



ALPHA DELTA NEWS

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

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi All,

After two-and-a-half years of taking precautions to avoid contracting COVID and what that means to the continued 'good' health of my mom who is 96, I am currently quarantining at home with a mild case of this continuing, insidious disease. As so often happens when forced to spend time resting and relaxing instead of dashing about engaging in my usual activities, I've had more time than I needed to think about how we're all actually coping.

We've lost loved ones, often without being able to honor them with the unrestricted services and in-person recognition they deserved due to pandemic concerns; many have been seriously ill with long term effects; legions of people are still working from home with Zoom meetings becoming the rule rather than the exception; our social interactions have changed, some say permanently; those who engage in hobbies requiring assembling

with others of similar interests such as choirs, concerts, etc. are not quite back to normal (whatever that is now); many associations are still meeting virtually, with some totally disbanding; our children and youth have made significant adjustments in their lives that have affected them developmentally and

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

emotionally; our mental health challenges have never been more demanding; trips of a lifetime have been cancelled and rescheduled and sometimes cancelled again; and some of our favorite haunts are no more—restaurants, shops, recreational spots; and so on and on...

On the other hand—how fortunate we are to be where we are as compared to where we were two years ago! We now have so many tools to combat this novel virus: vaccines, boosters, plenty of masks and hospital equipment, hospital space, anti-viral meds, etc. What advantages we have experienced by living in a highly-developed, affluent country with the freedoms we have to move around as we wish with easy access to clean water, healthy food, comfortable homes, protection provided by first responders, and loved ones to interact with in person or through technology!

Nothing in this observation is unique or particularly clever, and I know you've all made these comparisons and are counting your blessings; however, it does allow me an opening to tout the continued good health of our state DKG and especially our home-grown Alpha Delta chapter. While the pandemic has certainly challenged the healthy status of DKG internationally with some chapters actually shutting down permanently, others are still trying to survive in unique ways, meeting virtually and having to cancel meetings due to poor attendance.

As for us, congratulations are in order!

- * NC DKG is currently the 3rd largest state organization, even more impressive considering that NC is only the 10th largest state in the US.
- * Our own Alpha Delta chapter, comprised of Rockingham/Caswell, has missed only one meeting during the pandemic while even adding a homemade ice cream social during our summertime hiatus last year.
- * We awarded two grants-in-aid this year for \$1000 each.
- * We added new members to our chapter.



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DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

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

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Let's face it—Our Alpha Delta chapter is the Chick-Fil-A of DKG!

Chick-Fil-A took on the challenges of operating during a world-wide pandemic and adjusted their business plan to continue to offer a safe, efficient, and pleasant delivery system when we needed something familiar when we ventured out of our homes. Their company not only survived, but flourished, and that success was made possible by the creativity and flexibility of their leadership team, the cooperation of their staff, and the loyalty of their patrons.

Thanks to Debbie and Rachel for their creativity, flexibility, and courage to implement new ideas during an unusual time. Thank you to their fellow officers and others who used their special gifts to help us all make the adjustments we needed in technology and logistics so we could continue to have our meetings. ...And a huge thank you to all our local and loyal members who continue to support our chapter, a response that has allowed us to grow during a challenging time. We are a stronger organization because of our leadership, dedication, and loyalty to DKG!

T. Price

Co-President [Contact Request](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Aug. 15-Sept. 15 DKG Art Gallery submission window opens
- September 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due
[also](#) Deadline to enter dues to avoid members being dropped
- October 1 Bulletin: Journal submissions due
- October 7 Alpha Delta Chapter Meeting
- October 8 NCDKGEF golf tournament
- October 27 NC DKG Founders Day
- October 31 Form 72 - Website Compliance renewal due
- November 1 NC DKG News winter issue deadline
[also](#) Cornetet Individual PD Awards applications due
- November 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS
[also](#) Nominations due for 2023-2025 NC DKG state officers
- December 1 Deadline to submit proposed changes to NC DKG Bylaws or Standing Rules
- December 2 Alpha Delta Chapter Meeting
- December 15 Chapter directory due to regional director
[also](#) Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due

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

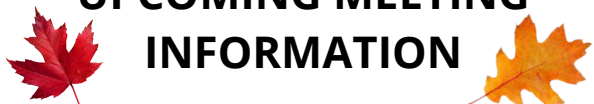
July 26-29 2023 International Conference Tampere, Finland

Treasurer's Report

Balance in Checking
as of 9-2-2022: \$7860.81

Balance in Savings (Grant-in-Aid/Scholarship)
as of 9-2-22: \$4328.57.

UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION



The October meeting of the Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will be at Calvary Baptist Church in Reidsville, NC on Friday, October 7, 2022. The church is located at 7860 NC Highway 87 on the way from Reidsville to Wentworth. The social time will begin at 6:00 and the meal will be served at 6:30. The price of the meal is \$15.00. This includes the meal and an honorarium for the church.

Menu:

Bourbon glazed chicken breast
 Roasted Potatoes
 Broccoli Casserole
 Tea/water
 Dessert

Hostesses:

D. Rawlins, chair;
 M. Bailey;
 D.Crumpton



Remember...

BRING YOUR RED OR WHITE
 CHAPTER HANDBOOK
 TO THE MEETING!



We will be collecting school supplies at our October meeting. Suggested items:

- Expo dry erase markers (Black)
- Glue sticks
- Binder clips
- Ziploc Bags (all sizes)
- Clorox wipes
- Large pink block erasers
- Pre-sharpened #2 pencils
- Crayola Crayons, 24 pack
- Wide ruled notebook paper
- Refillable water bottles
- Marble composition books, wide-ruled
- Fiskars student scissors
- Crayola washable markers
- Highlighters
- Vinyl folders
- Copy paper
- Headphones
- Band-aids
- Tissues
- Sticky notes



OUR NEW REGION VII DIRECTOR, Mary Pickett



Mary Pickett, an Alpha Upsilon member, is a retired exceptional children's teacher. She also earned her National Board Certification. Mary has served her chapter as secretary, membership chair, first vice president, and two terms as president. In 2018 she led Alpha Upsilon to earn the Presidential Achievement Award. Mary is serving on the NC DKG Rules Committee and previously served on the Headquarters Committee.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB MEETS

Ten members of Alpha Delta chapter met on July 14 for their annual Book Club gathering. Led by K. Diehl, the group discussed the many characters and themes of the selected novel *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michelle Richardson. Videos of the author and a professor speaking about the book gave the group added insights.

The novel is set in the Depression era and focuses on the Pack Horse Librarians who brought books to the isolated residents of eastern Kentucky. These workers, mainly women, traveled up and down treacherous mountainsides on horses or mules to bring human contact and reading material to people who were in extreme poverty. As the program was one of the many work projects of the New Deal, D. Russell also gave some additional historical context about other work programs and projects that were completed as a part of the Roosevelt administration's emergency efforts to rescue the country's economy. In North Carolina, these projects included the writing of *The Lost Colony* by Paul Green and the building of the Blue Ridge Parkway, as well as a CCC camp in Madison, NC.

The other main theme of the novel centers on the prejudice faced by the main character, Cussy Mary Carter, one of the Pack Horse librarians. Because she has a rare blood disorder, Cussy's skin is frequently blue and, because of this difference, she is shunned by many of her neighbors. The author did extensive research into the history of the "blue people" of Kentucky and presented a detailed work of historical



fiction that places their history into the novel. The book also shows that the author closely studied the folkways of Appalachia. She integrates into the narrative details about foraging for food, courting traditions, healing methods, and mule handling. In fact, perhaps the most popular "character" in *Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* is actually Cussy's mule, Junia, who is essential to the book's plot at many points.

Those in attendance at the book club also tried to bring the book's meaning into present times, discussing how we might reach out to those in our own communities who are dealing with adversity, especially the hardships of living in poverty. We were reminded of the people of Richardson's book in recent news reports of devastating floods in eastern Kentucky, still one of our nation's poorest regions.

The book club event was held in the library of Woodmont United Methodist Church in Reidsville. Members of the Leadership Development Committee provided refreshments and set the table with a Kentucky theme. Monetary donations were also collected to present to the church as an honorarium.

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SUMMER BOOK CLUB (CONTINUED)

The Book Club has become a summer staple for Alpha Delta. Each year the Leadership Development Committee gathers suggestions from chapter members and selects a book that they believe the group will enjoy and find meaningful. Past selections have included *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens, *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd, *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson, and *The Last Train to London* by Meg Waite Clayton. Suggestions for future reading selections are welcome throughout the year.

