

# Keynotes for Chi

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## GREETINGS CHI MEMBERS,

March 12 was the last Chi meeting that I will preside over. What a great experience this has been! Working through Zoom meetings and a combination of Zoom and in person meetings has taught me a lot about technology and being flexible. You dear Chi members have been wonderful to work with. Thank you!

I know you will give Debbie Rosenquist and Susan Fleenor your full support as they begin a new 2022-2024 biennium. They have some new ventures for you planned. They want to make sure we have time for social visits—most needed after Covid tried to shut us down. Thank you to Darla Mintz and Nancy Tucker for continuing to serve Chi in your positions.

We had a wonderful orientation meeting led by Betty Mayer on March 15. Thank you, Betty, for all your hard work.

Please mark the dates below and respond to emails as promptly as possible as we continue to finish this year's business.

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



## Events Coming Up

**March 29:** Group rate for 2022 state convention ends.

**April 1:** Deadline for postmarks for mailed 2022 state convention registration

**April 10:** Deadline for Early Bird Registration for 2022 state convention.

**April 8:** Deadline to pay checks for High Point DKG Coordinating Council Spring Banquet. Details to follow through emails. \$20 per person.

**April 26:** High Point DKG Coordinating Council Spring Banquet, Green Street Baptist Fellowship Hall, 6:00 PM.

**April 29-May 1:** NC DKG Convention, Asheville. Let Mary Ann know if you are a first-time goer to get your \$20 for travel. Available to the first 3 requests.

**May 31:** \$85 dues, check payable to Chi Chapter NC DKG. Memo check "dues."

## High Point DKG Coordinating Council Spring Banquet

Tuesday, April 26, 2022  
6:00 PM

Green Street Baptist Fellowship Hall  
303 Rotary Dr,  
High Point, NC 27262

\$20 payment due by April 8

## Treasurer's Report

The bank figures as of March 11, 2022:

Truist Community Checking	\$5276.72
Business Money Rate Savings	\$1322.73

[Nancy Tucker](#), Treasurer



## Member News

*Happy Birthday to:*

**April:**

**10 – Julia Ebel**



Please keep these members in your thoughts: **Anne Sheffield** in the loss of her mother, **Susan Martz** in the loss of her husband, and **Mary Gordon** as she begins a new round of chemo.

## Member Spotlight



For almost 20 years, **Crystal White** has been an educator at Thomasville Primary School. Crystal grew up in West Virginia, graduated from Marshall University (Go Herd!) with a degree in Elementary Education, and earned a Master's Degree from UNCG. After 16 years in the classroom, she moved into the Library. She is currently working on an MLS degree from ECU. Crystal says she loves being a school librarian because she gets to connect students with a love of reading and learning!

## Membership News

Three nominees have accepted Chi's official invitation to membership at the orientation meeting held on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Green Street Baptist Church. Our soon-to-be new members are:

**Cathy Kuhn**, retired guidance counselor – High Point Central High School.

**Carla Thomas**, retired sixth grade teacher – Wesleyan Christian Academy.

**Amanda Thompson**, sixth grade English Language Arts teacher – Welborn Academy Science and Technology.

Orientation guests were shown *Pride in the Big Picture*, the official recruiting video produced by DKG International. A discussion of topics of interest for new Chi members was led by **Mary Ann Hart**, **Phyllis McCoy**, and **Betty Mayer**.

A formal induction ceremony for these 3 nominees will be held at the Spring Banquet. We will also be completing the initiation of Chi members that joined DKG at our Zoom meetings during the last two years of COVID. In 2020 we welcomed **Monica Patterson**, **Pat Sams**, **Nancy Spurgeon**, and **Lisa Tyska**. In 2021 we admitted **Teresa Owens** and **Claire Robinson**.

