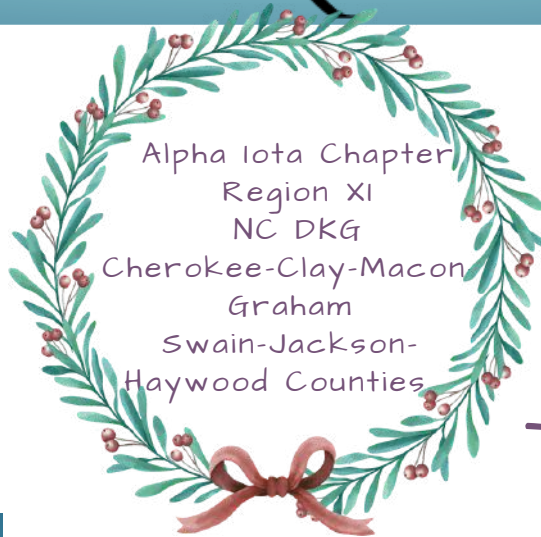




The
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™



THE ROSE

In this issue of The Rose:

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Invest in Your Future
APPLY TODAY

As many as 31 scholarships are awarded each year to members pursuing advance degrees. Scholarships for those seeking other graduate studies are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000.

Requirements:

- ✓ Active member of DKG
 - ✓ Bachelor's degree or equivalent
 - ✓ Enrolled in a graduate program
 - ✓ Demonstrated leadership in DKG
 - ✓ Evidence of service to the community
- + a few more



Applications Due February 1, 2024

Submit Your Articles for Publication!

The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin is a refereed publication that is published five times each year by The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The purpose of the publication is to promote professional and personal growth of members through publication of their writings. Three online issues of the Bulletin are published under the subtitle of International Journal for Professional Educators and focus on research-based and documented works. These include position papers, program descriptions, reviews of literature, and other articles on topics of interest to educators. Two print issues, subtitled Collegial Exchange, focus on practice and experience related to education, the Society, women, and children. Personal reflections and creative works are also included. Current and past issues can be viewed on the International website under the "Bulletin Journal" and "Bulletin Magazine" links under the "Publications|Documents" menu. Guidelines and rubrics for evaluating your submission can be found on each page. Share your research and creative juices with fellow DKG members! Beta Upsilon's Phyllis Broughton did and her article was selected for publication in Volume 90-2 of Collegial Exchange!

State News



Season's Greetings NC DKG Members, While your chapters are participating in celebrations for the holidays, think about ways you can spread joy to all your members, family, friends, and your communities. This is a very unique time of events across our state and nation as we are challenged with finding and sharing joy and peace. If your chapter participated or plans to participate in annual community holiday events, please share what you did to highlight or make NC DKG known. I extend joy in your lives and peace as you do the work of the Society to retain and recognize your members.

~ President Hilda



North Carolina State Organization



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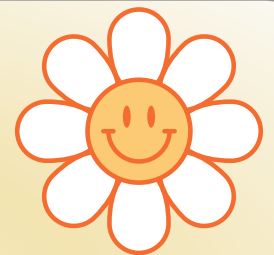
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When Educators Smile, Students Smile Too!

By: Sheila Groves
Vice Chair, Board of Directors
NC DKG Educational Foundation



The Foundation offers opportunities that create smiles. Go to the NCDKGEF website to find out how to participate in Make An Educator Smile. Karen Jobe of Thomasville Primary School in Thomasville is the November Smile winner of a \$25 Amazon gift card.

What better way to create a classroom full of smiles than a project grant! Six Endowment grants are available in the spring. Due to the fall cycle's outstanding participation, additional Foundation Learning/Literacy grants and Continuing Education grants are also being offered. Forms can be found on the Foundation website. Proposals are due January 31. Awards will be announced by March 1. Educators do not have to be a DKG member to apply. Please share information at your school.



November Snapshots

Mary Polanski Shares the Inspiring Macon County Women's History Trail Project

During the November meeting, Mary Polanski served as a guest speaker and shared her passion for the Macon County Women's History Trail project with members. As a facet of the Folk Heritage Association, the trail project's primary aim is to promote the history of the area and preserve the life and skills of the women who lived there. Ms. Polanski discussed areas of interest supported by a handout summarizing the trail's 15 bronzed plaques, which tell inspiring stories of Macon County's women and how they made a lasting impact on their community.

In March of 2024, the town will receive a 7-foot bronze sculpture of three of the remarkable women, culminating over five years of teamwork on the project. Ms. Polanski has been a board member of the Women's History Trail since 2016, and her presentation highlighted the resilience of women in the mountains and their daily struggles and accomplishments.



President Tracie presents an orchid to Mary after her informative presentation.





December

Snapshots





Celebrations

Exciting News!

December Grant-in-Aid totals.....drum roll, please...

