



Keynotes for Chi

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GREETINGS CHI MEMBERS,

We are officially off to a new year and a new beginning. The committees have begun their work for the year. Chi Chapter is out the gate with a strong start. We had 22 members to attend our September 7 meeting. We would love to have had more, but we understand that many obstacles have already been thrown at teachers. Many of you teachers are not getting home until 8:30 at night, grabbing a bite to eat and falling in bed only to be back at work by 7:00 the next morning. Our school systems' most valuable assets are the teachers on the ground. The health of the school systems is dependent on the health of our teachers. Teachers need to be valued! Please know that your Chi sisters have you in our thoughts and hope for the best for you. Let us know if there is something we can do for you.

We have a year filled with projects and guest speakers. The positivity brought us by our guest speakers at the first meeting was most appreciated. Thank you, Dr. Claire Robinson and Sharon Sullivan, for your presentations.

Consider signing up for a NC DKG Educational grant or scholarship. The Scholarship team stands ready to advise. See email from me dated 9/12/21.

Please note that Chi is so close to having 60% attendance at meetings. Last year we had 53% attendance. Mark the regular meetings and plan to attend. There are four regular meetings a year. We need an average of 25 members a meeting!

Thank you all for rising to fulfill our goals for the year.

Upcoming Events:

September 30: NC DKG Educational Foundation application for grants due. Synopsis sent with links by email and on NC DKG website. Ask the Scholarship Committee team for help.

October: Joint meeting TBA

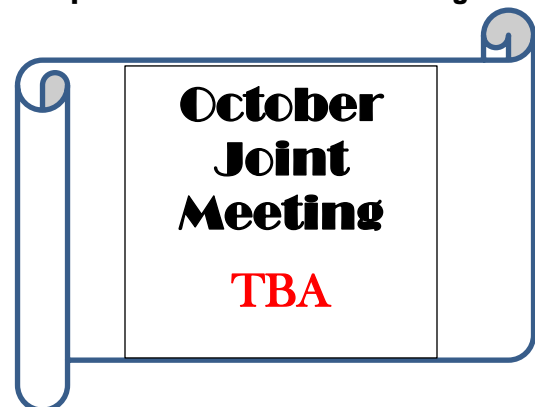
November 9, 2021: Please watch for further information for whether or not there is a change in venue or if it will be Zoom. Now scheduled for Casa de Soto at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully yours,

[Mary Ann Hart, President](#)



September 7th Chi Zoom meeting



Treasurer's Report

The bank figures as of September 21, 2021:

Community Checking	\$5851.28
Business Money Rate Savings	\$1322.67

[Nancy Tucker](#), Treasurer



Member News

Happy Birthday to:

October:

- 01 – Anne Sheffield
- 02 – Kathy Smith
- 06 – Nancy Spurgeon
- 08 – Susan Sumpter
- 11 – Teresa Owens
- 16 – Betsy Hodge
- 19 – Nancy Tucker
- 19 – Kitty Winklosky
- 25 – Judy Gecinger
- 29 – Phyllis McCoy
- 29 – Rhonda Hunt
- 31 – Mary Ann Hart



November:

- 02 – Martha Wade

Member Spotlight



Rhonda Hunt (UNC-G, '75) has taught for 34 years. Currently she teaches 4th grade at Westchester Country Day School.

While teaching in Randolph County, she was Lead Mentor to beginning teachers, supervisor for student teachers, and Teacher of the Year at Trindale Elementary. In 2010, she taught in a summer camp program in Beijing, China.

A DKG member since, 2019, she has two daughters, Blair and Anna. They and their husbands are parents to Rhonda's 8 grandchildren.

Membership News

The Membership Committee wants all Chi sisters to know we care about you and your well-being. Human connection is essential to the well-being of each individual and the health of our chapter. To stay connected, the Committee reached out in September with thank you cards and inspirational greeting cards mailed to all chapter friends. We encourage you to stay in touch with one another because you just might make someone's day a little brighter.

Fall is a great time to check your MyDKGProfile on the international website to be sure it is up to date. This is an important on-going process as members personal data can change quite often. **New members** will receive a separate email with specific instructions on how to set up their new profile. At the Portland DKG International Conference, the Membership Committee challenged **every** society member to ask just one qualified woman to join their DKG Chapter. To meet this challenge, we will need to begin now. Every Chi member will receive an email with a Prospect Form attached. This form with the name and contact information of your nominee for membership should be returned to me by the end of October. Let's strive to build chapter membership. The heart of the society is its members.

