowship time

6:30: Meal (prepared by Carol Drye)

Menu:

Chicken Casserole

Green beans

Cranberry salad

Rolls

Tea/Water

Dessert

Hostesses:

W. Smith, chair;

W. Carter;

C. Rutledge

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 Sunday, February 25.

Our program will be on the new Children's Advocacy Center with information on 'Kaleidoscope' and 'Handle with Care.' You may want to bring some of the needed items below as a donation:

Stuffed animals; blankets; snacks and water for families while they wait; and kid friendly DVDs. Also, monetary donations are always appreciated for medical supplies and child medical evaluations.

What outstanding educators do you know? Nominate them for membership in our chapter! Complete the nomination form you received from Debbie R. and email it to the Membership chairperson, Winky P., and we will be able to consider and vote on the nomination at our March 3 meeting. Winky's mailing address is in the directory of our chapter handbook. If you cannot email it for some reason, bring it to the meeting on March 3rd.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REQUEST

Please send your book recommendations for the summer book club to one of the leadership committee chairs (Melissa B. and Carol H.) as soon as possible. We hope to announce the selection at the May meeting.

CHAPTER VOLUNTEER PROJECT UPDATE

Thanks to Debbie, Deborah, Sandra, Marguerite, Carol, and Rachel for giving their time to the Parent Resource Centers. They helped in a variety of ways including cutting out and punching holes for craft items, readying tots packets for distribution, and even looking up book levels to prepare them for cataloging.

Center locations:

1130 Center Church Rd., Eden (Old Douglass School)
212 Lawsonville Ave., Reidsville (Lawsonville Elem.)

Volunteer Sign-up for coming months:

March--Winky P.
April--Carolyn R., Wanda S.
May--Susan S., Jeryl R.
June--Melissa B., Wendy C., Michelle H.



Alpha Delta Handiwork
Submitted by Catherine M.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 28 Deadline to apply for Leadership Development Seminar
- Mar. 1 Bulletin: Journal submissions due
- Mar. 1 DKGIEF Project applications due
- Mar. 1 ROSE Awards, Golden Key, Rising Star, and Beginning Teacher Awards due
- Mar. 1 Newsletter Excellence, Website Excellence, and Communications Excellence Awards requirements due
- Mar. 15 NC DKG Convention vendor requests and program ads deadline
- Mar. 25-26 Leadership Development Seminar
- Mar. 27 Group rate for convention hotel ends
- Mar. 27 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Apr. 9 Early registration for the convention ends
- Apr. 24 ASK Time for chapter presidents (tentative) Apr. 28-30 NC DKG Convention, Greenville
- May 1 Cornet Individual PD Awards applications due
- May 15, 2023 Bulletin: Journal submissions

Convention Dates

April 28-30 — NC DKG Convention Greenville, North Carolina
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 2-10-2023: \$8370.21
Balance in Savings (Grant-in-Aid/Scholarship)
as of 2-10-2023: \$5485.65

PUSH WINTER BLUES ASIDE: THINK SPRING NC DKG CONVENTION!

As we pass the half-way point in February, thoughts turn to warmer weather, so now is the time to make your plans for the NC DKG Convention to be held April 28 -30 in Greenville. Registrations are slow coming in; hotel reservations are lagging; workshop proposals are less than normal; and ads for the program are too minimal! Warm up and let's get ready for convention! Register online and submit your payment via credit card or by printing and mailing the registration to NC DKG Treasurer Leslie Black at the address on the form. Direct registration questions to Melissa Dana at ConventionRegistrar@ncdkg.org or payment questions to Leslie at Treasurer@ncdkg.org. Included in the registration process are the opportunities to register for the pre-conference activities, reserve meals, and donate to the Food Bank of the Albemarle convention project, NC DKG Headquarters, or The NC DKG Educational Foundation. Make hotel reservations at the Holiday Inn by calling 252-355-8300 or 1-844- 330-0296. Mention the code DKG for the group rate, which ends March 27. Help meet the room block and get to visit with fellow NC DKG members! [Register Here](#)

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

It is not too late to register for the NC DKG Leadership Development Seminar to be held March 25-26 at Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro. Chapter presidents are asked to encourage members to apply and even support their attendance with financial assistance, if needed. It will reap benefits for our chapter! The deadline to apply and make payment is February 28, 2023.

Registration is through a Google form. Check the [NC DKG website](#) for more information.



SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE SPREAD THE WORD!

The NC DKG Educational Foundation would like to remind members that the application for the Marilyn F Grinwis Gray Scholarship is now available on the [NCDKGEF website](#). This scholarship is available to college students in NC who are majoring in Music Education or Elementary Education.

NCDKGEF is asking members to spread the word to students or education departments. The deadline for applications is March 10, 2023.

