



ALPHA DELTA NEWS

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

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Looking Forward to 2021

2021 will mark my 30th year as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. I can still recall my induction into Alpha Delta chapter in 1991 at the Penn Center in Reidsville. Martha and Ruth also joined our chapter that evening. I probably rushed in and looked a bit disheveled on a Friday night, as I was the mother of three young children at the time, ages 11, 5, and 3, and, like most of my colleagues in the chapter then, had taught students all day. Everything was all new to me and, in truth, it took me several years to become familiar with the broader organization and get really comfortable with all the traditions and programs of DKG. What I most felt in 1991 was that my selection for membership was an honor, one that C. Summerlin, the principal of my children's school, Dillard Primary, had nominated me for. She was a noted leader in our community—as an educational professional and also the Regional Governor of Rotary International. So, I started in Delta Kappa Gamma, appreciative of having been

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Ready, Set, GROW!
2019-2021 NC DKG

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

noticed by a respected educator and honored by membership in the organization. As I gradually learned more about DKG, I took on the updating and printing of our yearly chapter handbook and directory, mainly because that task of the Second Vice-President best fit my skills. I was the publications advisor at the high school where I taught and had some limited knowledge of early computer layout—it was the 1990s, after all. During this decade, I always enjoyed the camaraderie at meetings, singing our DKG song and sometimes playing the piano if needed.

As we moved into the 2000s, I began to enjoy our four meetings each year more and more. I tried to attend every meeting and didn't miss many. I especially looked forward to seeing the friends I had made with teachers across our two counties and enjoyed trading news and teaching ideas with others in the chapter who taught English and history. Once, Martha gave me a whole set of lesson plans on a novel we both taught and Marguerite and Jeryl shared ideas for teaching U.S. history. Our Alpha Delta chapter gave me a support system for those years when teaching was becoming more and more demanding and classes were filled to the brim.

In 2005, my membership in DKG provided me with a life-changing opportunity. As the recipient of a Cornet Award, I was able to spend a whole week in Boston studying at the Massachusetts Historical Society

under an acclaimed expert in the American Revolution from Harvard. From this point on, I knew that I wanted to read and learn all I could about history. I applied for and was accepted at several other summer programs in history for teachers and after my retirement from the high school after thirty years in the classroom, I set out to achieve a graduate degree and training as a historian. I earned my doctorate in 2019 and I can clearly mark the point at which I made this professional commitment—all starting with the incredible opportunity I had because of my Delta Kappa Gamma membership. In more recent years, I served as president of our chapter (learning a little more with each meeting) and began attending state conventions with Rachel, who remarkably has gone to every one since her induction in 1995. This has led to my serving on two state level committees and more understanding of the many missions of our organization. Since the pandemic has required us to meet digitally in 2020, I have had more contact than ever before with state DKG leaders. In retirement, DKG is giving me a way to stay engaged with educational issues.

Perhaps most importantly, my thirty years as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma has brought me friendships with so many wonderful women educators. Our chapter is truly close and I love and celebrate you all in 2021!

Debbie Russell

Contact Request

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan. 15 Regional Directors annual report due

Jan. 15-Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open

Jan. 25 ASK Time

Jan. 31 NC DKG Educational Grants applications due

Feb. 1 Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Annual Report due

Feb. 1 Nominations for Founders Award due

Feb. 1 Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards applications due

Feb. 1 Scholarship applications due for NC DKG & DKG International

Feb. 1 NC DKG News deadline

Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submissions due

Feb. 22 ASK Time

Mar. 1 Chapter Achievement Awards, Golden Key Award, and Rising Star Award nominations due

Mar. 1 Requirements for the Newsletter Excellence, Website Excellence and/or Communications Excellence Awards due

Mar. 1 Bulletin: Journal submissions due



New Round of Grants Offered

For the first time, the NC DKG Educational Foundation is offering a Spring cycle of grants! This new round is in addition to the grant opportunities due each year in September. The deadline for these new grants is January 31, 2021.

Grants to be awarded include Continuing Education, Literacy/Learning Project, Groves-Little Early Career Educator, McCall Gifted Education or Fine Arts, Margaret Church Endowment, and Richards Endowment. Find the applications and more details at

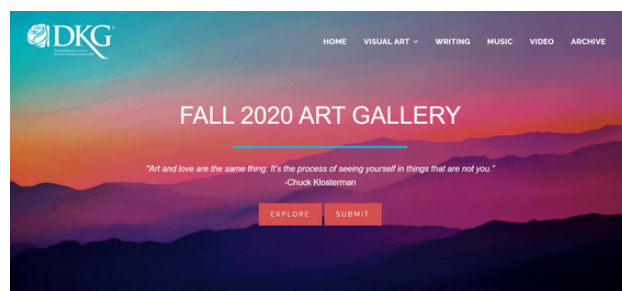
<https://www.ncdkgef.org/grants.html> (scroll down to Guidelines for All Grants).

