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**NC DKG REGION VI MOORE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

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*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*



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| **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**  **September 10, 2019 5:30 pm Finger foods ( A-G)**    **Program:**  **“What’s Happening in Literacy”**  **Dr. Bridget Johnson**      **Location:**  **Board Room, Central Office**  **Moore County Schools, Carthage**    **Hostesses:**  **Nancy Simonette 910-684-8215**  **Annette Blue 910-949-2934** | DKG |
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**resident’s Message**

Fall 2019

Welcome to fall 2019, Gamma Sigma sisters:

We have so much occurring in 2019 – 2020! The Moore County Board of Education has opened McDeed’s Creek Elementary School, and students and parents are excited to be coming to the new school! We’ll have the schools in Aberdeen and Southern Pines areas opening in the fall 2020; and the Pinehurst school opening in 2021! It’s an exciting time for Moore County!

The December auction is being hosted at Penick Village in the Grand Ballroom. Start thinking about what you want to bring to auction off! It’s our fundraising time, so we want to be able to offer a scholarship again this year. Kayla Meier, our recipient from Union Pines High School, is attending Appalachian State this fall and appreciates our contribution to helping her achieve her goal. Many thanks to the Scholarship Committee for their work!

We are continuing to support our schools with volunteers. If you want some suggestions of where you can be of assistance, please contact Tricia Cox at [pcox@ncmcs.org](mailto:pcox@ncmcs.org)

We will be contacting members to serve as officers for next year. Several of us are rotating off. Please be willing to serve.

Hope to see you all September 10 at 5:30 at the Board of Education in Carthage.

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| Sept.1– Application deadlines for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards    **Sept. 10- Gamma Sigma meeting, Central Office**  Sept. 15- NC DKG Fall Executive Mtg, Burlington  **Sept. 26- membership dues due to Becky Oldham**  Sept. 30- Deadline for grant applications to the NC  DKG Educational Foundation  December 7 – Christmas Bazaar – Penick Village  January 3 - DKG Educational Foundation project  applications due  February 1 - Scholarship Applications due for DKG  International  May 3-5--NC DKG Convention, Greensboro, NC  July 7-11—DKG International Convention, Philadelphia |  |

MINUTES

The Gamma Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma convened at approximately 5:30

p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at Moore County School’ Education Center.

After the call to order and invocation, Tracy McNeill, Instructional Management

Coordinator (IMC) for the school district’s Career and Technical Education (CTE) program,

provided an overview of the expansive program, formerly known as “vocational education.”

Students now avail themselves of college-level courses and industry credentials in addition

to traditional classes in 13 pathways. In 2018, 100% of the district’s CTE students

graduated from high school. The program integrates efforts with Sandhills Community

College, thereby expanding opportunities for students. The CTE program implemented the

first drone program in North Carolina in collaboration with Sandhills Community College,

and the program has served as a model for other school districts. The speaker’s

honorarium was provided to North Moore High School’s Future Business Leaders of

America student organization.

Those in attendance unanimously approved the minutes from the February meeting

which were published in the newsletter. The group also unanimously approved the

treasurer’s report, provided by Becky Oldham.

Corresponding Secretary Robyn Lam had no separate report, but she did note that

she sent the membership list via e-mail as requested.

Tricia Cox outlined a number of volunteer opportunities around literacy, reminding

members of the expanded Literacy Council programs at Southern Pines Primary and

Elementary Schools.

Christina Speiser reminded members to send her nominations for membership.

In new business, Wanda Sweeny, representing the Finance Committee, outlined the

pros and cons of increasing dues from $80 to $100. After discussion, members agreed to

hold membership dues at $80.

President Betty indicated that she is unable to attend the Eta State Convention to be

held in Hickory at the Crowne Plaza May 3-5. Anyone interested in attending in her place

should contact her.

Lydia Conard reminded members that this year’s scholarship will be provided to a

Union Pines High School student. Applications have been provided to Janet Caddell, the

scholarship coordinator for the school.

Discussion resumed about the date for the bazaar and also included discussion

about changing the format and time of day. The by-laws indicate that it will be held the first

Saturday in December, but conflict with the meeting site pushed it to the second Saturday

last December. President Betty continues to work on other options.

Other new business centered on the chapter’s purpose to assist in recruiting new

members. There was discussion of assembling “points of pride” for this purpose.

Members passed the brag basket for literacy, with proceeds once again split with

World Fellowship.

