



Keynotes for Chi

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Special Holiday Edition, December 2020

GREETINGS CHI MEMBERS,

What a year! Serving as your president first brought me angst with unfamiliar documents, forms, and procedures. Most importantly, Chi brought me new friends. Then came COVID-19. Thank you for helping me and each other get through Chi work in a difficult time.

Our Holiday Zoom Social on December 8 was refreshing. Every one of the 17 attendees gifted us with stories and memories. Thank you! Since this is our holiday issue, I must tell you about the best Christmas gift I ever received. In 1957, we were a struggling family having lost my father from a head injury in WWII. Money was tight. Mother was in her third year of teaching. I was in fifth grade. My three older brothers and I never asked for gifts, Santa just gave us what we needed. We did not expect much. Poppy, my grandfather, always told us, “Now, children, presents under the tree are nice to have... but the best gift of all is the gift of each other. I want you to always remember that.” We loved those intimate times talking, laughing, hearing Mother read those special stories and having Christmas treats. That Christmas morning, I received one gift-- a beautiful box from Thalheimer’s Department Store in Roanoke filled with pretty papers, pencils, a journal, and a note from Mother. Mother wrote, “...You have earned a break from your chores. I will wash supper dishes for you any night of your choosing every week for the coming year. I hope this gives you time to write in your journal which I know you love to do... Love, Mother.” I kept that box and note until it got lost with some other things in a move to High Point. The note was far more important to me than the contents of the box or Mother keeping her promise. Mother knew what I needed! Thank you, Anne Sheffield, for doing this extra issue!

Happy Holidays!



Mary Ann
and her mother

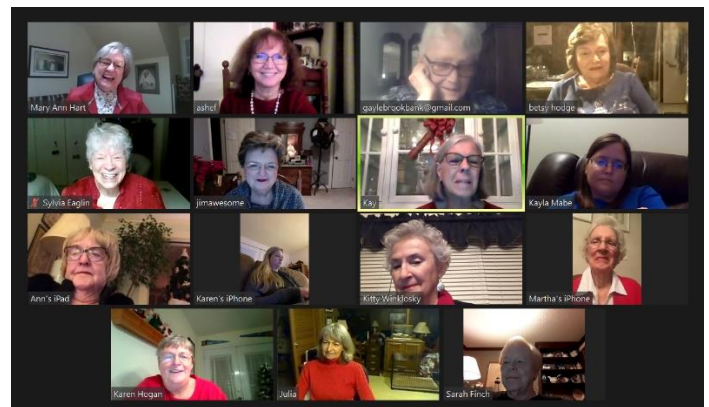
[Mary Ann Hart, President](#)



Upcoming Events:

January 12: Family Justice Center items due to Phyllis, Betsy, or Mary Ann

February 20: High Point Leap books due to Phyllis, Betsy, or Mary Ann



Chi’s Holiday Social

Chi Chapter Meeting

Zoom Meeting
February 9, 2021
7:00 PM

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

Treasurer's Report

The bank figures as of December 16, 2020:

Community Checking	\$5725.27
Business Money Rate Savings	\$1322.58

[Nancy Tucker](#), Treasurer



Member News

Happy Birthday to:

Remaining December:

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



Global Awareness

Reminder, 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.

[Judy Gecinger](#), Global Awareness



Membership News

To submit nominees for membership:

You can complete the **interactive Prospect Card Form** located on our Chi Chapter website. Click on the Membership Tab to access the form. Fill in the nominee's data, save the document, and email the form to me.

Or, just 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 your name.

[Betty Mayer](#), Membership Expansion



Chi Projects and Fundraising

Any children's books for the LEAP literacy initiative can be dropped off now. Middle and high school books are welcome. Please take your book donations to Betty Mayer, Mary Ann Hart, or me (Check directory for addresses) by February 20.

