

Mu Chapter News



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Mu Chapter, Rocky Mount, NC
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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The President's Corner

Dear Mu Sisters,

December has always been one of my favorite months. The Advent Wreath comes out, and businesses, homes, and cities are aglow with shining lights and beautiful decorations. Moreover, people in general seem nicer. They are friendlier and more charitable, giving gifts and food to those in need.

Mu Chapter enjoyed a great December meeting. We had a delicious meal catered by the Spring Hope ladies. Our Silent Auction Theme, drinks, mixes, coffees, teas, waters, and wines was a big success. Always fun, was the collection of many colorful shoeboxes filled with goodies for students in the Nash-Rocky Mount School System. Later in the month, Mu Chapter carolers entertained residents at Brookdale led by Beth Credle.

Before December, we learned through excellent programs the difference between a conference and a convention presented by Tobey Worthington, Mu member and NC DKG First Vice-President, as well as some alternatives to traditional schools presented by Chad Thompson, Executive Director of Secondary Education and CTE at Nash-Rocky Mount Schools.

Now that 2020 is here, we look forward to the orientation and induction of several new members. We will also join two of our sister chapters for an interesting Tri-Chapter meeting. It is always nice to share a meal, program, and time with these DKG sisters.

Mu Chapter continues to support new teachers with meetings and much needed supplies. The chapter also contributes to other local, state, national, and international projects that makes us sparkle, and helps us to grow. Happy 2020!!! We are making history.

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Mission Statement: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

Important Dates

Convention Dates

May 1 -3, 2020 —NC DKG Convention, Embassy Suites, Greensboro, Region VII

July 7 -11, 2020—International Convention, Philadelphia, PA

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

Mu Meetings 2020

Thursday, Feb 13 Chapter Meeting – Lakeside Baptist Church, Setup/Cleanup/Beverages – Community Projects, Educ. Law & Policy, Fundraising
4:30pm Induction 5:00 pm Potluck supper, Program: Schools for Africa by Carol Stevens, Grant-in-Aid, Business meeting, 50/50 drawing, Theme: Kitchen items, Project: collection of items for Barton student teachers

Saturday, Feb 22 Tri-Chapter Meeting, Gamma Lambda Hosting, 10 am-12 pm at Oakdale Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, \$15 see Pam Harris

2020 –Future Dates, Mark your calendar

Tuesday, April 21 Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, May 28 Chapter Meeting

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Fundraising – Melissa Baker

- Theme for February Theme: Kitchen items: potholders/towels/dishcloths, utensils, tools.etc
- May meeting theme: Beach/summer-sunscreen, magazines, towels, sunglasses, etc

Membership – Elaine Christianson and Kim Lehn

- Induction will be at 4:30pm at our meeting on February 13th at Lakeside Baptist Church

Early Career Educators – Catherine Melle and Eva Bulluck

- Supplies for BTs are always accepted and appreciated (15 at RMHS, 7 at SNHS)
- RMHS-every last Thursday of each month is a meeting with the BTs; everyone is invited

Communications and Marketing – Dr. Jackie Ennis

- Jessica Daughtridge is the FB manager; send her anything you would like to see posted on our page

Nurturing – Trish Maxwell

- If anyone has information they would like shared about an illness, death, accident, etc., please contact Trish Maxwell.

Scholarship – Vicky Deans

Most scholarship applications are due by Feb.1
Various Scholarship Forms Online:(Login required)
https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Apply_Submit/Applications/DKGMember/Apply_Submit/Application.aspx?hkey=c0537203-113c-4299-a0f8-693cf433bd54

Fine Arts - Beth Credle

- meeting for new elementary teachers will be held on Monday, January 27th at 4:00pm at Horne’s United Methodist Church, all are welcome

Community Projects – Reba Fulghum

Bring items for Barton Student Teachers to our next meeting:

- **pencils, pencils, pencils!**
- **Mr. Sketch markers**
- **hand sanitizer**
- **sticky notes**
- **basic school supplies**
- **snacks, mints**

Programs – Rhiannon Holloman

- Please contact Rhiannon if you have ideas for future programs.

Rules- Tobey Worthington

- Mu rules have been updated. If anyone desires to make any changes, please contact Tobey.

