



Keynotes for Chi

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GREETINGS CHI MEMBERS,

Many thanks to Nancy T., Anne, Tonya, and Sylvia for keeping us updated in our responsibilities to DKG. Thanks to Sylvia for providing a delightful storytelling session when the October Coordinating Council meeting did not happen. Julia's workshop session on October 24 was wonderful.

Congratulations again to Tonya for acceptance into the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts.

I am happy to announce that **Beta Xi** will be joining our book drive for **High Point L.E.A.P.** Dr. Claire Robinson and I had a wonderful conversation this week. Covid19 did not slow her down one bit. She added a third center at Life on Lexington. Claire has run her program full-time for six straight months now. K-12 students have access to tutors, computers for virtual learning, snacks, and a meal. What a blessing Claire is to our community.

NC DKG announced that we are collecting money for Epsilon State Louisiana, **Delta Dollar\$**, for members who have lost everything they have. Some are living in tents in their front yards. If you wish to help, you can send your contributions to Chi NC DKG, with memo Epsilon State, to Nancy Tucker, and one check will be written from Chi. You can, also, donate online at the NC DKG website. You will be given instructions as to how to credit Chi with your donation.

Our **Buzzing BEE Award** effort is underway. See your email. It is such a simple gesture to encourage beginning teachers, and we are taking it a step further with hopes that this recognition can be put into evaluation folders. Through our formal letter to principals, we can use our "clout" to bring attention to deserving recipients. And it costs nothing.

Do not forget that your items for **Carpenter House** can be taken to the homes of Phyllis or Betty, or to mine.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving even if you cannot be with your family. Good to see so many at our November Zoom Social.

Thanks to all of you for supporting our many projects!

Although our caladiums have succumbed to a freeze, our camelias, like Chi, bloom profusely.

Respectfully yours,

[Mary Ann Hart, President](#)



Upcoming Events:

- December 5 – Deadline for Carpenter House donations to homes of Phyllis, Betty, or Mary Ann.
- December 8 - Chi Zoom Social at 7:00 pm.
- December 15 - Delta Dollar\$ donations due to Nancy Tucker.

Chi Chapter Holiday Social

Zoom Meeting
December 8, 2020
7:00 PM

For security, Zoom invite, meeting ID, and password will be emailed.

Treasurer's Report

The bank figures as of November 12, 2020:

Community Checking	\$5381.27
Business Money Rate Savings	\$1322.57

Nancy Tucker, Treasurer



Member News

Happy Birthday to:

December:

02 – Carol Blackwelder
03 – Tonya Welch
10 – Darla Mintz
10 – Monica Patterson
21 – Susan Martz
26 – Ann Harris

January:

07 – Linda Millen
10 – Pat Sams
12 – Martha Alley
23 – Gayle Brookbank
23 – Kay Tucker
25 – Betty Mayer



Mini-Grants

The Scholarship Committee is delighted to announce the recipients of the mini-grants for this year: Karen Jobe, Kayla Mabe, and Tonya Welch. Congratulations, Ladies!

Kay Tucker, Scholarship



Global Awareness

Our donations for Schools for Africa (Global Awareness) are due by the end of the year. Nancy Tucker and I are still taking \$5 donations or whatever you can give. We are a little behind our last year's giving so please consider supporting this worthy cause.

Judy Gecinger, Global Awareness



Membership News

We should all be actively recruiting new members for Chi Chapter. Presently, I have names of three potential nominees for 2020/21. Could definitely use more names. There are two ways to submit nominees quickly and easily:

1. Complete the **interactive Prospect Card Form** located on our Chi Chapter website. A direct link to our Chi website can be located under Contacts on the last page of the Chi Newsletter or on the front page of the Chi Directory. Click on the Membership Tab to access the form. Fill in the nominee's data, save the document, and email the form to me at the **new** Chi Chapter Membership Chair email address listed at the top of the Form.
2. Forward your nominee's data directly to me by email or phone. Be sure to include their name, mailing address, email address, employer, position, cell or home phone number, and sponsor name. I will use this information to fill out your nominee's Prospect Card Form. Check your Chi Directory for my email address and phone number.