[Betty Mayer](#), Membership Expansion



Update MyDKG Profile

Follow these simple steps to update your profile:

- Login to the DKG website
- Click "My DKG" on the right side
- Update or complete the "About Me" information and save it
- Click the "My Participation" tab, scroll down to "Communication Preferences" and click "Yes, include my DKG Profile in the Online Directory" and click Save again. (It is safe and secure, and only fellow DKG members will see it.)

If you have never logged on to the DKG website or do not remember your password, clicking the Chat feature is the easiest way to get help.

Mini Grants

The drawing for Mini Grants will be held at the November 9 Chi meeting. Five selected recipients will receive \$100.00 each to be used for classroom supplies, CEU's, or personal development.



[Kay Tucker, Scholarship](#)



Schools for Africa

Schools for Africa is an international project that has helped more than 30 million children achieve the dream of an education. It supports the work of UNICEF and was founded by the Nelson Mandela Foundation, The Hamburg Society, and UNICEF in 2004.

There are two ways we will fund this endeavor:

“Some thirst for water,  others thirst for knowledge.”  Please think of these children who thirst for knowledge as you quench your

- thirst by drinking water, and collect your loose change to donate to this fund at our meetings.
- “Bragging Rights” At our meetings, donate \$2.00 to our Schools in Africa project 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 Dec. 7th.

[Rhonda Hunt, Schools for Africa](#)



Japan Charters Second Chapter



Japan State Organization has chartered its second chapter, according to the DKG Facebook page. International representatives participated via Zoom. Check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/dkgorg/>.

Family Justice and LEAP Initiatives

Please remember to be collecting books (K through 12) for LEAP. Fiction and nonfiction are welcome. There's a special need for middle school books. Friends, your children, and faith communities are good sources for collecting.

Fundraising

If you would like to contribute to the fundraising account you may write a check for \$10-\$30 and mail to our treasurer. Please note 'CHI fundraising' in the memo area.

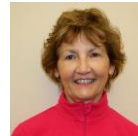
Family Justice Center

We are supporting this community outreach by making activity bags for the children of their clients. You can purchase small books, notepads, colored pencils, small games like jacks, LEGO, squishy toys, etc. All are appreciated! No food items. We will have a work day January 15 at Mary Ann's house to 'stuff' the bags.

If you prefer to make a donation, instead of shopping, mail a check to our treasurer and put Family Justice League in the memo. The projects committee will make the purchases of items for the bags.

Many thanks for your support of the CHI projects, fundraising efforts, and the surrounding community!

[Phyllis McCoy, Projects and Fundraising](#)



Encourage Personal and Professional Development

By: Hilda Parlér, NC DKG EEC Chair

In addition to sharing and recommending significant programs and projects for members, EEC is responsible for ensuring members are aware of professional development opportunities available to them through DKG. The fall season has several grant and scholarship deadlines to align with the beginning of school and university terms. The international DKGIEF's Cornet Individual and Seminar Professional Development Awards applications are due November 1. Check them out!

NCDKGEF Golf Tournament in Thomasville

Be a part of *Tee It Up for Teachers*, a charity golf tournament with proceeds going to the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Create a team, be a sponsor, or make a contribution. The tournament will be held Monday, October 25, at Colonial Country Club in Thomasville. Check-in opens at 7:30 a.m. and the tournament begins with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Box lunches and prizes will follow the conclusion of the tournament. Sponsorships and membership registration forms are available only at www.ncdkgef.org. For more info, contact [Sheila Groves](#). The “Celebrate a Teacher” project is continuing. Honor an educator with a donation in his/her name and present the teacher with an Honoring Heroes certificate. Learn more on the NCDKGEF website.

Sale of DKG Headquarters Complete

The sale of international headquarters was finalized on September 1, 2021. The next step will be to move to a new site. The International Administrative Board determined it would be in the Society’s best interests to lease office space for the immediate future. An ad hoc committee was appointed to approve potential lease options. Because the building is considered a permanent asset, the proceeds from the sale were deposited into the Permanent Fund of the Society. The Constitution defines in Article IV how the monies in the Permanent Fund may be used and will be the guide for any future use of the sale proceeds. An appointed ad hoc committee is working on a recommendation regarding archiving, preserving and keeping, moving, selling and/or disposing of the furnishings and other items in the building. Under a lease agreement, the building will be occupied by DKG for six months after the sale. And so, the journey to a new site continues forward with increasing momentum.

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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

Future Chi Meetings

October TBA	Joint Meeting
November 9	Casa de Soto Dr. Sarah Vess
December 7	Sammy G’s Holiday Social
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

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