



Gamma Sigma Signal

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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*

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President's Message:

Dear Gamma Sigma sisters,
Spring is here! We can tell by the pollen...as we look forward to our beautiful flowers.
Our April meeting is on the 12th at the Central Office. The program is Donna Gephart discussing, "Evolution of MCS During Pandemic Requirements" and new officers will also be inducted.
It has been an honor to serve as your Pandemic President! Hopefully, the meetings will return to normal in the upcoming biennium.
As a parting message, I encourage each of you to become aware of our upcoming school board elections. Their importance to the direction of our schools cannot be stressed enough.

Sincerely,
Robyn Lam 910-603-1450



Next Meeting Information:

Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 5:30pm

LOCATION: Central Office in person! Pizza and beverages will be provided, and we will ask for donations to cover the costs.

INVOCATION: Cathy Harpster

PROGRAM: Donna Gephart, Director of Curriculum and Instruction: "Evolution of MCS During Pandemic Requirements"

Installation of New Officers

HOSTESSES: [Patricia Cox](#) or 910-673-5880, [Kate Faw](#) or 910-603-5541, [Robyn Lam](#) or 910-603-1450, [Judy Heffner](#) or 910690-1101 (Click on name to email)

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Vice President for Membership:

Linda Bryant: lsbryant@nc.rr.com

Wanda Sweeney: wmcs@mindspring.com

Treasurer: Becky Oldham: boldham1@outlook.com

Recording Secretary:

Anita Alpenfels: anita@ncmcs.org

Corresponding Secretary:

Nancy Collins: collins.nancy41@gmail.com

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Gamma Sigma website: <https://dkggammasigma.weebly.com/>

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

Important Dates to Remember:

- April 1** - Deadline for postmarks for mailed convention registration
- April 10** - Deadline for Early Bird Registration for 2022 convention
- April 12 – Gamma Sigma Meeting**
- April 29-May 1, 2022** — NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort
- April 30** - Dissertation Recognition due to International
- May 1** - Cornet Individual PD Awards applications due
- May 11** - DKG Founders Day
- June 12** - Early bird registration for NOLA convention ends; price increase of \$100
- June 18** - New Leader Training
- June 30** - Deadline for 2022-2023 Member dues to chapter treasurer
- July 12-16, 2022** — International Convention, New Orleans, LA
- Sept. 6** – **Next Chapter Meeting - TBA**

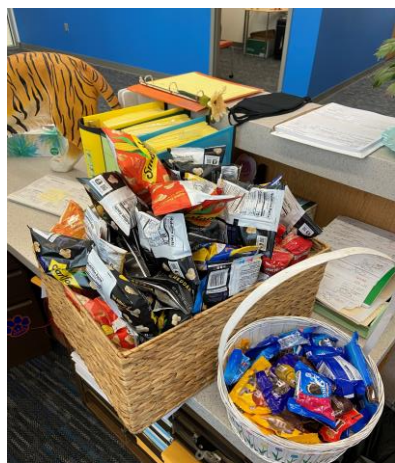
Membership News:

It's time to think of prospective nominees for membership in Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. We are excited about extending invitations to outstanding educators, **who are or have been** employed as professional educators at the time of their election. Please remember that prospective new members are to be voted on at our **April 12 meeting**. An Orientation will be held for new members to discuss the purposes of our Society, responsibilities of membership, our committees, projects, and programs. Induction of new members will be held at the September meeting.

Thanks to Tina Ganis and Linda Bryant for sending in their nominations for new members for Gamma Sigma.

Please send the name of the potential member to Linda at and/or Wanda. A prospect card is attached at the end of the newsletter to be completed for the prospective member. It is an honor to be a member of Gamma Sigma Chapter of DKG and an honor to sponsor another person for membership.

Thanks,
Linda Bryant and Wanda Sweeney



Our February Project:
donating snacks to
teachers at Aberdeen
Elementary, Southern
Middle, and Robbins
Elementary.



Bound for the "Big Easy"!

Scheduled for July 12-16, the DKG 2022 International Convention in New Orleans —often called the "Big Easy" — is approaching quickly.

