



The President's Message

Hello, Gamma Sigma Sisters,

Today, the first day of spring, I am thankful that the sun is out and the flowers are beginning to bloom – my camellias are showing their beautiful flowers!

However, in this time of self-quarantine, I think it is best if we postpone our April 14th meeting. If anyone needs help, please call to let us know if you need any assistance. Depending on the length of the quarantine, we may have to postpone installation of officers until the September meeting.

Our nominees for officers are:

Robyn Lam – President

Player McPhaul – Vice President for Programs

Linda Bryant – Vice President for Membership

Anita Alpenfels – Recording Secretary

Nancy Collins – Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter

Betty Brown – Past President

Please email or call Patricia Cox at phillygal8@yahoo.com or 910-691-1728 (leave a message) by April 14 to vote.

I am also having Robyn attach the profile information that each member should complete. Please send this to Linda Bryant at lsbryant@nc.rr.com or mail it to Linda Bryant, 113 Canterbury Rd., Southern Pines, NC 28387. This should be completed by April 20.

Becky Oldham wants to get dues in to state and national. Please send your check for dues to Becky (\$82.00) no later than April 14th. Send your dues to Becky, Oldham, 1028 Seven Lakes North, West End NC 27376. Becky's number is 910-638-4355.

It's been my honor to represent you over the last four years at state and local meetings. I appreciate your support and our continued growth with women educators.

Betty

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Minutes - - Chapter Meeting

February 8, 2020

The Gamma Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met on Saturday, February 8, 2020, in the Media Center of McDeeds Creek Elementary School in Southern Pines. Dr. Molly Capps, is the principal at McDeeds. Eighteen members attended the meeting.

After the call to order, President Betty opened the meeting with a moment of silence for all who have been affected by the fires in Australia and for Mabel Rivera's mother. Due to the earthquake in Puerto Rico, she is now with Mabel. The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Tricia Cox and Betty shared information about the new school, McDeeds Creek. The enrollment this year is around 400 students with a maximum capacity for over 800. The new school uses natural light with windows and is an environmentally aware building. There are no light switches in the building and on weekends lights in the halls are controlled by central office. Furniture is on wheels, which means all rooms can be reconfigured. A lot of thought and consulting occurred before the building was built, and teacher and student input was important.

The group discussed schools being over capacity or almost to capacity. New housing areas are continuing to be built.

Treasurer Becky shared that as of October 16, our balance was \$1,920.27 and from the Holiday Bazaar we received \$750. We have money in our budget to cover the \$1,000 Scholarship for this year. According to Lydia, this year our scholarship recipient will be a student at Pinecrest. Our chapter saved money on the cost of the meal for the Holiday Bazaar at Penick. The ending balance on January 16 is \$2,620.33. The first Vice Presidents reported that our next meeting will be on April 14 at 5:30 pm at the School Board Meeting Room. The topic will be "What is the Education Foundation?"

New Business

President Betty expressed gratitude to Linda Bryant for working on a slate of new officers for the next biennium.

President Robyn Lam

Linda Bryant will help Robyn.

1st Vice President Player McPhaul

2nd Vice Presidents for Membership Linda Bryant and Wanda Sweeney

Recording Secretary Anita Alpenfels

Corresponding Secretary Nancy Collins

Linda Bryant requested a waiver to our Standing Rules to allow Anita to continue as our Recording Secretary. The standing rules stated that no member could serve more than two terms in succession. Members agreed for Anita to serve a new term. Members will vote on the new officers at our April meeting.

President Betty and Treasurer Becky shared about the new dues structure. The dues for 2020 – 2021 will need to be paid at our April 14 meeting. Dues will be the same with \$82 for an active member and \$27 for a reserve member. Honorary members do not pay dues.

The Brag basket was passed and members shared many brags. Money will also be donated to World Fellowship.

Members stressed the importance of voting in any upcoming elections.

Dr. Tina Ganis and Sandra Florell shared about the needs for school supplies and art supplies for students attending Moore County Schools. Art supplies are to be collected and taken to the Campbell House by February 29. Tina is collecting school supplies for schools in Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Carthage, Robbins, and Vass Lakeview. Members can contact Tina if you have any questions at chrisganis@mac.com.

Brochures were handed out about Tandra's Place, a young women's transitional home in Moore County. Tandra is a social worker at Pinecrest. According to Betty, there are around 300 homeless students in Moore County. "Unaccompanied homeless youth may be "couch surfing, living in host homes, staying in cars, living in tents, living with relatives due to the incapacitation of a parent or guardian or have aged out of foster care."

Becky expressed the need for math tutors at Southern Middle. Tutors would help students in grades 6 and 8. Contact Becky at 910-638-4355 if you would like more information.

Betty praised ten male students at the Community Learning Center at Pinckney who are presently building a Habitat House. During an inspection, there were no areas that needed to be corrected. Moore County offers Career and Technical Education certifications in 26 areas.

