



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:

Greetings, Gamma Sigma Members,
The 2022-2024 biennium is off to a great start. We have five new members who will be inducted into our chapter in September. These outstanding educators include Robin Calcutt, Barbara (Babs) Hastings and Renee Portfolio who were introduced and welcomed in April, and Brenda Coronato and Lindsey Sise, who we voted online last week to invite as well.

Delta Kappa Gamma International is an honor society for key women educators; and after our September meeting, our chapter will have 30 active, 6 reserve, and 2 honorary members.

Gamma Sigma's executive committee met for lunch and a planning session in June. Good ideas abounded concerning programs/speakers, the holiday bazaar fundraiser, and chapter committees, to list a few. This year's programs will be interesting, entertaining, and informative. Prior to September 13, you will receive more information about hostesses, meals, costs, and RSVPs.

At our September 13 gathering, we will welcome our guest, Doris Littlejohn, NC DKG Region VI director. Please pay close attention to "Important Dates to Remember" and mark your calendars for this biennium chapter meetings, and remember, there will be prizes for the winning attendance team.

We appreciate you and know this will be a fabulous year for Gamma Sigma as we focus on support to educators in our community.

Blessings,

Linda and Wanda

Next Meeting Information:

Date: Tues, Sept 13, 2022

Time: 5:30 pm

Place: Moore County Central Office (5277 US-15, Carthage, NC 28327)

Speaker: Dr. Tim Locklair, Superintendent of Moore County Schools "Telling Our Story"

Cost: \$15—payable by check or cash

Calendar:

2022

Sept. 13 – Next Chapter Meeting 5:30 - Central Office Board Room-

Sept. 15 International Speaker applications due

Sept. 24 NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting, Greensboro

Sept. 27 ASK Time for chapter presidents

Sept. 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due (see state news below)

Sept. 30 Deadline to enter dues into portal to avoid members being dropped

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

2023

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

April 11 5:30 - Central Office Board Room

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

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](#)

International News:

ISC, NDR, WFC, & ISF Understanding the DKG Alphabet

Find yourself at times baffled by various DKG abbreviations? Are you often curious about the ‘behind the scene’ work of various DKG committees? As requested, four DKG Committees are showcased in this issue of Get Connected. Remember to explore DKG for further details or to contact the committees.

Work of the International Scholarship Committee (ISC) The International Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to members for work on doctoral degrees and other graduate studies. Governing documents determine what awards are possible. Members make applications by a specific date each year. Vetting of the applications/information and scoring is done by each committee member individually. A general meeting is held to determine who will receive an award each year. A member may receive only one DKG Scholarship.

Work of the Non-dues Revenue Committee (NDR) The International Non-dues Revenue Committee (NDR) explores, reviews and recommends to the Administrative Board possible non-dues revenue sources. The committee works with insurance representatives and other agencies to secure member benefits and discounts. Current discounts are available from AmazonSmile, TruHearing, Capella University and Avis Car Rental. The committee encourages state organizations and chapters to participate in non-dues revenue fundraisers to help with alternative financing for Society work.

Work of the International World Fellowship Committee (WFC) The WFC works very hard to fulfill our Society’s missions. We evaluate applications and award finances for women worldwide to pursue their quest for knowledge to help change their countries. The recipients are from any country excluding USA and Canada. Their interests are varied. Some are seeking new ways to improve their education systems; while others are interested in research to make their countries healthcare more progressive. We also strive to educate our DKG members on the importance this funding, how to increase donations, and encourage them to take part and increase their donations.

Work of the International Speakers Fund Committee (ISF) The International Speakers Fund provides opportunities for DKG members to share their knowledge and expertise on a variety of topics. State organization presidents receive a list of speakers and are invited to submit applications by May 1 or November 1 for a virtual or in-person speaker from a country other than their own. Although most speakers are requested for a conference or convention, an ISF speaker can be requested for an event beyond these sessions to provide members with new learning opportunities throughout the year.

State News:

New ROSE Award Information Available Awards Committee

Amy White, Chair

The NC DKG Awards Committee introduced the new ROSE Award that replaces the Chapter Achievement Award. The ROSE Award (Recognition of Society Excellence) has two levels—the Rose Bud Award, symbolic of a young rose with petals not fully opened, and the Order of the Rose Award for chapters more actively involved in DKG work. Chapters must complete at least ten of the 12 Rose Bud Award category options for recognition. Most items are standard DKG work, such as completing forms or reports and participating in NC DKG events. The Order of the Rose Award includes five categories of participation. Chapters need to complete a minimum of 25 items in the five areas in addition to the first ten in the Rose Bud Award to be recognized. The ROSE Award is non-competitive and is meant to guide chapters in gauging their annual work. The ROSE Award document, listing the guidelines for recognizing chapters’ annual work, is available on the NC DKG website. Submission will be by a Google Form that will be available on the NC DKG website by January 2023. Awards Chair Amy White shared, “The committee was committed to making the ROSE Award something that chapters could use as a planning guide and for chapter recognition without the feeling of competition. We look forward to embracing the ROSE Award for 2022-2023.”