[Phyllis McCoy](#), Projects and Fundraising



Chi's Holiday Memories and Wishes

Christmas has always been very special in my life. After I was married even more so! My husband, Buddy, was a music major. He became the Guidance Counselor and choir director at the high school in St. Cloud, Florida and Choir Director at First United Methodist Church. Both had special Christmas programs that were attended extremely well. I enjoyed participating and helping plan the programs.

Of course, our own family celebration was great. Our four children provided the entertainment.

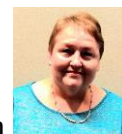
Moving back to NC to be near family and friends brought us to First United Methodist Church in High Point. Buddy was Director of Music at the church where he started the "Love Feast Program" that is still held every year on Christmas Eve with a full congregation in attendance.

While this year will be quite different without all the beautiful music honoring the Christ Child, I have wonderful memories to comfort me and bring me much joy!

Martha Wade



My wish for 2021 is that our country can rid itself of Covid-19 so we can return to some form of normalcy. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's to all our members and I look forward to seeing you all in 2021.



Janet Flynn



In spite of COVID 19.....Don't get your tinsel in a tangle! Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 🎅

Judy Gecinger



My father shot down a huge bag of mistletoe for me to decorate my tenth-grade homeroom door. After school I taped up every piece; it was stunning! The next day my homeroom loved the result; we *knew* we would win for “Best Door.” After first period English class when I exited the room, not a twig remained! Word had spread and students had quietly sneaked to help themselves. My homeroom received the prize for “Most *Generous* Door,” maybe even better for the season of giving.

I am grateful for the safe arrival of my second granddaughter, Daisy Elaine Tucker, who came unexpectedly six weeks early on June 29, 2020. She began life in the NICU but is thriving now and weighs fifteen pounds. Lily Beth, age 2, is a most helpful big sister! These two delights belong to son Drew and wife Amy, who live in High Point.



Nancy Tucker



Sylvia Eaglin



Christmas in 1991 is one of many happy memories with my sons, Ward and Gary.

Kitty Winklosky



I wish you blessings of health, moments of wonder, laughter, and love. I wish you the gift of peace now and always.

Betsy Hodge



My 8 grandchildren! Last weekend I made a gingerbread house with the twins.
 Merry Christmas to you all.
 Rhonda Hunt

When my son, Kendall, was at Central High School, he and Alan White started a band called Undercurrent. Several Central students played various instruments. They used hot ice & all kinds of gimmicks in their “gigs.” At one point, Kendall & Alan wore red jump suits as they jumped around on stage. When I told that to some of Kendall’s younger cousins, he said “Mama, you have just made that up. I never wore or had a red jump suit.” I knew it was still in a basement closet. I got it out, had it dry-cleaned, wrapped it in a big suit box and put it under the Christmas tree with Kendall’s name on it. This was one of the few years that several of the families/cousins were able to get here. What a HUGE “kick” they got when Kendall opened up the package and pulled out the red Jump Suit!! They kid him still!



Dot Kearns



Great Harvest food bank hosted a canned food drive in the Friendly Center parking lot where if you gave 10 cans or more, you received a waving Santa replica to take home. Man was I so excited!! Ever since I was a little girl, I have loved seeing this Santa waving at me each Christmas season. Whenever my mom took my sister and me around town, she would always call our attention to the Santa waving. And we loved waving back. Now this has become a tradition in my own family. My boys get so excited to see this Santa waving. I wish I could have gotten more than one, one for my mom and one for my sister who now lives in Napa, CA. But only one was given per car, so now my mom, my sister and I have decided to pass the Santa around our family during the Christmas season. Each year one of us gets to have Santa and decorate with him in our home. I hope each and every one of you has a very Merry and healthy Christmas and New Year!



