



# Gamma Sigma Signal

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

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## President's Message:

Greetings, Gamma Sigma sisters,  
Hope that you are enjoying fall —I'm always glad when the weather stays nice like this.  
Thank you to those who responded as to what our focus should be this year. The top three choices are:

--Restart schools: support by providing drinks and snacks for teacher morale, donate small gift cards to be accompanied by a card reading, "DKG appreciates all that you do", perhaps tutoring as Covid precautions allow.

--Hunger: help with Backpack Pals, hold food drive as part of our bazaar.

--Literacy at Elise: donate books (as well as to Robbins, a Restart school).

We hope that everyone will choose the way in which they would most like to help these worthy causes.

The (almost) annual Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for December 4 at Pine Needles. We hope you feel comfortable attending. Delta Rho is going to host.

The schedule is:

8:30 set up

9:00 shopping

10:00 individual chapter meetings

10:30 more shopping

11:15 lunch and announcing of winners.

Linda has worked diligently on this, and we feel that it should be really nice at Pine Needles.

Have a happy Thanksgiving in the interim,

*Robyn Lam*

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

## Next Meeting Information:

**Saturday, December 4, 2021**  
**at 8:30 – 9:00 am**



**HOW:** In Person!

**LOCATION:** Pine Needles Resort

**PROGRAM:** Christmas Bazaar/Luncheon

**Hostesses:** Delta Rho Chapter

**RSVP to Linda Bryant by**  
**Tuesday, November 16, 2021**

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# THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IS BACK!

Dear Gamma Sigma members,

Our Christmas bazaar/luncheon is right around the corner! This fun-filled event takes place Saturday, December 4, 2021, at Pine Needles Resort in their lovely dining room overlooking the golf course. We will begin setting up at 8:30, and “shopping” begins at 9:00. We look forward to being together again, choosing terrific raffle items we hope to win, and later enjoying a delicious lunch. Pine Needles has said that masks are optional.

Delta Rho, our sister chapter from Lee County, will be joining us after missing last year due to the pandemic. They will serve as hostesses this year.

As always, the success of this event depends on your attendance and your donations of items for the raffle tables. For those of you who are new to our society, members provide all sorts of appealing gift items. In the past, we have had baked goods, hand knitted scarves, theme baskets, Christmas objects, note cards, jewelry, and many more lovely gift items. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, and you can buy as many as you want. It’s a good idea to bring return address labels to avoid having to write your name on each ticket.

This is our only fundraising event for the year. It allows us to provide a scholarship for a graduating high school senior who’s planning to major in education.

If you cannot attend, your donation will be appreciated.

The cost of each member’s lunch is paid for out of chapter funds. If you would like to bring a friend who is a prospective future new member, the chapter will pay for her lunch as well. If she is not a prospective member, please plan to pay for your guest’s lunch.

We need to hear from you no later than next Tuesday, November 16 so we can give a final count to Pine Needles.

Please reply to Linda Bryant, [lsbryant@nc.rr.com](mailto:lsbryant@nc.rr.com).

## Important Dates to Remember:

**Nov. 20** - NCDKGEF Day of Giving

**Jan. 15-Feb. 15, 2022** - Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open

**Jan. 31** - NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due

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

**April 29-May 1, 2022** — NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort

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



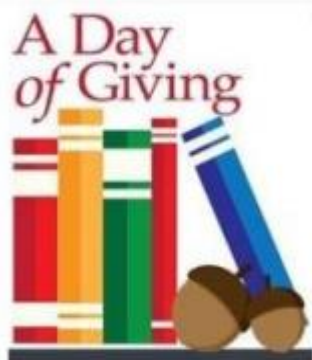
## Membership News:

The NC DKG Educational Foundation's purpose is to aid teachers and chapters by providing Funds for projects or activities that might not be possible. Our Gamma Sigma Executive Board voted to honor our educators in Moore County and faculty at UNC-Pembroke through the Honoring Heroes Project. We realize that teachers have gone above and beyond the last couple of years, especially during the time of COVID. We honor and appreciate our educators and are also supporting the Educational Foundation. At our December Bazaar meeting, we will Honor Our Current Heroes and express our appreciation to each one.