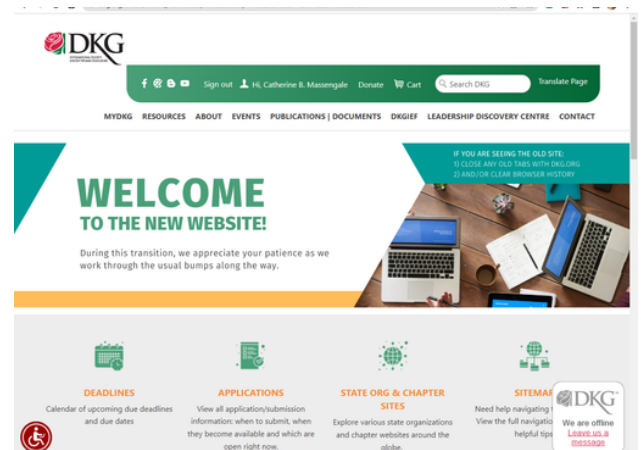


THREE ENTICING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CHOICES

If variety is the spice of life, then DKG members certainly have a spicy array of experiences and opportunities for professional and personal growth available at international conferences in 2023! All are focused on a common theme — “Moving Forward with Vitality, Relevance, and Sustainability in Our Changing World” — but each conference will celebrate its special location and have its unique flavor as members gather in Detroit, Michigan; Phoenix, Arizona; and Tampere, Finland. A sample of the “menu” for each conference is provided here, along with links for participation as presenter, vendor, or volunteer. Find out more details by clicking on the conference of your choice!



International Website: <https://www.dkg.org>
 NC DKG Website: <https://www.ncdkg.org>
 Alpha Delta Website:
<https://ncalphadelta.weebly.com/>



NEW DKG WEBSITE IS LIVE CHECK IT OUT!

The DKG website has a new, cleaner, easier-to-use design! Check it out at <https://www.dkg.org>. Log in with the same ID and password used for the old site. NC DKG Immediate Past President, Dr. Teresa Cowan, was chair of the international Communications and Marketing Committee when the redesign was conceived and begun, working closely with Headquarters technology staff and others to bring the new site to fruition. Teresa said, “Our goal was to achieve a website that was user-focused and user-friendly (for members and nonmembers) while creating a site with a more modern feel. Thus far it has received positive feedback, and it continues to be tweaked as needed. Members are encouraged to offer their feedback and to provide suggestions or point out glitches as they discover them.” On the member side, the green bar across the top allows for quick access to your MyDKG account by clicking on your name. Icons give easy access to DKG Facebook, the DKG Art Gallery, DKGSi blogs, and the DKG YouTube channel. Log in to the member side and check out the new user-focused and user-friendly design. Update and share your profile in the secure directory while there!

AUCTION FUN IN DECEMBER



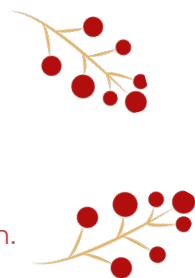
Carol H. listens as Lynne H. announces recipients of this year's Beginning Teacher project grants.



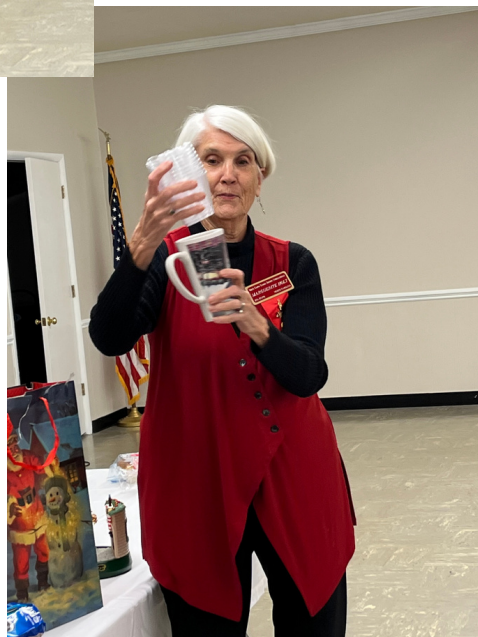
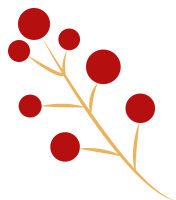
Our auctioneer Rachel S. displays the beautiful basket handmade by Sandra D. for this year's auction.



Rachel offers decorative snowmen and tree to bidders during our chapter auction.



Some of the beautiful Santas provided by our hostesses as festive table decorations.



Marguerite H. bravely opens the "surprise" gift Rachel provided for our scholarship auction.



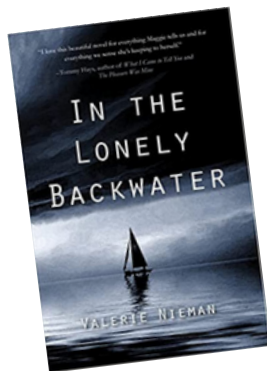
Photos submitted by Debbie R.

WHAT BRINGS US JOY?

Winky has been receiving lots of opportunities to promote wellness from a Christian perspective, as you can see from the picture below! If you click on the picture below it will take you to her webpage and many of us will find her blog uplifting.



Submitted by Catherine M.



