



Keynotes for Chi

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GREETINGS CHI MEMBERS,

Many thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make the banquet a success! It was refreshing for the emotions to see each of you and be able to interact. A special thank you to Mary Ann Hart who has worked so hard to get us organized through this virtual event period.

It is an honor to be asked to be president of this very educated and dedicated group of educators. When I became a member, Susan Sumpter was the president. She made me feel so welcomed. It is my desire that each of you feel welcomed and valued. I am looking forward to serving you in this capacity. This service group is amazing in its ability to continue with stability. We want to continue that tradition and add some new ideas from the newest members of our group to continue our service to the community. Theresa Owen has a wonderful group of students in her program at High Point University. It is invigorating to attend the programs and engage with the future. It is a wonderful opportunity for each Chi member who is interested in mentoring a student.

A special thank you to Anne Sheffield is needed for all her work on the newsletter. It is not an easy task to get us to be responsible and timely in our reports. At the state meeting in Asheville recently, I really saw the value in these reports.

I want to extend a desire for each of you to have a safe and refreshing summer!

Respectfully yours,

Debbie Rosenquist, President



Words from our Past President

All of a sudden, my phone has gone almost silent and emails have greatly decreased with the ending of my presidency. There is much to look forward to with Debbie and Susan at the helm.

Our Spring Banquet was a success. Teresa Cowan delivered a most inspiring message while the program was sprinkled with humor, mistakes and happiness to be together again after three years.

Betsy, Debbie and I had good meetings at the NC DKG State Convention. Chi was recognized several times for Chapter Achievement Award, for being one of top five contributors to the Education Foundation, and for Communications and Excellence Awards. Most of all, Chi had two winners for Region VII awards. Betsy Hodge received the Golden Key Award and Karen Jobe received the Rising Star Award. So proud of both these deserving gals. Debbie had an outstanding presentation workshop for "Health Lifestyle Eating Patterns." She combined great humor and lots of factual information for a program that the attendees did not want to leave. So, Debbie answered questions and addressed members' personal concerns until we had to call an end to meeting. Thank you, Debbie.

Thank you for your support and kindnesses throughout my 2020-2022 tenure.

Hugs to All,

Mary Ann Hart, Past President



See you in September!

Treasurer's Report

The bank figures as of May 13, 2022:

Truist Community Checking	\$7381.75
Business Money Rate Savings	\$1322.74

Chapter dues by **May 31!** Write \$85 check to Chi Chapter NC DKG and memo it "dues."

[Nancy Tucker](#), Treasurer



Member News

Happy Birthday to:

Remaining in May:

23 – Sylvia Eaglin

30 – Heidi Cadmus

June:

02 – Kayla Renew

02 – Dr Claire Robinson

03 – Ann Wyche

18 – Amanda Thompson

27 – Dot Kearns

July:

02 – Susan Fleenor

08 – Kayla Mabe

13 – Ann Morris Allred

17 – Lisa Tyska

29 – Karen Hogan

August:

17 – Crystal White



Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers:

-[Susan Sumpter](#) as she recovers from her surgery for recurring breast cancer and begins her treatment

-[Mary Gordon](#) as she continues her monthly treatments for cancer

They would enjoy receiving cards.

Why Chi?

"I enjoy the sisterhood of other women educators as well as the opportunities through various activities and projects to help others."



Linda Millen

Membership News

Our April 26th Spring Banquet was a wonderful reunion of friends and a renewal of commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma. Thanks to everyone who attended and witnessed the induction of four special new members:

1. Cathy Kuhn, retired guidance counselor - High Point Central High School.
2. Regina Myers, EC teacher, grades 6,7,8 – Ledford Middle School, Thomasville.
3. Carla Thomas, retired sixth grade – Wesleyan Christian Academy.
4. Amanda Thompson, sixth grade English Language Arts teacher – Welborn Academy of Science and Technology.

The formal induction ceremony for these ladies and all new members who joined Chi Chapter during the two years of COVID will be completed at our first chapter meeting in the fall.

