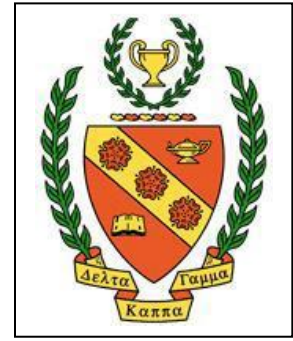


The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
The North Carolina State Organization, Region VII
Chi Chapter – High Point, Thomasville, S Guilford & NE Davidson Counties



Keynotes for Chi

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Dear CHI MEMBERS,

As we open our new year, we can be thankful for the fellowship that we enjoyed and the new friends we have made in the past year. We opened after Covid with the determination to not let Covid hinder our organization. The seed of renewal was planted and watered, and Chi flourished. This year Chi can blossom and harvest the fruit of our labors.

On the DKG website under purpose the very first purpose reads: “To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.” We welcome your participation in this endeavor. All children need teachers. Some children need more individualized help than others. We so appreciate all our teachers who are retired or are still teaching. We want to support all teachers in as many places as possible. The greatest gift is love. Our members continually show this in their caring ways. In the changing political atmosphere that is all around us, we can reach out to others regardless of political persuasions in a true spirit of caring fellowship. We can unite in caring for all teachers in all situations.

Our fundraising and hospitality committees are working on a super plan for an outdoor party with food and gifts in October. Tickets will be available for you to invite anyone you please. They will be giving us more information at the September meeting. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again and hearing about your many summer adventures. Trusting for a great year of learning with each of you!

Sincerely,
Debbie Rosenquist



[Debbie Rosenquist, President](#)

First Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 26 @ 5:30 PM

Life on Lexington

620 East Lexington Avenue

High Point, NC 27262

**Speaker: Dr. Oakley, Superintendent of
Guilford County Schools**

Next Regular Meeting

Saturday, December 2 @ 1:00 PM

Holiday Tea

River Landing Golf Clubhouse

Treasurer's Report

Proposed Chi Budget 2023-2024		
July 1, 2023		
Balance Brought Forward		\$6,299.64
Estimated Receipts		
Dues	(40 x \$85) + (4x\$35) + (1x\$30) - \$40	3,525.00
Scholarship	(\$1 per active member)	45.00
Initiation and Reinstatement fees		70.00
Other		
Spring Banquet		650.00
Fundraising/Donations		600.00
Miscellaneous		100.00
Total Estimated Receipts		\$4,990.00
Total Amount Available for Budgeting		\$11,289.64
Estimated Expenses		
Dues	(40x\$55) + (4x\$22) + (1x\$25)	2,313.00
Scholarship	(\$1 per active member)	45.00
TOTAL DUES AND FEES		\$2,358.00
President's Expenses: Postage		
Conventions, workshops, etc.		500.00
Meeting expenses		200.00
Miscellaneous		150.00
Contributions: Schools for Africa		
World Fellowship Fund		10.00
Emergency Fund		10.00
Leadership Fund		10.00
Educational Foundation Fund		10.00
Golden Gift Fund		10.00
International Speakers Fund		10.00
Scholarship Fund		10.00
NC DKG Educational Foundation Fund		10.00
Headquarters Fund (45x\$2)		90.00
Special Projects: Fundraising Expenses		
Grant-in-Aid		350.00
Scholarship/Mini-Grants		500.00
Community Projects		250.00
Leadership Training		100.00
First-time Convention goers		60.00
Other		
Hospitality		300.00
Spring Banquet		800.00
Communications and Marketing		100.00
Membership		500.00
Active Teacher Support		200.00
Beginning Teacher Support		150.00
Sunshine Committee		250.00
Miscellaneous		150.00
TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSES		\$4,990.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES		\$7,348.00
Estimated balance on June 30, 2024		\$3,941.64

Nancy Tucker, Treasurer



Member News

Sending Birthday Wishes to:

September:

15 – Debbie Rosenquist

October:

01 – Anne Sheffield

02 – Kathy Smith

02 – Regina Myers

06 - Nancy Spurgeon

08 – Susan Sumpter

11 – Teresa Owens

16 – Betsy Hodge

19 – Nancy Tucker

19 – Kitty Winkloski

25 – Judy Gecinger

29 – Phyllis McCoy

31 – Mary Ann Hart

November:

02 – Martha Wade

14 – Susan Hedrick

29 – Rhonda Hunt

Membership News

Welcome back! The Membership Committee has been busy over the summer. Since the publication of our last Chi Directory, we have lost six chapter members: Chaynel Blake Nichols, Darla Mintz, Monica Patterson, Kayla Ranew, Tonya Welch and Chrystal White. During the same time period we have added five new chapter members:

1. Sue Horney – retired, Westchester County Day School, Kindergarten
2. Christina Mayhand – Guilford Elementary School, STEM teacher
3. Susan Hedrick – reinstated, retired
4. Wendy Kitley – reinstated, Southwest Elementary School, 3rd grade
5. Emily Newsome – collegiate, High Point University

A special welcome to these new 2023 Chi members. The Membership Committee recently mailed cards to all Chi members currently employed in the classroom/workplace. A Hobby Lobby \$10.00 gift

certificate was included. Each card delivered the message “Enjoy this token of thanks for being an outstanding teacher! Have a great year! From your Chi sisters”.

Chi Chapter will continue to actively recruit new and retain current members. Please submit contact information of any educator you would like to nominate to the membership chairman.

The heart of the society is its members.

Betty Mayer, Membership Expansion



Fun Friday Lunches

Betty Mayer will send out notices about when a Friday lunch is coming up. Watch for them. Lunches are usually the third Friday but some months there will be no gathering.