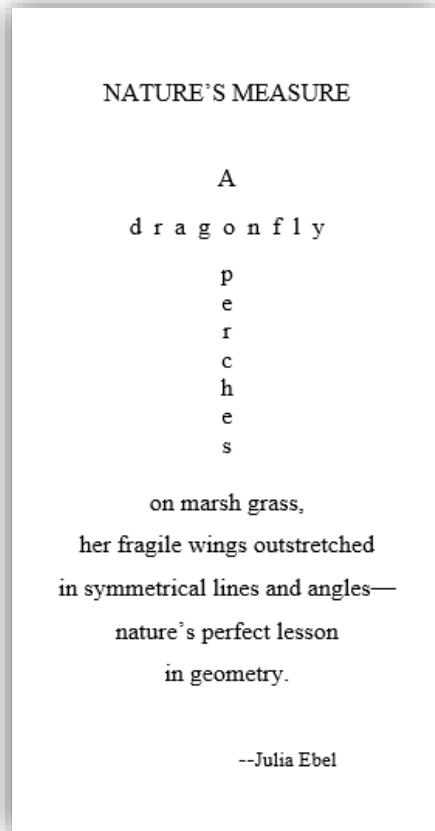
Please plan to attend the Spring Banquet and don't forget your pins.

[Betty Mayer](#), Membership Expansion



## DKG Fine Arts Gallery

**Julia Ebel** had two poems accepted for publication on the international DKG website in the Spring Fine Arts Gallery. One of her poems is below. Congratulations, Julia!



## NC DKG Convention 2022 Asheville, NC

Excitement is growing as NC DKG Convention time draws nearer. The convention program is being finalized, volunteers assigned, sessions scheduled, vendors registered, music planned, and donations being accepted for the convention project and Headquarters. The convention will be held April 29-May 1 at the Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort.

**Convention Registration: Early Bird Ends April 10**  
The deadline to register to be guaranteed meals and materials is April 10. There will be on-site registration for a slightly higher fee. Registration is through a Google form and may be paid by check or credit card. Detailed info is on the [registration form](#). Contact NC DKG Executive Secretary [Elizabeth Miars](#) with questions regarding registration and Convention Treasurer [Leslie Black](#) about payments.

**MANNA FoodBank**, part of Feeding America, is the convention project. Anyone may donate by going to <https://donate.mannafoodbank.org/> and designating NC DKG State Convention Project in the Donations Comments box under the Designate My Donation and Other Info links.

### **Volunteers: Due April 10**

Make the most of your convention experience by volunteering to help! [Convention Volunteer Form](#). Contact Convention Chair [Connie Savell](#).

### **One Rules Proposal for Convention**

The Rules Committee will be submitting one proposal to the convention floor for a vote. The Finance Committee submitted the proposal to add a rule to Section E. General Rules for Finance that reads, "In addition to the Treasurer's name, the names of the President and Executive Secretary shall be added to the Available fund and Headquarters banking accounts."

The proposal was sent to all chapter presidents and state leadership for information on March 5 by Executive Secretary [Elizabeth Miars](#) on behalf of the Rules Committee.

### **Educational Law and Policy Committee Stay Informed...**

Our NC Legislature has been very busy this school year, passing a 2.5% pay raise for most teachers and creating a fund to help smaller districts increase their local supplements. Public education, including student skill recovery, teacher recruitment, and retention, will continue to be a big topic during the upcoming election season. With much at stake, your NC ELP Committee will present strategies at the NC DKG Annual Convention in Asheville to help your chapter advocate for teachers in your area. We hope to see you there!

### **Musician and Chorus Members Needed**



Music Representative [Judy Rhodes](#) is looking for members willing to sing in the chorus and/or share musical interludes on your instrument during the convention. Judy has the chorus songs available on MP3s and will send those to you if will [contact her](#). The more, the merrier!

## NC DKG Educational Foundation

“We would love to see you at Convention!”



The members of the board for the Educational Foundation would love to see you at the Annual Meeting of the NCDKGEF. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., right before the General Meeting. You

will hear all about our grant and scholarship recipients, new endowments, and successful fundraisers.