Register for the convention and secure your hotel reservation at www.dkg.org/events. The convention agenda is packed with speakers and sessions, providing a variety of opportunities from which you can select. Electing new international officers and voting on proposed amendments to the governing documents are Society business matters that will take place at the convention. Every DKG member has a voice, so make your vote count by attending the convention. Enjoy networking with women from across the globe while enjoying the sights and sounds of an exciting city! Attendees are encouraged to bring family and friends to experience the city as DKG members participate in the Society's first in-person convention since 2018. Many activities are available throughout New Orleans, such as the Audubon Aquarium, the National World War II Museum, a steamboat ride on the Mississippi, and tours of Mardi Gras World. Each member is also invited to engage in the convention events by becoming a volunteer. Visit the Events page on the DKG website to find the link. Consider signing up to work at registration; be a table decorator or hostess — or both. Share your smile as a hospitality volunteer or room monitor — or be willing to help wherever you are needed. Won't you consider being a volunteer for the 2022 DKG International Convention? Check the DKG website at www.dkg.org to stay updated on what is happening at the convention. View a video message from President Becky Sadowski, read the convention blog, reserve your hotel room, and register for the event. Mark your calendar for July 2022 to be in the Big Easy. See you there!

Treasurer's Report:

March 16, 2022

Balance: January 23, 2022 **\$1721.80**

Receivables:

Bazaar	\$100.00
World Fellowship	\$25.00
ReStart Schools Donation	\$230.00
Scholarship fund	<u>\$50.00</u>

Total: **\$405.00**

Disbursements:

Reimbursement for Snacks	<u>\$152.26</u>
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Total: **\$152.26**

Balance: March 16, 2022 **\$1974.54**

Becky Oldham [Becky Oldham](#)

"Linking the Past, Present and Future"



Strengthen Your Links Through Leadership

When considering women for membership, consider hosting a "bring a friend" meeting. This social event would let potential candidates for membership meet others in the chapter and see first-hand what a meeting is like. For more membership tips on recruitment and retention, consider attending Membership's workshop at state convention entitled, "Connecting and Engaging Different Generations in Chapter Membership." There will be a great presentation and a panel of successful presidents to answer your burning questions!

Your Membership Tip of the Month is brought to you by the NC DKG Membership Committee, Dr. Susan Blackburn, chair.

More Membership News:

Dear Gamma Sigma Members,

As the 2020-2022 Biennium draws to a close, we are making plans for the next two years for Gamma Sigma. The projects in which we participate will depend entirely on the support of all our members.

At the end of the newsletter is a list of our chapter committees. Each active member is asked to serve on at least one committee. In a separate email you will find an excerpt from our Chapter Rules defining the committees and the duties of their members.

Please mark with 1, 2, 3 your first, second and third choices of committees on which you would be willing to serve during our 2022-2024 biennium.

When you are finished, please return your response to me in one of the following ways:

- bring it to our meeting April 12 at Central Office at 5:30,
- send a copy to me at via my email, or
- mail your three choices to Linda Bryant, 113 Canterbury Rd., Southern Pines, NC 28387.

It's important for you to choose your favorites here. That's so much better than our randomly choosing a committee(s) for you. To avoid that, please send your choices no later than April 12.

Thank you for your support of Gamma Sigma and the good work we do for Moore County students and teachers.

All the best,

Linda Bryant

2022 New Chapter Leader Training

New chapter leaders for the 2022-2024 biennium should attend the summer New Leader Training. This event includes information for presidents, treasurers, membership chairs, and educational excellence chairs. The 2022 summer New Leader Training will be a virtual event held on Saturday, June 18, 2022. It is extremely important that new leaders plan to attend the training. Watch NC Data and your email for more details and the registration form.



Chapter Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2022

The Gamma Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held a ZOOM meeting on February 9, 2022, with twelve members in attendance. Robyn introduced the guest speakers, Dr. Cherrel Miller Dyce from Elon University and Dr. Van Dempsey from the University of NC at Wilmington who were substituting for Anita.

Program: DRIVE: Develop a Representative and Inclusive Vision for Education –Educational Equity

Dr. Dyce and Dr. Dempsey praised Anita for her work on the DRIVE Task Force, which began in January of 2020. There are 34 members of the Task Force representing public and private schools, the business sector and policy makers. Some aspects of the Task Force are to look at who is teaching, retention of teachers, and why teachers have left the profession. The more racial diversity of teachers will have more successful outcomes. Teachers of color impact all K - 12 students when they are taught by one teacher of color. Dr. Dempsey stressed that we will all benefit from equity driven decisions.

