



# Keynotes for Chi

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## GREETINGS CHI MEMBERS,

As we end one year and begin the next, I am reminded of a saying by Charles Swindoll, “Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it.” You Chi sisters reacted undauntedly to a hard circumstance handed us by Covid19 and together we made good things happen. You members in the classroom and in your workplace survived a year like no other. Be proud of what you have accomplished. We retired members applaud you!

Our Award Night and Chi Chapter Induction was different this year. I am sure we are all looking forward to a “normal” year beginning in September. Zoom, however, may work for some of our chapter business this coming year. All was not lost with this new meeting format.

Be aware that if you did not get to attend the NC DKG State Convention, there are links to view on the state website. The two international conventions in Portland and San Antonio will be hybrid. Even if you cannot travel to these cities, you can be a part of the conference by registering for virtual meetings at the DKG website under *Events*. Make your plans now.

Kate Horne, a new initiate, is moving to Raleigh and will not be part of Chi this next year. We wish her all the best.

Respectfully yours,  
[Mary Ann Hart, President](#)



## Upcoming Events:

- June 8: Early registration ends for Portland International Conference
- July: Chi Chapter committee meeting schedules TBA
- July 7-10: Portland International DKG Conference
- June 23: Early registration ends for San Antonio International DKG Conference
- July 1: New Biennium begins
- July 22-24: San Antonio International DKG Conference (I registered for the virtual programs)
- August: Chi Executive Board meeting TBA



**Chi Chapter Meeting**

**See you in September!**

## Treasurer's Report

The bank figures as of May 26, 2021:

Community Checking	\$6671.27
Business Money Rate Savings	\$1322.63

[Nancy Tucker](#), Treasurer



## Member News

*Happy Birthday to:*

**June:**

- 02 – Kayla Renew
- 03 – Ann Wyche
- 27 – Dot Kearns

**July:**

- 02 – Susan Fleenor
- 08 – Kayla Mabe
- 13 – Ann Morris Allred
- 17 – Lisa Tyska
- 29 – Karen Hogan



## Membership News

Chi Chapter is proud to welcome our new 2021 members:

Honorary – **Claire Robinson**, Founder and Executive Director, High Point LEAP Program.

Active – **Teresa Owens**, Specialized Curriculum Instructor, Stout School of Education, High Point University.

Chi Chapter held a virtual induction ceremony by ZOOM on April 13<sup>th</sup> for these special ladies. Also included in this ceremony were our four new members from 2020. These four active ladies were not formally inducted last year due to the cancellation of meetings required by COVID – 19 restrictions, They are:

**Monica Patterson**, Pre-Kindergarten, Thomasville Primary School.

**Pat Sams**, Lower School Counseling, Westchester Country Day School.

**Nancy Spurgeon**, English 1 & Honors English 1, High Point Central High School.

**Lisa Tyska**, Life Skills/Adapted Curriculum Instructor, Southwest Guilford High School.

In the fall, all new members will be asked to sign the Official Initiate Register and receive their membership certificates.

Enjoy your summer. Hopefully we will be able to meet face-to-face in August. As you relax, please keep Chi growth on your mind. Challenge yourself to discover and submit one nominee for membership next year. With everyone's help Chi Chapter is certain to be Ready, Set, Grow.

[Betty Mayer](#), Membership Expansion

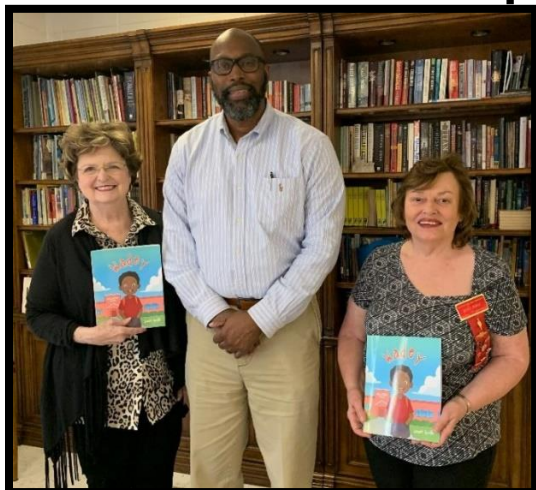


## Meet New Member Teresa Owens



“I began my career as a special educator in Lexington NC. I also taught in Guilford County Schools at Ferndale Middle School and Northwood Elementary School. I moved from the classroom to administration and after serving as EC Coordinator with Guilford County Schools, I retired in 2013 after 34 years as a special educator. After 10 wonderful days of retirement, I joined High Point University Stout School of Education as a Clinical Instructor in the Specialized Curriculum Department. I teach undergraduate courses and work with students studying to become special educators. I serve on the Executive Board of The Piedmont School and on the Executive Board of North Carolina Administrators of Special Education. I am the Faculty Advisor for the student chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children and Big Brothers Big Sisters at High Point University. I have two children and one grandson. I am a proud ASU Mountaineer, I enjoy reading and gardening in my spare time.”