2023 NC DKG LEADERSHIP SEMINAR



The Leadership Development Committee invites you to save the 2023 NC DKG Leadership Seminar dates. This year's theme is "DKG Leaders - Honor the Past, Embrace the Present, and Inspire the Future!" The seminar will be held at Caraway Conference Center on March 25-26, 2023, with an optional early arrival on March 24 for a day spent exploring the pottery town of Seagrove. This year's seminar will be open to new, former, and prospective leaders, so all members are welcome to attend. There will be something for everyone. Full details and a registration form will be available in the winter edition of the NC DKG News.

NC DKG *Leadership Development Committee Chair, Lori Holguin*



NEWS FROM NC DKG EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation is excited to announce we're returning to Colonial Country Club in Thomasville on October 8 for our annual charity golf tournament, Tee It Up for Teachers. Enjoy a unique round of golf in the rolling hills and hardwood forests of Thomasville while supporting NC students and teachers. Proceeds go to The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. Create a team, be a sponsor, or make a contribution. Your generosity will allow funding to support teachers and students throughout North Carolina. Sponsorship and golfer registration forms are available online on the [Tee It Up for Teachers page](#) on the Foundation website.

*NCDKGEF Board Vice Chair
Sharon Frazier*

Grants Available - Don't Miss Out!

The NC DKG Educational Foundation announces that Foundation grants and many endowment grants are now available. Applications are available on the [NCDKGEF website](#). *The deadline for grant applications is September 30.* If you have a project you want to do in your classroom, a chapter initiative, or a community partnership idea, consider submitting a grant application. These opportunities are available for you. Apply now!

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Explore More about the Grants Available to Educators through the NC DKG Educational Foundation



The grants below are available Fall 2022. Applications are due on September 30, 2022.

1. Education for Professional/Personal Growth (Due Sept. 30th) Educators statewide
These grants may be awarded to individuals or to projects offering professional/personal growth for educators through such educational activities as attendance at conferences or seminars, participation in independent studies, or educational travel. Proposals must indicate the anticipated impact of the activity on the participant(s) and on others who may also benefit as a result of the participant(s) engagement in the activity. Added value for innovation, creativity, and/or collaboration.
2. Continuing Education for Professional/Personal Growth (Due Sept. 30th) Educators statewide
These grants may be awarded to individuals or to projects offering professional/personal growth for educators through such educational activities as attendance at conferences or seminars, participation in independent studies, or educational travel. Proposals must indicate the anticipated impact of the activity on the participant(s) and on others who may also benefit as a result of the participant(s) engagement in the activity. Added value for innovation, creativity, and/or collaboration.
3. McCall Gifted Education or Fine Arts Grant (Due Sept. 30th) Educators statewide
This grant supports projects that provide stimulating and challenging educational experiences for students deemed to be academically gifted and/or exceptionally talented as well as educational endeavors for all students in any area of “the Arts” – including theatre, dance, instrumental and vocal music, painting, sculpting, hand-crafts, creative writing, graphic arts, architectural design, and the like, in pre-school, classroom, school, or community settings. Added value for Innovation, Creativity, and/or Collaboration. Two grants of up to \$1,000 each may be awarded.
4. Margaret Church Endowment Grant (Due Sept. 30th) Grades 4-12 educators statewide supporting leadership development
Grants from the Margaret Church Endowment support NC teachers and students. This grant may be used by Grade 4-12 Teachers to purchase instructional materials in Leadership Development for use in their classrooms. It is available for student training in extra-curricular groups, grade-level activities, or total school initiatives in Leadership Development for Grade 4-12 Students. It may be used to help fund Leadership Development for Educators, such as attending Leadership Development classes and conferences or holding school-wide or system-wide Leadership Development sessions for educators. One grant of \$1,000 is available to be rewarded.
5. Dr. Judith B. Carlson Endowment Grant (Due Sept. 30th) Educators statewide supporting enrichment activities, travel, fieldtrips, outdoor education, and other experiential learning
The Dr. Judith B. Carlson Endowment was created in 2020 by Alpha Gamma chapter to

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NC DKG EDUCATIONAL GRANTS (CONTINUED)

honor a dedicated member and outstanding educator. Dr. Carlson has been a driving force in the establishment of the NC DKG Educational Foundation and has worked diligently to create endowments in DKG chapters throughout NC. As a physical education professor at Appalachian State University, her passion was preparing students for careers in teaching.

The Carlson grant may be awarded to individuals or for projects that ignite and intrigue the imagination of educators for inspiring enriched learning experiences. This grant supports opportunities for international travel and cultural immersion allowing educators to bring broader cultural perspectives to their classrooms. It also supports unique enrichment opportunities for educators to offer students through fieldtrips, outdoor education, camping, and other experiential and diverse learning experiences. One grant of up to \$500 is available to active and retired educators in NC with priority given to those from Watauga and Avery Counties.