The next meeting is scheduled September 10, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at Moore County

Schools’ Central Office. While the program is currently slated to be “What’s Happening in

Literacy,” the program may be moved to October 10 to allow a focus on New Member

Installation, since the by-laws establish that new members are to be installed in September.

Subsequent meetings for the remaining year in the biennium are currently scheduled for

December 7, 2019, and February 8 and April 14, 2020. The meeting adjourned at

approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita W. Alpenfels, Ed.D.

Recording Secretary

**Treasurer’s Report—time to pay dues!!**

Greetings Members,

As Gamma Sigma begins another year it is my duty to collect the dues that must be sent to state and international and that enable us to accomplish our goals. Let me begin by saying that each of you is a valued and essential member of our chapter. We would not exist without the generous donation of your time and money.

My report and dues are to be sent to the state treasurer postmarked no later than **September 30th.** If I do not have a member's dues by **September 26th** they will be dropped from our roster for non-payment of dues. If that happens, the reinstatement process is very easy and I will do everything in my power to facilitate the process.

Active dues are $80 plus $2 for the State Headquarters Fund. Reserve dues are $25 plus $2 for the State Headquarters Fund. New member dues are $90 (includes a $10 initiate fee) plus $2 for the State Headquarters Fund. Checks should be made to Gamma Sigma. If members are mailing their dues my address is: **Becky Oldham 1028 Seven Lakes North, West End NC 27376.**

**Active Members Dues- $82.00**

**Reserve Members Dues- $27.00**

**New Member Dues- $92.00**

**Honorary Members - No Dues paid**

Please understand that **this is your first notice** that your dues to Gamma Sigma chapter are due and payable. If I do not receive your dues on or before our September meeting, I will contact you once to remind you that I have not received your dues. If you mail your dues to me I will respond by email or phone to let you know that I have received your check. We are all professional women. It is my responsibility to inform members about our dues and deadlines. It is the responsibility of each member to forward their dues to me. Thank you for your help with this process. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Becky Oldham

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NAME CHANGE—NO MORE ETA STATE!!

The membership voted at the May 2019 state convention to use the abbreviation NC DKG to denote our state organization. This change was necessitated by the vote at the International convention in the summer of 2018 that did away with Greek names for state organizations.

You will notice the name change in the masthead and in other articles in the newsletter.

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Ed. Note: I am including these articles from the state president and membership chair because, as a chapter, Gamma Sigma needs to grow. We all need to come up with ideas to put our group in the eyes of the community and current teachers.

“The Only Evidence of Life is GROWTH!”

I have often heard that growth for the sake of growth is counterproductive. I believe that wholeheartedly. But I also believe and have witnessed firsthand the above quote by John O’Leary that “the only evidence of life is growth.” The 2019-2021 biennium theme, Ready, Set, GROW!, is my attempt in finding balance with these two statements.

Ready, Set, GROW! captures the value of DKG tradition while welcoming the need for adaptation as we move into the future. (The future that is already here!) I used to tell my students that if you are the same at the end of the year as you were at the beginning of the year then I had failed them. My role as an educator was to assist them in adapting to middle

school in order to increase their likelihood for success. I was their agent of growth. Now I see my role as NC DKG President in the same regard.

DKG is at a pivotal crossroads as a Society. What do the next 90 years look like for DKG? Will there be another 85 years for NC DKG? Those are two questions or ones similar to them that are being posed across the Society. But I believe the bigger question for each of us as members is the following:

“What are you willing to do for this Society?”

As your President, I am willing to GROW. Are you willing to join me? Are you ready to make adaptations to foster growth? Are you willing to accept adaptations to stimulate continued growth? If the words of support and encouragement I have received of late are any indication,

I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE!!! I believe the members of NC DKG are willing to Ready, Set, GROW! personally, professionally. and as an organization.

NC DKG members I challenge you to Ready, Set, GROW! With my challenge come a few reminders: GROWth is not easy, it can be painful and can often get pretty messy along the way. But for those willing to “get their hands dirty,” the harvest is rewarding.

Together we can cultivate, nurture, energize and develop as we

READY, SET, GROW!!

Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

NC DKG President

Three M’s of NC DKG Make Membership Matter

Membership/Expansion Committee

Elizabeth Miars, Chair

As NC DKG members, we ready ourselves to set new biennium goals for growing our membership

and energizing our current members. Though state and international trends indicate a steady

decline in DKG membership, we value our DKG involvement and strive to encourage teachers to

join with us. The introduction of collegiate DKG membership broadens our opportunity for supporting beginning teachers and marketing the benefits of membership in a new arena. Through creative interaction with teachers across our state, we can nurture opportunities to strengthen NC DKG through our support and encouragement of NC educators.

