



# Keynotes for Chi

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## GREETINGS CHI MEMBERS,

Well, Gus, my cat, just reached up to pat my arm reminding me it is time for his lunch. In much the same way, Anne Sheffield patted my arm to remind me that it was now my turn to write the Chi President's Message for our newsletter. I gulp big as I begin this honored endeavor.

I am going to need lots of pats on the arm to navigate through the turmoil of what 2019-2020 hath brought us. As my gentle giant of a grandfather, Poppy, always said to me when life looked a little bleak to a young girl becoming an adult, "Little Chank, there is always hope for the tomorrow. Always remember that." And so, Sisters, Chi Chapter North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma will begin a new year with our eyes, not on what was lost, but on the good to come for our chapter as well as for all Americans.

For now, and until a vaccine is available, we will meet on ZOOM. The first meeting will be a practice social meeting to work out the kinks. The meeting will be on Tuesday, July 21 at 1:00 pm. An invitation will be sent. Members will need to let me know if you do not have access to Zoom.

Hopefully, each of our members can get access to Zoom or view with a friend. For those of you who cannot do this, please let me know so that Darla Mintz and I can arrange access to all notes of future meetings.

For members of the Chi Executive Board, please expect an invitation to meet by Zoom on Tuesday, August 4 at 1:00 pm. Program notes will be sent by postal mail or email for study before the actual meeting date. A list of Zoom meeting times will be sent to all members after that meeting. Also, expect phone calls as I touch base with committee chairs and others.

Thank you for continuing to support our Chi endeavors. And thanks to Karen and Kayla for their selfless guidance through the transition.

Until we meet again,  
**Mary Ann Hart, president**  
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## Chi Zoom Practice

July 21, 2020  
1:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9443793443?pwd=anhZcnFOZEUyVXV1WTR0enVsVlllQT09>

Meeting ID: 944 379 3443  
Password: 341801

## Treasurer's Report

The bank figures as of June 5, 2020:

Community Checking	\$6983.35
Business Money Rate Savings	\$1322.52

**Nancy Tucker, Treasurer**



## Member News

### Happy Birthday to:

#### June:

02 – Kayla Renew  
03 – Ann Wyche  
19 – Alicia Muller  
27 – Dot Kearns

#### July:

02 – Susan Fleenor  
08 – Kayla Mabe  
13 – Ann Morris Allred  
29 – Karen Hogan



Heidi Cadmus was named Guilford County Schools 2019-2020 School Library Media Specialist of the Year. Congratulations!

Ann Wyche was spotted in the *High Point Enterprise* again! This time she was recognized for judging the Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest for the Alexander Martin Chapter. Busy lady!

Crystal White was named District Instructional Technology Teacher of the Year. Congratulations!



## Membership News

Thank you to everyone who supported membership expansion efforts in 2019/2020. It is your collective dedication that truly makes a difference.

Chi Chapter is very proud to welcome our new active members: Monica Patterson, Pat Sams, Nancy Spurgeon, and Lisa Tyska. You will have the opportunity to meet these special ladies at our first face-to-face meeting. Hopefully that will be in the fall when we will celebrate their induction into Chi Chapter.

In spite of the COVID-19 virus, please keep recruiting new members on your mind over the summer. Potential new members can represent ALL areas of education. I challenge each of you to submit one nominee for membership next year. We can only grow with your help.

### Betty Mayer, Membership Expansion



### Meet New Member Nancy Spurgeon



“This is my most recent photo when I finally went to the hair salon after quarantine. I told her to put in a few lavender highlights and instead she made my whole head purple!! Oh well.

I am still teaching at High Point Central - ninth grade English. This next school year will be my 48th year teaching high school, mostly at Central but 16 years at Wesleyan Academy and 10 years part time at GTCC, The Piedmont School, and Wesley Memorial preschool. I plan to teach at least three more years to make 50 years.

My three children live in Nebraska, South Carolina and the NC mountains, and I have five grandchildren. I still take care of a farm with 4 acres of mowing every week and have been cleaning out all the outbuildings during this quarantine. I hate online teaching so maybe we can get back to normal this next year!!”

## Message from Karen & Kayla

Well lovely ladies, our final year as co-presidents certainly did not end the way we had expected. We were hoping for a special spring banquet and a lively state convention. Instead we all ended up at home in isolation. But up to that point we both truly enjoyed serving as your chapter co-presidents.

We enjoyed planning and leading meetings and gatherings, and working towards the state convention. We would like to say thank you to everyone who has helped us these last two years! We really appreciate it!

We look forward to working with Mary Ann Hart and we know she will do an amazing job as our next president!

Enjoy your summer and stay well!