Education, Law and Policy - Malinda Pennington

Although January is the start of a new calendar year, it signaled the end of the 2019 budget process when the General Assembly adjourned until April

without a final budget. Until the legislature agrees on a new budget, state law mandates that services continue at the same levels as the previous budget. While this means that public schools and other services will continue to operate it also means that teachers, educational assistants, and retirees will NOT receive pay increases. Under a mini-budget, administrators will receive a small increase in their salary schedules. Until the General Assembly reconvenes in April, there will not be much movement on legislative issues. During the break, many legislators will be involved in re-election campaigns. This would be a great time to let them know your opinion on issues that matter to you. You can find your legislative representatives at <https://www.ncleg.gov/FindYourLegislators>.

In the 2020 election year, there will be many opportunities for your vote, your voice, to count at the local, state, and national levels. A picture ID will NOT be required to cast your vote.

Below are some important dates to know for the NC PRIMARY ELECTIONS:

- Friday Feb. 7th --Last day to REGISTER to vote
- Thurs. Feb 13- Sat. Feb. 29th-- EARLY VOTING available (check your local election board for locations and hours)
- Tues. Feb. 25th -- Last day to request ABSENTEE BALLOT
- Tues. Mar. 3rd -- Last day to RETURN absentee ballot
- Tues. Mar. 3rd -- NC PRIMARY ELECTION voting day

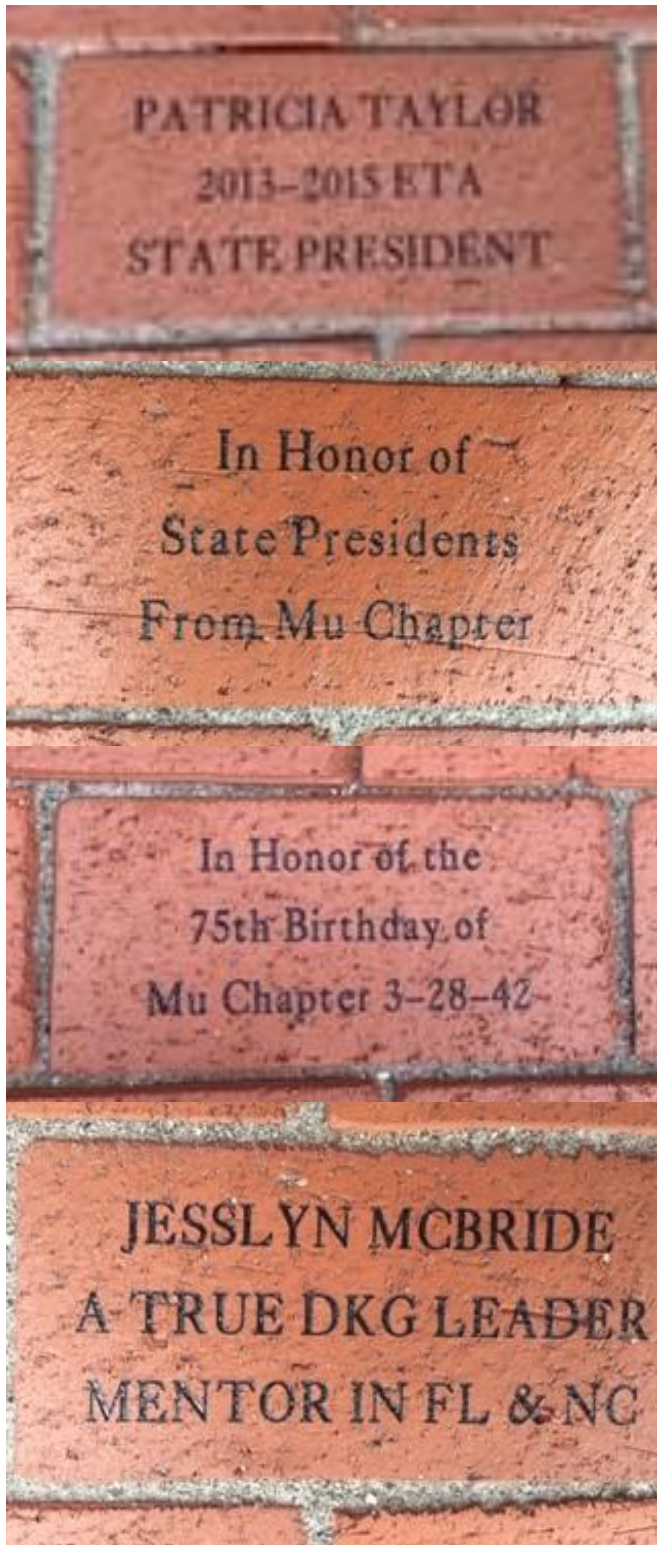
For more information, visit the NC State Board of Elections website: <https://www.ncsbe.gov>