The Foundation also sends a huge thank you to all those who supported the Day of Giving, November 20. The Foundation is approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Donations may be made anytime through the donation tab at

<https://www.ncdkgef.org/donation-page.html>.

DKG Art Gallery Has New Look

Check out the new look to the DKG Art Gallery at <http://dkggallery.dkg.org/dkggallery/>. The Fall 2020 collection includes many works from NC DKG members. Browse by clicking the red Explore button or going directly to the topic by the menu bar across the top. The submission window opens January 15 for the next gallery.



Mentoring Pairs Project: Alpha Delta and Alpha Upsilon

This year, NC DKG President T. Cowan has paired each of the more than one hundred chapters in North Carolina with a sister chapter. One of the main goals of this project is to help each chapter grow and to strengthen ties among DKG members throughout the state. Alpha Delta was paired with the Alpha Upsilon chapter in Randolph County. So far, we have had three times of sharing—once by phone and two via Zoom. Our co-presidents Rachel and Debbie joined Alpha Upsilon in a virtual meeting on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Several members shared memories of favorite teachers. Rachel told about how grateful she was for the encouragement her home economics teacher Flo Wilkerson gave her. Debbie remembered the influence of Dr. Ione Knight at Meredith College and was gratified when two members of Alpha Upsilon joined in with their own memories of Dr. Knight when they were at Meredith. What a surprise! Then in December, Alpha Upsilon President M. Pickett joined our chapter for our quarterly meeting. She shared a number of her chapter's projects and activities (listed in our December 4 minutes) with our members. In turn, Alpha Delta described for Mary and Regional Director, S. Sullivan, who was also participating in our meeting, five of our most successful yearly activities.



*Photo by D. Russell
Her lovely lampost!*

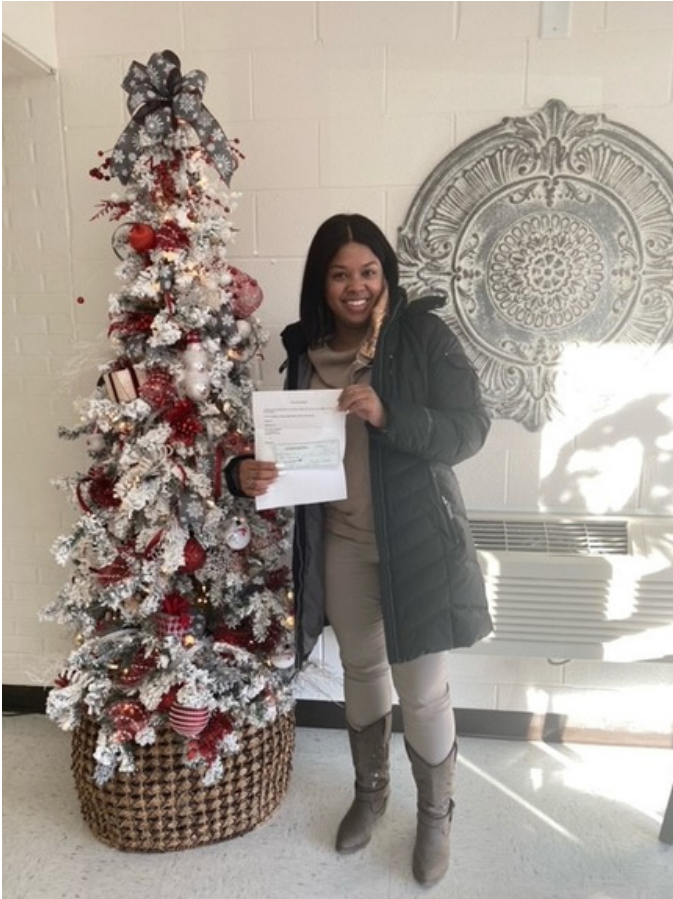
The presidents of the two chapters also got to know each other a bit better in a phone call in early November, with Mary sharing that she had lived in Reidsville at one time. When we can do so safely, the two chapters hope to meet together in person for a time of fellowship and to possibly carry out a joint project, perhaps at the NC DKG Headquarters in Asheboro.



