

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,

Our February meeting was action packed. We inducted three amazing women to join Mu Chapter. They are Cameron Covolo, Carol Price, and Donacine Vandelli. Carol Steven presented an interesting and informative program on Schools for Africa. The Grant-in-Aid was awarded to Sierra Hearp, a senior at Barton College. We even made a little money with the 50/50 Drawing, as well as the Silent Auction kitchen items. In addition, we enjoyed a delicious potluck supper.

Then, out of the blue, came the unbelievable coronavirus. Things started to be canceled, or possibly rescheduled. The virus slowed things down, but the work goes on at all levels of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Sadly, we have lost two members. Ann Edge was a former principal and Chairman of the Nash-Rocky Mount School Board, and Margaret Lewis was a former principal and long-time member of Mu Chapter. Both will be greatly missed, and as soon as the quarantine is lifted, we will honor both outstanding women with a special memorial service.

In the future, we will recognize our members for their years of membership. Jane White will be honored for her fifty years of membership with a picture in the North Carolina Convention program. Hopefully, the North Carolina Convention will be rescheduled, and the International Convention can go on as planned.

It is my wish that we will all follow the recommended guidelines and come out of this difficult time safe and healthy. Continue to pay attention to e-mails. Things are still developing, and plans are being made. Tobey Worthington and Ann Davis designed

our slide on how we grow and sent it to the project coordinator.

Mu Sisters let your sparkle shine and keep on growing. 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

Tuesday, May 26 meeting has been canceled because of the COVID-19 virus.

Convention Dates

TBA – 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

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Fundraising – Melissa Baker

- We had a great year, thanks to everyone for participating in our activities

Membership – Elaine Christianson and Kim Lehnes

- Continue to look for new members so we can GROW our chapter

Finance – Diane Dixon

- dues will need to be collected by 6/30
Active dues are \$75.00, Reserve \$22.00

Mail to Pam Harris

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Call 252-469-9383 if needed

Communications and Marketing – Dr. Jackie Ennis

- If you do not have the Mu Chapter FB page as one of your pages, you should do so to keep up with news

Nurturing – Trish Maxwell

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

Community Projects – Reba Fulghum

- Thank you for bringing items for the Barton student teachers to our Feb. meeting.

Programs – Rhiannon Holloman

- Please contact Rhiannon if you have ideas for future program ideas

Rules- Tobey Worthington

- Mu rules have been updated; you can access them on Mu Chapter's Website

Education, Law and Policy - Malinda Pennington

In these extraordinary times, teachers all over the state have become a true lifeline for students. While engaging in remote learning activities, teachers are also handing out meals and providing emotional support to whole families. TEACHERS ARE AMAZING! Legislators are meeting soon to decide many important issues for education including altering requirements for testing, adjusting school calendars, and addressing student grading. Many of these topics already have waivers but laws must be amended. DPI has requested \$380 million to deal with immediate needs ranging from increases in pay for nutrition workers to funding a summer bridge program to get students back up to grade level. One proposal is to allow schools to open earlier than current law permits, August 25th, to offer a review session for students prior to starting the new year on August 17th.

Stay safe, stay well, and stay informed!



New Members Inducted in February

Cameron Covolo (left) is a middle grades language arts teacher at Rocky Mount Academy. Sponsored by Kim Lehnes. Carol Price (middle) is a STEM teacher at Vick Elementary School in Wilson. Sponsored by Melissa Baker. Donacine Vandelli (right) is a technology teacher at Rocky Mount High School. Sponsored by Eva Bulluck.

Congratulations to our 2020-2022

Mu Officers

- Elaine Christianson and Tunisia Bullock will be our Co-Presidents
- Sandra Holloman - Secretary

Please note, we still need a Treasurer and Vice Presidents. If you are interested, please contact Tobey Worthington (252.908.1841) or Nancy Mooring (252.314.2820) of the Nominations Committee.

New Chapter Officer Information

The 2020-2022 NC DKG Chapter Leaders Trainings will not be held in June as originally planned. More information will be shared when trainings are rescheduled.

Congratulations to Malinda Pennington

for being chosen as the 2020-2022 Region 1 Director. We are so proud of you!



Kate Parks Kitchin Grant-in-Aid

Congratulations to our Grant-in-Aid Recipient, Sierra Hearp (center). Sierra is a senior at Barton College and is from Roanoke Rapids. She is the daughter of proud parents Marsha Collier (left) and Michael Hearp. Sierra plans to teach high school mathematics while progressing toward her goal of a master’s degree in education. She also hopes to coach softball during this time. She is currently student teaching at Rocky Mount Middle School. Jackie Ennis and Barbara Mize (right) are immensely proud of her work.



At our February meeting, we heard from the Malawi Early Literacy Team, M.E.L.T. This team provides literacy to the people of Malawi, Africa. They provide ABC Kits, Simple Word Kits, and books that are culturally appropriate. They also provide professional development for the teachers. Currently they are supporting a book mobile and are building a central library in Mzuzu, Malawi. If you would like to know more about the team and what they do go to: malawiearlyliteracy.org.



