



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,

As your co-presidents, Rachel and I start this biennium with a real sense of **hope** that we can lead our chapter through this challenging time, strengthen our connections across our two counties, and continue our good work in education. I have read that **hope** can help us be less anxious and more productive. But these times are definitely testing our **hope**.

It is difficult to feel productive and at peace under the stressful and threatening conditions of a pandemic that now has consumed most of 2020. Still, teachers, I believe, are among the most **hopeful** people. The very nature of our work requires **hope**. The beginning of each school year is just full of **hope** as we start classes with a new group of students with their own set of **hopes**.

Each day of class starts with **hope** as we set goals and lesson objectives that we will work to achieve. The next day or class period holds some promise for each us, even if the previous one did not go exactly as we had **hoped**. **Hope** is more than just wishful thinking or being optimistic, though. My understanding is that to be truly **hopeful** we need to set some small goals and take steps, sometimes very small ones, toward these goals. Just as we plan lessons step-by-step, we can do some

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LEADING WOMEN EDUCATORS
IMPACTING EDUCATION WORLDWIDE

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Ready, Set, **GROW!**
2019-2021 NC DKG

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

goal-setting in our personal lives and in trying to further the mission of our chapter.

So, here are some small goals, I **hope** we will set together for the coming year:

1) Keep up with education in your own communities and think about how our chapter can assist. If you are actively teaching right now, please let us know how we might be able to help you. What do you need? Are there some supplies that we might be able to provide? Are there some needs of your students or others in your school that we might be able to purchase? Those of us who are retired, please take some steps to remain informed about the schools nearby. Check school system websites and read local papers to keep up with the latest plans and issues. Encourage teachers and be alert to their needs. Let us know of these needs.

2) Continue to work through our Alpha Delta committees to complete our traditional projects—they are good ones! Chairpersons, make sure your committee has a plan and keep us informed. See if there is some way your work can be done virtually even during the pandemic, which looks like it will extend into the coming months. If we all contribute a little through our committees, we can accomplish a lot.

3) Stay connected. Call, e-mail, text, and

send cards to your DKG sisters. Check the NC DKG website regularly to learn about state projects and resources. Respond to e-mails! It is lonely when we don't hear back from our chapter news e-mails!

4) Take care of yourself and try to stay positive. It is hard these days, but try to take some small steps daily to protect your physical and mental health and to remain a **hopeful** person. Let's keep inching forward.

In **hope** and friendship,

D. Russell Contact Request



Photo by D. Russell

The photo above was taken in late June 2020 around 7:30 p.m. A mother deer and two of her fawns were regular visitors to our backyard--and we live in town. Sometimes it seemed like a wildlife refuge with multiple rabbits, squirrels, a red hawk, and these deer. Maybe we just noticed them more during the quiet evenings of the pandemic.



DATES TO REMEMBER:*Oct. 24 Fall Executive Board Meeting**Oct. 24 Chapter Rules updates due to NC DKG Rules Committee**Nov. 1 Deadline for submissions for Winter NC DKG News**Nov. 10 International Speaker request due**Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS**Nov. 15 Nominations for NC DKG officers due**Nov. 30 ASK Time**Dec. 1 Deadline for proposed changes to Bylaws and Standing Rules**Dec. 15 Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due**Dec. TBD ASK Time**Jan. 3, 2021 DKG Educational Foundation project applications due**Jan. 15 Regional Directors annual report due**Jan. 25 ASK Time**Jan. 15-Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open**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***Get Out and Vote**

By: Dr. Fecher, NC DKG ELP Committee Chair

One way in which DKG members can get involved with educational law and policy efforts is to get out and vote. Did you know 71% of educators in North Carolina are women? Just think of the difference our voice can make if we take the time to vote. The NC DKG Educational Law and Policy (ELP) Committee has put together two resources to help you make an informed decision about voting this November. First, who will be the next NC State Superintendent? Read this article [NCDKG Members Get Out & Vote](#) with helpful links to decide who you want to be the head of NCDPI. [Voting Sets the Course](#), the second resource, will support members looking for information on elected officials.

