

Keynotes for Chi

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GREETINGS CHI MEMBERS,

How did it get to be November? Our chapter has been so busy. Julia, Tonya, and Anne had works accepted into the DKG International Arts and Humanities Gallery fall contest. Julia's poetry and Tonya and Anne's photography can be viewed on the international website for six months. Congratulations to all of you!

At the virtual NCDKG Executive Board Meeting in September, it was announced that headquarters has a new roof, and it looks great! The state convention will be chaired by Connie Seville. All chapters will be asked to help in some way. The convention will be held in person with maybe some virtual programs. Marketplace will be open. Phyllis needs your input and help.

The November 10 email has the Buzzing Bee forms. Recognize beginning teachers with 0-4 years of experience at your school for significant efforts and use this connection to encourage those who exhibit outstanding teaching and leadership. Debbie reports that principals at our three chosen middle schools were receptive to our program. Be on the lookout for new members.

Don't forget to send Nancy Tucker your projects' donation money if you choose to support projects in this way. Family Justice Center and L.E.A.P. book projects are coming soon. Be collecting for them.

Beth Winstead, our state president, will be at our February Zoom multi-chapter meeting. Yeah!

Please know that those of you with illnesses and those in the classrooms are in our thoughts. Let us know what we can do to help. Betsy Hodge will be glad to address those needs with the membership. Thanks, Betsy, for keeping in touch with so many.

Hope to see you at the Holiday Party!

Respectfully yours,

Mary Ann Hart, President



Jan. 15-Feb. 15: Spring Arts and Humanities Gallery submissions window open

Jan. 15, 11:00 AM: Lunch and work session for Family Justice Center children's activity bags at Mary Ann's house.

Jan. 31: NC DKG Educational Foundations Grants due. Preview at NCDKG Educational Foundation on state website or use Chi's chart below of grants. To access, right click anywhere on the address, then click on [Open Hyperlink](#). To see whole chart at one time, zoom from 100% to 50% size. Kay, Sylvia, Susan Sumpter and Betsy stand ready to help with forms. Thank you, Teresa.

**Chi Holiday
Party**

Sammy G's

December 7, 2021
6:00 PM

Treasurer's Report

The bank figures as of November 23, 2021:

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| Community Checking | \$5484.86 |
| Business Money Rate Savings | \$1322.69 |

[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



High Point Central Hall of Fame inductees for the Class of 2021 include our own [Karen Hogan](#)! Inductees will be honored during a banquet at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church on Thursday, January 13 at 6 p.m. and at the basketball game Friday, Jan. 14, against Dudley.

Schools for Africa

There are 2 ways to donate money for our Schools in Africa project.

-Collect your loose change as you quench your thirst by drinking water.

-“Bragging Rights” At our meetings, donate \$2.00 to share your news.

Please note that if we are unable to meet in person this year, you can donate by check to: Chi Chapter NC DKG and mail it to: Nancy Tucker. Our deadline for turning in these funds is December 7th.

[Rhonda Hunt](#), Schools for Africa



Member Spotlight



Karen Jobe graduated from Marshall University in 1989. She was a substitute teacher in WV for many years and also worked at day cares. Karen began full time teaching in 2002 at Thomasville Primary and is still there now (her 20th year!). Currently she teaches kindergarten and has been a mentor teacher for many years. Karen has also been the grade level chair several times and has had several UNCG student teachers work with her (including having one currently).

Karen has been a DKG member since 2014. She has 3 beautiful daughters and 6 wonderful grandchildren (3 boys and 3 girls ages 2-15).

Membership News

The Membership committee wants each member to know how truly thankful; we are for your dedication to Chi Chapter DKG. We encourage you to reach out and recruit new chapter members who share their talents with children and the community.

All I need is the name and contact information of the special educator you would like to nominate. Be sure to include their name, mailing address, e-mail address, employer, position and cell or home phone number. Forward your nominee's data directly to me. Check your Chi Directory for my e-mail address and phone number. Your nominee could also be submitted to me on an official Prospect Form. On Monday, November 1st every Chi member received an e-mail with an inter active Prospect Form attached. All names and contact information or prospective members are due by the end of December.

