



Keynotes for Chi

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GREETINGS CHI MEMBERS,

We are off to a great start! Thank you for a wonderful Zoom meeting on September 1. There were 32 members and four guests at the meeting. There is a lot of work going on in the committee meetings. Despite our inability to meet in person, much is getting done.

Catherine Truitt and Jen Mangrum both provided good insights into their platforms for NC Superintendent of Public Instruction. A summary of their presentations by Darla Mintz was sent to *NC DKG News* where a link to the Zoom video and a short notation of the meeting will be included in the next issue. The summary and link were also sent to our Coordinating Council members, Beta Omicron and Beta Xi. Kudos to Betsy Hodge and her committee for working so hard on this. Thanks, Darla, for excellent notes.

Thanks, Nancy Tucker, for contacting all our members to make sure that our dues were paid in a timely manner. I was happy to see that our chapter was in good standing at the state and international levels.

Betty Mayer will be letting us know how to access the DKG prospect card on our website. For those of you who have not visited our website, there is a lot of information on it especially our Chi Chapter Standing Rules.

Beta Omicron is in charge of our October meeting. Mary Beth Dailey will be letting us know about that.

Remember that anytime a group of you wants to meet by Zoom, let me know. I will set up the meeting time. There are no limits on time or on how many times you want to meet. Let's get our money's worth out of this resource.

Please remember that several of our members have health issues or family with health issues. Let's support one another by letting Betsy Hodge,

Betty Mayer, Susan Martz or myself know of any needs.

Fall is here. Cooler nights are here, yet our caladiums have risen out of the earth again. Our roots are strong!

Respectfully yours,

Mary Ann Hart, President



Upcoming Events:

Oct. 1 – *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due (Go to NC DKG website for info.)

Oct. 24 – Fall Executive Board Meeting (A new format open to entire DKG membership. Many sessions. Julia Ebel presenting!)

Oct. 27 – NC DKG Founders Day

Nov. 1 – Deadline for Lucile Cornetet Seminar PD Award

Nov. 1 – *NC DKG News* deadline (We have submitted already, but please let me know if there is anything else we want to share.)

Chi Chapter October Meeting

Zoom Meeting
October 13, 2020 7:00 PM

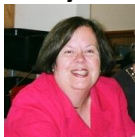
For security, Zoom invite, meeting Id, and password will be emailed.

Treasurer's Report

The bank figures as of September 16, 2020:

Community Checking	\$5757.27
Business Money Rate Savings	\$1322.55

Nancy Tucker, Treasurer



Member News

Happy Birthday to:

October:

- 01 – Anne Sheffield
- 02 – Kathy Smith
- 06 – Nancy Spurgeon
- 08 – Susan Sumpter
- 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
- 29 – Rhonda Hunt

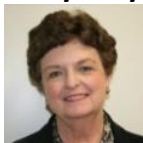
Membership News

Increasing membership is vital to our chapter's success. It is time to begin building our pool of names of prospective members for 2020/2021. So, put on your thinking caps! Remember potential new members can represent all areas of education. Consider master gardeners, technology teachers, or hobby instructors, etc.

Chapter members are asked to document the name and contact information of the educator they would like to nominate for membership. Submit nominees quickly and easily online using this interactive [Prospect Card Form](#).

The completed form should be sent to Betty Mayer. Everyone please submit at least one name by the end of October.

Betty Mayer, Membership Expansion



Mini-Grants

Mini-grant applications are due October 15. Please return completed applications by email or by mail to Kay Tucker.

Kay Tucker, Scholarship



Global Awareness

Just a reminder! Please send your \$5.00 checks for Global Awareness to Judy Gecinger. This collection is for "Water for Africa" and COVID-19 response.

Judy Gecinger, Global Awareness



Nominations Open for 2021-2023 NC DKG Officers

Applications for NC DKG officers for the 2021-2023 biennium are available on the NC DKG website on the Forms page. There is also a link to that on the home page in the "New on the Webpage" box.

Officers to be elected at the 2021 NC DKG Convention scheduled for April in Asheville are president, first and second vice-president, and secretary. Completed applications are due November 15, 2020, through a Google form. Use the Outline for Recommendations form to prepare the nominations application.

Every Member Counts:

Celebrating NC DKG

*By: Dr. Teresa H. Cowan,
NC DKG President*

The October 24, 2020, Fall Executive Board meeting will be a virtual event. The *Every Member Counts: Celebrating NC DKG* virtual event will be open to **all NC DKG members**. Mark your calendars, watch for further details, and plan to participate. Reports, special presentations, workshops, and more... you do not want to miss out on the *Every Member Counts: Celebrating NC DKG* virtual event.

September/October DKG News



The [September/October DKG News](#) is now available to read online. This issue includes news of the International Achievement Award winner, the Acceptance Speech of new International President Becky Sadowski, the major actions of the Administrative Board in July 2020, and links to activities of the July Virtual Event.

Ready, Set, Grow!