Early voting runs October 15 - 31 and Election Day is November 3, 2020. Get out and vote!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. According to American Cancer Society, the average risk of a woman in the United States developing breast cancer sometime in her life is about 13%. This means there is a 1 in 8 chance she will develop breast cancer. This also means there is a 7 in 8 chance she will never have the disease. Keep up with your screenings and remember, early detection can save lives!



A well deserved tribute to past-president W. Smith created by L. Haynes and presented at our October 2nd meeting. While the word "corona" today is associated with the dreaded virus, this tribute connects to a more positive meaning of the word.

Definition of Corona According to Merriam-Webster:

- 1: Something suggesting a crown: such as
 - (a) a usually colored circle often seen around and close to a luminous body (such as the sun or moon) caused by diffraction produced by suspended droplets or occasionally particles of dust
 - (b) the tenuous outermost part of the atmosphere of a star (such as the sun)
 - (c) a circle of light made by the apparent convergence of the streamers of the aurora borealis



Showed commitment to our chapter by being **W**illing to step into work as a Treasurer of organization

Made sure Alpha Delta sent in **A**rticles for state newsletter

Submitted photos and articles to local **N**ewspapers re DKG projects & activities

Organized Alpha **D**elta's involvement with international meeting in Asheville

Oversaw all traditional chapter projects, **A**ssisting in streamlining and carrying out committee work

Made sure we were all **D**uly and promptly informed about every issue

Dignified & professional leadership in conducting **D**KG meetings & working with committees

Heart of **G**old

Very efficient and timely **C**ommunication re state initiatives & local concerns

Frequent contact with chapter members **O**n a personal basis via calls, cards, and e-mail

Updated chapter rules to **R**eflect changes & chapter needs

Planned for **2020** state convention in Greensboro

Encouraged involvement by all members, **N**ew and "Seasoned" ☺

Wanda connected with us as friends **A**s well as colleagues in education!



Alpha Delta Project To Provide Learning Resources for Students

Even though we probably cannot be together for a while longer, we have put into place a project to help students learn during this challenging year. The leadership of Alpha Delta proposed a project to purchase supplemental resources for students that might be used while they learn at home or as they transition back to the classroom. We have allotted an amount not to exceed \$500 for the purchase of resources (such as workbooks, hands-on manipulative aids, craft kits) that can be distributed to students in the two counties for at-home supplemental learning, especially while students are learning remotely or in a hybrid format. Ideally these resources will reach those in most need. Twenty-two members responded yes and approved of budgeting this project as a way for the chapter to assist students during the pandemic. As a reading specialist and Parent Resource Center director for Rockingham County, Catherine M. will be our coordinator for the project. She is in a good position to know about needs and to see sales and good buys as they come across her desk. She has already found some reading preparation workbooks that we could purchase economically for kindergarten students. The 27 copies available were bought at a cost of about \$1.60 each and sent to kindergarten students at Dillard Academy in Madison. Catherine sent a letter and attached a sticker to each workbook to let them know our Delta Kappa Gamma chapter provided the workbooks to help during this difficult time. We will look to send other materials to additional classes in the coming weeks.

Let Catherine know of any needs or resources you identify.

