



Gamma Sigma Signal

Gamma Sigma Region VI Moore County, North Carolina
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Mission Statement: *The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*

Vision Statement: *Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide*

Editor: Nancy Collins [Nancy's email](#)

President's Message:

Welcome back to Delta Kappa Gamma!! Summer is not yet over, but school has begun. Your officers have been busy preparing for our new year.

We will need to conduct at least the first meeting by Zoom, as determined by your responses. With our positivity rate hovering near 20%, that is really the only prudent choice. If you need help with Zoom, please contact one of us, and we will pay a masked visit to your home so as to show you the ropes.

You will want to attend, because we are welcoming three new members and reinstating another. We would also like to have a discussion on our goals for the year. Elaine and Tina have sent thoughtful responses as to goals, so you may want to peruse their suggestions to stimulate your thinking for the discussion.

I will be traveling (to the state with the highest percentage of vaccinations and the lowest positivity rate!). If we are somewhere with a good internet connection, I will join the meeting.

Otherwise, the other officers will conduct the proceedings.

Let's gear up for a year of meaningful impact in our schools as we welcome our new members.

Enjoy Labor Day in your own backyard—and please reach out for help with using Zoom if you need it.

Robyn Lam

910-295-0068 or 603-1450 or [Robyn's email](#)

Next Meeting Information:

Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 5:30 pm

HOW: Zoom

LOCATION: In front of your Computer, Tablet, or I-phone

INVOCATION: Elaina Aponte

PROGRAM: Initiation of New Members, Committee Reports and Meetings.

You will receive a Zoom link earlier from Robyn Lam or a Board Member. If you are unfamiliar with zoom, PLEASE watch this YouTube video that walks you through signing in. We can all do this!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>

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NC DKG Website: www.ncdkg.org
International Website: www.dkg.org

Important Dates to Remember:

Aug. 15-Sept. 15 - Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open
 Sept. 1 - Deadline for applications for Cornetet Individual PD Awards
Sept. 7 – Gamma Sigma Meeting – 5:30 pm
 Sept. 15 - International Speaker recommendation due
 Sept. 15 - Nominations due for international offices or elected committees
Sept. 18 - Fall Executive Board Meeting, Greensboro Embassy Suites
 Sept. 30 - NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due
 Oct. 1 - *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due
 Oct. 1 - Proposed amendments to *DKG Constitution and International Standing Rules* due
Oct. 27 - NC DKG Founders Day
 Nov. 1 Cornetet Individual and Seminar PD Awards applications due
 Nov. 1 – NC DKG News deadline
April 29-May 1, 2022 — NC DKG Convention, Asheville
April 29-May 1, 2022 — NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort
July 12-16, 2022 — International Convention, New Orleans, LA

Contact Information for New State Officers

Congratulations to the new NC DKG officers whose terms began July 1.

You may contact the incoming officers at their new email addresses:

President—Beth Winstead

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Leslie Black and Betty Marshall, treasurer and parliamentarian, respectively, will continue.

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Treasurer's Report:

END OF YEAR TREASURER'S REPORT

August 16, 2021

Balance August 4, 2020 **\$2003.41**

Receivables:

World Fellowship	\$150.00
Dues	\$2533.00
Raffle	\$1100.00
Literacy	\$50.00
Donations	\$69.00
Refund	<u>\$20.00</u>

Total: \$3922.00

Disbursements:

Dues	\$1712.00
Headquarter Fund	\$66.00
New Member	\$5.00
Scholarship Fund	\$4.00
World Fellowship Grant(scholarship)	\$100.00
President's Pin	\$30.75
Speaker Donation	\$100.00
Membership Certificates	\$27.81
Mailing	\$2.20
Check Reorder	\$35.95
BT End of Year Treats	\$112.59
Convention Registrations	\$85.00
Literacy Gifts	\$500.00
Gift cards	<u>\$25.00</u>

Total: \$3806.30

Balance August 16, 2021 **\$2119.11**

Becky Oldham [Becky Oldham](#)



Mentor TIP

Visit [Mentor Projects](#) on the state website or contact [Doris Littlejohn](#).

T: Technique to cultivate positive relationships.

I: Develop opportunities to collaborate with a sister chapter.

Activity: Sister Virtual Entertainment

P: Item submitted by Robyn Lam, Gamma Sigma Chapter.

Membership News:

Congratulations to our newest members of DKG Society International and Gamma Sigma!

Andrea Judge

Gina Matthews

Stephanie Mills

Becky Oldham sponsored these outstanding educators, and they will be initiated at our first meeting in September.

Andrea Judge is an Academically Intellectually Gifted (AIG) teacher at Aberdeen Elementary and Carthage Elementary.

Gina Matthews will be teaching 7th grade Language Arts at Southern Middle School this year.