Use these Video Chat Apps to stay in touch

1. Zoom
2. Facetime
3. WhatsApp
4. Google Duo

BEGINNING TEACHER MINI GRANT WINNERS

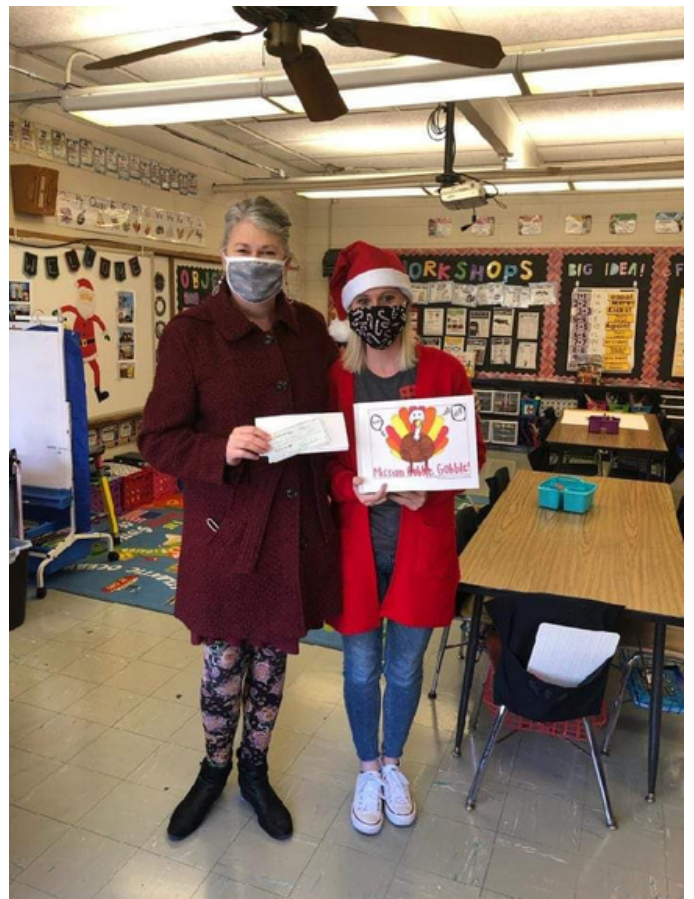


India Trice
Mini-Grant Recipient
Caswell County Schools

We received the picture with the following message from Caswell County: Happy Holidays and many thanks to Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) for allowing our beginning teachers an opportunity to apply for the mini-grant each year. Ms. India Trice was extremely happy and appreciative. Trice is an English teacher at Bartlett Yancey High School and will use the grant to purchase props to enhance the student virtual talk show.

Candice Corcoran
Grant Recipient
Rockingham County Schools

The following was shared on Facebook: Congratulations to Candice Corcoran for winning the Alpha Delta Chapter grant! Now every student will get a copy of the book they are making like the one in the picture from last year. Congratulations Candice and thank you Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for supporting our Beginning Teachers!



**CHAPTER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE UPDATE
FROM K. DIEHL**

- In summation of the six objectives of the Leadership Development Committee, its major purpose is to enrich the lives of others both personally and professionally.
- This time, especially provides us with opportunities to assist those in our communities who need assistance due to unfortunate circumstances from Covid-19, not only the health and financial ones, but also many others.
- Because of the necessary restrictions that are ongoing from the Virus, if we cannot do anything more than donating to the organizations that help the needy, we can send cards and make phone calls to those in nursing and assisted living facilities or otherwise restricted in their homes.
- This committee is responsible for the annual book club event; hopefully, it will occur during the summer of 2021.
- Members are asked to send Kay their ideas of what we can do to serve others in 2021.
- Contact me with any of their personal or professional needs either for now or in the future. This includes any prayer requests for either themselves or for others. I will keep their information private as I follow their directions of how to disburse their requests to our members and will also contact the committee members. My phone and address are in our directory, my new e-mail was shared earlier. Any of these options will be quite acceptable.



Growing Leadership Bursting with Potential

NC DKG Leadership Development Seminar
April 22-23, 2021 Asheville, NC

Do you enjoy fellowship, the mountains, getting away, and while doing so, learning about the strengths of your gifts for leadership? Put April 22-23, 2021, on your calendar! Your NCDKG Leadership Development Committee is organizing an opportunity to experience the Clifton Strengths Finder Assessment for learning more about the "Bursting Potential" that enables you to lead more productively while embracing the leadership strengths of others. NCDKG member Nancy Cox brings encouragement, captivating insight, and activities as the seminar facilitator and NCDKG Strengths Finder consultant. Before the seminar, participants will be asked to take the Clifton Strength Finders inventory, receive their results, and come to the seminar ready to discover how confirmed strengths can grow in productivity. The seminar will be in the Asheville area as a Pre-NC DKG Convention opportunity. Sessions will begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, and conclude Friday, April 23, at 2:00 p.m. Registration includes overnight lodging and three meals. The Leadership Development Committee will share details regarding location and registration fees as soon as they are finalized. Watch the NC DKG website and Facebook page for announcements.