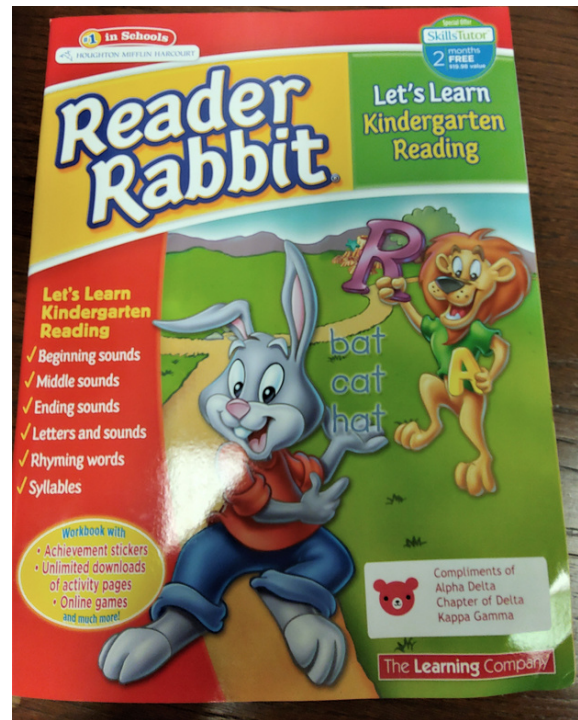


Photo by C. Massengale

NC DKG Mentor Project

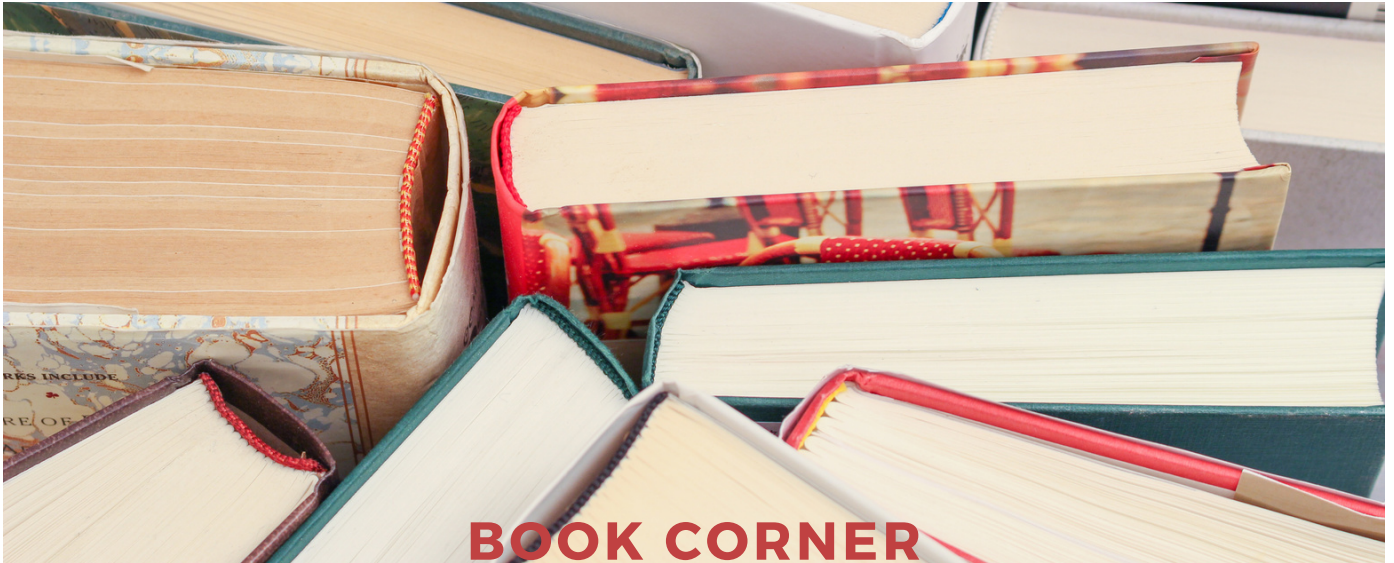
The NC DKG Mentor Project has officially been launched! Each chapter has been partnered with another within their region to share ideas. Our chapter has been paired with Alpha Upsilon from Randolph County.

<https://alphaupsilonnc.weebly.com/>

What ideas do you have for bringing our two chapters together?