In January of 2020, the Task Force presented their plan to increase diversity in K – 12 public schools. There are long-, mid-, and short-term strategies. Colleges and universities that offer education degrees will have to evaluate their programs. For more information, please go to

<https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/HI-DRIVE-finalreport>

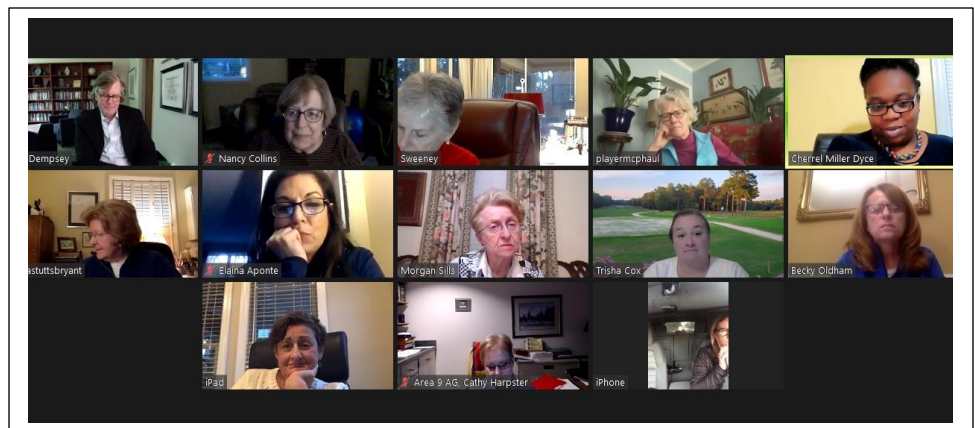
Business Meeting: The minutes from our December 4, 2021, were approved. Becky presented the Treasurer's Report showing a balance of \$1721.80 with no expenditures. Becky will check with Anita about donating \$100 split between our two guest speakers.

Robyn reported that the Executive Board met on February 3, 2021, and it was agreed that due to COVID no members would attend the Convention this April in Asheville. If it is decided to also have a virtual convention, then members may choose to attend.

Our February Project will focus on donating snacks to boost the morale of teachers in our three Restart Schools: Aberdeen Elementary, Southern Middle, and Robbins Elementary. Becky will be in charge of the project and will distribute our gifts to the three schools. Members are asked to contribute \$5 or \$10 for this project. Mail checks to Becky Oldham 1028 Seven Lakes North West End, NC 27376. Checks should be written to Gamma Sigma. There was conversation about being able to pay our dues online. Becky will check into if this would be possible.

Wanda reminded members that the deadline for nominating potential new members is April 12, and we will vote at our last Gamma Sigma meeting for the year.

The Nominating Committee of Robyn, Linda, and Wanda will be calling members asking them to take a leadership role for 2022 – 2024. Members are asked to consider saying yes to serve our chapter. We will vote on the slate of officers in March and install them during the April 12 meeting.



Respectfully submitted by *Wanda Sweeney* for Recording Secretary, Anita Alpenfels

DKG Prospect Card

Name Jane Doe
Address 123 Learn Street
E-mail jane_doe@comcast.net
Employer Sample School District
Position 1st Grade Teacher
Phone 717-123-4567
Sponsor Dr. Lyn Schmid

DKG Prospect Card	
Name	_____
Address	_____
E-mail	_____
Employer	_____
Position	_____
Phone	_____
Sponsor	_____

Gamma Sigma Committees

Please refer to the following pages for more information concerning Gamma Sigma Committees and the duties of their members.

Mark 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices of committees on which you would like to serve:

_____ Finance

_____ Nominations

_____ Membership

_____ Programs/Personal Growth (1st Vice President leads)

_____ Scrapbook

_____ Holiday Bazaar

_____ Personal Service

_____ Scrapbook

_____ Recruitment Grant In-Aid

_____ World Fellowship

_____ Educational Initiative

_____ Publicity

NAME _____