Michelle Wall, a 2017 Leadership Seminar attendee, shared, "At the seminar, I learned how my top five strengths contribute to my decisions, my leadership skills, and my relationships. I really learned how to capitalize on my strengths to improve my productivity, and how to recognize strengths in others to improve my interactions with them. Learning about my strengths has helped me reflect more, not just on my roles and relationships in DKG, but in all aspects of my life."

As Chairman of the Leadership Development Committee, I welcome hearing from you and your interest in this biennial opportunity. Member registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Feel the welcome as you GROW your leadership potential!

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Growing in the discovery of individual leadership strengths

Recognizing and respecting the leadership strengths of others

Optimizing productivity when personal strengths are married to the strengths of others

Widening the scope of confidence for putting leadership strengths to work across all opportunities of life

by C. Coram, Chair,

Leadership Development Committee

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



Update Your Member Profile in the DKG Directory

Updating a member's profile is easy. After signing in to the DKG website, go to My DKG from the homepage. Select My Account from the dropdown list and update any incorrect or incomplete parts of the profile. You do not need to worry about the security of this information because it is located on the secure side of the website and DKG does not share member profile information with anyone. Remember the directory is only as good as the info members enter!

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

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

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

HOLIDAY GALLERY



*D. Rawlin's early Christmas gift!
Granddaughter, Oaklyn
Born December 1, 2020*



*Photos by W. Smith
She knows how
to make
Christmas sparkle!*



*Photo by R. Scott
Her collection
of Santas*



*Photo by D. Russell
One of many "visitors" to the bird
feeder she received for Christmas.*



*Just one
of the many
trees at
Biltmore!*

*Photos by
C. Massengale*



*The mantle
decorations
at the
Biltmore Inn*

Delta Kappa Gamma Society
Alpha Delta Chapter
December 4, 2020
Minutes

The December 4, 2020 Alpha Delta Chapter meeting was conducted digitally via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Twenty members participated. Also attending were three guests; M. Pickett, President Alpha Upsilon, Region VII Director S. Sullivan, and former Alpha Delta member P. Page Starr.

Greetings were given by Co-President D. Russell. K. Spencer led the group in inspirational thoughts on sharing kind and uplifting words. Lynne Haynes introduced therapy dog Sandy and read Christmas poems. First Vice President Tee Price read the collect followed by the singing of the response.

The program consisted of the sharing of chapter projects. President Mary Pickett of Alpha Upsilon, Randolph County described their projects of backpack pals, school supplies for Beginning Teachers, books for babies and new moms, monetary donations for Louisiana chapters hit by disaster, monetary donations for the NC DKG education foundation, and planting flowers for state headquarters. Alpha Delta members described projects. S. Thompson listed some of the summer book club titles and themes. T. Price explained the auction fundraiser tradition for raising funds to sponsor the Grant in Aid. P. Snyder described the chapter dorm shower given to scholarship honorees. Beginning Teacher Mini Grants has been a very worthwhile project. K. Pasour expounded on the Used Book Sale that generates funds for World Fellowship.

Region VII Director Sharon Sullivan spoke on her desire to assist chapter presidents in strategies to recruit new members and retain them long term. Many young professionals are seeking opportunities to network in order to advance their careers.

President Debbie Russell conducted the business meeting. M. Holt made the motion to accept the agenda, seconded by M Bailey. All were in favor. K. Pasour made the motion to file the October minutes, seconded by P. McCargo. All were in favor. Treasurer R. Scott reminded members to mail their scholarship donations to her in lieu of the auction donations.

Committee Reports

Communications: C. Massengale requested members send personal photos for the newsletter.

P. McCargo successfully completed recertification for the Alpha Delta webpage.

Beginning Teacher Support: L. Haynes announced the \$200 mini grant winners. Candice Corcoran, 2nd grade teacher at Central Elementary in Eden will use the grant to fund writing a class book project. India Trice, English teacher at Bartlett Yancey High School will use the grant to purchase props to enhance the student virtual talk show.

Grant-in Aid/Scholarship: P. Snyder reported that C. Tuttle has delivered scholarship applications to all the high school guidance departments.