Monica Patterson

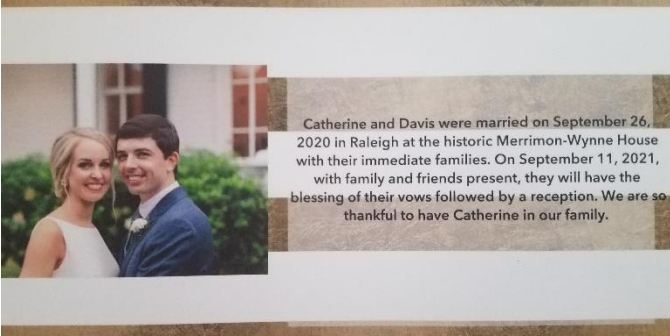


The Mayers and the Leflers
 Mary L, Hamp L, “Betty, Jim”, Elizabeth L, Jackson L,
 (Ramsey), Tal L

Family and friends are the gifts we cherish even more at Christmas. We wish good health and all good things a Merry Christmas can bring.



Pat Davis



Every Christmas my Dad, Mom, two sisters and I would pile into our station wagon to drive through Pilot Life's life size Nativity. Upon arrival windows would be rolled down to hear the Christmas music at each scene. We were in awe!



Kay Tucker



My grandson, Aedan, and his dog are sharing the spotlight with the Nutcrackers in my collection.

Sarah Finch



Holiday Greetings! Mary Gordon



Merry Christmas! This is me with my 12 stockings! I have one for each of my daughters and their husbands and my grandkids! 🎄👶 Karen Jobe

A
*Christmas
 tree is more
 than just a tree,
 once living, then cut.
 A Christmas tree lives on
 in branches holding memories,
 a family's story, shared histories
 in single lines, laced and interwoven
 by life and lineage and love enduring,
 threaded with light to warm each heart,
 held by
 common
 roots.*

May your heart be warm this Christmas!

Julia Ebel

I am a part of all that I have met.....

I had one foot still inside my car and the other foot planted on the durable and reassuring asphalt of the parking lot at “old ladies’ day,” at Harris Teeter when I heard a sound that so captured my attention I nearly fell over. It was a violin—a lone violin—played by a young man whom I could not see very well from our distance apart, but whose soul swam in the atmosphere between us, leading me to an unexpected but treasured “meeting of the minds.” Right there in the Harris Teeter parking lot, I felt the euphoria of his instrumentation and my mind-heart collaboration conspired to allow the salty tears to flow. I am a grown woman, and I was standing in a bustling parking lot with silent tears streaming down my face. If I could have, I would have run across the parking lot to beg for more, but he finished with that demonstration of pure joy, put his violin in its case, and left me weeping my silent tears. I immediately mind-travelled to another parking lot, and another person—this time known and dear.

My daughter was nearly two and it was that time of year just before we have finished the decorating, eaten ourselves into a stupor, and hummed along as choirs sang the words we recognize but cannot recall exactly. The decorations had just been put on display at the big-box stores. I drove into the parking lot, loaded my precious cargo as close to the front door as I could get, and put her in a shopping cart for the short sprint into the building where I reversed the process and entered the warehouse of lights and sounds. We had taught her that when she saw something she wanted to touch, which included nearly everything in her young world, she could ask for a one-finger touch and her wish would be granted if possible. When we burst through the door and entered this palatial wonder, she could only gasp and point that tiny little finger, managing to shriek out “touch, touch.” We all laughed, and Christmas lights have been very nearly the eighth wonder of the world since.

Music, so hauntingly beautiful that it brings me to my knees, and lights, so joyous, so bliss-filled that my senses tumble over each other, seeking even in this pandemic, outlet and sharing. What is this Christmas? It is the action of a stranger who leaves personal items on the porch of a neighbor who might (we never know for sure) have a need. It is the giving of light and joy because we love and are loved. And it is allowing ourselves to be touched by the spontaneous eruption of beauty and goodness. It is the best part of any year or any moment. Merry Christmas.



Gayle Brookbank



Debbie Rosenquist

My daughters and I enjoy special musical performances at Christmas. We've heard the organ at Reynolda House. We've seen DPAC's White Christmas. Last year, we heard Grammy Award nominee Cameron Carpenter play the organ at Old Salem. This year, I had to listen to myself playing the organ and look forward to getting out again next year!