March	6	Amy Quigley
	9	Pam Harris
	20	Florine Joyner
April	25	Corinne Landis
May	1	Pat Taylor
	12	Margie Parker Brantley
	20	Kathy Stallings
	24	Betty Penny

Remembering...



Our dear Ann Edge left us on April 25,2020. She was a teacher, principal, board member, mentor and extremely wonderful lady.



Margaret Lewis will be missed. She was a faithful member of 61 years. She attended even after she had trouble walking, hearing and seeing. She came with a smile on her face. She loved education and DKG.

Ready, Set, Grow!

With President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan
NC DKG President

Getting or Giving? Or Can It Be Both?

Getting or giving? Remember last month? "Are you 'giving' through your membership in NC DKG in order to make a 'life' - a life that makes a difference?" Recall the insights from Churchill, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." I suggest that NC DKG membership offers the opportunity to "give and get" while making a difference.

Giving takes on a variety of shapes and sizes but has a few things in common:

Giving is Personal

- Find what speaks to you!
 - Give, of your heart so you Get.....(?)
- Find what works for you!
 - Give, of your abilities or talents so you Get.....(?)
- Find what fits you!
 - Give, of your time, items or money so you Get.....(?)
- Find what energizes you!
 - Give, of your passion so you Get.....(?)

NC DKG members have the means to "give and get" through their membership which can have impact worldwide. I have seen it firsthand.

With that, let's ponder this question as we continue to "give and get." What do I "get" as a "giving" member in NC DKG?



The NC DKG Educational Foundation is proud to present the twelve-string guitar art of NC educator and artist Travis Driver of Wilson, NC. The art piece has been donated to the Foundation for a raffle to raise funds for teacher grants for NC educators. Go to: ncdkgef.org for ticket information and grant applications. Drawing is October 17, 2020.

Flexibility in Collecting Dues

Our dues for 2020-2021 are due by June 30th. International and NC DKG have given us some flexibility during this pandemic time. If you can not pay your dues by June 30, just let Pam Harris know. We want to work with you.

Statement from International: *While the Constitution notes June 30 as the deadline for members to submit dues payments to chapter treasurers (Article IV. C. 1.), it also notes that "The international portion of the dues shall be sent between July 1 and September 30." (Article IV.C.4.) Consideration of members to be dropped for not paying dues will not occur until after September 30, 2020, in light of coronavirus issues. At this point and in these times of a pandemic, we all need to be flexible.*



Philly Convention Still On—So Far

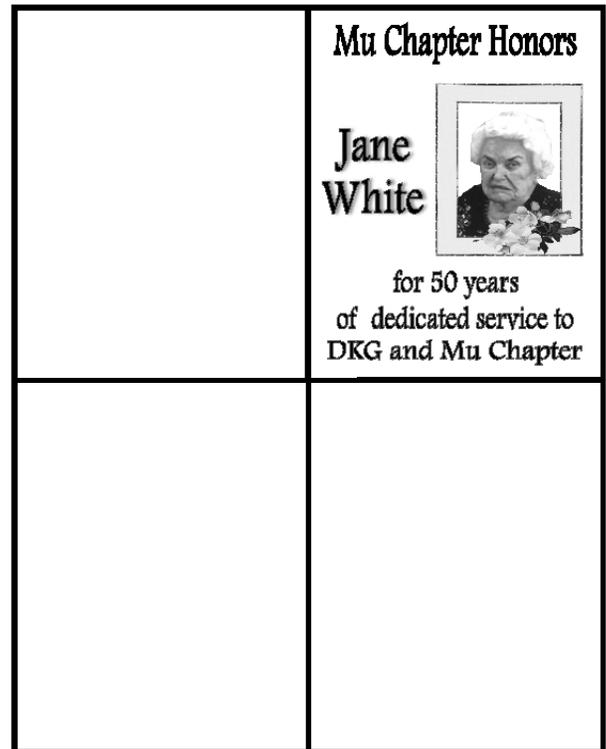
Plans are continuing for the DKG Convention this summer in Philadelphia, but International President Cathy Daugherty and other leaders are working on a contingency plan in the event the convention is cancelled. While members' health and well-being is the top priority, there is much to take into consideration, including, as President Cathy stated, "mandates in the Philadelphia area and restrictions on travel, both in the US and around the world, along with negotiations with our hotel" that will have a bearing on the decision the Administrative Board will make later this spring.

Watch the DKG website and social media for updates and follow the DKGSI blog for weekly updates from President Cathy and/or committees.

Mu's GROW slide for the 2020 Convention



NC DKG Convention Booklet Ad for Jane White



The North Carolina State Organization of DKG ♦ 2020 Convention ♦ Greensboro, NC

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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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