The Foundation will have a table Saturday afternoon where there will be information featuring directions on how to apply for a grant, how to start an endowment, plus much more. A workshop will be held by the Legacy Committee introducing “The Oak Society,” what it is and how to be a part of it. You are all members of the Foundation. Please come, be informed, and learn how you can help.

## Mar/Apr issue of *DKG News*



Log in to the [DKG website](#) and click on the Publications tab to read this large edition.

## Attending the July International Convention?

The [DKG website](#) has a neat graphic on the rotator that lists the steps for members interested in attending the International Convention this summer:

1. Register for the convention
2. Book a hotel room
3. Submit forms and sign-ups
4. Download the DKG App
5. Prepare for voting

And for NC members attending, there is a #6—Let NC DKG Executive Secretary [Elizabeth Miars](#) know you are attending!

## The Move is Complete

As of March 1, 2022, the move from the brick building at 416 W. 12th Street, Austin, that DKG has called Headquarters for many years, is complete. Headquarters staff is still intact, working on a hybrid schedule and meeting the needs of members as usual. While it was bittersweet to leave the building, Executive Director Nita Scott says she looks forward now with excitement. (See more of her comments in the Mar/Apr *DKG News*, page 4.)

## NC DKG & DKG Upcoming Events

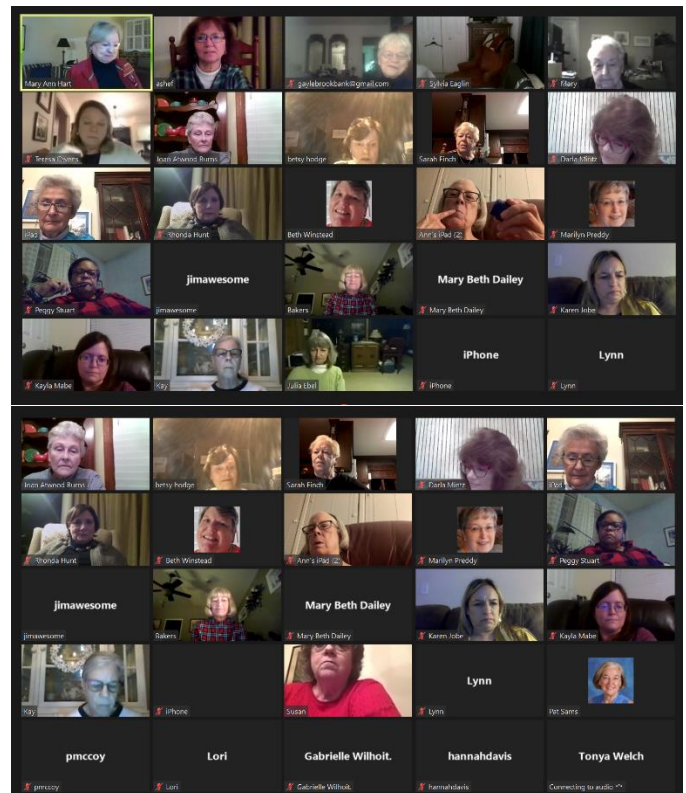
**April 1** – Postmark deadline for mailed Early NC DKG Convention Registration

**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

## February Zoom Meeting



## CHI CHAPTER MINUTES

Tuesday, February 8, 2021

7:00pm

Zoom Meeting



**Beth Winstead, President of North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma, spoke to us about what makes an effective chapter.**

Her main points were that effective chapters take care of each other, encourage one another, understand the purpose of DKG, have fun together, celebrate successes, and promote diversity in many ways.

Following the speakers, **Mary Ann Hart** read treasurer's report and reminded members that each person received attachment in email. She shared the screen and gave report on budget.

**Mary Ann Hart** asked for a motion for approval of budget to include \$2 per member for \$84 for NCDKG education fund in place of individual contributions. **Sylvia Eaglin** made the motion and a second was obtained by **Sarah Finch**.