Carol Blackwelder



Happy Holidays Ladies! I am so sorry that I have been absent this semester. I started graduate school at Appalachian State and had classes on Monday and Tuesday nights. Thank you for your support and I look forward to being able to attend some meetings in the spring! Merry Christmas!



Kayla Ranew



My family Christmas display that includes 100s of items, 1000s of lights, and music. Kayla Mabe



Naomi, Zack, Elizabeth, Anne, & Don (Dec. 2019)
Merry Christmas!
Anne Sheffield

Season's Greetings

NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan
and the Executive Board
send warm holiday greetings
to every member.
Even social distancing and masks
cannot dampen
the spirit of the season!
Warm wishes
for a season of love, peace, and joy!

New Round of Grants Offered

For the first time, the NC DKG Educational Foundation is offering a Spring cycle of grants! This new round is in addition to the grant opportunities due each year in September. The deadline for these new grants is January 31, 2021. Grants to be awarded include Continuing Education, Literacy/Learning Project, Groves-Little Early Career Educator, McCall Gifted Education or Fine Arts, Margaret Church Endowment, and Richards Endowment. Find the applications and more details at <https://www.ncdkgef.org/grants.html> (scroll down to Guidelines for All Grants). The Foundation also sends a huge thank you to all those who supported the Day of Giving, November 20. The Foundation is approved by the IRS as a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Donations may be made anytime through the donation tab at <https://www.ncdkgef.org/donation-page.html>.

Scholarship Applications Due Soon

February 1, 2021, the deadline for applying for an NC DKG scholarship, is quickly approaching. Two scholarships are available—one for \$4,000 for doctorate degree and one for \$1,000 for post-baccalaureate work. Applications are available under the Scholarship Committee page on the NC DKG website: <https://www.ncdkgef.org/scholarships-committee.html>.

ELP TIP—Teachers Involved in Policy

Educational Law and Policy Committee offers this TIP for being involved: **Connect with newly-elected legislators as soon as possible.**

The General Assembly swearing-in date is January 1 and their first day of work is January 13, 2021. Newly-elected legislators are frequently looking to craft their legislative agenda, offering an excellent opportunity for you to introduce yourself and Delta Kappa Gamma's priorities. Invite newly elected officials to your meetings (via Zoom) or visit them in their district or their office as they are getting settled.

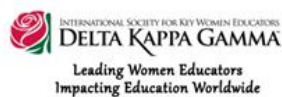
Conference Workshop Proposal Forms

Workshop proposal forms for the 2021 International Conferences in Portland, OR, and San Antonio, TX, can be found on the DKG website under the Events tab. Members interested in leading a presentation at either of the international conferences to be held in 2021 should complete the form for each conference at which they wish to present. Deadlines to submit proposals are **January 8, 2021.**

DKG Art Gallery Has New Look

Check out the new look to the DKG Art Gallery at <http://dkggallery.dkg.org/dkggallery/>. The Fall 2020 collection includes many works from NC DKG members **including Chi's own Tonya Welch.** Browse by clicking the red Explore button or going directly to the topic by the menu bar across the top. The submission window opens January 15 for the next gallery.

Winter NC DKG News Posted



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Every MEMBER Counts  Celebrating NC DKG

The [Winter issue](#) of our state newsletter has been posted on the website.

NC DKG & DKG Upcoming Events

Jan. 3, 2021 DKGIEF project applications 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

Future Chi Meetings

February 9 – Zoom Meeting 7:00 PM
March 8 – Zoom Meeting 7:00 PM
April – Spring Banquet and Induction

Contacts

[DKG International Website](#)

[NC DKG Website](#)



[Chi Website](#)



Keynotes for Chi Submissions

<u>Information</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>
<u>Deadline:</u>	<u>Publication date:</u>
January 19	January 26
February 22	March 1
March 23	March 30
June 1	June 8

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