From President Teresa: this pairing with another chapter is not based on chapter performance, but on the premise that all chapters have great ideas to share. The project's goal is to develop a mutually supportive relationship to foster GROWTH. President Teresa has designated NC DKG Secretary D. Littlejohn as the contact for the mentor project.

Let Doris know if there are areas you would like addressed or if you have ideas to share. As the Pool of Resources grows, they will showcase mentor pairs' ideas.



What are we reading?

D. Russell: ***The Pull of the Stars*** (2020)
by **Emma Donoghue**

Set in Dublin during the 1918 flu epidemic, the book follows nurses and aides over three days in a maternity ward, where they try to help young women through childbirth and at the same time keep them from dying from the devastating influenza. I found the book meaningful and moving, although its graphic descriptions of childbirth and death may be a bit heavy for some just now. The author also wrote the book on which the award-winning film “Room” was based.

C. Rutledge: ***A Good Neighborhood***
by **Therese Anne Fowler**, is a thought provoking and serious novel which made me think about the problem of racism in our society and how hatred lives in very unsuspecting areas. The book is beautifully written in its presentation of well-developed characters and multiple themes; however, it is not a mindless escape novel..

M. Holt: ***More Than Meets the Eye***
is a first novel by my friend, **Sandra Livermon**. This book has it all....mystery, romance, and interesting twists throughout. The main character is a female architect. The author draws on her own experience as the head of a construction company. She writes about what she knows.... ***Dear Edward*** is a 2020 novel by **Ann Napolitano** about a 12 year old boy who is the lone survivor of a plane crash which killed 191 people including his own family...



*Photo by Susan T.
Susan's fall cornucopia of
books to read...*

WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

Since we are at home more, which TV, streaming shows, and websites have been helping through this time?



D. Russell:

Amazing Race (on Hulu). I had watched the most recent five or six seasons and loved it, but there are 31 seasons in all. So we started at the beginning and are now on Season 13. Truly amazing and a great diversion as they travel around the world. Season 32, which they filmed before the pandemic, just started airing on October 14 on CBS.

My favorite recent TV show is **The Good Place-- 4 seasons. Netflix/Originally on NBC.** This series will make you laugh and cry and really think, but you must watch it from the very beginning for it to have the greatest impact.

C. Massengale:

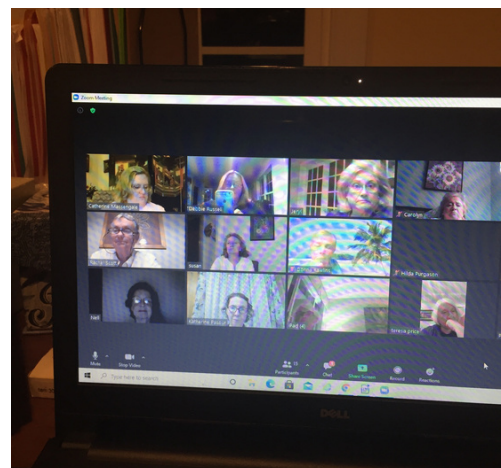
Midsomer Murders (on Prime Video/AcornTV) British murder mystery show with 21 seasons.

Trying to figure out the film history of the guest stars is half the fun! I watched **Hamilton on Disney+** several times and highly recommend it.

The West Wing (on Netflix) is one of my all time favorite series. It has a stellar cast and the right touch of drama, humor and romance. I would vote for Jed Bartlett for president! **HBO Max** just debuted a **West Wing Reunion**. Much of the cast reunited for a live version of the "Hartsfield Landing" episode, hoping to encourage people to vote. I am eager to watch!

M. Holt:

Amazon Prime Video: Peak Practice....British small town medical practice...Drama galore!
Father Brown...priest—detective wanna-be.
Waiting for God.....one of my all time favorites...2 residents of “senior citizens” community in England lead the way in refusing to give in to “waiting for God. i.e. Death...”
Netflix: Heartland....Canadian horse ranch....drama/
Emily in Paris.....fun...fanciful/
Last Tango in Halifax...widowed/divorced senior citizens renew high school romance... with family complications!