AUCTION: \$2509.00

YARD SALE: \$. 763.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$3272.00

If you were unable to attend and would like to contribute to the Grant-in-Aid "scholarship" funds, please send your check to

Treasurer Julie Norcross
861 HWY 28
Robbinsville , NC 28771



Crystal White's daughter-in-law just received a new promotion!



Reserve Member Bobbie Carpenter enjoys an early Christmas gift!

President's Message



Dr. Tracie Metz
President
2022-2024

As we embrace the warmth of the holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for each one of you. Your collective efforts, from supporting donations to the Reach shelter and beyond, exemplify the spirit of generosity and compassion that defines our group. A special thank you to all who participated in our recent holiday auction. Your generosity will undoubtedly open doors for aspiring educators, fostering a brighter future for both them and the communities they will impact. May the holidays bring you joy, peace, and reflection, and may the new year usher in even more opportunities for us to make a lasting impact on the world of education. Wishing you and your loved ones a festive and fulfilling holiday season.

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Please remember our members this holiday season



- Keep Lisa Bloom and her family in your prayers, as her husband is now on Hospice Care after a lengthy battle with cancer.
- Prayers for Nenia Thompson as she suffers with debilitating back pain and faces possible surgery.
- Remember all those who are giving care to a family member or loved one.

March Meeting Details
Saturday March 2 @ 10 AM
Robbinsville United Methodist
Church, Robbinsville, NC
Please send regrets to hostess
Amy Hobbs
amyh58@hotmail.com
by Friday Feb. 23, 2024

The focus of the March meeting will be literacy for elementary students. Alpha Iota members are encouraged to bring new and gently-used children's books to this meeting to be donated.

Activities planned will include the following:

1. A competition to see which county can bring the most books
2. A book mark making project
3. A Dr. Seuss inspired dress-up contest for one's favorite book character. Further details will come in meeting announcement.



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State/ Chapter News

2024 Convention Details



Hotel Registration

Register [here](#) for the group rate of \$119.00 per night at the Sheraton Imperial Raleigh-Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park. The group rate runs from April 25 through April 28. Place your room reservation by March 21 to get this rate!

Vendor/Exhibit Table

Vendor applications are required for all members or chapters requesting tables for the convention Marketplace. Payment can be made by credit card or by check. Forms are available at the link below or click the QR code:

[Vendor Request Form](#)

Due March 15, 2024



Convention Registration

Everyone must register, including award recipients, presenters, guests, and those volunteering during the convention. An interactive registration form can be found at the link below or click the QR code:

[Registration Form](#)

Opens February 1, 2024
Early Registration ends April 9



Convention Ads

Now is the time to submit an ad for the 2024 NC DKG Convention program book. Think about honoring someone in your chapter or highlighting projects, events, or even your business. Ads are a great way to support NC DKG and promote your chapter and members. Submit an ad using the interactive ad form link on the right or click the QR code. Ad questions or assistance—contact [Carol Bostian](#)

[Ad Form & Instructions](#)

Deadline: March 15, 2024



Call for Presentations/Workshops

Have you acquired a skill other NC DKG members might like to learn? Do you have important knowledge to share? Members are encouraged to submit proposals for workshops to be held Saturday, April 27, 2024, during the NC DKG Convention in Durham. Sessions are scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Proposals should fall into one of the four focus strands—Teaching and Learning, DKG Society, Self-Care, and Creative Fun. Workshop questions or assistance— contact [Janie Webb](#)

[Workshop Proposal Form](#)

Deadline to submit is February 15.



Mark your Calendars!

Upcoming DKG Events

2024

- Jan. 8 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Jan. 13 DKG International Town Hall
- Jan. 15-Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open
- Jan. 31 Applications due for NC DKG Educational Foundation grants and endowments
- Feb. 1 Applications due for NC DKG Scholarship
- Feb. 1 Applications due for DKG International Scholarship
- Feb. 1 Educators Books Award submissions due to Educators Book Award Committee
- Feb. 1 Deadline to submit articles and news to *NC DKG News*
- Feb. 1 Chapter President Report due
- Feb. 1-Apr. 9 Early Bird Convention Registration
- Feb. 15 Convention workshop proposals due
- Mar. 1 ROSE Awards, Golden Key Award, and Rising Star Award nominations due
- Mar. 1 Newsletter Excellence, Website Excellence, and/or Communications Excellence Award forms due
- Mar. 1 International Achievement Award nominations due
- Mar. 1 DKGIEF Project applications due
- Mar. 1 *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due
- Mar. 15 Convention vendor applications due
- Mar. 15 Convention program ads due

Alpha Iota Chapter Meetings

Saturday, March 2, 2024 @ 10 AM; Graham County

Saturday, May 4, 2024 @ 10 AM; Jackson County



LINKS

International Website:
www.dkg.org

NC DKG Website

Alpha Iota Website
<https://alphaiotanc.weebly.com>



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