With President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan
NC DKG President

Evaluating Your NC DKG “She Shed”

“Mrs. Spitzer consults her calendar and plans her daily schedule. She checks her tools...” and if you were looking at the picture, she is doing this while standing at her “she shed.”

My father used to say, “Use the right tool for the right reason.” That makes more sense as an adult than it did as a child. I often wonder, though, if we each have the right tools in our she sheds? Let’s inventory a few tools that have been recently added to the NC DKG tool shed.

- NC DKG website - Newly updated
- EEC Circle — pool of ideas for programs/projects
- BEE-ginning Teacher Award — resources and implementation strategies
- Mentor TIP — Techniques, Insights, & Pools of resources
- Virtual Resources — Member input on virtual platforms
- Meeting Resources — Videos, documents, and more from recent trainings

Some tools in the she shed are tried and true. We often reach for them simply out of habit. However, ingenuity offers new tools; necessity brings about the need for new tools; and GROWth often mandates the implementation of new tools. It is the season for NC DKG to metaphorically update the she shed.

Questions for your chapter to ponder as you evaluate your she shed:

Are you using tools out of habit? Are you using the right tool for the right reason? What tools are missing from your she sheds? How can you change that?

International Website

Updating your profile in MyDKG will help you connect with other members around the world and will help others find you. Log in using your membership number (from Chi directory) and your password. If you forgot it, you can get the generic password by using the chat feature on the website. Remember to go to the My Participation tab and check yes to sharing your info in the directory, yes to emails from international, and click save. You can also sign up for Communities of interest which is a good way to start discussions with other educators. Explore the other features of MyDKG to make the most of your membership

NC DKG & DKG Upcoming Events

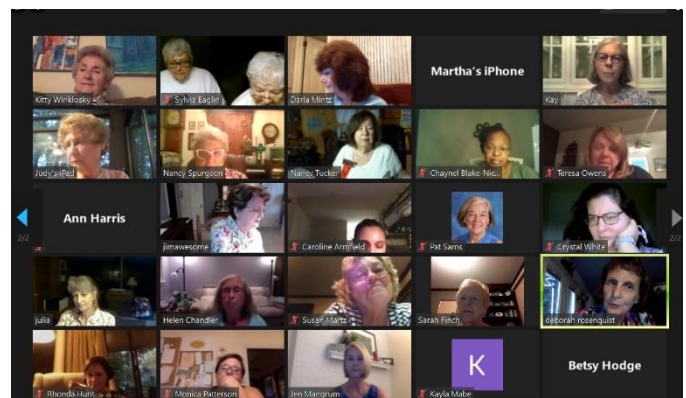
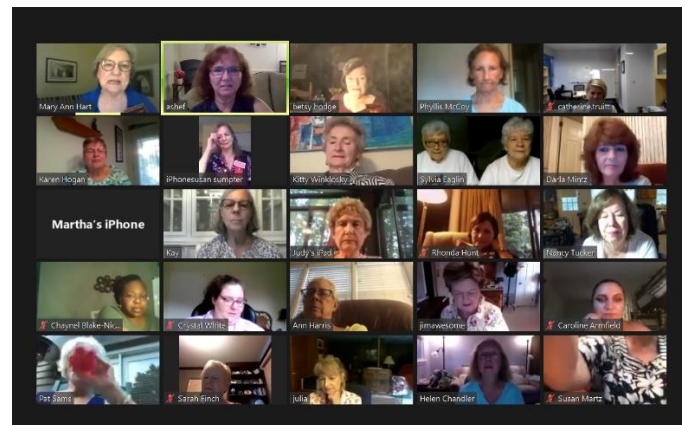
April 23-25, 2021 — NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort

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

Chi Zooms!





President Mary Ann Hart leads the meeting.



Catherine Truitt



Jen Mangrum

Guest Speakers

CHI CHAPTER MINUTES

**Tuesday, September 1, 2020 7:00-8:30 pm –
via Zoom Meeting**

President Mary Ann Hart welcomed members and called the meeting to order. **Darla Mintz**, secretary, took the roll as the members joined the Zoom site. New member prospects **Teresa Owens** and **Caroline Armfield** were introduced.

Members joined in the reading of the Chapter Collect. A quorum was established. The minutes of the March 2020 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Members present (32) were: A. Harris, A. Sheffield, B. Hodge, B. Mayer, C. Blake-Nichols, C. White, D. Mintz, D. Rosenquist, G. Brookbank, H. Cadmus, J. Flynn, J. Gecinger, J. Ebel, K. Hogan, K. Jobe, K. Tucker, K. Mabe, K. Winklosky, L. Chandler, M. Wade, M. A. Hart, M. Patterson, N. Spurgeon, N. Tucker, P. Davis, P. Sams, P. McCoy, R. Hunt, S. Finch, S. Martz, S. Sumpter, S. Eaglin. Two visitors were present, **Caroline Armfield**, music education major at UNC-Greensboro, and **Teresa Owens**, High Point University Instructor.