*Photo by D. Russell
Our October 2nd Zoom Meeting*



Photo by S. Thompson

These are some of the desserts I made for our community meal give-away at Mission First. Our church, Woodmont UMC, prepares the meal each Monday and community members drive through and get theirs. We usually do 100 meals per week and I am in charge of desserts (my main COVID-19 project).

Committee Updates

Beginning Teacher Support Committee

Our committee met via Zoom on Tuesday, October 13. Prior to the meeting, the members received a list of beginning teachers from Rockingham County, and Susan will obtain the ones from Caswell County. We discussed the process and will meet again soon in order to establish the dates.

C. Rutledge, Committee chair

Update on our 2020 Scholarship Recipient

Our 2020 scholarship recipient feels safe living on campus at Appalachian State University this semester. Though it is certainly not the typical freshman year experience, Hannah has a roommate, attends one in-person class, and takes the rest of her courses on-line. We are looking forward to meeting Hannah and her parent at some future DKG meeting! Casey T., our Scholarship Committee chairperson, has already distributed the applications for our 2021 grant-in-aid to the high schools in Rockingham and Caswell counties, so the search for the 2021 recipient of our \$1000 award is well underway.

P. Snyder, Committee member

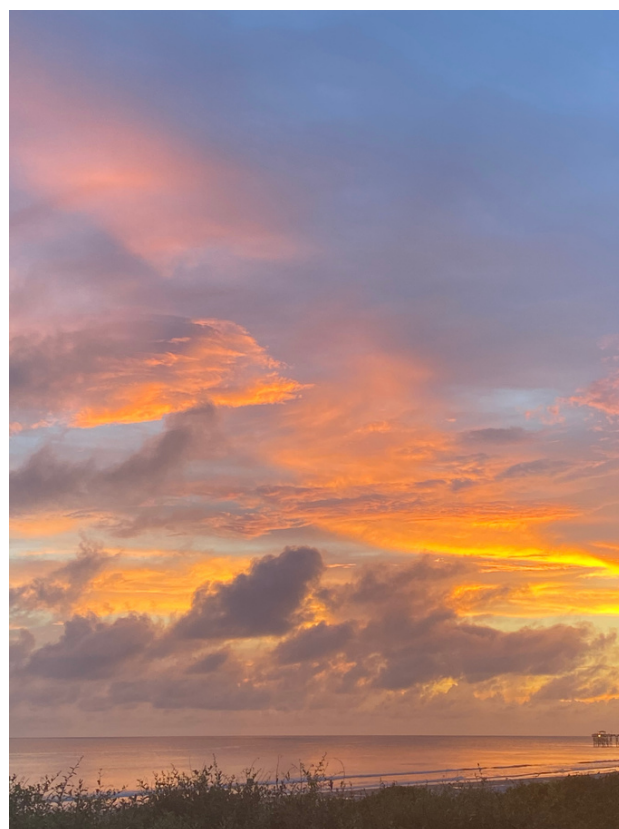


Photo by M. Holt

Most beautiful sunset I have ever seen in 23 years coming to the beach! What a reminder that beauty still exists in the midst of all 2020 upheaval...