Stephanie Mills is an assistant principal at West End Elementary and Carthage Elementary.

Dr. Bridget Johnson will be reinstating her membership in DKG Society International. Bridget moved out of Moore County but has returned.

Linda Bryant encouraged Bridget to reinstate her membership in DKG. Bridget is now working with the SERVE Center in connection with UNC-G and works with schools in NC and SC. We're excited about learning more about SERVE.

It is thrilling that Gamma Sigma is growing! We will look forward to welcoming Andrea, Gina, Stephanie, and Bridget to DKG Society International and our chapter, Gamma Sigma.

Linda Bryant and Wanda Sweeney
Co Second Vice Presidents Membership



Recruitment-In Aid-Grant Winner!

Haylee Davis is this year's recipient of our annual grant. Miss Davis is a recent graduate of North Moore High School and will be attending North Carolina State University with plans to major in education.



DKG Seven Purposes Revisited

The Purposes are the fundamental reasons our Society exists. They are the "why" our Founders organized DKG and continue to be the core guiding our actions as members.

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.
4. To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society .



Scholarships and Grants Are Available - Just One Benefit of DKG Membership!

DKG International Educators Foundation Grants

DKGIEF supports effective educational projects and professional growth of educators worldwide. Two specific funds available for members to apply for professional development and educational degrees are opening soon.

Cornetet Individual Awards will fund participation in conferences, seminars, lecture series, online courses and workshops, plus other degree programs. Applications are due May 1 and September 1. The Apply button is available on the Cornetet page after logging in to the website.

Scholarship Funds awards 31 scholarships for members pursuing advanced degrees—\$6,000 for graduate studies and \$10,000 for doctorates. Those applications will be available on the website July 1 and are due by February 1.

NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants

The next cycle of grant opportunities is almost upon us. You might be interested in taking a class; you may have a project that you would really like to do in your classroom; or perhaps your chapter has a project that they would like to start. There are grants for all of those.

The **NC DKG Educational Foundation's** purpose is to aid teachers and chapters by providing funds for projects or activities that might ordinarily not be possible. Please visit our website www.ncdkgef.org and search under Grants.

All applications will be due September 30.



Honoring Heroes Certificates Ready to Print with Donation

Teachers have gone above and beyond the last couple of years and are preparing to go back into classrooms



and educational settings this month. Their dedication is inspiring and needs to be recognized!

The NC DKG Educational Foundation invites you to honor educators— females and males, members and non-members—through the **Honoring Heroes** project. You can “Celebrate a Teacher” and support the Educational Foundation too! The donation forms and celebration certificates are online, ready to print. You may mail checks or donate online. Instructions are on the form found [here](#).

Chapters will be recognized for their contributions with a badge designed for display on newsletters and websites. One chapter from each region will be honored at the 2022 NC DKG Convention.

Fall Executive Board Meeting Reminders

The registration deadline for the NC DKG Fall Executive Board meeting on Saturday, September 18, 2021. **Registration is due September 10.** The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites, 204 Centrepoint Drive, Greensboro. Check-in will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the business session will begin promptly at 10:00. All NC DKG officers, related personnel, chapter presidents, state committee chairmen, regional directors, and state past presidents are members of the Executive Board and encouraged to attend. After lunch, chapter presidents will meet with their regional directors. The meeting will end around 3:00 p.m. **Update: Possibility of zoom link! Check [here](#).** Registration is \$20. The link to the form can be found by clicking [here](#). Mail the completed form with check to NC DKG Treasurer Leslie Black, 4715 Little Mountain Road, Catawba, NC 28609, or pay by credit card per the instructions on the registration form. Submit one registration form per person and refunds will not be issued. Email Leslie if you have questions. **NC DKG President Beth Winstead encourages everyone to attend. With the recent rise in COVID cases, masks are encouraged but not mandated.**

Celebrations of Members 2021

At our April ZOOM chapter meeting, members were recognized for their years of membership in DKG Society International. Twenty-one members have been in DKG greater than ten years. Members were mailed their certificates showing their years of membership.

Lydia Conard	11	Nancy Simonette	30
Kate Faw	11	Carol Conover	32
Player McPhaul	11	Deborah Wilson	35
Pam Zell	12	Wilma Thompson	37
Sandra Florell	14	Dr. Lorna Clack	37
Nancy Collins	19	Linda Bryant	42
Margaret Hinesley	21	Elaine Sills	48
Sara Webster	23	Gladys Britt	54
Dr. Betty Wells Brown	25	Jane McPhaul	59
Wanda Sweeney	26	Ellen Woodard	64
Dr. Anita Alpenfels	27		

We honor and celebrate that Ellen has been a member of DKG for 64 years! That is quite an accomplishment.