President **Mary Ann Hart** made a motion to adopt a new meeting format for all agendas to allow for members to express concerns or business that would be taken up later in the agenda under "New Business." **Susan Martz** made a motion to adopt the new agenda format. **Gayle Brookbank** seconded. The new meeting format for agendas was adopted.

Nancy Tucker, Treasurer, presented the end-of-year financial report and the proposed budget. She reported that as of August 25, 2020, the balance in the checking account is \$5737.27 and the balance in Business Money

Rate Savings is 1,322.54. Increases to certain line items were because of unspent money on the spring banquet and generous member donations of their banquet monies to Chi items. **Nancy** requested \$60 total for up to three first-time convention goers to be made a permanent budget item in Chi's budget. **Anne Sheffield** made the motion and **Judy Gecinger** seconded. The motion was approved.

Communications and Marketing Chair, Anne Sheffield, reported a disappointing 58% response from Evite, announced September 22 as the next deadline for submissions to *Keynotes for Chi*, reported that the link to the most recent NC DKG newsletter had been emailed to members, and requested any member email changes. Please email **Anne** if you have not received a newsletter. **Betsy Hodge** reported that she sent the letters to families of Dorris Koontz and Helen Sheffield. An explanation of the cancelled state convention was included. A copy of the chapter letter in the book of remembrance was given and the families sent notes of appreciation.

Sylvia Eaglin reported that both the on-line directory and the rules had been emailed/postal mailed to members and asked for feedback from anyone not receiving those documents. Two up-to-date changes were needed in the rules about the new dues payment date of July 1 (Sections IV.A.1 and V.G.1.) Sylvia was thanked for the excellent job on the directory.

Global Awareness Chair, Judy Gecinger, announced the raising of money for the food bank mentioned in *Keynotes*. Please send money to Nancy Tucker with memo "Global Awareness." Send your money to Nancy Tucker for bragging rights. Checks should be written to Chi Chapter NC DKG. Always designate your money in the memo space on your check.

Beginning Teacher Support Chair, Deborah Rosenquist, announced that beginning teachers from three Thomasville schools will be recognized. The committee is working on a new state initiative to recognize new teachers.

Scholarships and Grants Chair, Kay Tucker, announced the deadline for mini-grants as October 15. Applications will be mailed to eligible members.

Membership Chair, Betty Mayer, introduced Chi's four new members, explained how they will be inducted, told about the distribution of the Starbucks cards for our Chi classroom teachers, and asked for help in recruiting new members. Betty thanked **Tonya Welch** who loaded the prospect form onto Chi website. Address is on the front of our directory under the tab membership. If you have any trouble completing the

card online, please contact Betty Mayer or print it out and mail to Betty.

Educational Law and Policy Chair, Betsy Hodge, expressed gratitude to those who submitted questions for political candidates. Letters and emails from Chi supporting the Hero's Bill were sent to Sen. Thom Tillis and Sen. Phil Berger.

Mary Ann asked for a motion for **Kayla Ranew** to be Vice-President, **Susan Martz** made a motion to accept Kayla as vice president and **Lyn Chandler** seconded. Kayla Ranew was voted in as the new vice president unanimously.

Phyllis McCoy, Projects and Fund-Raising Chair, asked members to read her article in *Keynotes* about items needed for the Carpenter House by December 8, Guilford Justice Center in January, and L.E.A.P. in February. Phyllis asked members to begin collecting books so that we could increase our donation from 70 to 100 books for L.E.A.P.'s Four Little Free Libraries. There is a need for more middle and high school level books. Plans for the state convention include selling tumblers and jewelry bags which are already paid for. Phyllis asked for suggestions for t-shirts with the DKG emblem. Phyllis asked for any other ideas to be shared with her committee and thanked everyone for their contributions.

New Business: **Mary Ann** reported that we now have an unlimited Zoom account. Please let Mary Ann know if you would like to set up a committee meeting. She will be glad to attend or set up for you. She expressed gratitude to **Karen Jobe** for helping her with the details of running a Zoom meeting.

Guest Speakers: Within the business of the meeting, at 7:15 and 7:40 **Catherine Truitt** and **Jen Mangrum**, respectively, candidates for North Carolina State Superintendent of Public Instruction were given 5 minutes each to speak on their platform with 10 minutes of questioning by President Hart. The session was recorded and is available on the Chi Website. Karen Jobe was the timer. Members agreed to forego the DKG song and were adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Darla Mintz, Secretary



AmazonSmile Supports DKGIEF

This issue of *DKG News* has an article reminding members to select DKGIEF in AmazonSmile. Because the DKG Supporting Foundation and the DKG Educational Foundation have merged into the DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF), the News article shows how to choose DKGIEF for Smile donations. Making a donation is easy—just choose AmazonSmile instead of Amazon when shopping online!

Future Chi Meetings

December 8 – Zoom Holiday Social 7:00 PM
Christmas Giving
February 9 – Zoom Meeting 7:00 PM
Sylvia Eaglin, Master Storyteller
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:

November 17

November 24

January 19

January 26

February 22

March 1

March 23

March 30

June 1

June 8

Please submit info to Editor Anne Sheffield.