Thank you for supporting the Chi membership effort. The heart of the society is its members.

[Betty Mayer](#), Membership Expansion



Educational Law and Policy

Speaking to some of the information shared with us by Dr. Vess about teacher licensure requirements and allowing retired educators to return work in high-need schools, go to website *North Carolina General Assembly, Bills and Laws. Look up bill S298* to read the bill that has been amended by the Senate but not passed yet.

To connect with what's happening in federal educational law, go to <https://www.dkgforum.com/>. The spring issue 2021 has many summaries about issues affecting teachers. One article in particular is how teacher stress is greater compared to the common population.

[Betsy Hodge](#), Educational Law and Policy



NC DKG Convention 2022 Asheville, NC

Convention Plans are taking shape for an in-person state convention this spring at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort in Asheville on April 29 to May 1, 2022. Hotel reservations may be made by calling the toll-free number 1-844-330-0296 (24/7) and mentioning the group name in order to receive the special group rate of \$155 for two queen beds. Reservations may also be made [online](#).

The vendor form for individuals or chapters wishing to sell in the Convention Marketplace is ready for applications now. See the [vendor form](#) for prices and payment options.

Convention Chair Connie Savell is seeking volunteers for the convention. This is a chance for all members to be involved! Volunteers will be needed to cover registration distribution, be door attendants and greeters, fulfill hostess duties in the hospitality room, set up for the banquet, create table decorations, photograph attendees in the photo booth, provide technology support for the workshops, and more! Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to please fill out the [volunteer form](#).

Watch for more information coming soon on the Workshop Presenters form.

Call for Presenters for New Orleans



Exciting plans are being made for the 2022 International Convention at the Sheraton New Orleans on Canal Street, July 12–16, 2022. The Presentation Proposal Form is posted online and is due January 7, 2022. Read more about the convention and watch the invitation video under the Events tab on the DKG website. Remember - log in!

Scholarship Applications Posted Online

One of the DKG Purposes is “To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to nonmember women educators.” NC DKG offers scholarships for postbaccalaureate and doctorate studies. Applications are now online and are due February 1, 2022. (There is also a link on the NC DKG homepage.)

Information requested for the application includes three letters of reference, official transcripts or documentation of enrollment in the program, a copy of a current teaching/administration license, an essay on what DKG means to you, and a listing of related DKG experiences. Applicants are encouraged to begin gathering application materials now. Contact Scholarship Committee Chair Michelle Benigno with questions.

Over 30 scholarships are awarded each year through the DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) to members pursuing advanced degrees. Scholarships for those seeking other graduate studies are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000. Those applications are also due February 1, 2022.

NC DKG members may apply for both an NC DKG and an International scholarship within a given year. The membership requirement for International applicants is three years for doctoral studies and one year for other graduate studies and two calendar years from induction for NC DKG. NC DKG Educational Foundation also offers scholarships. The Spring grant cycle will include awarding five grants, as well as the Groves-Little, Richards, Simmons-Longest, and the Church. The due date for these is January 31, 2022.

New Slate of Nominees Announced

Dr. Debra (Debbie) LeBlanc of Illinois heads up the list of nominees for the 2022-2024 International DKG officers. Debbie is currently the Northeast Regional Director. Nominated with Debbie as president are Marianne Skardéus (Sweden) for first vice president, Dr. Beverly Hall (Tennessee) as second vice president, and Dr. Barbara Baethe (Texas) as member-at-large. Immediate Past NC DKG President Dr. Teresa Cowan has been nominated as Southeast Regional Director. Teresa is currently chair of the International Communications and Marketing Committee. Other nominees are listed on the DKG website after you are logged in.

DKG Resources Tab



The Resources Tab on DKG Website has a wealth of information. As chapters prepare programs, invite new members, update resources, or need tools of any kind, the Resources tab of the DKG website is a good place to start. It is a member's go-to resource for anything DKG! It has music, logos, sample brochures and flyers, the ceremonies' scripts, and tools for communication and marketing, scholarship, finance, and general chapter tools, such as a new member kit, chapter strengthening tips, best chapter projects list, and fundraising ideas. Become familiar with what is there so that when you or your chapter needs ideas, support, or tools, you know right where to go! (Log in to have access to it.) All members need to check out the Resources tab! It is rejuvenating and refreshing to see all the ideas and materials that DKG provides for each of us!