Current President

Robyn Lam 2020 – 2022

Past Presidents of Gamma Sigma

Linda Bryant 2008-2010

Nancy Simonette 2014 – 2016

Judy Loving 2010-2012

Dr. Betty Brown 2016 – 2020

Sara Webster 2012-2014

Members who have served as Presidents of two DKG Chapters

Linda Bryant Gamma Sigma and Alpha Alpha in Alamance County

Betty Wells Brown Gamma Sigma and Lambda in Scotland County

Past Moore County School Board Members

Player McPhaul 4 years

Dr. Betty Brown 2016 – 2020

Dr. Lorna Clack 8 years

Current Moore County School Board Members

Stacy Caldwell and Libby Carter, current Chair

NC Board of Education

Ebbie Monroe 1995 – 2005

Doctorates

Anita Alpenfels Bridget Johnson

Betty Wells Brown Tina Ganis

Lorna Clack Mabel Rivera

Judy Heffner

Teachers of the Year for Moore County

Bridget Johnson – MCS Teacher of the Year in 2006; Sandhills Southern Central Region TOY in 2007 - 2008

Elaina Aponte – Moore County Teacher of the Year in 2020

Recipients of the Order of the Longleaf Pine

Created in 1963, it is the highest award for state service granted by the governor to individuals who have given exemplary service to NC and their communities.

Gladys Britt and Jane McPhaul

Elected to the NC Speech & Debate Hall of Fame

Libby Carter

Professor Emeritus 2020 University of Pembroke Betty Wells Brown

Director, Rotary District Area 9 Cathy Harpster

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Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship Recipients

Anita Alpenfels	International Scholarship	2002	Linda Bryant	Scholarship 1987
Anita Alpenfels	Gilbert McNairy Scholarship	2004	Phyllis Lambert	Coronet Scholarship

Chapter Meeting Minutes **APRIL 17, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: Robyn Lam, Elaine Sills, Wanda Sweeney, Lydia Conard, Player McPhaul, Becky Oldham, Linda Bryant, Betty Brown, Mabel Rivera, Judy Heffner, Trisha Cox.

CALL TO ORDER: 10:40 am

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA and **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** were without objection.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Began with \$3,218.66; disbursements of \$500 by Literacy Committee and \$100 to World Fellowship in memory of Jane McPhaul, leaving us with \$2,618.66.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Literacy: \$125 each to: Judy Heffner, Preschool Specialist, Becky Oldham, Southern Middle, Elaina Aponte, Elise Middle Special Education, and Christina Speiser, Pinecrest English to spend for a literacy project in their room or area. We asked that these members report in September how they used their monies.

World Fellowship: received memorials in memory of Jane McPhaul toward our donation.

Scholarship: Lydia reported that no applications have been received from North Moore. Lydia will contact the scholarship coordinator and counselor Chris Monroe.

Elaine asked how many current teachers we have in each of the high schools. Wanda said she would get that.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Robyn reminded about the convention. Members can access on YouTube Apr. 20-24 without registering for the convention.

PROGRAM: Wanda Sweeney and Linda Bryant

Ceremony of Remembrance: Jane McPhaul, mother of Player McPhaul, and Mary Alice Wicker, former member, sister of Elaine Sills. Robyn gave the eulogy for Jane, and Linda for Mary Alice. Other members offered fond remembrances of both.

Celebration of Members: please find the article in the September Newsletter.

Nomination of new Members: Lucinda Dedmond, Erin Slink Pollock, Bridget Johnson, Rebecca Shamberger. A vote was taken to send invitations. There was much discussion as to how to increase our membership.

Publicity: Linda will write an article re the literacy grants; and also, re the celebration of members.

IDEAS:

- Thank you baskets with DKG brochures will be given to the teachers for work done this year—Judy and Becky will undertake. They will also look into making a Gamma Sigma Facebook page.
- Beginning Teacher committee to work with the state BT initiative
- Elaine would like us to share what we were good at in our careers with kids. Betty suggested videos.
- Judy has sent each of us an email about a volunteer opportunity involving The C.A.R.E. Group and Growing Moore Readers to combat the Covid/Summer Slide in reading for children from pre-K to grade 8 in Moore County. Summer Reading Stations will provide local families and children with free books and resources that promote summer learning and literacy. For details, email Heather Lussier [here](#).
- Wanda made a motion to give money for the thank you baskets, Judy seconded, unanimously approved.
- Attendance Team Winners! Team 2 will receive \$5 gift certificates to the Ice Cream Parlor.

ADJOURNMENT: the mtg was adjourned at 12:10 pm (Motion – Becky; Second – Elaine; vote unanimous).

Respectfully submitted, Robyn Lam substituting for Anita Alpenfels