December	18	Trish Maxwell
	22	Jill Winstead
January	5	Melissa Baker
	10	Diane Dixon
	15	Malinda Pennington
	20	Gay Mullinix
	20	Debbie Viverette
	23	Eva Bulluck
February	11	Beth Credle
	14	Tobey Worthington
	18	Ann Davis

Headquarters "Pave the Way"
Project Complete!

The following bricks are a few that Mu members may be interested in.



Mu December Highlights



Mu Members enjoy an activity with bows after a delicious meal at the December meeting.



Thank you to Melissa Baker for organizing auctions at our meetings for fundraising purposes. Each meeting has a theme and brings much fun!



Mu members brought in 22 shoeboxes that were distributed to homeless students in NRMS.

Proposals to Present and Program Ads Needed at NC DKG Convention

Presenting a workshop at the convention and putting an ad in the program provide opportunities for leadership and sharing as we begin a new year. Make your plans now. Reserve a hotel room and register for the convention now too. Call the Embassy Suites Greensboro at 336-668-4535 and use the code DKG. Register quickly and easily online using the Google Form found at: <http://bit.ly/2020NCDKGConvention>. Follow directions on the form for payment.

Ready, Set, Grow!

With President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan
NC DKG President

Fear, You DON'T Own Me!

Choose To GROW Daily

Do you choose to grow daily or is fear holding you back? How did you answer that question concerning the role of fear in your life or in the life of your chapter? As 2020 unfolds, the time is right to evaluate the environments in which we function. This speaks to the "R" in GROW! Gathering data from past experiences helps us develop "research-based strategies" that can nurture members, chapters, families, work environments, and ourselves. Key to gathering data is record-keeping and submitting reports. People seeking growth seize these tasks as opportunities. Data gathered and analyzed both at the chapter and state level aid NC DKG to Ready, Set, GROW! Helpful Hints this month:

- Check NC DKG media sources often
- Record deadlines for upcoming reports

- Set calendar reminders two-three days prior to deadlines
- Dedicate a period of time to review/submit reports
- Recruit others to assist—delegate when appropriate



Donations Double in February

The NC DKG Educational Foundation's 101 Donations Challenge encourages members to celebrate teachers who are making an impact in our schools and our communities by making a donation in their honor. Each NC DKG region is challenged to recognize 101 teachers with a contribution of \$10 each to the NC DKG Educational Foundation. The donations will support the Foundation's Grants Program **AND will be matched for the month of February!** All the information, forms, and Celebration Certificates are available on the Foundation website at

<http://www.ncdkgef.org/101-challenge.html>.

The **January/February 2020 issue of DKG NEWS** is posted on the [International website](#). A link is provided on the rotator on the main page or click on the graphic above. (You must be logged in to see the file.) In addition to the nominees for International officers to be elected at the convention this summer, this issue contains Administrative Board actions taken at the November 2019 meeting, the announcement of the speakers at the convention, a schedule at a glance of the convention, and an overview of the proposed amendments for the 2020 convention, among others. Stay informed about all levels of our Society. Read this issue of DKG NEWS.



Sadowski Tops List of Candidates
(Jan/Feb NC DKG News)

Mu Chapter has a Facebook page

Mu Chapter, NC DKG

Mu Chapter's website

<http://www.dkg-nc-mu.com/>

NC has a website

<http://www.ncdkg.org/>

DKG International Website

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**Jan.15-Feb.15 Arts and Humanities
Gallery submission window open**

Mu Chapter has some of the most talented ladies I have ever meet. Please investigate submitting to the Arts and Humanities Gallery. There are several categories: visual arts, music, video, and writing. Go to dkg.org to find out more.

**2020 INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**

Philadelphia, PA | July 7-11, 2020

Registration is now open for the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia. Find out more on the Convention page of the [DKG website](http://dkg.org).

HOTEL

**Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
1201 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA
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