



# Gamma Sigma Signal

Gamma Sigma Region VI Moore County, North Carolina  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International NC DKG  
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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: [Gina Matthews](#)

## Co-President's Message:

Dear Gamma Sigma Sisters,

As Thanksgiving approaches, Linda and I are thankful for each of you, members of DKG Gamma Sigma. We appreciate your dedication to education in our county and surrounding areas. We celebrate that twenty-five members attended our first meeting on September 13. How exciting it was to induct four new members and welcome them into our Society! The enthusiasm in the room was contagious as we greeted each other. A shout out to Doris Littlejohn, our Region VI director who visited our meeting. Doris enjoyed meeting our members. Elaine planned the perfect speaker for our meeting, Dr. Tim Locklair, who shared "Telling Our Story" about our schools in Moore County. Our hostesses, Sara Webster, Lydia Conard, Stephanie Mills and Pam Zell served a delicious box dinner for our meeting.

Linda and I attended the NC DKG Executive Board Meeting on September 24 in Greensboro. We are proud of Gamma Sigma since many chapters in our state have decreasing membership. As chapters we are asked to think about the 3 R's – Recruit – Retain--and Recognize. The state theme for NC DKG in 2022 – 2023 is *Linking the Past, Present, and Future*. Remember the Holiday Bazaar is a perfect time to ask a potential member to visit Gamma Sigma. Linda and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Bazaar on December 3!

Blessings,

Wanda & Linda

## Next Meeting Information:

**\*\*RSVP to [Linda Bryant](#) by Wednesday, November 22, 2022\*\***

**Date:** December 3, 2022

**Time:** 8:30 am-12:30pm

**Place:** Pine Needles Resort

**Event:** Holiday Bazaar Fundraiser/Luncheon

**Inspiration:** Nancy Collins

**Hostesses:** Gamma Sigma

Linda Bryant, Robyn Lam, Becky Oldham,

Bridget Johnson, Nancy Simonette,

Mabel Rivera, Sara Webster and Pam Zell

**Cost:** Free for members

## Calendar:

**2022**

**Dec. 3** Holiday Bazaar Fundraiser/Luncheon at 8:30 a.m.  
Pine Needles Resort

**2023**

**Jan. 15-Feb. 15** DKG Art Gallery submission window open

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

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

**Feb. 21** at 5:30 - Central Office Board Room

**April 11** 5:30 - Central Office Board Room

**April 28-30, 2023** — NC DKG Convention, Greenville

**Sept. 12** 5:30 - Central Office Board Room

**Dec. 2** Holiday Bazaar Fundraiser/Luncheon at 8:30 a.m.  
Pine Needles Resort

**2024**

**Feb 13** 5:30 - Central Office Board Room

**April 16** 5:30 - Central Office Board Room

### *International News:*

Nov/Dec 2022 | Vol. 79 No. 6

#### **Editorial Board Updates Its Guidelines**

Beginning in 2023, the DKG Bulletin: International Journal for Professional Educators will no longer specify a theme for each issue. This change takes place in recognition of the breadth of educational roles of our members and the breadth of educational issues of importance to educators worldwide. In line with the Society's Mission, the overriding focus for journal submissions will be on articles related to professional and personal growth and excellence in education. One goal of this shift is to remove perceived obstacles — i.e., limitation of topics — so that members more readily embrace the opportunity to access the benefits of publication. The 2022–2024 Editorial Board is also piloting a new initiative. To further the impact of the journal and attract key women educators, members will now be allowed to sponsor or invite colleagues to submit to the journal. Such sponsorship/invitation will complement the existing policy of allowing nonmembers to co-author with members. Watch for additional information on how to participate in this pilot initiative. The DKG Editorial Board hopes these measures will expand not only the number of submissions to the journal but also the depth and breadth of articles for all readers.



### *Chapter Officers:*

#### **Co-Presidents:**

[Linda Bryant](#) & [Wanda Sweeney](#)

**Vice President for Programs:** [Elaine Sills](#)

**Vice President for Membership:** [Rebecca Oldham](#)

**Treasurer:** [Dr. Bridget Johnson](#)

**Recording Secretary:** [Dr. Judy Heffner](#)

**Parliamentarian:** [Cathy Harpster](#)

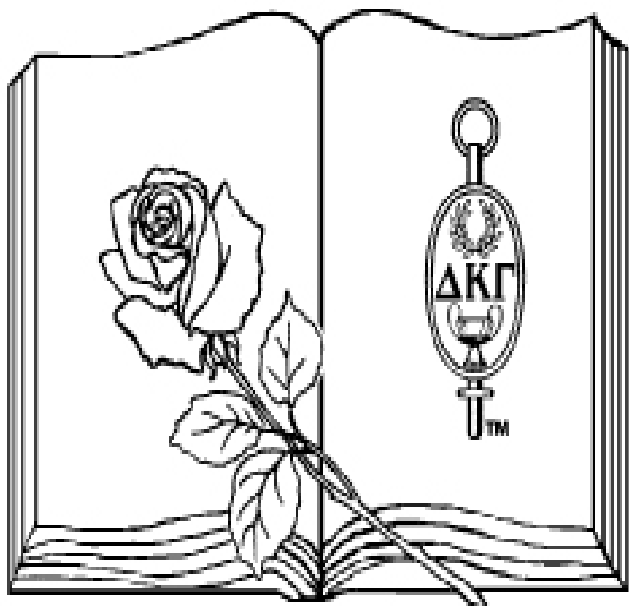
**Corresponding Secretary:** [Gina Matthews](#)