**Karen and Kayla, Immediate Past Co-Presidents**



## Welcome to New Regional Director

Our new Region VII director is Sharon Sullivan from Beta Beta Chapter. [ssullivan218@aol.com](mailto:ssullivan218@aol.com)



## Communication Excellence Award

Congratulations to Chi's Communication Committee for receiving the NC DKG Communication Excellence Award! The committee members are: Crystal White, Betsy Hodge, Sylvia Eaglin, Tonya Welch, and Anne Sheffield.

## Virtual Leadership Seminar

*Leadership Redefined* is a virtual event to be held Monday, July 13, 2020 from 9 AM to 11 AM CST. The guest speaker is author Dave Weber. Dave shatters the typical view of leadership which revolves around title, authority, or responsibility and shares groundbreaking insights that reflect a new reality in education - *A leader is anyone who has influence*. Attendees will learn simple strategies that will help them put into practice real leadership skills that will have a positive influence in every area of their life.

The seminar, offered in part by a Lucile Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Award, is available to DKG members and non-members. To attend, please use [this link](#) to register by Monday, July 6, 2020. A valid e-mail address is required to receive the link to attend the seminar.

If questions, contact Michelle Steen Tennessee State Leadership Development Committee Chair at [mnnsteen@bellsouth.net](mailto:mnnsteen@bellsouth.net) or Tennessee State President Beverly Hall at [bnhosa@msn.com](mailto:bnhosa@msn.com).

## Virtual DKG Convention in July

For health and safety reasons, DKG members will not meet in Philadelphia for an in-person convention this summer, so plans are shifting to a virtual platform. Inter-national President Cathy Daugherty and the Headquarters staff are working hard to prepare for the first virtual event July 7-10, 2020!

Plans include presentations by both keynote speakers Olympia LePoint and Jane Golden and by Whitney Simon, UNICEF US Fund representative. The Forum event is "Embracing Diversity" with Greg DeShields and Nita Scott. There will also be 13 workshops, talks on our five core values, an interview with the author of *Our Heritage IV* and more. Installation of newly elected officers and the new International President's speech will close the event. It is free to attend!

Get excited for the event by reading President Cathy's [blog post](#)! She anticipates a fun and memorable occasion.

## NC DKG News and DKG News

The summer issue of the *NC DKG News* is now available by clicking here: [Summer NC DKG News](#) The May/June issue of the *DKG News* can be found by clicking here and signing in to DKG: [DKG](#)

## Ready, Set, GROW!

With President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan  
NC DKG President

### Facing Challenges in Spite of Obstacles

John C. Maxwell, author of *How Successful People Grow*, believes in order to grow, one must recognize the difference between a challenge and a fact of life. A fact of life, like your genetic profile, is something you cannot change, whereas a challenge is something you can change and you can *GROW* through! Challenges, along with their obstacles, are opportunities for change. Change ultimately stimulates *GROWth*.

Let's remember the challenges and obstacles we have grown through as this pandemic (hopefully) draws to a close. Knowing challenges will continue to present themselves, let's agree to look for constructive change in order to *GROW*.

Here are the **Three S's** that help me face challenges in spite of obstacles:

1. **Surround** yourself with supportive people who push you beyond what you believe capable!
2. **Structure** your day to include time for nurturing of the mind, body and spirit!
3. **See** yourself as capable - in spite of what the world might be saying to you!

**Beta Alpha** president, in her recent newsletter message, quoted Loretta Lynn, "*You've got to continue to grow or you're just like last night's cornbread, stale and dry!*"

Question to ponder as we move forward:

What are you doing to prevent becoming "stale and dry" chapters? What steps are you taking to stay fresh and GROW?

## Collegial Exchange Submissions

Your mind is racing with all that you did this year with virtual school sessions and how your students reacted. Put your thoughts onto paper and share them in an article to the *DKG Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*. The deadline is August 1, 2020.

*Collegial Exchange* is a print publication with no designated theme. Ideas for topics include a viewpoint piece, DKG or classroom practice or program, poetry, or creative works.

Submit articles to [bulletin@dkg.org](mailto:bulletin@dkg.org). The submission guidelines are on the DKG website (you must log in).

## Headquarters Gets Spring Facelift

By: *Mary Beth Dailey, Chair, Headquarters Committee*



Spring has brought good changes to Headquarters. When spots were noticed on the ceiling in two rooms and the hall bath, Headquarters Committee had some-one come and check the roof. Thankfully insurance was quick to respond and covered the cost of replacing the roof and repairing the ceilings. In addition to this work, all outside doors and railings will be painted soon. Headquarters is looking good!

## NC DKG & DKG Upcoming Events

**July 7 – 10, 2020** — International Convention, Virtual Events

**July 13, 2020** – Virtual Leadership Seminar

**April 23 - 25, 2021** — NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort

**July 11 - 14, 2022** — International Convention, New Orleans, LA

## Contacts



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## Keynotes for Chi Submissions

Information

Anticipated

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