Communications and Marketing **Anne Sheffield** reported that 14 testimonials had been received. **Mary Ann Hart** thanked Anne for her work on the newsletter.

**Betsy Hodge** made the announcement that officers for 2022-23 year would be as follows: **Debbie Rosenquist**, President; **Susan Fleenor**, Vice President; **Darla Mintz**, Secretary; **Nancy Tucker**, Treasurer.

**Sylvia Eaglin** reported that ad for convention book is ready and deadline is March 15.

Educational Excellence Committee Global Awareness representative, **Rhonda Hunt**, thanked everyone for counting pennies and reported that \$198 was collected for schools in Africa. **Sarah Finch** congratulated **Julia Ebel** and **Tonya Welch** for art gallery entries. **Debbie Rosenquist**, Beginning Teacher Support, let us know that she has 2 teachers for DKG Beginning

At 7:00 PM, **President Mary Ann Hart** called the multi-chapter meeting to order and welcomed our visitors from Beta Xi and Beta Omicron.

**Sylvia Eaglin** read the Chapter Collect. Quorum was established. The agenda was accepted and filed with a motion by **Anne Sheffield** with a second by **Mary Beth Dailey**. There being a quorum, the agenda was approved and minutes from the January meeting were accepted with no changes or additions.

Members present (21) were: **Ann Wyche, Anne Sheffield, Betsy Hodge, Betty Mayer, Darla Mintz, Deborah Rosenquist, Gayle Brookbank, Julia Ebel, Karen Jobe, Kay Tucker, Kayla Mabe, Kitty Winklosky, Mary Ann Hart, Nancy Tucker, Pat Sams, Phyllis McCoy, Rhonda Hunt, Susan Fleenor, Sylvia Eaglin, Tonya Welch, Teresa Owens.**

**President Mary Ann Hart** introduced our guest speakers.



**Darrell Frye, Chairman of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners,** spoke to our group about the Randolph County Toyota mega site and how Randolph County built 22 new schools without bonds.

Teacher of Year Award nominees. Scholarships and Grants, **Kay Tucker**, reports that the recipients of the five \$100 scholarships will give reports at the March meeting. **Betty Mayer**, Membership, thanked **Susan Fleenor** and **Teresa Owens** for their nominations for new members and thanked members for voting on ballot. The next step will be a formal letter of invitation. **Betsy Hodge**, Educational Law and Policy, gave information about current legislation that we can read about on the DKG US Forum including HR 721 Mental Health Services and Project Awareness which supports screening, treatment and outreach programs.

Hospitality, **Lyn Chandler**, wants to let members know that there will be a preorder for lunches for our in-person meeting on March 12 at Life Community Church at 11 AM. More information will be forthcoming. **Phyllis McCoy**, Projects and Fundraisers, reported that 40 activity bags were created for children whose parents are being served at Family Justice Center and thanked everyone for contributions. No budgeted money was spent on bags. Contributions of \$400 will be used to purchase books for each third grader at Northwood Elementary. Julia Ebel will read virtually to Northwood third graders as part of Read Across High Point.

**Mary Ann Hart** reported in new business that the DKG Executive Board approved the proposal by **Theresa Owens** for a DKG mentor program for High Point University Education Fellows Program. This program includes the top 25 education students at HPU. Volunteers to become mentors are still needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Darla Mintz**, Secretary



## Why Chi?

“I joined DKG in the 1980s because I was so proud to be part of the largest group of women in the world who encouraged the standards of excellence in education.”

**Judy Gecinger**



## Future Chi Meetings

April 26 Spring Banquet  
Green Street Baptist Church

## Contacts

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

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

**[Chi Website](#)**



## *Keynotes for Chi Submissions*

Information

Anticipated

Deadline:

Publication date:

April 19

April 26

May 17

May 24

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