## Donation to LEAP Honors Chi Chapter



### Betty Mayer, Dr. Lonnie Smith, & Betsy Hodge

In honor of all Chi Chapter members, fifteen copies of the children's book *Wadey* were donated by Betty Mayer in April to High Point LEAP, a nonprofit dropout intervention program dedicated to empowering children through literacy. Claire Robinson, president of LEAP and Chi's new honorary member stated "this donation supports our goal for children to have books in their home they can read – and other children in the home will be able to read them as well."

The donated books were delivered by Betty Mayer, Betsy Hodge, and the author Dr. Lonnie Smith to the LEAP after-school program at Southside Recreation Center in High Point. Dr. Smith, a licensed mental health counselor at Ragsdale High School in Jamestown and a friend and neighbor of Betty Mayer, read his book aloud to the children and autographed each child's copy. As a young child, Dr. Smith struggled to overcome a stuttering disability. His book, *Wadey* was written based on his personal experiences. This book is a great motivator for young people who are facing difficult challenges.

## Registration Open for Hybrid Summer Conferences

Login to the DKG website to register for a conference this summer: [Portland, OR, July 7-10](#) or [San Antonio, TX, July 21-24](#). Find more information under the Events tab or click on the link on the rotator.

*\*If you plan to go to an international conference this summer, please email your name to Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon. She will share a list of those going with you.*

## DKG News available only online!



The May/June 2021 issue of *DKG News* is posted online in both pdf and flipbook formats. Click on the notice on the rotator on the DKG website or on the graphic above. (Log in to see it!)

## New Officers Elected at Convention



**Beth Winstead, left, is pinned as NC DKG President by her mother, Anne Briley, a past state Executive Secretary.**

Beth Winstead will lead NC DKG for the 2021-2023 biennium. Beth was elected President during Saturday's vote by registered members attending the 2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention.

Elected to serve with Beth were Hilda Parlér as First Vice President, Tammy Cullom as Second Vice President, and Patrice (Patty) Higgins as Secretary.

The installation of officers took place virtually on Sunday afternoon and was led by Immediate Past President Connie Savell.

## NC DKG Convention

NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan kicked off the convention on Friday night, April 23, 2021, via Zoom and Facebook Live.



NC DKG 2021 Virtual Convention: Friday Opening Meeting

**Friday Opening General Meeting:** Watha Kollmeyer, founder and director of Knickers for New Life, shared about our convention project. At the Birthday Celebration meeting, Tobey Worthington, First Vice President, led a Founders activity on Seeds of GROWth. The Founders Award was presented to Dr. Mandy K. Cohen, Secretary of the NC Department of Health and Human Services.



NC DKG 2021 Virtual Convention: Friday Opening Meeting

**Saturday morning Executive Board Meeting:** Actions established the Beginning Teacher Award, approved the NC DKG and Headquarters budgets and new job descriptions for all related personnel positions, heard the slate for 2021-2023 state officers and reports from the ad hoc committees on One Member, One Vote and Regional Directors, recommended the approval of all proposals to the *NC DKG Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*, and approved the merger of Beta Phi Chapter with Theta Chapter.



NC DKG 2021 Virtual Convention: Saturday Executive Board/General Meeting

**Saturday morning Second General Meeting:** After reports from officers and related personnel, the Rules Committee presented the proposed amendments, which were all approved, and the

Nominations Committee explained the voting process for the election of new officers.