In any given funding cycle, an individual or group may not submit proposals for multiple grants funding the same project. A proposal by an individual for a project that has been awarded funding in a previous grant cycle may be considered for funding in subsequent grant cycles IF the request is not identical to the original project but rather enhances or builds on the original activity.

<https://www.ncdkgef.org/grants.html>

*Keep up to date! Visit the International,
State & Chapter Websites...*

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

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

Alpha Delta Website:

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

User Focused—User Friendly DKG Website Redesign Coming Soon!

The current DKG websites, member and nonmember, were developed in 2014. Slight changes were made in 2017. However, the DKG Communications and Marketing Committee has heard members' frustration about navigating the website. This concern was brought to CTOG—a group that includes tech professionals at Headquarters and several members who are critically concerned with communication, including the president, executive director, administrators, Communications and Marketing chair, and Society editor. Two key concepts drove the website redesign decisions of CTOG. The first key principle is “User Focused” - who is visiting the website, and why are they coming? The second key principle is “User Friendly” - a logical progression of topics and only four to five clicks to get to the needed information. The redesigned member site will include seven key tabs, and the nonmember site will have six key tabs. Members are encouraged to preview the site maps and the location of topics on the redesigned site. A link to the [website redesign information](#) is available under the rotator on the DKG homepage. A [feedback form](#) is available by scrolling to the bottom of the website redesign page. CTOG is continuing to request feedback before the site debuts in late fall.

May Meeting Highlights



C. Tuttle presenting Grant-in Aid recipient, Ainsley Pyrtle Submitted by C. Massengale



Grant-in Aid recipient, Faith Upchurch Submitted by C. Massengale



Dorm Shower for Ainsley & Faith Submitted by C. Massengale



Installation of Officers by W. Pasour Submitted by C. Massengale

Alpha Delta Officers 2022-2024

Tee Price & Debbie Russell,
Co-Presidents

Deborah Crumpton,
First-Vice-President

Susan Lassiter,
Second-Vice-President

Jeryl Rice,
Secretary

Rachel Scott & Wanda Smith,
Co-Treasurers

Nell Rose,
Parliamentarian



PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- September 12- Carol H.
20- Bonnie B.
21- Donna R.
28- Ruth W.
- October 13- Susan L.
15- Rachel S.
29- Sandra D.
- November 16- Evangelina B.
19- Melissa B.
- December 7- Jeryl R.
8- Kay D.

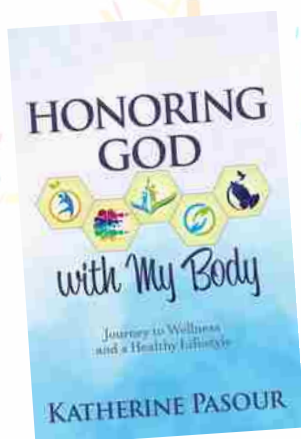


Book Recommendation from Carolyn Lester

If you enjoyed The Chilbury Ladies Choir by Jennifer Ryan, then you are in for a treat with her latest book, The Wedding Dress Sewing Circle.

Congrats to Our Favorite Local Author!

Honoring God with My Body: Journey to Wellness and a Healthy Lifestyle, Winky Pasour's new book, releases October 4. If interested, you can order a copy from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, BooksAMillion, Bookshop.org, Target, or from Winky.



Roses from the yard
Submitted by D. Russell

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

SUMMER TRAVELS NEAR & FAR



View of
Parliament
from the
London Eye

Submitted by
D. Russell



Changing of the Guard at
Windsor Castle

Submitted by D. Russell



Buffalo Mountain Natural
Preserve is a beautiful
adventure in Floyd, VA!
~3 mile hike up and back!

Submitted by C.Tuttle



SUMMER TRAVELS (CONTINUED)



Primordial vegetation along the path to Woodard Bay Conservation Area in Olympia, Washington



Mt. Rainier in July with 3 feet of snow pack!



McMenamin resorts utilize historically significant buildings in WA and OR, so interesting!

Painted headboard in McMenamins Anderson School Hotel. Each room has a theme unique to someone connected to the old school.



Sunset in Westport, WA

Submitted by C. Massengale



**WE REMEMBER OUR FRIEND KATHRYN HOUCK SCOTT
CHAPTER MEMBER SINCE 1983**



Kathryn Houck Scott, 99, passed away on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at Countryside Manor in Stokesdale.