Member Spotlight



Nancy Tucker

I grew up on a farm in Browns Summit, NC. I graduated from UNCG in 1972 with a B.A. in mathematics and a master’s in mathematics education in 1975. After teaching math at High Point Central High School for 12 years, I became a private math tutor in 1987 and have continued in private practice. I have 3 adult children and 2 granddaughters, Lily and Daisy. Sons Charlie and Drew work at Thomas Built Buses while Leah is a veterinarian in Raeford, NC. Leah takes great care of my cat Oliver. I am a member of First United Methodist Church and have been the treasurer of Chi Chapter for more than 20 years. I love to read, play the piano, and visit with family and friends.

Educational Law and Policy

North Carolina still doesn't have a budget, so educators have not received raises and schools are using prior year budgets. According to WUNC, [delays are due to disagreements over casinos](#). In more positive news, State Senator Jay Chaudhuri, (D-Wake), has convened this year's roundtable of students to hear about their education experiences. The key challenges students listed include: concerns about mental health, school safety, and concerns for fellow students who identify as LGBTQ+. According to EDNC, "When asked about successes, each student mentioned the same one: their teachers." The students are keenly aware of the political issues in education. Students were overhead before the meeting comparing and contrasting their opportunities at public and charter schools.

Amanda Thacker Thompson, Educational Law and Policy



Global Awareness

Our Global Awareness Committee raises money for “Schools for Africa,” 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. We will fund this endeavor in two ways. First, we will “pass the hat” at our meetings so that you may contribute as you wish. Secondly, we will once again be accepting \$2.00 for “Bragging Rights.” At our meetings, we would love to hear what you have going on in your life. This is a great way to connect with each other. We’d like you to write down your good news on a slip of paper so that these brags can be included in our newsletters. Those who are absent will be able to celebrate your good news. So, brag about it and contribute \$2.00 to our “Schools for Africa” funds. Thank you for supporting this international cause.

Rhonda Hunt, Global Awareness



Projects

Watch for news about High Point L.E.A.P.'s Five Little Free Libraries and Family Services workday.

[Phyllis McCoy, Projects](#)



Scholarships and Grants

Mini-grant applications will be available at the September 26th meeting and by request from Kay Tucker. Applications will be accepted at the October 21st Fund Raising Event and by email. Deadline for return of applications is October 24th. See the calendar below for NC DKG opportunities.

[Kay Tucker, Scholarships and Grants](#)



NC DKG Scholarship and Grant Opportunities

September 30 Continuing Education for Professional/Personal Growth Educators statewide
September 30 Learning/Literacy Project Grant Educators statewide

September 30 Dr. Judith B. Carlson Endowment Grant Educators statewide supporting enrichment activities, travel, field trips, outdoor education, and other experiential learning

September 30 Margaret Church Endowment Grant Grades 4-12 educators statewide supporting leadership development

September 30 McCall Gifted Education or Fine Arts Endowment Grant Educators statewide

September 30 The Betsy and Fred Cranford Endowment available to educators in Burke or Caldwell counties

September 30 Lynda Tamblyn Endowment Grant Educators in Guilford County

Nov. 1 Cornetet Individual and Seminar PD Awards applications due

Jan. 31, 2024, Due Dates

- 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

***Go to ncdkg.org for applications and guidelines! Chi members, please sign up!**

IPPP

We are kicking our year off with a “Member Spotlight” for each newsletter—a great way to get to know our members. We want to recognize our members for their personal and professional accomplishments. Please let us know what honors you have received or what you want to celebrate for your school or classroom. We want to celebrate YOU!

[Betsy Hodge, IPPP](#)



Chi Members Doing Community Service

The 19th annual Jamestown Village Fair at Mendenhall Homeplace was presented by the Historic Jamestown Society whose president is Chi's own talented Julia Ebel. Julia shared her

expertise about keeping our own stories. Debbie Rosenquist, our Chi president, towed her sweet lamb, Lila, and spinning wheels to share with visitors. Can't you just see it? These wonderful DKG members are always looking for opportunities to teach in uncommon venues. Chi is very proud of their community service.

Debbie with her lamb, bags of wool and spinning wheel



Julia inspiring others to write



Chi Meetings Coming Up!

Tuesday, September 26 @ 5:30 PM: Life on Lexington, 620 East Lexington Avenue, HP 27262

Saturday, October 21: Fundraising Event

Saturday, December 2 @ 1:00 PM: Christmas Tea at 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

- Aug. 15 DKG Art Gallery submission window opens
- Sept. 15 Deadline to apply for DKG elected position
- Sept. 16 NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting, Greensboro
- Sept. 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due. See Upcoming Opportunities/Deadlines below.
- Oct. 01 Bulletin: Journal submissions due
- Oct. 07 Tee It Up for Teachers, Colonial Golf Club (See ncdkgef.org for more information)
- Oct. 27 NC DKG Founders Day
- Nov. 01 *NC DKG News* submissions
- Dec. 15 Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due
- April 26-28, 2024, NCDKG Convention, Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park, Durham
- July 9-13, 2024, DKG 2024 International Convention, Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland

*See your copy of the Fall 2023 *NC DKG NEWS* for more information

Contacts

- [DKG International Website](#)
- [NC DKG Website](#)
- [Chi Website](#)



Keynotes Submissions 2023-2024

Article Deadlines:	Expected Publication Dates:
September 15	September 22
November 18	November 25
February 27	March 5
March 26	April 2
April 23	April 30

[Mary Ann Hart](#)



**Hilda Parler's Vision for
 NC DKG 2023-2025**

3 R's:
RECRUIT new members!
RETAIN active members!
RECOGNIZE all members!