

Keynotes for Chi

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GREETINGS CHI MEMBERS,

It was so good to have our holiday party in person at Sammy G's. What a joyful noise we did make! We collected \$75 for Schools for Africa and, yes, we finally got all 500 pennies counted.

Remember to get your Family Justice Center items and L.E.A.P. books to Phyllis or me. Refer to my email dated January 19 with the listings NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due by January 31 for the spring cycle. Hope you can find a grant that fits your needs. Just make sure to fill in every item in the application so that it does not get thrown out for review.

We are looking for submissions to the Spring Fine Arts Gallery. Form is on the DKG International website.

If you have a nomination for the Golden Key or Rising Star Award, please send the names to me and Sarah Finch. We will be asking you for input. Debbie is taking care of the Beginning Teacher Award.

At the February 8 meeting, Chairman Darrell Frye of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners will speak to us on how Randolph County has acquired funds for new schools and Beth Winstead will speak to us about effective chapters. Watch for the "Celebrate A Teacher Honoring Heroes Awards" and the directions for donations to the NC DKG Educational Foundation. We gave on Founder's Day earlier. All monies go to the fund for grants and scholarships.

The state convention is coming up and we need volunteers to help with the in-person meetings. No one region is in charge of the meetings. Connie Savell is the convention chair and she her team are doing all the planning. All the chapters are sharing responsibility for the success of the convention. Let me know if you want to volunteer. Go to the NC DKG Convention webpage for more information.

Upcoming Events:

- Now-Feb. 15: Spring cycle Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open
- Feb. 1: Scholarship applications due for NC DKG & DKG International
- Feb. 8: Chi Chapter Zoom meeting
- Feb. 15: Celebrate A Teacher (directions will be emailed to you)
- Feb. 16: L.E.A.P. book collection ends

Take care. See you February 8.

Respectfully yours,

[Mary Ann Hart, President](#)



Chi Chapter Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, February 8, 2022
7:00 PM

Darrell Frye
Randolph County Board of
Commissioners Chairman
And
Beth Winstead
NC DKG President

Treasurer's Report

The bank figures as of January 20, 2022:

Truist Community Checking	\$5511.86
Business Money Rate Savings	\$1322.71

[Nancy Tucker](#), Treasurer



Member News

Happy Birthday to:

February:

- 14 – Janet Flynn
- 16 – Mary Jarrell
- 25 – Lyn Chandler



Hall of Fame Inductee



Chi's **Karen Hogan** was inducted into **High Point Central High School's Hall of Fame** on January 13th at a banquet at Wesley Memorial Church. In addition to teaching math at Central for over 30 years, she also coached a variety of sports. Congratulations, Karen!

Schools for Africa

Our Schools for Africa project concluded in December. We collected a total of \$198.00, which will be sent to UNICEF in support of Schools for Africa. Thanks for your generous donations.

[Rhonda Hunt](#), Schools for Africa



Membership News

It is time to select new Chi members. Names and contact information for nominees are due to the Membership committee by Monday January 31st. The list of eligible prospects will be voted on in a February online election.

Forward your nominee's data directly to me by email or phone. Be sure to include their names, mailing address, email address, employer, position, and cell or home phone number. I will fill out your nominee's Prospect Card Form. Check your Chi Directory for my phone number.

Nominees that accept Chi's invitation to membership will attend the official orientation meeting on Tuesday, March 15th, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, Green Street Baptist Church in the Fireside Room. The official induction ceremony will be part of our Spring Banquet meeting on Tuesday, April 26th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Green Street Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall. Hopefully these meetings can be held in person.

Thank you for supporting Chi membership efforts.