### *State News:*

Nov 15, 2022|Vol. 14, No. 5

#### **Pre-Convention Activities Shared**

Three activities will be offered as pre-convention fun to the 2023 NC DKG Convention in Greenville, April 28-30, 2023—a workshop, a tour of ECU, and a self-guided tour of the host city. Dr. Kaye Dotson will present the workshop “Putting Traditional Play Back into Practice for Children: Engage, Learn, Play.” The workshop will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 27, followed by a field trip to ECU/Pitt County Community School for hands-on activities with the children. Cost is \$50, with \$25 being donated to the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Participants will receive a copy of Dr. Dotson’s book and may earn one CEU. An afternoon bus tour of East Carolina University will give attendees a view of West and Main Campuses and include a visit to the ECU/Pitt County Community School to visit there and meet with the principal about the research and technology used in the school. Cost is \$10. Self-guided tour of “Uptown Greenville” using a provided map will allow you to visit various museums, shops, and restaurants on Friday and during your stay. Convention Chair Dr. Phyllis Broughton and the Convention Planning Committee will be happy to answer questions about the three pre-convention options.



## Chapter Project

Members we would like to support our Restart School's by collecting the following items:

- Easy Mac
- Ramen
- Cereal bars
- Canned microwave pasta meals.

If you would like to participate, please bring items to the Christmas Bazaar. Our donation along with the backpack program will help students over the long holiday break to have extra needed food. If you would like to make a monetary contribution, Becky Oldham would be happy to purchase the items for you. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Linda, Bridget, Sara, & Nancy meeting at Pine Needles about our Holiday Bazaar

## End of the Year Treasurer's Report:

Gamma Sigma Chapter  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Balance August 8, 2022 **\$1,746.08**

### Income:

Dinner 9/13/22	\$410.00
World Fellowship from 9/13/22	\$66.00
Educational Excellence & Project from 9/13/22	\$66.00
Member Dues	\$368.00
 Total income	 <b>\$910.00</b>

### Expenses

Dinner 9/13/22 - chk #119	\$484.43
Printing and Postage - Staples - chk #120	\$15.66
President's Cost - Fall Exec Meeting - chk #121	\$25.00
Membership Dues - NC State Org - chk #122	\$60.00
Membership Dues - DKG International - chk #123	\$160.00
Total expenses	<b>\$745.09</b>

**Ending Balance** **\$1,910.99**

Submitted by Bridget Johnson, Treasurer



### State Officers:

**President:** [Beth Windstead](#)

**First Vice President:** [Hilda Parler](#)

**Second Vice President:**  
[Tammy Cullom](#)

**Secretary:** [Patty Higgins](#)

**Immediate Past President:**  
Dr. Teresa Cowan

### Related Personnel

**Treasurer:** Leslie Black

**Parliamentarian:** Betty Marshall

**Editor:** Carol Bostian

**Executive secretary:**

Elizabeth Miars

**Webmaster:** Deb Christensen





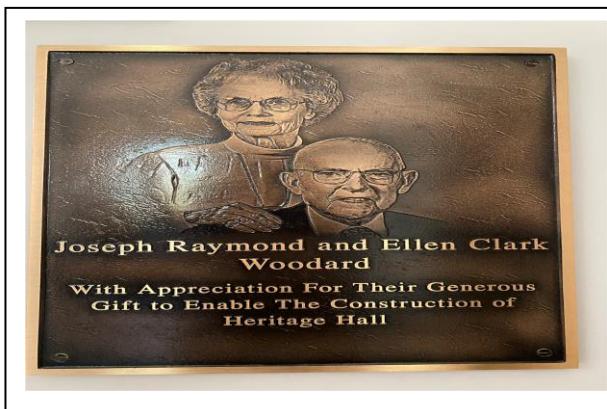
### ***Holiday Bazaar Update:***

It is almost time for our favorite Gamma Sigma meeting of the year! Our annual bazaar/luncheon will be **Saturday, December 3 at Pine Needles Resort**, Southern Pines. We will welcome our sister chapter from Lee County, Delta Rho, who helps us raise money each year for our recruitment grant-in-aid. Each chapter awards a recruitment grant-in-aid to a high school senior planning to major in education. To make this event a success, each member will bring one or more gift items for the raffle. In the past, we have had such prizes as knitted items, a weekend at a condominium at the beach or a cabin in the mountains, hand painted objects, handmade jewelry, wreaths, Christmas decorations, note cards, baked goods, lovely themed gift baskets, to list just a few. The wonderful variety makes “shopping” so much fun. You can buy as many raffle tickets as you like. They are \$1 per ticket, sold in groups of 10 and 5.