Thank you for supporting the Chi membership effort. Stay healthy.

Betty Mayer, Membership Expansion



Chi Projects and Fundraising

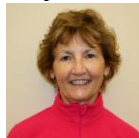
Just wanted to Update everyone on the progress of the collections for the Carpenter House. This is a very busy time of year with Thanksgiving and Christmas on the horizon. As you shop for turkeys and Christmas gifts, please remember to purchase some of the items that are useful to the clients who rely on the Carpenter house for support.

Any children's books for the LEAP literacy initiative can also be dropped off now. Middle and high school books are welcome.

Please take items for the Carpenter House to Betty Mayer, Mary Ann Hart, or me (Check directory for addresses) by December 5.

Happy Thanksgiving 🦃🍁

Phyllis McCoy, Projects and Fundraising



**Every Member Counts:
Celebrating NC DKG**
October 24, 2020



Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, NC DKG President
conducted the virtual Fall Executive Board meeting.



Chi's Julia Ebel
led an enjoyable session entitled
"Growing in Fellowship as We Share Our Stories".

Almost 250 members registered for the event and about 170 attended either on Zoom or live streaming through YouTube. Workshops in the afternoon had an average of 35 attendees per session. Documents and links to videos and recordings of the day's events can be found on the NC DKG website.

Motivational Stress Relief for Educators

Comedy is a perfect way to de-stress and unwind, so neighboring Tennessee State Organization (TNSO) is opening their last virtual Motivational Stress Relief session to NC DKG members. Brad Tassell, an award-winning comedian, author, speaker, and educator with a Master's Degree in Behavioral Sciences, will lead the 90 minutes of fun. His best-selling book *Don't Feed the Bully* is read by thousands of students each year His last session will be held Tuesday, December 1, at 8:00 p.m. Registration is free. Learn more on the [TNSO website](#).

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The [November/December DKG News](#) is now available to read online.

DKG International Educators Foundation

The DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) was established earlier this year when the DKG Educational Foundation and the DKG Supporting Corporation merged. Its mission is to support effective educational projects, the educational and charitable activities of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and professional growth of educators worldwide. Now is the time for members to begin preparing applications that will be due February 1 for as many as 31 scholarships available for those pursuing advanced degrees. Scholarships for those seeking other graduate studies are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000. Applications are currently available on the Society website under the Apply/Submit tab □ Applications.

Dr. Judith Carlson, an NC DKG past state president and past chair of the NC DKG Educational Foundation, was elected to the DKGIEF Board of Directors this summer. Judith says, "The Board has met and we are fully engaged in visions of fund-raising and of awarding funds to worthy proposals that will impact education, teachers and learners. Please visit the website, read the *DKG News*, and *Collegial Exchange* for ongoing news of our work as we break ground and bring fresh and creative ideas to the newly merged Board."



Delta Dollar\$ Project Initiated

In the spirit of fellowship that DKG is known for, NC DKG is collecting donations to support members in Louisiana who have been hard hit recently by hurricanes. Louisiana suffered under Hurricane Laura, a powerful Category 4 storm, which was closely followed by hurricanes Delta and Zeta. NC DKG members stepped up to offer support. Many remember the flood of donations to NC members and schools ravaged by Hurricane Florence in 2018 and wanted to pay it forward. Everyone can help with donations to Delta Dollar\$ now through January 1, 2021. Contribute online at <https://nc-dkg.square.site/> or by mailing a check to NC DKG Treasurer Leslie Black at 4715 Little Mountain Road, Catawba, NC 28609. All donations will go directly to the Louisiana State Organization. Learn more on the NC DKG website.

Input for International Conference

Know a dynamic speaker who is right for an international event? Or would you or someone you know be willing to serve on a planning team for the conference this summer? The International Conference Planning team needs your help. If you know of volunteers, please send President Teresa their names and a little information about them so she can provide the planning team with leads



Ready, Set, Grow!