**Prerecorded or live workshops filled the afternoon and shared time with the ‘Rejuvenating the Leader Within for Inspiring the Leader in Others’ seminar.**

*Mary Ann Hart attended The NC DKG Educational Law and Policy Committee presentation of Catherine Truitt’s proposed plan for education. One concern was the teacher scale and use of teachers in the classroom with associate degrees as based on the charter school model. The program is designed to give teachers time to learn content and time to grow. Find out more at [govdelivery.com](http://govdelivery.com) and [ncleg.gov](http://ncleg.gov) for legislative updates.*

*Anne Sheffield attended the Scholarship workshop. If you are currently working on an advanced degree, give her a call for info!*

**Saturday evening Third General Meeting:** Patricia Woodley, International Membership Director, spoke on “Cultivating and Harvesting Your DKG Crop.” Achievements and awards were announced, including Beta Upsilon, Gamma Zeta, Beta Delta, Gamma Delta, Nu, and Alpha Lambda as Presidential Chapter Achievement Award winners.

**Sunday: The NC DKG Educational Foundation Board Meeting** started the after-noon session. **The Closing General Meeting** included award recognitions of scholarship and beginning teacher honorees, a special recognition of Dr. Barbara Perry- Sheldon, retiring NC DKG Executive Secretary, and the installation of the new officers. Videos of all the general sessions plus many of the workshops and award presentations are on the NC DKG YouTube channel (click on the videos tab). The Ceremony of Remembrance, virtual showcases, and virtual tours are available on the NC DKG website’s convention page.

### Convention By the Numbers

- 310 registrants, 77 first-timers
- 87 of 96 chapters represented at the Executive Board meeting
- \$4,575 donated to the convention project Knickers for New Life
- \$3,447 donated to Pass the House/Headquarters
- \$912+ made from the Leadership baskets

EEC Equals Well-Defined Programs

## Workshops Online

*By: Tobey Worthington, NC DKG First Vice President*

A big thank you to those who conducted a workshop for the NC DKG Virtual Convention in April. Access to the workshops is available on the NC DKG YouTube channel, under the Videos tab.

## NC DKG Educational Foundation

*By: Sharon Frazier, Vice Chair, Board of Directors*

Thank you to all members who joined us for our annual meeting on Sunday, April 25. We hope you found the information given helpful and informative. Please remember that each of you is a member of the Foundation, and your help is always needed and appreciated. Also, as a member, consider joining a committee or submitting your name to our nominations committee for a board appointment. To stay current, check the Educational Foundation website for future fundraisers and Foundation news.

## Want to Serve on a State Committee?

**Applications Now Available on Website**

NC DKG members are needed to serve on state committees!

Share your DKG passion by submitting your name to serve on a state committee for the 2021-2023 biennium. NC DKG has 14 committees plus representatives of other areas. A desire to learn and to be a part of a team are the main criteria. If you are interested, fill out the revised NC DKG Committee Interest Form 2021 found on the state website in the "New on the website..." box on the lower right. Learn more about the committees by clicking on them under the More → Committees tab on the top right.



## Ready, Set, Grow!

With [President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan](#)

NC DKG President



## I Hear the Angels! Do You?

*Every blade of grass has an angel bending over it saying, "Grow, grow."*

Members were encouraged in April 2021 to hear their "angels" and to identify their barriers. Taking time to acknowledge angels and identify growth barriers can be the first step toward growing.

Let's use real examples to reinforce this idea.

ANGEL - "A six-day virtual event...Cannot wait!"

BARRIER - "The virtual event should be only Saturday morning."

ANGEL - "Virtual marketplace - what a convenient way to facilitate fundraising efforts."

BARRIER - "Convention is for conducting Society business; nothing else is necessary."

ANGEL - "Thank you for the registration packet. I love the bag."

BARRIER - "Mailing packets is a waste of money and time."

Words of encouragement versus words of discouragement. Each is powerful but how we act upon them determines our growth. My response to these real "barriers" determined GROWth for myself and others!

When the 2021 virtual convention came to a close, I heard angels sing (and shout)! And, throughout the event, I know there were countless NC DKG angels *bending over me saying, "Grow, grow."*

Question to ponder about angels and barriers: Who/ what can aid you in overcoming your barriers? And, more importantly, are you being an angel or a barrier to others?