We will start at 8:30 and should be finished by 12:30. Our lunch price of \$25 will be paid for out of our dues. Guests are welcome. If you would like to bring a friend who is a prospective new member, our chapter will pay for her lunch. If you bring a guest who is not a potential member, you will need to pay for her lunch.

If, for any reason, you are unable to attend the bazaar, a monetary donation to Gamma Sigma for the scholarship fund sent to our treasurer, Bridget Johnson, will be most appreciated. Our newly revised Member Directories will be available for pick-up when you arrive. They contain individual member pages, our program schedule for the 2022-2024 biennium, chapter bylaws and more. Very important: please RSVP to Linda at [lsbryant@nc.rr.com](mailto:lsbryant@nc.rr.com) no later than November 22.

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you at Pine Needles on December 3.



### ***Member Spotlight:***

Ellen Woodard has been a member of DKG for 65 years. A former third grade teacher, she was first initiated into Beta chapter in Raleigh, the second DKG chapter to be formed in North Carolina. While a member of the Beta chapter, Ellen served on the Hospitality Committee and was Membership Chair. Now Gamma Sigma is proud to have her as an active member where she serves on the World Fellowship Committee.

Ellen and her husband, Ray served as volunteers for the International Executive Service Corp. Ray was a professor in animal services at NC State. They spent ten weeks in South Korea and then at another time thirteen weeks in Greece. Both times Ellen wrote her own curriculum and taught English to the wives of the directors.

Ellen is 94 years young. She recently attended a ceremony in her honor in Pinehurst to dedicate a new education building for her church, The Village Chapel. She and her late husband, Ray, helped fund the addition.

When interviewed about her life, Ellen always responds, “Nothing but blessings.” Ellen is a blessing to our Gamma Sigma sisters.

## ***Minutes:***

September 13, 2022 5:30 pm Moore County Schools Board Room

**Welcome:** Linda Bryant and Wanda Sweeney

**Members Present:** Anita Alpenfels, Linda Bryant, Robin Calcutt, Nancy Collins, Lydia Conard, Brenda Coronato, Patricia Cox, Kate Faw, Christine Ganis, Cathy Harpster, Judy Heffner, Bridget Johnson, Andrea Judge, Gina Matthews, Stephanie Mills, Becky Oldham, Renee Portifilio, Mabel Rivera, Elaine Sills, Nancy Simonette, Lindsey Sise, Christina Speiser, Wanda Sweeney, Sara Webster and Pam Zell

**Guest:** Doris Littlejohn Region VI Director- Wanda introduced Doris who spoke to the members about her role as a director. She will be working closely with Linda and Wanda for this biennium.

**Adoption of the Agenda and Approval of the Minutes** were without exception.

**Invocation:** Lydia Conard

**Introduction of Guest Speaker:** Elaine Sills- Dr. Tim Locklair, Moore County Schools Superintendent, Elaine spoke about Dr. Locklair's years of service and then reviewed his history as an educator. Dr. Locklair presented, "Telling Our Story." Who am I? Dr. Locklair graduated from Pinecrest High School and also worked at PHS. He worked with Montgomery County Schools and Wake County Schools before he returned to Moore County as a central office administrator and now as the superintendent. Who am I? Dr. Locklair is a relationship leader, collaborative, and a person who builds up leaders. Dr. Locklair concluded his PowerPoint presentation with this comment that he was fired up... honored, and humbled.

**Hostesses:** Sara Webster, Lydia Conard, Stephanie Mills and Pam Zell- Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and time spent with members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bridget Johnson-Bridget presented the proposed budget for 2022 – 2023, which members adopted.

**Induction of New Members:** Becky Oldham, Membership Chair- Dr. Christine Ganis and Linda Bryant presented Robin Calcutt, Brenda Coronato, Renee Portifilio and Lindsey Sise. New members from 2020 and 2021 were also presented with red roses since we did not meet in person for their induction ceremonies.

**World Fellowship:** Wanda Sweeney- Since 1960 World Fellowship has provided scholarships worth \$3.7 million for 1,029 women in 122 countries to complete their masters' degrees in the United States or Canada. DKG is making a global impact providing scholarships for these women.

**Brag Basket:** Wanda Sweeney started the brag basket. Members' contributions for their brags will be split between World Fellowship and Literacy projects.

**Phone Tree:** Wanda Sweeney- A new phone tree for the new biennium was given to members. At the end of this year, the team with the highest percentage of attendance will receive a prize.

**Holiday Bazaar:** Linda Bryant- Linda reminded members to mark their calendars for our December 3 Holiday Bazaar joint meeting with Delta Rho. Monies from the Bazaar will support our Recruitment in Aid Scholarship for a senior in high school who is planning to major in education.

**Adjourned:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Judy Heffner, Recording Secretary*

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