NC DKG & DKG Upcoming Events

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

CHI CHAPTER MINUTES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

7:00-8:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

At 7:00 PM, **President Mary Ann Hart** called the meeting to order. **Sylvia Eaglin** read the Chapter Collect. Quorum was established. The agenda was accepted and filed with a motion by **Betsy Hodge** with a second by **Ann Harris**. There being a quorum, the minutes from the September meeting were approved. **Treasurer, Nancy Tucker** reported that the balance of our account is \$6051.28. Members present (17) were: **Anne Harris, Betsy Hodge, Betty Mayer, Darla Mintz, Deborah Rosenquist, Gayle Brookbank, Julia Ebel, Karen Hogan, Karen Jobe, Kay Tucker, Kayla Mabe, Kitty Winklosky, Mary Ann Hart, Sarah Finch, Susan Sumpter, Sylvia Eaglin, Teresa Owens** **Teresa Owens, HPU Specialized Curriculum**, introduced speaker, Dr. Sarah Vess, Associate Dean of Education, High Point University who spoke about preparing teacher candidates at HPU. Because of teacher shortage, more people are in the field hired with a residency license, not referred to as lateral entry as in the past. In response to the need, High Point University has launched a completely online program for special education, middle and high school teachers to obtain their teaching degrees.

Betsy Hodge asked members to remember those who are facing health issues in our group.

Sarah Finch offered congratulations to members Julia Ebel, Tonya Welch, and Anne Sheffield for entering their amazing work in the DKG Fine Arts Gallery. These works can be seen on the international website.

Deborah Rosenquist, Beginning Teacher Support, experienced good contacts with Jamestown Middle School and Thomasville Middle School. Trinity Middle School was sent more information about our group and nominating a beginning teacher for award. Five beginning teacher cards were given at these schools.

Kay Tucker, Scholarships and Grants, announced the recipients of the drawing for \$100 mini grants. Congratulations go to Claire Robinson, Nancy Tucker, Pat Sams, Tonya Welch, and Teresa Owens.

Betty Mayer, Membership, asked members to let her know if you did not receive the email with interactive form for recruitment called Prospect Report. Please complete these forms by 12/31 so the long process can begin to recruit new members. Betty asked members to update your information on the international website.

Betsy Hodge, Educational Law and Policy Committee, reported that the League of Women Voters will host a public round table on November 11 at 6:30. Those interested in attending must sign up to attend. Mary Ann Hart will forward information to members.

Mary Ann announced that November 20 is NCDKGEF Day of Giving. Individuals are asked to give money to the Educational Foundation for scholarships on the NCDKG website. Information with a link will be sent in the newsletter. Please let Mary Ann know if you will be able to attend the holiday party at Sammy G's on December 7th. She will have to let them know two weeks ahead of time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Darla Mintz, Secretary



Future Chi Meetings

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| January 15 | Mary Ann's FJC Activity Bags work session |
| February 8 | Zoom NC State Superintendent Catherine Truitt |
| March 12 | Life Community Center Julia Ebel |
| April TBA | Spring Banquet |



Contacts

[DKG International Website](#)

[NC DKG Website](#)

[Chi Website](#)



November/December issue of *DKG News*



Available now on the DKG website.

In addition to information about the sale of the headquarters building, this issue contains convention news, including information on one of the guest speakers, city tours, and proposed amendments; President Becky Sadowski's column on membership; plans being made for the 100 Years of DKG celebration and how chapters and members can participate; an update from DKGIEF; details and dates for the Communications and Marketing Committee's modules; and more.



Keynotes for Chi Submissions

| <u>Information</u> | <u>Anticipated</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Deadline:</u> | <u>Publication date:</u> |
| January 25 | February 1 |
| March 22 | March 29 |
| April 19 | April 26 |
| May 17 | May 24 |

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