

Keynotes for Chi

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GREETINGS CHI MEMBERS,

Thank you for energetic committee meetings. Hopefully, we *together* can make our Chi goals and actions impact our own Chi members and our community in a positive way. Please be ready to support Chi by doing your part even if only in some small way.

The Chapter Achievement Award that I sent to all was to inform you of the criteria that support DKG International and NC DKG goals. I use this form as a guideline—not a mandate. Some of you who read it said you had never seen this form and were blown away with how expansive it is. I did find that we were missing out on all the grants and scholarships available at the international and state level. I know several of you are pursuing graduate degrees and have not applied for these funds. Why not? Some are so easy to apply for! Come to the September meeting to hear more about these funds! Due dates are September 30. Assigned members are ready to help you.

We find ourselves with COVID variants still raising their ugly heads. I had thought that we could do hybrid meetings yearlong, but our first chapter meeting will be on Zoom on September 7th at 7:00 PM. The Executive Board will decide what we should do about the rest of our meetings. Some venues and dates have changed from the tentative list I gave to committee members. Our October meeting is dependent upon the Coordinating Council which does not meet until after the September 18th NC State Executive Board meeting—will let you know if we meet in October.

You do not want to miss our September meeting with lots of good information being shared.

Upcoming Events:

August 15-September 15, 2021: Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open. Go to DKG International website for forms. Ask Tonya, Anne S. or Julia if you have questions.

September 7: Zoom meeting 7:00 PM

September 30: NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants due. Form on NC DKG website.

October: meeting TBA

Respectfully yours,

[Mary Ann Hart, President](#)



Chi Chapter September Meeting

**Tuesday, September 7
7:00 PM**

Zoom Meeting

(Link will arrive by email)

Dr. Claire Robinson, LEAP
Sharon Sullivan, Region VII

Treasurer's Report

The bank figures as of August 23, 2021:

Community Checking	\$5851.28
Business Money Rate Savings	\$1322.66

[Nancy Tucker](#), Treasurer



Member News

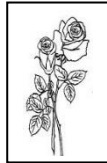
Happy Birthday to:

August:

17 – Crystal White

September:

15 – Debbie Rosenquist



Membership News

Special thank you cards were recently mailed to Chi members currently in the classroom and the workplace. Each card delivered the message: Please know that your Chi Sisters are thinking of you! Enjoy a “thank you” from us! A Holly Lobby \$10.00 gift certificate was included inside each card.

Our first meeting Tuesday, September 7th is now a Zoom event. Due to this venue change we will need to reschedule plans to complete the induction ceremony for all new members from 2020 and 2021. Watch for the announcement of a new date. Despite the restrictions of the Covid 19 virus, we will continue to actively recruit new members and retain current members. Please submit the contact information of an educator you would like to nominate for membership.

The Heart of the Society is its Members.

[Betty Mayer](#), Membership Expansion



Member Spotlight



Martha Alley (Lenoir-Rhyne College, '65) taught elementary classes for 40-years in TN, SC, and NC. She taught 30 years in 2nd, 3rd, and combination grades at Kirkman Park Elementary in High Point and retired in 2005. Although a grade level chair and student teacher supervisor, her special calling was teaching children to read.

In 1986, her Kirkman Park class was featured on N.C. Public Television's program *A Different Kind Of Television*, showing how teachers used school television as instructional tools. She used *Reading Rainbow* with her class.

A DKG member since 1983, Martha has two children, Nathan (47) and Gretchen (44), a teacher. She and her husband Ray live in Greensboro.



The Chi Board met August 28.

Communications

Remember to respond to your Evite! If you would prefer to receive Evites by text message in lieu of email, please let me know.

Please remember DKG requires that all group communications be blind copied (Bcc) and that no email addresses, home addresses, or phone numbers appear in publications available to the public.

[Anne Sheffield](#), Communications & Marketing



Mini Grants

No applications will be required for Chi Mini Grants this year. There will be a drawing from the names of all actively employed members and the five selected recipients will receive \$100.00 to be used for classroom supplies, CEU's or personal development.

[Kay Tucker](#), Scholarship



Family Justice and LEAP Initiatives

Items for the Activity Bags for the Family Justice Center of High Point will be collected at the Holiday Social on December 7.

WANTED books of all Genre K-12! Books will be collected at each CHI in-person meeting through March 12! Books can also be dropped off between meetings at Mary Ann's, Betty's, or my home.

Many thanks for your support of the community!!