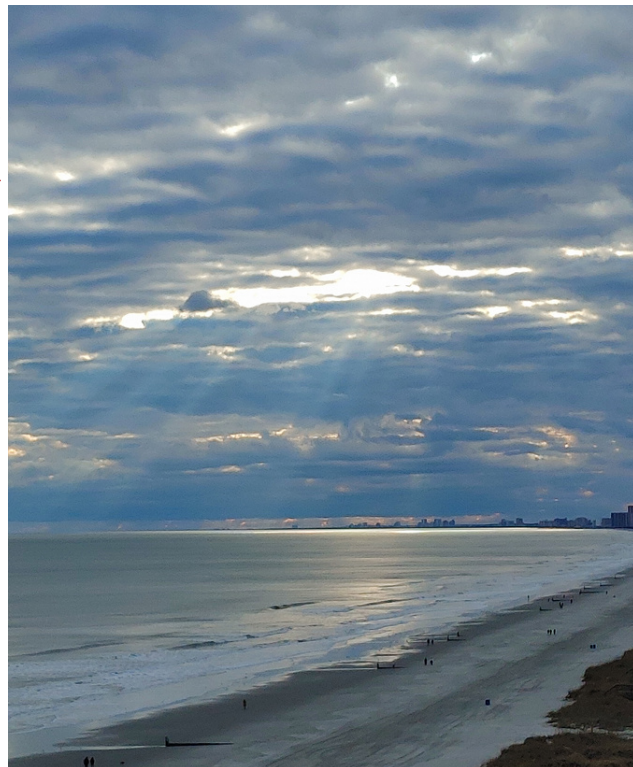
Book Recommendation

I would recommend Valerie Nieman's book, IN THE LONELY BACKWATER. This work of fiction won the 2022 Sir Walter Raleigh prize awarded by the the Historical Book Club of North Carolina. The author lives in Reidsville. She gave an interesting presentation at a luncheon I attended recently. I thoroughly enjoyed her book...

Marguerite H.

Rays of light descending on the beach!

Submitted by Catherine M.



Lovely plant Debbie received from table decorations at a DKG meeting many years ago!

Submitted by Debbie R.

Alpha Delta News Editor C. Massengale Contact Request

Book images from Amazon.com--all other non-DKG images provided by Alpha Delta Members or Canva Education

The upcoming Community Reading Festival to which our chapter makes a yearly donation, the first in-person event since Covid!



The 13th Annual
CATCH THE READING BUG
COMMUNITY
READING FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023 FROM 9 A.M. UNTIL 2 P.M.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL, 182 HIGH SCHOOL RD, REIDSVILLE



SALUTE TO SEUSS
BY THE AMAZING TEACHER
STEVE SOMERS
presented at 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

AND COME MEET
THE POETRY FOX
on site all day
creating individual poems!



THE FESTIVAL IS A FREE EVENT FOR ALL!



special appearances by:

Pete the Cat
Rainbow Fish &
The Wild Thing



Plus delicious foods
for sale by the
Morehead High School Band

Delta Kappa Gamma Society
Alpha Delta Chapter
December 2, 2022
Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of DKG met December 2, 2022 at Main Street UMC, Reidsville NC. Sixteen members attended. Former member Gretchen Parrish was a guest. Hostesses were M. Holt, chair; M. Hernandez, and C. Lester. Co-President T. Price welcomed everyone. She read the poem that she gathered inspiration for and edited from members' ideas on what brings us joy. Co-President D. Russell led the collect and response. Carol Drye catered the meal.

Co-President T. Price conducted the business meeting. The treasurer's report appeared in the newsletter. Balance in checking as of 11/15/22 was \$7648.21. Balance in savings/scholarship is \$4329.11. The motion to accept the October 7, 2022 chapter minutes was made by R. Scott, with the second made by M. Holt. All approved.

Committee Reports

Finance – S. Thompson presented the proposed chapter budget for 2022-2023. She made the motion to accept, with a second from T. Price. All approved.

Beginning Teacher Support – L. Haynes announced the \$200 grant winners. The Caswell County recipient is Dillard 7th grade math teacher Nanny Jeffers. The Rockingham County recipient is RCMS 7th grade science teacher Victoria Ore.

Leadership Development – Carol Holcomb asked for book suggestions for the summer book club meeting. She also encouraged members to apply to attend the NC DKG Leadership Development Seminar in March. Alpha Delta will pay the cost for two attendees.

Educational Law and Policy – M. Holt reported that the state board of education is currently discussing future teacher pay increases be based on student growth instead of teacher longevity.

Social – Sandra Dickens announced that the March meeting location will be at Bethlehem UMC.

President's Report

Co- President D. Russell reported on the potential for cutting the cost on the printing of chapter handbook pages. She gave an update on the April state convention.

Old Business included a report from D. Crumpton who volunteered last month at the RCS Parent Resource Center. The Alpha Delta project is to contribute monthly volunteers.

The program for the evening consisted of the Alpha Delta Grant in Aid auction. R. Scott was the auctioneer. A fun time was had by all and much money was raised.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeryl Rice, Secretary