Kathryn was born in 1923 in Ashe County to the late Austin and Louise E. Houck. She retired from teaching primary grades and later resource teacher for Learning Disabilities after 27 years in the Madison-Mayodan School System. She also taught in the Headstart summer program when North Carolina instituted the program in the 1970's. She was an active member of the North Carolina Retired Teachers and Delta Kappa Gamma-Rockingham County, honor society for women educators. She was a member of Madison United Methodist Church, where she taught children's' Sunday School for over 40 years. In retirement, she coordinated the Methodist church's participation in the Meals on Wheels program for 20 years. She was a member of the American Cancer Society, driving cancer patients to medical appointments and assisting with their fundraisers. In 2006, she was named Volunteer of the Year.

Kathryn's family included three brothers and one sister. When she and Charles married in 1941, her family expanded to include Charles' five brothers, two sisters, and their wives/husbands. For Kathryn, the two families were equally important. She and Charles gave support when needed to any of the siblings, and later to nieces and nephews. Her life was one of giving – to her own children and husband, her extended family, the children she taught, her church, the grandchildren, friends, and, her other love, cats. She enjoyed projects, keeping busy with sewing for her family and occasionally costumes for productions, organizing biennial family reunions, particularly for the children's amusement, a 50th high school reunion, and making baked goods for church bazaars. She also loved a good picnic and organized many for family and friends. The work these projects entailed was not "work" to her because she loved "doing" for others.

Kathryn is survived by her sister, Helen H. Smith of Charlotte, NC; her daughter, Barbara S. James of Pensacola, FL; grandchildren, Catherine S. Arne of Asheville, NC, Eric Scott of Midlothian, VA and Patrick James of Auburn, AL, in addition to five great-grandchildren, Bella James, Georgia Barber, Simon, Andrew and Lily Scott.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles H. Scott; son, Randolph "Randy" Scott; three brothers, five brothers-in-law and their wives, two sisters-in-law and their husbands.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society
Alpha Delta Chapter
May 6, 2022

The Alpha Delta Chapter of DKG met May 6, 2022 in a hybrid meeting both in person at Main Street United Methodist Church in Reidsville, NC and digitally via Zoom. C. Massengale managed the audio and video connections check. Co-Presidents D. Russell and R. Scott opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions. M. Bailey contributed inspirational thoughts and photos about the teachers and students she serves at South End School. Eighteen members and six guests attended with two members participating digitally. Following the collect and response, the members enjoyed a catered meal by Carol Drye. Grant in Aid/Scholarship Committee Chair C. Tuttle presented \$500 scholarship checks to Ainsley Pyrtle and Faith Upchurch. This is one half of their grant. Both were accompanied by their mothers. The chapter honored the girls with dorm shower gifts. S. Lassiter introduced the program speakers. Tiffany Haworth, Executive Director and Anna Wheeler; NC Coordinator for the Dan River Basin Association spoke on the organization's purpose to protect and preserve the natural and cultural resources of the Dan River Basin. They encouraged the chapter members to join the First Saturday Outings (FSO).

Co-President Russell led the business meeting. C. Massengale made the motion to approve the agenda and W. Smith seconded. All were in favor. R. Scott made the motion to approve the March 4 minutes and W. Pasour seconded. The motion passed. R. Scott presented the treasurer's report with \$7887.39 in checking. The savings account is \$5327.72

Committee Reports

Finance: Chair Susan Thompson announced an audit will be conducted July 14.

Leadership Development: The Book Club will meet July 14 at Woodmont Methodist Church.

World Fellowship: The book and DVD sale raised \$48.00

President's Report

No one was able to attend the state convention for the first time in several decades. We hope to send participants next year to Greenville, NC. Alpha Delta earned the Distinctive Chapter Achievement Award and the badge can be viewed on the website.

President Russell proposed a summer outing to Historic Milton with the membership indicating an interest. She asked B. Brewer to help with the plans. Members will be informed later about the date and itinerary. The president also collected committee surveys.

There will be a planning meeting this summer to put in place programs and projects for the new biennium.

New Business

Wanda Smith honored outgoing Co-President R Scott for her service to the chapter presenting her a pin. Scott gave a DKG necklace to the Co-President Russell thanking her for a good two years leading Alpha Delta. The nominations committee representative W. Pasour installed the new officers. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,
J. Rice, Secretary