[Betty Mayer](#), Membership Expansion



Member Outreach

During the Christmas holidays, Betty Mayer and I delivered poinsettias to several of our members who were having health issues. These ladies included Judy Gecinger, Mary Gordon, Dot Kearns, and Martha Wade and they were all most appreciative of the thoughts from our chapter. Judy is continuing physical therapy for her hip replacement, Mary is in good spirits and enjoying each new day, Dot is over pneumonia and is visiting out of town with her daughter and son, and Martha is recovering from glaucoma eye surgery that developed an unusual infection; she is feeling much better now. Janet Flynn has recently had foot surgery and we want to reach out to her as she is recuperating. Please let Betty or me know of anyone else in our group who has a health or care need.

[Betsy Hodge](#), Communications outreach



Projects

LEAP - Please be collecting books k-adult for our community project. New or gently used! Bring the books to my home or Mary Ann's. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, send it to Nancy Tucker with Projects in memo area.

Many thanks to you for your generosity!

FJL - The project has gone well! Thank you all for your contributions! Bags are being assembled with activities for the children to enjoy while their parents are receiving services from FJL. Also, large size bags are being given to clients for their personal belongings. Any monetary donations are welcome. Place FJL in memo space and send to Nancy Tucker by February 4. They will be

delivered mid-February 

[Phyllis McCoy](#), Projects and Fundraising



Mini-Grants

At our March meeting, we look forward to hearing reports from our mini grant recipients: Claire Robinson, Nancy Tucker, Pat Sams, Teresa Owens and Tonya Welch.

[Kay Tucker](#), Scholarship



Member Spotlight

Look for a new member spotlight in the next newsletter!

Holiday Social at Sammy G's



A lovely get-together

Educational Excellence

There have been several state legislative issues/bills that affect our families and their students related to how they will be instructed, learn and live. Chapters are encouraged to communicate with national, state, and local legislators concerning issues involving education, women, and children. Reach out on your own or with your chapter to learn more in order to increase your understanding. Invite legislators to join a meeting to bring you up to date or attend an NC General Assembly session related to the issues and your concerns.

by Hilda Parlér, NC DKG First VP, EEC chair

NC DKG Convention 2022 Asheville, NC

The first step for convention attendance is registration! The link for registering is now active on the NC DKG website ([convention registration](#)). Registration via the Google form is available by check or credit card until April 10. Early bird registration for Beginning Teachers and Collegiate members is \$25 and is \$35 for all other members. One day registration is \$20.

(Registrations after April 10 should be made online only with a credit card and will include a \$10 increase in fees and a \$4.50 processing fee.)

Checks should be postmarked by April 1 to avoid the increase of fees, made payable to NC DKG Convention, and mailed to Leslie Black, Convention Treasurer, 4715 Little Mountain Road, Catawba, NC 28609. Contact [Leslie](#) with payment questions.

Meal options are available for Saturday's continental breakfast, boxed lunch, and banquet meal, and for Sunday brunch as part of the birthday celebration. **(Banquet and brunch meal tickets are not available for purchase after April 10.)**

The registration form has an opportunity for a "Pass the House" donation to Headquarters.

Everyone must register, including award recipients, presenters, guests, and those who are volunteering during the convention. Submit one registration form per person. Refunds will *not* be issued if you do not attend the event. Contact NC DKG Executive Secretary [Elizabeth Miars](#) with questions regarding registration. Hope to see you there!

NC DKG Convention Project Supports Food Bank

Food insecurity is growing and a local food bank that is a member of Feeding America is the 2022 NC DKG Convention project.

The Mountain Area Nutritional Needs Alliance (MANNA), a private, 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, works to end food insecurity for students and families in Western NC (WNC). Every \$1 donated to MANNA helps provide four meals for people across WNC. Chapters and/or members are invited to support the convention project with donations. Checks and money orders may be written to MANNA FoodBank with reference to the 2022 NC DKG Convention Project. Bring checks to the convention or mail to MANNA FoodBank at 627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville, NC 28805. To make a secure, online donation, visit the MANNA donation page, choose "Designate My Donation," select "Other Info," and then enter NC DKG State Convention Project. Visit [MANNA FoodBank](#) for more information or contact [Connie Savell](#), Convention Chair.