Thank you to everyone who supported membership expansion efforts in 2021/2022. It is your collective dedication that truly makes a difference. Remember to continue recruiting new members over the summer.

[Betty Mayer](#), Membership Expansion



Member Spotlight



Kayla Mabe

Kayla Mabe graduated from UNCG in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She was a substitute teacher for a year. In 2011, she began teaching Kindergarten full time at Thomasville Primary School, where she still teaches. She has been a mentor teacher to beginning teachers, grade level chair, and supervisor for UNCG student teachers. Kayla joined DKG in 2013. She is getting married on August 6, 2022!

2022 Golden Key Recipient



Betsy Hodge

Having served as a DKG member for 45 years, Betsy has served Chi Chapter widely as a leader. Officers and committee chairs have called on her with questions about Chi history, functions or DKG rules. Betsy has stood beside them and guided them during their terms. DKG truly empowers women members nurture timidity into confidence. Betsy cares about her responsibilities and eagerly carries out her duties while creatively making others' ideas even better. She is a catalyst who inspires our members to get involved in chapter activities, home visitations, community events, and fun outings. Betsy provides support behind the scenes for all members and our projects. Her joy and enthusiasm are infectious. She maintains and promotes personal and professional growth of herself and others. Betsy brings our chapter together to make it a caring and cohesive unit working toward common goals.

2022 Rising Star Recipient



Karen Jobe

A member of Chi Chapter since 2014, Karen quickly stepped up and assumed a leadership role. After first serving as co-VP, she then ascended to the position of Co-President in 2018. As the co-chair of the Tri-Chapter Coordinating Council for the 2020 – 2022 biennium, Karen has modeled the leadership skills which the women of Delta Kappa Gamma aspire to emulate. Karen teaches Kindergarten at Thomasville Primary School.



Chi Chapter Mentors with Mentees

Chi has a new collaboration with High Point University Education Fellows Mentorship Program. Members serve as mentors to selected students. Mentors attend educational programs with the students and enjoy visiting with these enthusiastic future teachers. Mentees enjoy the support of their mentors outside the school setting as well. This program was designed and initiated in March 2022 by our own Chi member Teresa Owens, Instructional Clinician at HPU. Thanks, Teresa!

Communications Excellence Award

Congratulations to the Communication and Marketing Committee for receiving the Communications Excellence Award again this year! The award is based on the excellent quality of the newsletter, website, directory, and brochure as well as publicity and other communications within the chapter such as cards and Evites. Way to go Sylvia, Tonya, Betsy, & Crystal for your work!

[Anne Sheffield](#), Communications & Marketing



President Debbie Rosenquist invited Chi members and their families to her farm.

Spring Banquet News and Photos

Chi 2022 – 2024 Officers Installed



**Secretary Darla Mintz,
Vice President Susan Fleenor,
President Debbie Rosenquist
Not pictured Treasurer Nancy Tucker**



2022 New Members were Inducted



**2020 & 2021 New Members
with NC DKG Past President Teresa Cowan (C)**



Alice Armfield Grant-in-Aid



Hannah Gellar is the 2022 Alice Armfield Grant-in-Aid recipient. Hannah graduates from High Point University this spring with a degree in Elementary Education and will begin her Master's degree at HPU with emphasis on literacy. Next year, Hannah will be a second grade teacher at Colfax Elementary. We are so happy for Hannah!

NC DKG Convention 2022 News Asheville, NC

I enjoyed the workshops that I attended at the convention. It was great to see the members of different chapters helping one another achieve goals. - **Debbie Rosenquist**

The 2022 State Convention in Asheville had a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The business meetings and workshops were conducted efficiently and effectively. It was encouraging to see members of all ages involved in planning and conducting the business and activities at the convention. What an honor to be a member of this group! – **Betsy Hodge**

The NC DKG 2022 Convention in Asheville was great. Well-run meetings, making new friends, and feeling the cohesiveness of DKG was inspiring! Beth Winstead did a beautiful job and Becky Sadowski participated in events the entire time. She is most impressive and deserving to be our international president. - **Mary Ann Hart**

Friday

□ Executive Board Meeting, with NC DK President Beth Winstead presiding, heard reports from select officers and standing committees. (Reports of all committees and personnel were printed in the convention program.) The dissolution of Gamma Phi (Region X, Catawba) and Beta Tau (Region VIII, Mecklenburg) was approved.