With President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

NC DKG President



Staying Fresh in DKG and in Life

NC DKG chapters and members face uncharted territories, which demand a FRESH approach to all things normal. Let's try staying FRESH as we move forward together.

The FRESH approach:

F - Frequently ask "Is this practice effective NOW?"

R - Respond appropriately to the answer

E - Explore alternative practices

S - Systematically implement an alternative

H - Have a plan to evaluate the new practice

Self-reflection can be difficult and making a change can be a challenge, but in the words of Albert Einstein, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results."

Questions to ponder as we each attempt to elude insanity: What practice(s) do I continue to use that is ineffective now for DKG or for life?

How do I plan to find, implement, and evaluate an alternative?

NC DKG & DKG Upcoming Events

Dec. 15, 2020 - Donations to Delta Dollar\$ due

Jan. 15-Feb. 15, 2021 - Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open

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

July 7-10, 2021 – International Conference, Portland, OR

July 21-24, 2021— International Conference, San Antonio, TX

July 28-31, 2021— International Conference, Tampere, Finland

July 12-16, 2022 — International Convention, New Orleans, LA



Sylvia Eaglin, Storyteller Exemplar

CHI CHAPTER MINUTES

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 7:00-8:15 pm
Zoom Meeting/Get Ready, Set, Grow!

After members logged on to our ZOOM meeting, **President Mary Ann Hart** welcomed members and called the meeting to order. A quorum was established. Gayle Brookbank made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and Anne Sheffield seconded the motion. The minutes of the September 2020 meeting were approved as shared by email and published in the newsletter.

Members present (22) were: A. Wyche, A. Sheffield, B. Hodge, B. Mayer, C. White, D. Mintz, G. Brookbank, J. Gecinger, J. Ebel, K. Jobe, K. Tucker, K. Mabe, K. Winklosky, L. Tyska, M. Alley, M. A. Hart, P. Sams, S. Finch, S. Sumpter, S. Eaglin. T. Welch, P. Davis.

President **Mary Ann Hart** read the Treasurer’s Report sent to members by email. **Anne Sheffield** reported that evite responses were up from 58% to 69%. Members were encouraged to register for EVERY MEMBER COUNTS by October 20. The event will be held on October 24. **Tonya Welch** reported progress of the membership nomination form that can be completed online and sent to a generic email. **Betsy Hodge** thanked everyone for contributing to the gift for Mary Gordon. She loved the gifts and was very appreciative. Betsy also encouraged everyone to vote. **Judy Gecinger** thanked everyone for donations for Schools in Africa and explained that donations will be used to help schools that are affected by the pandemic. **Mary Ann Hart** introduced the beginning teacher support program called the Buzzing Bee to recognize beginning teachers with our support and to promote DKG. **Kay Tucker** reminded members to apply for mini-grants by October 15.

Members were asked to update personal information on the DKG website. Directions are on page 3 of the September newsletter. **Mary Ann** recognized the

diligent work of Tonya Welch to create the new member nomination form on the website.

Lisa Tyska reported that we will help the Carpenter’s House with personal supplies. You can drop these off at Betty Mayer’s home between October 19 and November 1. No one reported any new business.

Sylvia Eaglin, Storyteller Exemplar, entertained us with humorous and inspiring stories of a young teacher’s life in Boone, NC.

Mary Ann Hart adjourned the meeting at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Darla Mintz, Secretary



Future Chi Meetings

February – Joint Meeting
TBA

March 8 – Zoom Meeting 7:00 PM
TBA

April – Spring Banquet and Induction

Contacts

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

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[**Chi Website**](#)



Keynotes for Chi Submissions

Information

Anticipated

Deadline:

Publication date:

January 19

January 26

February 22

March 1

March 23

March 30

June 1

June 8

Please submit info to Editor Anne Sheffield.