[Phyllis McCoy](#), Projects and Fundraising



International Achievement Award Winner Dr. Constance "Connie" Hoag



Dr. Hoag has been named the International Achievement Award winner for 2021.

Dr. Hoag is currently serving on the Scholarship Committee and has served on the following international committees: Membership, Educational Foundation (which is now DKGIEF), Golden Gift Fund, Non-Dues Revenue, Educators Book Award, Research, Program, Personal Growth, and is a graduate of the Golden Gift Seminar. She is a member in Sioux City, Iowa.

NC DKG Committee Chairs

Committee	Chair
Awards	Amy White
Beginning Teacher	Pam Sutton
EEC	Hilda Parlér
Ed Law & Policy	Dr. Malinda Pennington
Leadership Dev	Lori Holguin
Membership/Expansion	Susie Miller
Scholarship	Michelle Benigno
Communication & Marketing	Ann Carol Stocks
Finance	Dr. Barbara Perry Sheldon
Headquarters	Mary Beth Dailey
Nominations	Evelyn Hall
Personnel	Linda Little
Planning	Dr. Carol Maidon
Rules	Diane Pina
Ad Hoc - Member Vote	Ashlee Taylor Layton

Grant Applications Due September 30

Spread the word—the Educational Foundation has many grant opportunities available and applications are due by September 30, 2021. Classroom projects, chapter projects, and professional development are all possible—but you must apply.

Check them out: <https://www.ncdkgef.org/grants.html>

Honoring Heroes Certificates

The NC DKG Educational Foundation invites you to honor educators—females and males, members and non-members—through the *Honoring Heroes* project. You can “Celebrate a Teacher” and support the Educational Foundation too! The donation forms and celebration certificates are online, ready to print. You may mail checks or donate online.

Instructions are on the form found at

<https://www.ncdkgef.org/honoring-heroes.html>.

Support DKGIEF through AmazonSmile

Instead of logging in to amazon.com, simply log in to smile.amazon.com with your username and password. It is the same products, same prices, and same service, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to DKGIEF, with no fees or extra costs.

Learn more about setting up your account at:

[AmazonSmile](#). Enter DKG International Educators Foundation when prompted for your charity. It's easy and supports the foundation that supports you.

“Linking the Past, Present and Future”

By: Beth Winstead, 2021-23 NC DKG President



President Beth Winstead has chosen three gold links on a red background, using the DKG colors, as her theme icon.

Welcome to the 2021-2023 NC DKG biennium. My theme for the biennium is “Linking the Past, Present and Future.” I want us to remember to honor and celebrate all those women before us—the ones who founded DKG when it had to be done in secret, who led us through divisive times, who took the first steps into technology, and who helped keep us afloat when we had to dive into the deep end of the virtual world. One of the best ways we can honor those before us is to ensure that NC DKG thrives and continues to grow now and into the future. We must not only grow in membership but also cultivate the leaders of tomorrow. This first year of my biennium I plan to focus on three main areas:

Membership — Recruit, Retain and Reinstate. Are we being honest with those we recruit that DKG is a working organization? Are we recognizing when a member might be in the stage of her life that she needs to be less active but have more support? Are we reaching out to members we lost who might be ready to rejoin?

Fellowship — Each time we gather we need to celebrate. It is time to renew friendships and make new ones.

Self-Care — We each must take the time to care for ourselves physically and mentally.

I look forward to this adventure and ask each of you to join me

NC DKG & DKG Upcoming Events

Aug. 15-Sept. 15, 2021 - Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open
April 29–May 1, 2022 – NC DKG Convention, Crowne Plaza Resort, Asheville
July 12-16, 2022 — International Convention, New Orleans, LA
April 28-30, 2023 — NC DKG Convention,

Future Chi Meetings

September 7	Zoom Dr. Claire Robinson, Sharon Sullivan
October TBA	Joint Meeting
November 9	Casa de Soto’s Dr. Sarah Vess
December 7	Sammy G’s Holiday Social
January 15	Mary Ann’s FJC Activity Bags work session
February 8	Zoom NC State Superintendent Catherine Truitt
March 12	Life Community Church Julia Ebel
April TBA	Spring Banquet

Contacts

[DKG International Website](#)

[NC DKG Website](#)

[Chi Website](#)



Keynotes for Chi Submissions

Information

Deadline:

September 21

November 23

January 25

March 22

April 19

May 17

Please submit info to Editor [Anne Sheffield.](#)

Anticipated

Publication date:

September 28

November 30

February 1

March 29

April 26

May 24