News from the NC DKG Educational Foundation NCDKGEF Board Vice Chair Sharon Frazier

Grants Available Don’t Miss Out! The NC DKG Educational Foundation announces that Foundation grants and many endowment grants are now available. Applications are available on the NCDKGEF website. The deadline for grant applications is September 30. If you have a project you want to do in your classroom, a chapter initiative, or a community partnership idea, consider submitting a grant application. These opportunities are available for you. Apply now!



Chapter Project

Gamma Sigma welcomes Brenda Coronato who will be inducted at our September 13 meeting. Brenda is the math specialist for grades 6 – 12 for Moore County Schools. This summer Brenda prepared and laminated math activity cards for teachers in grades 6 – 12. Becky and Wanda went to the Education Center in Carthage to help cut and package all the cards for teachers to use in their classrooms. Brenda will distribute the materials to teachers during the workdays. We will look forward to more opportunities to help Moore County teachers as we volunteer our time. We will let members know when we can help at the Education Center, which is a safe environment.



Scholarship Update

(from the Pilot 6/15/2022)



CONTRIBUTED
Gamma Sigma, Moore County's chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International, is pleased to announce that Olivia Cornish has been awarded the chapter's annual scholarship. Olivia is a senior at Union Pines High School and will attend Western Carolina University in the fall. She plans to major in education. Olivia's parents are Megan and Ronald Tate, of Carthage. Delta Kappa Gamma is an honor society of key women educators in the United States, Canada, Europe, Latin America and Japan. Its mission is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

End of the Year Treasurer's Report:

8/8/22

Gamma Sigma Chapter
 The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Balance August 16,2021		\$2119.11
Receivables:		
	World Fellowship	\$ 91.00
	Dues	\$ 2679.00
	Bazaar	\$ 1008.00
	Literacy	\$ 66.00
	Donations	\$ 179.00
	School Project	\$ 260.00
	Scholarship donation	\$ 50.00
Total		\$ 4333.00
Disbursements:		
	State Dues and Scholarship Fund	\$ 489.50
	Headquarter Fund	\$ 70.00
	DKG International Dues	\$ 1280.00
	World Fellowship	\$ 200.00
	Grant(scholarship)	\$ 1000.00
	MCS New Teacher donation	\$ 150.00
	Name tags	\$ 243.43
	Members Pins/President Pin	\$ 330.00
	Bazaar Luncheon	\$ 464.38
	Aponte Classroom Donation	\$ 159.26
	Meal Reimbursement	\$ 52.20
	Teacher Project Reimbursement	\$ 152.26
	Honoring Heroes	\$110.00
	Dollars for Convention	\$5.00
Total		\$ 4706.03
Balance August 8, 2022		\$ 1746.08



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



Minutes:

April 12, 2022 5:30

Moore County Schools Board Room

Welcome Robyn Lam
Invocation Lydia Conard
 Pizza Supper followed by cake celebrating Gamma Sigma’s 41st birthday
Introduction of Guest Speaker Robyn Lam
Guest Speaker Donna Gephart, Director for Curriculum and Instruction, Moore County Schools Connect Academy and the Evolution of Moore County Schools during the Pandemic How the Pandemic requirements changed education and MCS adaptations for present and future growth.

Treasurer’s Report: Rebecca Oldham
 Membership dues to be paid by June 10, 2022
 Becky’s mailing address is 1028 Seven Lakes North, West End, NC 27376.
 Balance as of March 2022 \$2,004.54

Introduction of Prospective New Members: Dr. Christine Ganis and Linda Bryant: Barbara Hastings, Renee Portfilio, and Robin Calcutt

Voting on New Members: Linda Bryant
 Unanimous approval to invite all three to join Gamma Sigma.

Projects for 2022 Rebecca Oldham
 Gamma Sigma provided baskets of snacks for teachers at Robbins Elementary, Aberdeen Elementary and Southern Middle Schools to show our appreciation for their work during the difficult time of Covid.

Update of Scholarship: Lydia Conard
 As of March 2022, there is one definite and two more possible candidates from Union Pines High School.

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. Wanda Sweeney started the brag basket. Members’ contributions will be donated to World Fellowship and Literacy projects.

Gina Matthews shared that on the Moore County website (ncmcs.org) under Community, there is information about volunteering and an application for volunteering. Each school may be different so our members can reach out to the school’s principal if they are interested in volunteering.

Induction of New Officers: Sara Webster, Past President of Gamma Sigma
 Co-Presidents Linda Bryant and Wanda Sweeney
 First Vice President, Programs Elaine Sills
 Second Vice President, Membership Rebecca Oldham
 Corresponding Secretary Gina Matthews
 Recording Secretary Dr. Judy Heffner
 Parliamentarian Cathy Harpster
 Treasurer Dr. Bridget Johnson

Committees for 2022-2024 Linda Bryant
 A poster was available for members to sign up for one or more committees.

Attendance Awards Linda Bryant
 Members of Team 4 received awards for the highest attendance at meetings. Team 4 members include Nancy Collins, Rebecca Oldham, Elaine Sills, Nancy Simonette, Dr. Christine Ganis, and Mabel Rivera.
 A motion was made, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to give the leftover monies used to provide snacks for Aberdeen Elementary, Robbins Elementary and Southern Middle Schools to Elaina Aponte for use in her special education classroom at Elise Middle School.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Pam Zell substituting for Recording Secretary, Anita Alpenfels.

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International Website: www.dkg.org



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