



# Keynotes for Chi

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*Dear Chi Members,*

The caring of our Chi members was so evident in our successful fundraising supper at Nancy's homeplace. The meal prepared by Lyn and Susan was so delicious. The desserts prepared by Betty, Betsy, and Debbie topped off the meal. The red velvet cake that Mary Ann purchased from the bakery was also a great hit. Betty and Betsy checked with our members with health issues and delivered eight meals with desserts. We are so fortunate to have such a team of caring members. Special thanks to all those who came to our event. We also want to thank those who were not able to come but gave a donation. Nancy had the firepit going and we had a chance to make smores although some of us were too full of food to eat more. The evening would not have been complete without Nancy sharing some of her adventures in a most captivating way.

We are excited about the Holiday Tea on Saturday, December 2 @ 1PM at River Landing Golf Clubhouse. We do hope many of you will be able to come to this highlight of our year. We have an exciting menu plan. We planned it for the afternoon to be helpful to those who do not like to drive at night. We also have member volunteers who will come to your home and bring you to the event. The fun fellowship is so meaningful.

You know I love my Olde English Babydoll Sheep. We had a predator get one this spring and I had a friend who gave me a donkey to help protect them. Recently my husband saw a coyote running rapidly through our back yard at breakfast. The donkey had moved from his pasture to the back pasture where two sheep rams graze. I walked along the fence line to see how the donkey got into the other pasture. There was a section beside a post that was totally broken where the donkey apparently hit with so much force that it broke the fence for the donkey to enter protecting the rams from the coyote. My sheep and their protectors teach me so much. The donkey was so determined to protect the sheep that it went through the fence. My new protector dog barks to protect. If we work at protecting each other as well as these animals work at protecting the sheep we would do well.

The fall scene with the beautiful leaf colors is very refreshing. It helps us to take a breath and enjoy the beauty all around us. As the news is disturbing, we can be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy. The joy of caring for others needs to win.

Sincerely,

Debbie Rosenquist



**Debbie Rosenquist, President**

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**Next Regular Meeting**  
**Saturday, December 2 @ 1:00 PM**  
**Holiday Tea**  
**River Landing Golf Clubhouse**  
**1575 John Knox Drive**  
**Colfax, NC 27235**  
**Speaker: Dr. Claire Robinson**  
**Recognition Program: Betty Mayer**

## Treasurer's Report

Figures as of November 12, 2023:

Community Checking	\$ 4,795.55
Simple Business Savings	\$ 1,322.93

Nancy Tucker  
Chi Chapter Treasurer

### Nancy Tucker, Treasurer



## Sending Birthday Wishes to:

### **November**

29 – Rhonda Hunt

### **December**

02 – Carol Blackwelder

21 – Susan Martz

26 – Ann Harris

### **January**

07 – Linda Millen

10 – Pat Sams

12 – Martha Alley

23 – Dr. Gayle Brookbank

23 – Kay Tucker

25 – Betty Mayer

### **February**

14 – Janet Flynn

16 – Mary Jarrell-Honorary

25 – Lyn Chandler

Betty Mayer will send out notices for  
Fun Friday Lunches.  
Watch for them.

## Member Spotlight



**Anne Sheffield**

Originally from NJ, Anne received her BA from HPC, MA from UNCG, and is an NBCT. After 32 years of happily teaching middle school, she retired in 2014. Anne married Don 39 years ago and they now spend their time between HP, their place in Emerald Isle, their engaged daughter's (Elizabeth) in Philly, and their married son's (Zack) - including their granddaughter Julianne Elizabeth (7/17/23) - in Athens, Ga. A member of IHM Church and two book clubs, Anne wants to travel *everywhere!*

## Member News

We continue to actively recruit new Chi members. Please bring your nominee's contact information to the Holiday Tea on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. A Prospect Card form will be provided at the meeting for you to submit the name of any educator you would like to nominate for membership. The deadline for submitting your Prospect Form is Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. We will vote on eligible nominees in February, hold orientation in March and initiate in April. Thank you in advance for supporting the Chi recruiting effort.

A formal induction ceremony for all new members of the Tri-Chapter Coordinating Council will be held at the spring banquet. In the meantime, the Chi Membership Committee plans to recognize our current prospects and new members at the Holiday Tea. Please attend and help us celebrate these lovely ladies.

### Betty Mayer, Membership Expansion



## **Educational Law and Policy**

The hot topic in North Carolina education currently centers around the newly passed “Parents’ Bill of Rights.” The law aims to “enumerate the rights of parents to direct the upbringing, education, health care, and mental health of their minor children.” The law details rights already available for parents, but bill sponsors said the law protects the role of parents in their children’s lives. Opponents state that the law could negatively impact the relationship between educators and students.

The law prohibits teaching gender identity, sexual activity, or sexuality to students in kindergarten through fourth grade. Schools must inform parents about their child’s health, school health care services, changes to well-being, or requests to change a student’s pronouns. The law lets parents review all curriculum and provides remedies and timelines for concerns. Parents can notify principals about concerns, and a resolution process should occur within seven days. If not resolved in 30 days, the school must provide reasons. Parents can request a hearing with the State Board of Education. The Board discussed a new policy limiting hearings to specific circumstances related to parental notification, health care services, student well-being forms, and certain school procedures. Parents can seek hearings after notifying the school if concerns aren't resolved in 30 days.