Linda Bryant and Wanda Sweeney  
Co Second Vice Presidents Membership  
[Wanda](#) and [Linda](#)

NC DKG Educational Foundation Day of Giving is  
Saturday, November 20

Again this year, the NC DKG Educational Foundation will sponsor A Day of Giving. The Board encourages every member to donate \$5 on this day. Last year's Day of Giving raised \$5,155 and the goal this year is to top that amount! The Foundation gave over \$25,000 in grants and scholarships to educators last year and over \$67,000 since the Foundation received its 501(c)3 status in January 2015. It has two grant cycles a year. A Day of Giving celebrates the Educational



Foundation, and is a day for members to show our DKG pride and gratitude for the work of the Foundation and its impact on chapters and members in NC.

## Treasurer's Report:

November 14, 2021

Balance August 16, 2021	\$2119.11
Receivables:	\$0.00
Disbursements:	
Dues	\$231.50
Headquarter Fund	\$8.00
Balance November 14, 2021	\$1879.61
Becky Oldham <a href="#">Becky Oldham</a>	

A Marketing Opportunity  
New Feature on NC DKG Website To  
Highlight Chapters



Chapters may now submit short articles and photos to the NC DKG website to showcase what they are doing! The new feature, an idea from the Communications and Marketing Committee, will allow chapters to share good ideas and accomplishments. Webmaster Deb Christensen is still testing designs but will likely highlight several chapters at a time running through a rotator on the homepage. This new feature will allow leaders to market their chapters on a wider scale and share more than one activity or achievement. Normally, NC DKG News is only able to share one news item per chapter a year; the website feature will supplement that exposure. Chapters are invited to submit a short article (150 words or less) and upload a photo or two to go along with the article, which will be reviewed before posting. Share what makes your chapter shine by completing this [Google form](#): [this Google form](#). Contact Deb Christensen, webmaster, or Ann Carol Stocks, chair of the C&M Committee, with questions.

## Sale of International Headquarters Is Complete

DKG has been involved in the process of selling the international headquarters building for the past two years. That process has been completed, and the sale was final on September 1, 2021. The conversations surrounding next steps will now transition into action as the Administrative Board finalizes plans to move to a new site. A meeting of the International Administrative Board was called in August to determine a plan for the transition to a new office space. The Board determined it would be in the Society's best interests to lease office space for the immediate future. Due to the dynamic nature of the Austin area real estate market, an ad hoc committee was appointed to approve potential lease options. Members may inquire about how the proceeds from the sale will be managed or used. Because the building is considered a permanent asset, the proceeds from the sale of it were appropriately deposited into the Permanent Fund of the Society. The Constitution defines in Article IV how the monies in the Permanent Fund may be used and will be the guide for any future use of the sale proceeds. A previously appointed ad hoc committee, consisting of board members, members, and staff, is working on a recommendation regarding archiving, preserving and keeping, moving, selling and/or disposing of the furnishings and other items in the building. The recommendation from that committee will be considered by the Board during its next meeting. Under a lease agreement, the building will be occupied by DKG for six months after the sale. While the six months provides some time to consider all viable options, DKG leaders also realize that time will not allow them to move too slowly. And so, the journey to a new site continues forward with increasing momentum.



### Member Spotlight on NC DKG Website is Featuring Region X Leaders



The Member Spotlight on the NC DKG website is currently featuring a past, present, and future leader from Region X. Region II will be featured beginning November 8. Chapter presidents who would like to see a member featured in the spotlight section should send the name and information on the candidate to their regional director. The regional director will coordinate with the chapter presidents to choose the three members to spotlight when it is their region's turn. Spotlights will stay on the website for six weeks at a time. After Region II in November/December, Region V will start on December 20, Region IX on January 31, 2022, Region III on March 14, Region VI on April 25, Region VIII on June 6, Region IV on July 18, Region VII on August 29, Region I on October 10, and Region XI on November 21. Please contact your regional director or NC DKG Recording Secretary Patty Higgins if you have any questions.