# CHI CHAPTER MINUTES

Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 7:00 – 7:45 PM  
Zoom Meeting

Induction Ceremony and Recognition Awards



At 7:00 pm, President Mary Ann Hart welcomed members and called the meeting to order. A quorum was established. Betsy Hodge made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes, Sylvia Eaglin seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Members present (20) were: A. Sheffield, B. Hodge, B. Mayer, C. Robinson, D. Mintz, G. Brookbank, J. Ebel, K. Jobe, K. Tucker, K. Ranew, K. Mabe, K. Winklosky, M. A. Hart, M. Patterson, N. Spurgeon, P. Sams, R. Hunt, S. Sumpter, S. Eaglin, T. Owens

President Hart read the Treasurer's Report. President Hart presented Membership Awards to the following members for commitment and service. Each recipient will receive a jewelry bag with bookmark.

Anne Wyche 5 (years)	Julia Ebel 10
Phyllis McCoy 15	Kay Tucker 20
Karen Hogan 35	Susan Sumpter 35
Nancy Tucker 35	Carol Blackwelder 45
Betsy Hodge 45	

President Hart presented Recognition Awards to the following members. Each person will receive a certificate.

Golden Key Award, Chi Keynotes Editor  
Excellence and 2021 Spring DKG Fine Arts Gallery in Photography - Anne Sheffield  
Rising Star - Kayla Mabe  
Technical Support for Zoom Meetings - Karen Jobe and Kayla Mabe  
Technical Support for Facebook and Website - Crystal White  
Website Excellence and Fall 2020 Spring 2021 Fine Arts Gallery - Tonya Welch

Presenter at the 2020 NC DKG Fall Conference and the 2021 NC DKG State Convention, 2021 Spring DKG Fine Arts Gallery Submission in Poetry - Julia Ebel

Recognition Award for Going Above and Beyond for Carpenter House - Heidi Cadmus

Official substitute at officer meetings - Susan Sumpter

Outstanding Project Leadership - Phyllis McCoy

Outstanding Member Recruitment - Betty Mayer

Beginning Teacher's Chair - Debbie Rosenquist

Outstanding Work for Scholarship Committee - Kay Tucker

Chi Ambassador - Sylvia Eaglin

Betty Mayer presented 3 candidates for induction (Teresa Owens, Claire Robinson, and Kate Horn) and presented each with a virtual rose.

Betty Mayer recognized and honored four members (Monica Patterson, Pat Sams, Nancy Spurgeon, and Lisa Tyska) since the induction ceremony was cancelled last year due to COVID.

Anne Sheffield, Sylvia Eaglin, and Kayla Ranew offered new members inspiring words of welcome, encouragement and a call for action.

Congratulations were made by Betty Mayer and a candle was lit for each new member by President Hart to honor membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.



**President Hart lit candles  
in honor of Chi's new members.**

Business Meeting:

Anne Sheffield reported that Evite response to our meeting was 74%. Members were encouraged to visit the DKG website to sign up for DKG Convention. Julia Ebel is presenting this year on Saturday at 1:00. Betty Mayer reported that we will have another induction ceremony in the fall where membership certificates will be presented and new members will sign the Chi membership book.

President Hart thanked members for a wonderful year of excellence in the face of adversity. She reminded members that registration for state convention ends on April 19<sup>th</sup> and to pay dues to Nancy Tucker by May 28<sup>th</sup>. (Check made out to Chi Chapter NC DKG.)

President Hart adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
[Darla Mintz](#), Secretary



### NC DKG & DKG Upcoming Events

- July 7-10, 2021** – International Conference, Portland, OR and virtual
- July 22-24, 2021**— International Conference, San Antonio, TX and virtual
- Aug. 1, 2021** - *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* submissions due
- Aug. 15-Sept. 15, 2021** - Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open
- Sept. 1, 2021** - Deadline for applications for Cornet Individual PD Awards
- July 12-16, 2022** — International Convention, New Orleans, LA
- April 28-30, 2023** — NC DKG Convention, Greenville
- 2023** — International Conference, Tampere, Finland

### Summer issue of *NC DKG News*



Click on the front-page photo above, or go to the NC DKG website to read the summer issue of the *NC DKG News*!

### Future Chi Meetings

September!



### Contacts

[DKG International Website](#)

[NC DKG Website](#)



### [Chi Website](#)

### Communications Excellence Award

Congratulations to Chi’s Communications and Marketing Committee for once again earning the Communications Excellence Award! Committee members Sylvia Eaglin, Betsy Hodge, Anne Sheffield, Tonya Welch, and Crystal White work hard to keep Chi up-to-date and informed!



### Keynotes for Chi Submissions

Information

Deadline:

August 24

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

Anticipated

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August 31