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

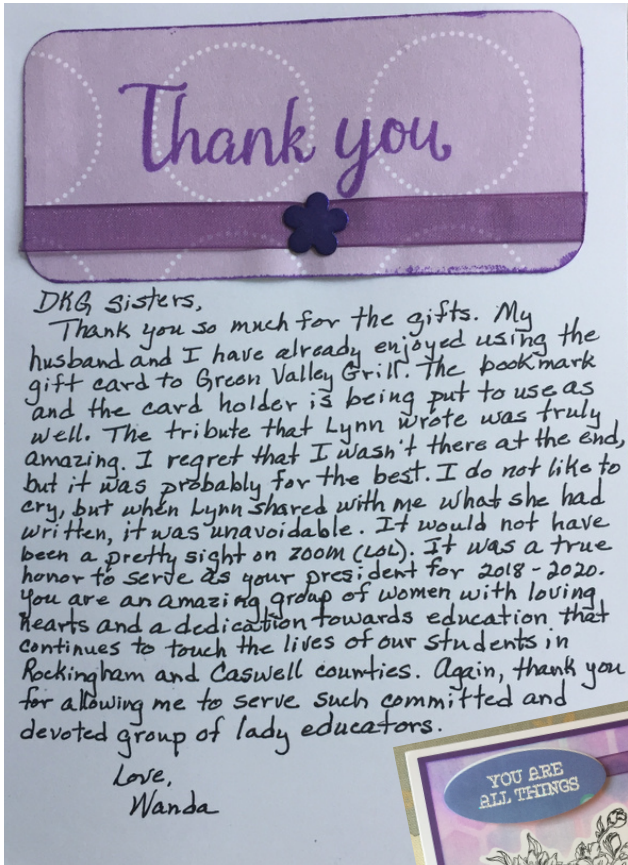
July 28-31, 2021 — International Conference, Tampere, Finland

July 12-16, 2022 — International Convention, New Orleans, LA

We all express our sincerest gratitude to Wanda for her dedicated service as our chapter president for 2018-20. In return, Wanda sent her thanks to our chapter with the lovely home-made card and note below.

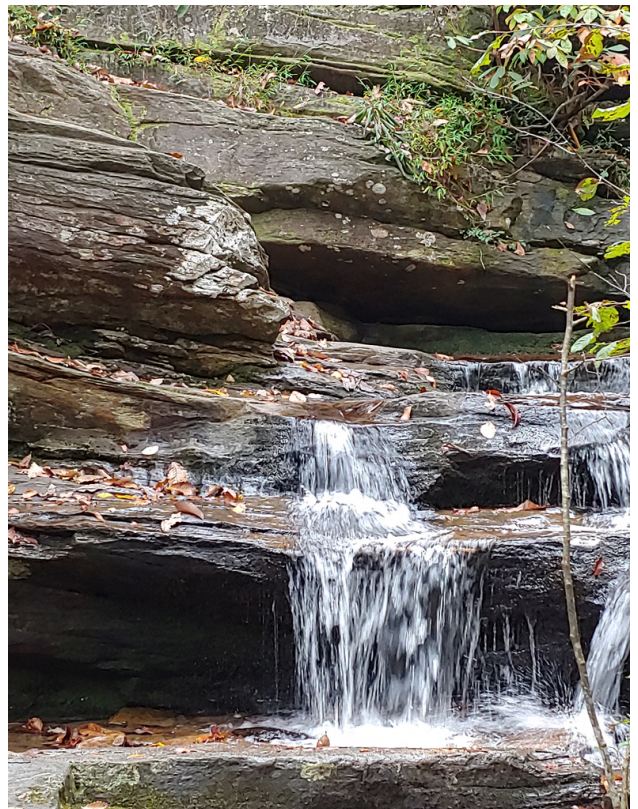


- October 13-Susan L
- 15-Rachel S.
- November 29-Sandra D.
- 16-Evangelina B.
- 19-Melissa B.
- December 7-Jeryl R.
- 8-Kay D.
- 12-Kristy S.



P. Snyder's newest Granddaughter, Luella Ann

***Born at 11:15 pm
 September 29
 6 lbs. 5 oz.
 19 1/2 inches long***



***Photo by C. Massengale
 Lovely fall day at Hanging Rock State Park...soothes the soul!***



DKG
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Foundation

DKG International Educators Foundation Benefits Teachers

The DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) was established earlier this year when the DKG Educational Foundation and the DKG Supporting Corporation merged. Its mission is to support effective educational projects, the educational and charitable activities of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and professional growth of educators worldwide.