□ The Opening General Meeting focused on chapter and member awards, including 11 Golden Key Awards, 11 Rising Star Awards, and one Beginning Teacher Award. The Communications and Marketing Committee recognized 18 chapters for Newsletter Excellence, 22 for Website Excellence, and 22 for Communications Excellence. Awards Committee announced Chapter Achievement Awards, naming 16 Honorable Mention, 7 Distinctive, 16 Excellent, and 25 Superior. President Beth announced the five Presidential Chapter Achievement Awards

Saturday

□ The NC DKG Educational Foundation Annual Meeting convened and directors shared highlights of the year, including the awarding of 18

Foundation Literacy/Learning grants and five scholarships.

□ In the Second General Meeting, attendees heard reports, passed the proposed change to the NC DKG Standing Rules related to finances, and dropped donations in Headquarters “houses” at the back of the room (in lieu of “Pass the House” as a nod to COVID). Combined online and in person donations for Headquarters totaled almost \$1,800.

□ Breakout sessions included 24 varied opportunities for learning.

□ The Banquet Honoring Presidents featured a tribute to chapter presidents and Society Representative Becky Sadowski, International President. Two scholarship recipients were recognized and a past doctoral recipient reported on her progress.

Sunday

□ The Ceremony of Remembrance honored 52 sisters with white roses. The Convention Chorus performed.

□ The Birthday Brunch, presided over by First Vice President Hilda Parlér, included thanks for support of the convention project MANNA FoodBank (donating nearly \$900 to the project), inspirations by a scholarship winner and a newly-inducted collegiate member, and the DKG Song.

Convention Marketplace Open Until 5/31

The [Virtual Marketplace](#) is now open! The Donation page gives you the opportunity to make a donation to MANNA FoodBank (the convention project), NC DKG State Headquarters, and NC DKG Educational Foundation. The Fundraiser page gives you the opportunity to purchase from individual NC DKG chapters.

Convention program books and bags are also available to purchase (\$5 each). Contact [Elizabeth Miars](#).



Educational Excellence

By: Hilda Parlér, EEC Chair

Due to challenges during the pandemic and other issues educators are experiencing these days, teachers are resigning in large numbers. Shortages, as well as hiring and retaining high quality teachers, are on the forefront in many schools in NC. Encourage new teachers in as many ways as your chapter can to help them to be the best they can be and remind them of who they serve and how much they are valued. Ask retired teachers in your chapter to mentor beginning teachers for support.

Update your Profile!

Is your email up to date in your MyProfile with DKG? Have you changed jobs and had your previous school email listed? Added another email that you use more than the old one? NC DKG leaders are trying to determine a better way to communicate with all members. Accurate emails are needed! Login to the DKG website, go to MyDKG tab, and click on the pencil icon to update your information. The next step is to share your information with other DKG members (members only!) by clicking on the My Participation tab in the red bar and choosing Yes, include my profile in the Members Only Online Directory. Find a helpful tutorial on updating your MyProfile on the Communications and Marketing (C&M) Committee page.

NC DKG & DKG Upcoming Events

June 18 — Virtual New Leader Training

July 12-16 — International Convention, New Orleans, LA

Aug. 1 - *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* submissions due

Aug. 1 - *NC DKG News* deadline

Aug. 15-Sept. 15 - Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open

April 28-30, 2023 — NC DKG Convention, Greenville

2024 - International Convention, Maryland

DKG News



The latest issue of *DKG News* is now found online at the DKG website (You must sign in!) or by clicking on the icon above. Included in addition to international convention news is an update on headquarters.



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[DKG International Website](#)

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