NC DKG Convention Links

Excitement is growing for seeing friends and making new ones at an in-person state convention this spring at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort in Asheville on April 29 to May 1, 2022.

Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations may be made by calling the toll-free number 1-844-330-0296 (24/7) and mentioning the group name "Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma" in order to receive the special group rate of \$155 for two queen beds.

Vendor Form

The [vendor form](#) for individuals or chapters wishing to sell in the Convention Marketplace is ready and posted online for applications now. See the vendor form for prices and payment options.

Convention Program Ad Form

The [program ad form](#) is now online. Honor, remember, or celebrate members or chapter achievements! Ad submissions, through the online Google form, are due by March 15, 2022. Members or chapters that submit an ad will receive one print

copy of the 2022 program book to be picked up at the convention. The program will be available online and as a pdf.

Volunteer Form

Sign-ups continue for members wanting to add to their convention experience. A variety of options are available to enhance members' convention experiences and are listed on the [volunteer form](#) and on the [convention registration form](#).

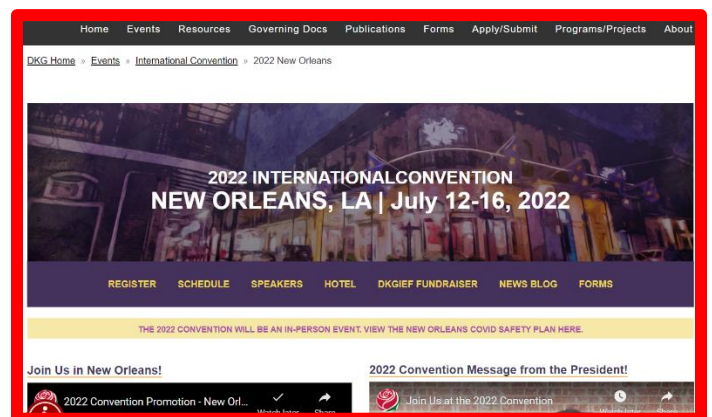
Leadership Links Everyone

The NC DKG Leader in Me!

Sometimes life gets busy, and we can get into a "rut." It is during these times that we most need to be open to growth. Try something new, change a habit, or take a class. By focusing on growth, we can break free from those entrenched habits that may be weighing us down.

This Leadership Tip of the Month is contributed by Leadership Development Committee Chair Lori Holguin.

DKG International Convention



Everything you need to know about the DKG International Convention is now on the [DKG website](#) - from registration information and forms to promotional videos, speaker bios, schedules, hotel links, and even a message from our DKG President! Check it out today. You'll be inspired to attend.

Jan/Feb issue of *DKG News*



Nominees for the 2022-2024 DKG officers headline the Jan/Feb issue of *DKG News* now on the website. Dr. Debra LaBlanc for president leads the nominees. There will be three nominations from the floor, including one for first vice president and two for member-at-large. Information on all of the nominees is contained in this issue.

There is also a good article on taking leadership roles at the chapter level.

Also included are convention updates, World Fellowship recipients, an article on the difference in the DKG Facebook accounts, and highlights of the November Administrative Board actions. Log in to the [DKG website](#) and click on the Publications tab to read either the pdf file or the Flipbook edition.

NC DKG & DKG Upcoming Events

- March 1** – Nominations and Awards info due
- April 1** – Postmark deadline for mailed Early NC DKG Convention Registration
- 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, Greenville



Why Chi?

“Chi has become my home after retiring. I taught grades 3-12 with the middle grades being the toughest. Just wish I had connected with other teachers like me by joining DKG sooner.”

Mary Ann Hart



Future Chi Meetings

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| March 12 | Life Community Center |
| | Julia Ebel |
| April TBA | Spring Banquet |

Contacts

[**DKG International Website**](#)

[**NC DKG Website**](#)

[**Chi Website**](#)



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