At the end of the Business Meeting, members toured McDeeds Creek Elementary. Everyone was impressed with the new school! The meeting adjourned around 11:30 am.

Upcoming Events:

April 14 Gamma Sigma meeting School Board Conference Room
May 1 – 3, 2020 Eta State Convention
 Embassy Suites, Greensboro, NC

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda Sweeney substituting for Anita Alpenfels, Ed.D.



Treasurer's Report

Becky Oldham
Gamma Sigma Chapter
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Check the figures given by Becky at the last meeting. They are in the minutes found above!

Apr. 1--last day to submit names for Ceremony of Remembrance

Apr. 14- Gamma Sigma meeting CANCELED

Apr. 15-- Early bird registration ends for convention

May 1 Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards

May 1-3--DKG NC Convention, Embassy Suites, Greensboro

May 11-- DKG Founders Day

July 7-11—International Convention, Philadelphia



REMEMBER:

**THE MEETING
ON
APRIL 14 is**

canceled!!!



World Fellowship

NC DKG chapters support educators worldwide through donations to the World Fellowship Fund. As many as 31 educators from 20 countries pursuing advanced degrees, other graduate studies, and/or doctorate degrees are in the United States and Canada, funded in part by DKG member donations.

There is a myriad of ways to encourage giving to World Fellowship. Dedicate a meeting with an educational speaker and take up a special collection for World Fellowship. Have a box for members to donate extra change. Be creative and share the joy of higher education with a foreign educator.

Download a flyer on World Fellowship from the Resources ☐ Brochures/Flyers page for more information. If you have questions, please contact Deborah Dryden, NC DKG World Fellowship Representative, at dgdryden@bellsouth.net for more information.

A chapter can earn points on its Chapter Achievement Award by donating to World Fellowship. Begin planning now for next year's donation to World Fellowship.

Getting or Giving? Or Can It Be Both?

Pres. Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

Getting or giving? Remember last month? "Are you 'giving' through your membership in NC DKG in order to make a 'life' - a life that makes a difference?" Recall the insights from Churchill, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." I suggest

that NC DKG membership offers the opportunity to “give and get” while making a difference.

Giving takes on a variety of shapes and sizes but has a few things in common: Giving is

Personal

- ☒ Find what speaks to you!
- Give, of your heart so you Get(?)
- ☒ Find what works for you!
- Give, of your abilities or talents so you Get(?)
- ☒ Find what fits you!
- Give, of your time, items or money so you Get(?)
- ☒ Find what energizes you!
- Give, of your passion so you Get(?)

NC DKG members have the means to “give and get” through their membership which can have impact worldwide. I have seen it firsthand.

With that, let’s ponder this question as we continue to “give and get.” What do I “get” as a “giving” member in NC DKG?

Information re the Convention

To: NC DKG Membership

From: President Cowan & NC DKG Executive Committee

3/13/2020

HELLO and greetings to all! The Coronavirus is at the top of everyone’s thinking and certainly has been on my mind day and night. As NC DKG members you need to know

what plans are being put in place by your Executive Committee and Related Personnel to address this pandemic. With that in mind, we have prepared the following memo. I urge you to share it with members as soon as possible using the form of communication that is most efficient for your chapter. Additional updates will be forwarded to you and announced on our social media resources as the situation with the Coronavirus outbreak changes across our state. During this crisis, even more than in the past, I appreciate your support. Godspeed, President Teresa

MEMO - Convention Update At this time there are no plans to cancel our 2020 NC DKG convention. ● Our convention is seven weeks away and well beyond the Governor's "Volunteer 30 day period". We are optimistic that all restrictions will be over well before May. ● With only voluntary state restrictions our contractual obligation to the facility (\$50,000) is still in place at this time. We want to make a decision that is both physically and fiscally sound for our members. ● NC DKG 2020 Convention has met its room quota; please don't alter your reservation at this time. Watch for future correspondence via your chapter presidents and through NC DKG forms of social media. Be safe, be smart and be steadfast in your daily habits to maintain your health TODAY and into the future!

As always - You GROW, girls!

Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, NC DKG President

Attached is the video link for the message from DKG President Cathy Daughtery: Coronavirus Contingencies in case you have not seen it on social media.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRbgg3bCL9U>

EDITOR'S NOTE

I hope that each of you is coping well in this unusual time. It is difficult not seeing grandchildren, friends, and colleagues. Maybe you've found some of the ways to connect that I have. Chief among them is the Caribu app that can be downloaded on your iPhone or iPad. Send an invitation (found in the app) to your child or their spouse, and after they download, you can read a book to the grandchild who chose it! You see them, just as with FaceTime. There are also puzzles and drawing that you can do. I also give occasional lessons to the girls, most notably, a lesson on St. Patrick's Day as to how our Irish ancestors made their way to America.

I'd say that it is highly likely that neither the state nor the international conventions will be held. **Please don't forget to send in your dues and to vote for the new officers.** In that way, it will help with our continuity as an organization.

Many of us are among the most vulnerable—please follow the rules and stay safe!!