Your NC DKG 2019-2021 Membership Committee will be a vital resource as your chapter develops

effective strategies for recruiting new members and expanding educational and leadership opportunities for current members. Our goal is to develop and disseminate innovative techniques to support chapters in their growth and development. As you develop your chapter’s membership

strategies for the coming year, your Membership Committee can collaborate with you to support

and strengthen your goals and objectives. Let us help you to Make Membership Matter!

**MAKE GAMMA SIGMA GROW!**



UPCOMING MEETINGS

**MAKE GAMMA SIGMA GROW!!**

Saturday, Dec. 7—Penick Village Grand Ballroom, 9am-12pm

Christmas Bazaar

Hostesses:

Delta Rho

Saturday, Feb. 8—Carolinas Golf Museum, 140 Ridge Rd., Southern Pines, 10 am

(across from Pine Needles)

Hostesses:

Lydia Conard 910-673-3471

Tuesday, April 14—Board of Education Conference Rm , 5:30 pm

(Finger foods, last names G-Z)

“What is the Education Foundation?”

Hostesses:

Kate Faw 910-400-5149

Nancy Collins 910-420-2873

**NC DKG Hosts DKG International Arts**

**& Humanities Conference**

NC DKG Planning Team Chair

Sheila Groves

The Arts & Humanities International Conference was held in Asheville, June 27-29. North Carolina welcomed 480 DKG members and guests from 22 states and 2 countries for three days of fellowship, engagement and inspiration! More than 80 NC members served in volunteer roles throughout the weekend. Chapters from across the state created centerpieces

exhibiting the uniqueness of their area. Small pottery bowls, handmade by local members, were given as theme night favors.

NC DKG hosted Thursday evening activities beginning with Fun on the Lawn. Artisans demonstrated painting, basket weaving, blacksmithing, butter making, loom weaving, and even hula hooping. Attendees were invited to contribute to a collaborative nature weaving using locally

gathered materials. Frisbees, badminton, croquet, and cornhole games were available for some friendly competition. Attendees were treated to lemonade and cookies before the opening session. Laura Mitchell, an art teacher and arts administrator in Buncombe County Schools

and an artist in the River Arts District in Asheville, presented "Greetings from Asheville." The evening continued with sounds of bluegrass, country ballads, and mountain swing provided by The Whitewater Bluegrass Co. No one could resist the southern charm and down-home humor of Uncle Ted, MC and square dance caller! The J. Creek Cloggers showcased traditional mountain dancing and had the audience up and participating, even if they had to dance with a broom

Southeast Regional Director Elaine Warwick, Tennessee, encouraged attendees to take advantage of this unique conference experience with specially selected speakers, workshops and entertainment celebrating the arts. The on-site marketplace held many unique crafts for sale. Workshops offered professional and Society information as well as hands-on opportunities for participants to create their own work of art. Tammy Watford, WLOS TV evening news anchor, and Joseph Fishleigh, station general manager, accepted the 2019 DKG Arts & Humanities Conference Media Award presented by Southeast Regional Director Elaine Warwick. Each weeknight Tammy shares an education segment “Never Stop Learning” on the evening news. Luncheon speaker, Dr.

Kevan Frazier, Executive Director of Western Carolina University’s Asheville program and author of Legendary Locals of Asheville, shared the history of the social and economic development of Asheville and the rich culture of the area.

The US Forum speaker, Dr. Akil Ross, “flunked third grade,” but thanks to the high expectations of home, school, and sports he earned a full scholarship to Duke University and later, recognition as the National Principal of the Year. DKG International President Cathy Daugherty presented ways that the Society can stay healthy and vibrant with the focus on CPR - Commitment, Professionalism and Recognition as a prescription for success in making a difference. Sheila Kay Adams, seventh-generation ballad singer, storyteller and banjo player brought the conference to a spirited conclusion with her unaccompanied ballads, stories and claw-hammer banjo music.

If you asked those who attended to list highlights from the conference, you are sure to get an impressive variety of responses. However, the comment that seemed to capture the spirit of this first international conference with the arts and humanities theme came from NC DKG member, Dr. Carol Maidon. She described the event, from beginning to end, as a *tapestry of joy*.

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