### **Amanda Thacker Thompson, Educational Law and Policy**



## **Global Awareness**

The Global Awareness funds raised in September totaled \$39.00. Thanks to those of you who contributed. We celebrated your bragging rights, blessings, and good news. Here’s a look at the important things happening:

Susan Hedrick-Her husband is volunteering at Northwood Elementary while she tutors.

Amanda Thompson-Celebrates her first time applying for a DKG grant.

Susan Martz-She has downsized and will close on a townhome on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Debbie Rosenquist-She is excited to report that her granddaughter has learned to flip a sheep for sheering or trimming of hooves. Also, that Ethel, the sheep, won first place in the Stokes County Fair.

We will continue to accept donations and celebrate your blessings until the end of the year.

### **Rhonda Hunt, Global Awareness Chair**



## **Projects**

High Point LEAP Community Project: Please plan to bring any books you have for the LEAP’s Five Little Free Libraries Project to the December 2 Holiday Tea. Books of fiction and nonfiction are welcomed! If you prefer, you can order books on line and have them mailed directly to my home address found in the directory.

Many thanks for your support of the young readers of High Point.

### **Phyllis McCoy, Projects Chair**



## **Scholarships and Grants**

Congratulations to our Chi mini-grant recipients: Amanda Thompson and Christina Mayhand. Amanda Thompson also received a NC DKG Educational Foundation Grant. Check out 2024 Spring Grants in the NC DKG Foundation October Newsletter or on their website. Grant requests are due by January 31, 2024.

### **Kay Tucker, Scholarships and Grants Chair**



## NC DKG Scholarship and Grant Opportunities

Jan. 31, 2024, Due Date

- Linda G. Richards Endowment Grant NC public school female high school volleyball coaches
- Dr. Barbara Day – Dr. Mary M. Cauley Endowed Fund for International Study and Travel through Attendance at Professional Conferences and Conventions for educators statewide
- Groves-Little Early Career Educator's Grant, Educators 4 years or less experience, employed in NC

Don't miss an opportunity  
to enrich yourself or your classroom!

## IPPP

The IPPP Committee would like for Chi Chapter to participate in the "Make an Educator Smile" project sponsored by NCDKG to help support the Foundation's Grants. We have twelve members who are active teachers whom we would like to recognize individually with a \$10.00 donation – a total of \$120.00. Two members have volunteered to fund the project, so there need be no budgetary allocation. Starting in November, the committee will nominate two educators each month until April. The nominees will be entered into a monthly state drawing for an Amazon gift card. Each month Committee Chairman, Betsy Hodge will submit the check from Chi Treasurer Nancy, send it in with the form, and let the members being honored know with a "Make an Educator Smile" certificate. This will not, in any way, discourage members to send their own recognitions of our teaching sisters. The committee will have forms available during each of the chapter meetings.

[Betsy Hodge](#), IPPP Chair



## Fundraising

Chi Chapter held a spaghetti supper fundraiser October 21 for family and friends. A treasured sauce recipe from a member, arugula and vegetable salad, garlic toast and a table of ten different desserts was a great success. The event took place outdoors at Nancy Sturgeon's home with games and a firepit for making smores. Meals were taken to members unable to attend. It was great to be able to get back to socializing and working together to further our mission. Go Chi!

[Susan Fleenor](#), Fundraising Chair



Don Cassidy, Past President Mary Gordon  
and Betty Mayer, Spaghetti Supper

Dryer Balls will be for sale at the  
Holiday Tea.  
Bring some extra cash for  
Dryer Balls,  
Bragging Rights and  
"Make an Educator Smile."



Some of the graphic novels purchased by Amanda Thompson with her NC DKG Foundation Grant.

- Imperial Hotel, Research Triangle Park, Durham
- June 30-July 4, 2026 — International Convention, Aurora, Colorado
- July 9-13, 2024, DKG 2024 International Convention, Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland

## Contacts

**International Website:** <https://www.dkg.org>

**NC DKG Website:** <https://www.ncdkg.org>

**Chi Website**



### Chi Meetings Coming Up!

**Saturday, December 2 @ 1:00 PM**  
**Holiday Tea**  
**River Landing Golf Clubhouse**

**Wednesday, February 21 @ 1:00 PM**  
**Projects Meeting at Phyllis McCoy's home**

**Saturday, February 24 @ 1 PM**  
**Executive Board Meeting at Debbie's home**

**Tuesday, March 12 or 19 @ 5:30 PM**  
**Jamestown Public Library**  
**End of Year Reports and Recognitions**

**Tuesday, April 9, 2024 @ 5:30 PM**  
**High Point Coordinating Council Banquet**

**Saturday, April 27, 2024 @ 1:00 PM**  
**Lamb Social at Debbie's home**



## NC DKG & DKG Upcoming Events

Mark the Dates 2023-2024

- Dec. 15 Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due
- Jan. 31 Applications due for NC DKG Educational Foundation grants and endowments
- Feb. 1 Applications due for NC DKG Scholarship
- Feb. 1 Educators Books Award submissions due to Educators Book Award Committee
- April 26-28, 2024, NCDKG Convention, Sheraton

### Keynotes

Submission Dates  
 2023-2024

Article Deadlines:	Publication Dates:
February 27	March 5
March 26	April 2
April 23	April 30

[Mary Ann Hart](#), editor