Leadership Development: K. Diehl emailed information for members. Send summer book club reading suggestions to her. She encourages members to share cards of support. Kay welcomes prayer requests also.

Membership: C. Holcomb will be sending material to members on updating their membership profiles.

Educational Law and Policy: M. Holt and T. Price introduced the new state superintendent Catherine Truitt using her online biography and goals.

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MINUTES (CONTINUED)

Presidents' Report

President Russell hopes we can visit our sister chapter Alpha Upsilon when the pandemic is over. She encourages members now to electronically mentor educators in the system and later on to possibly make physical contact when conditions are safer.

New Business

Co-President Rachel Scott auctioned her 2020 Stress Relief Mystery Bag to raise funds for the Grant in Aid. Nell Rose was high bidder. Everyone enjoyed Rachel's descriptions for the stress relieving items.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Rice, Secretary



*Photo by Jeryl R.
Dachshunds Joe and Julie*

January 7-Debbie R.
10-Martha D.
22-Deborah C.
23-Teresa P. (Tee)
27-Lynne H.

February 24-Hilda P.
26-Sarah Jane S.

Our Next Meeting
Friday, March 5, 2020
Details TBD
You will receive an email from Debbie with details closer to the date.

Convention Dates

April 23-25, 2021 — NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort
 July 7-10, 2021 — International Conference, Portland, OR
 July 21-24, 2021 — International Conference, San Antonio, TX
 July 28-31, 2021 — International Conference, Tampere, Finland
 July 12-16, 2022 — International Convention, New Orleans, LA

*Alpha Delta News Editor C. Massengale Contact Request
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Obituary for Past Member: Ruth Moore Page

Ruth Moore Page, 93, died peacefully at home in Yanceyville, NC with her family on Saturday, December 26, 2020.

Born on March 30, 1927 to Lloyd G. Moore and Hattie Lowe Moore in Lowgap, NC, hers was a hardscrabble life growing up after the death of her mother when Ruth was a toddler, death of her beloved older sister, Velna, when Ruth was a teenager and the deprivation of the Great Depression. Her caring teachers at Lowgap School kept her supplied with books at home which inspired a lifelong love of learning and reading. After graduating from Appalachian State University in 1950 (then Appalachian State Teachers College) majoring in English and Business Education, she taught English in Ronda and Ruffin, NC and later business subjects at Bartlett Yancey High School in Yanceyville where she taught 26 years until her retirement in June 1990. When computer use became an integral part of everyone's life, she took pride in knowing she had taught so many to type! While teaching, she also taught a Sunday School class for many years, was active in the Delta Kappa Gamma teachers' sorority, the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW, made many of her and her daughter's clothes, even sewing dance costumes for her daughter and others when performing in the Ann Boyer dance recitals. Her summers were spent preserving vegetables from the gardens her husband grew and she always prepared delicious home cooked meals. During her retirement years she enjoyed maintaining a beautiful lawn, playing Scrabble and card games with family and Bridge with friends, producing the newsletter for her church, Prospect United Methodist, voracious reading and most of all, her grandchildren whom she adored. Most recently she enjoyed sitting on her porch admiring any blooming thing in sight, the company of visitors and her caregivers Terry Meares and Claudette Stephens who made every effort to engage with, humor and affirm her. And she loved her kitty, Jenny. Survivors are her daughter, Rebecca Page, and son in law Robert Foyle, of the home in Yanceyville, grandchildren, Helen (Len) Page Foyle, currently of the home due to the pandemic and Edward Page Foyle of Seattle, Washington, brothers Keith Moore of Macclenny, FL and Seafus "Ted" Moore of Whittemore, MI along with numerous nieces and nephews, great and great great too. In addition to her parents and sister, she was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, Wilbur J. Page, and brothers, Everett Moore, and Earl Moore. The family especially thanks Victoria Smith, Carolyn Meeks, Terri Foster, Terry Meares, Claudette Stephens, caregivers who made it possible for Ruth to remain at home, along with Hospice of Alamance-Caswell (now Authoracare) nurse, Sarah, and CNA, Doretha. Also, special thanks to Betsy Watlington, a dear friend, who visited regularly before the pandemic. Due to Covid-19, the family welcomes visitors where we can sit on the porch or visit in the yard. A celebration of Ruth's life will be planned later when gatherings are safe. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Caswell Parish (P.O. Box 967, Yanceyville, NC 27379) or the Missions Fund at Prospect UMC (c/o Bobbie Brewer, P.O. Box 58, Yanceyville, NC 27379).