Each month, Eta Data's calendar lists due dates for upcoming applications that DKG members may apply for, such as the [Cornetet Awards](#) for individual professional development or seminars or [DKG Scholarships](#). These fall under the DKGIEF, as do World Fellowship, Emergency Fund, and others. (Click on the graphic to go to the list.)

Now is the time for members to begin preparing applications that will be due February 1 for as many as 31 scholarships available for those pursuing advanced degrees. Scholarships for those seeking other graduate studies are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000. [Applications](#) are currently available on the Society website under the Apply/Submit tab ☒ Applications.

Dr. Judith Carlson, an NC DKG past state president and past chair of the NC DKG Educational Foundation, was elected to the DKGIEF Board of Directors this summer. Judith says, "The Board has met and we are fully engaged in visions of fund-raising and of awarding funds to worthy proposals that will impact education, teachers and learners. Please visit the website, read the DKG News, and Collegial Exchange for ongoing news of our work as we break ground and bring fresh and creative ideas to the newly merged Board."

[Look Up Members in the Directory](#)

Need an address for a member? Look her up in the DKG Directory! Log in to the website, click on MyDKG, then Directory. Remember the directory is only as good as the info members enter so encourage everyone to update and share their info under the My Participation tab!

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/>



Our Next Meeting

Friday, December 4, 2020

Details TBD

Your will receive an email from Debbie with a link to a google form. Please click on the link and complete the form to share you preferences for this meeting.

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

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Delta Kappa Gamma Society
Alpha Delta Chapter
October 2, 2020
Minutes

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held its October 2, 2020 meeting online using the zoom format. Group gatherings are currently restricted due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Eighteen members participated. Greetings were given by Co-Presidents R. Scott and D. Russell. R. Williamson provided inspirational words followed by a moment of silence. First Vice-President T. Price led the collect and response.

The program focused on what are the current conditions for educators working under the Covid-19 restrictions. C. Massengale contributed information from her first hand observations. It was suggested that members send notes of encouragement to chapter members currently employed in the school systems. Each member shared their experiences on sheltering in place.

Business Meeting

Co-President D. Russell conducted the business meeting. W. Smith made the motion to approve the agenda. T. Price seconded the motion with all agreeing. M. Holt made the motion to accept and file the March minutes. W. Smith seconded, with all approving. Co-Treasurer R. Scott reported an August balance checking \$7321.58 and savings \$3349.61. Co-Treasurer W. Smith said all required organizational financial filing deadlines had been met.

Committee Reports

Communications: C. Massengale is the new editor of the Alpha Delta newsletter. She requests members email her photos, latest book readings, travel news etc.

Membership: Secretary J. Rice reported the chapter membership is currently 37 members; 33 active and 4 reserve.

Educational Law and Policy: M. Holt reviewed the state superintendent of public education candidates and their stand on two specific issues; school vouchers and accountability standards.

Presidents' Report and Report of the Executive Board

President Russell described some of the zoom training meetings for chapter presidents. She reviewed the state website resources. All chapters are being paired for collaboration. Alpha Delta is paired with Alpha Upsilon Chapter, Asheboro.

Old Business

The chapter previously approved the 2020-21 project to purchase student reading resources for at home supplemental learning. C. Massengale is the coordinator for the project. She reported the purchase of Reader Rabbit workbooks and their distribution to Dillard Kindergarten students.

New Business

Nominations committee L. Haynes acknowledged the contributions of outgoing President W. Smith by writing a thoughtful description of her many accolades. Haynes installed the new chapter officers; Co-Presidents R. Scott and D. Russell, First Vice President T. Price, Secretary J. Rice, Co-Treasurers R. Scott and W. Smith, Parliamentarian N. Rose.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Rice, Secretary