# Chapter Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2021, 6:00 PM

Present were Elaina Aponte, Betty Wells Brown, Linda Bryant, Kate Faw, Christine Ganis, Player McPhaul, Becky Oldham, Mabel Rivera, Elaine Sills, Wanda Sweeney, and NC DKG president Beth Winstead. Also present were new initiates Andrea Judge, Gina Matthews, and Stephanie Mills. Bridget Johnson, a former Gamma Sigma member who has rejoined our chapter, was also present.

In Robyn Lam's absence, former president Betty Wells Brown welcomed members to the meeting and presented the invocation.

Wanda Sweeney and Linda Bryant led the induction ceremony for new members Andrea Judge, Gina Matthews, and Stephanie Mills.

Treasurer's Report - Becky Oldham reported that we have a beginning balance of \$2119. She presented the proposed budget for 2021-2022 with a subtotal of \$5085 and a total income of \$7205. After expenses, that leaves a balance of \$580. Becky has ordered DKG pins.

Recruitment Grant-in-Aid - In chair Lydia Conard absence, Linda read a thank you note from Hayley Davis, the 2021 recipient of our recruitment grant-in-aid. She graduated from North Moore High School and is attending NC State University.

Biennial Directory - Linda reported that this newer format is much easier and faster to update and can be received and saved on our computers. Copies will be mailed to members without email service.

Literacy - Elaina Aponte and Becky Oldham shared information on literacy projects.

Beginning Teachers - Becky Oldham and Judy Heffner prepared and delivered popcorn bags to all beginning teachers and each principal at the end of last year.

Chapter Goals - Becky led a discussion about goals for the 2021-2022 biennium. Suggestions included the following:

- Having a Gamma Sigma member(s) in each school.
- Asking the ReStart schools (Aberdeen, Robbins, and Southern Middle) what we could do to help.
- Addressing needs of new teachers.
- Helping with literacy at Elise in North Moore County.
- Supplying coats, shoes, sweaters, hooded sweatshirts and underwear for middle and high school students.
- Supporting Tamba's Place with proceeds from a yard sale.

Kate expressed concern about the Forward-Facing Curriculum Document. She feels the school system needs advocates from those not in the classroom.

Elaine spoke about students attending school who are hungry and about partnering with groups, such as the Arts Council, Moore County Historical Association, Weymouth, and House in the Horseshoe to educate teachers about opportunities in our county. Tina shared about partnering with groups such as St. Joseph of the Pines.

Phone Tree - Wanda presented the phone tree to be used when information needs to be sent quickly to members. The phone trees have been emailed to members.

Name Tags - Wanda and Linda will go to Johnny O's to purchase new name tags for our chapter members.

Scrapbooks - Linda will get the scrapbooks from Tricia Cox. And will either scan to a thumb drive at the Library or using a business in Sanford to scan them.

World Fellowship - Wanda shared that with our monetary contributions to World Fellowship, we are making a global impact on women in 21 countries.

Bazaar/luncheon - Linda reported the bazaar will be held December 4, 2021, at Pine Needles Resort. Set up will be at 8:30 and we should be finished by 1:00. Beth Winstead, our NC DKG president, has been invited to attend. This event is a fundraiser for our Recruitment Grant in Aid and Delta Rho chapter will join us and split the proceeds. Linda explained the raffle, the price of tickets, and the types of items. November 19 is the deadline for cancelling the bazaar or turning in the number of people who will attend. Members were encouraged to bring prospective members and we will pay for their lunch.

Betty closed the meeting with a reminder that this is Gamma Sigma's 40th year!!

Respectfully submitted, Linda Bryant substituting for Anita Alpenfels