

Mu Chapter's Newsletter



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Vision Statement: *Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide*



The President's Corner

Hi Sisters,

Hope this edition of our newsletter finds you and your families doing well. We have experienced a “different” Holiday season with masks, virtual meals, no big family gatherings, and lots of social distancing. We have said goodbye to 2020! (I think we will all agree we are glad to see it behind us). And we stayed strong and survived! Now as we begin 2021, we can hope the vaccines will allow us to physically get together by Spring. I would love to be able to have an outdoor “potluck” dinner in May so we can enjoy each other’s company.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our community projects. The handmade Valentine cards were delivered to HIS radio station in Raleigh for hospital distribution. We had fun making the cards and want to especially thank Meredith and Olivia Ruff (Reba’s daughter and granddaughter) for joining in on the creativity by making Valentine cards in Spanish. The food/toiletries collection we did in conjunction with 4H and headed up by Reba also went well. Special thanks to Rusty (Reba’s husband) for helping with hauling the items for delivery.

Looking forward to “seeing” everyone at our February meeting when we present our Grant-in-Aid to a NCWC student. In March, we hope to have a virtual “Bring Your Own Breakfast” fun meeting. Everyone take care of yourselves. Hope to see you all soon.

Elaine

Greetings Dearest Mu Sisters!

I pray each of you had a blessed, happy, and healthy holiday season. Although much of the start of this new year has been a cold and wet one, there is always sunshine and warmth when we meet and when I think about my Mu sisters.

I am extremely excited about our annual state convention this year. Like last year, it will be virtual and will include many workshops, presentations, and vendor opportunities via the virtual vendor marketplace. I encourage your participation. This year’s convention will surely NOT disappoint! Visit www.ncdkg.org for more information.

Please be sure to attend our chapter meeting on Thursday February 18, 2021. This meeting will be extra special in that we will be presenting our grant in aid recipient, Miss Teiuna Dixon. I think you will find her to be a hardworking, intelligent, deserving young woman who possesses the potential to be a great educator.

To those sisters who are still teaching, whether in the classroom physically or virtually, please know that we are all here for you. We support you; we hear you; we love you. If there is anything you need, even if it is just a listening ear, please do not hesitate to reach out. This is an unprecedented time for educators near and far and we want you to know that you are not alone.

May we continue to be great! May we continue to be love! May we continue to be Mu!

In sisterhood,

Tunisia

Important Dates

Thursday, Feb. 18 5pm Mu Virtual Meeting
meet.google.com/nih-nagt-roh

Feb. 24 US Forum Legislative Issues Zoom event

Mar. 1 *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due

Mar. 1 Chapter Achievement Awards, Golden Key, and
Rising Star Award applications due

Mar. 1 Professional Awards Survey due

Mar. 1 Requirements for the Newsletter Excellence,
Website Excellence and/or Communications
Excellence Awards due

Mar. 1 Annual reports due from state leaders

Mar. 1 Ceremony of Remembrance info due

Mar. 15 Workshop presentation application due

Mar. 15 Ads for convention program due

Mar. 15 NC DKG EF Gray Scholarship applications
due

Mar. 25 Convention vendor forms due.

Mar. 29 ASK Time

Apr. 1 Convention workshop's link or recorded session
due

Apr. 2 Convention registration with mailed materials
deadline

Apr. 19 Convention registration without mailed.
materials deadline

Apr. 23-25 NC DKG Virtual Convention

July 7-10, 2021 — International Conference,
Portland, OR

July 21-24, 2021 — International Conference,
San Antonio, TX

April 29-May 1, 2022 — NC DKG Convention,
Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort

July 12-16, 2022 — International Convention,
New Orleans, LA

April 28-30, 2023 — NC DKG Convention, Greenville



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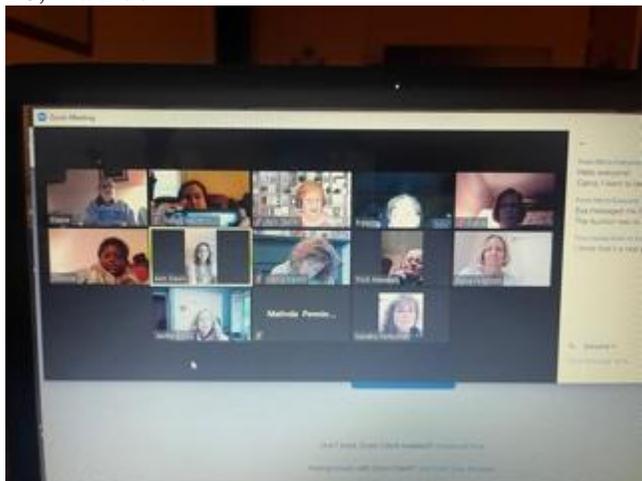
Valentine's Cards made by Mu Members for
children in area hospitals.



Valentine's Day goodie bags for the BTs at
RMHS.



Mu Chapter Executive Board Meeting on January 26, via Zoom.



Food and toiletry drive by Mu Members in conjunction with the 4H Club.



Membership – Kim Lehnes

Membership nominations will close on March 1st. Please get your prospect card to Kim Lehnes. You can email or mail them to her. Let’s GROW our chapter membership!



March	6	Amy Quigley
	9	Pam Harris
	20	Florine Joyner
April	9	Cameron Covolo
	25	Corinne Landis

Member Recipe

Blueberry Nut Crunch

Submitted by: Jeanette Pittman

Ingredients:

- 1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple
- 3 cups blueberries
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- ½ cup margarine melted (1 stick)
- 1 cup pecans, chopped
- ¼ cup brown sugar

Directions:

Lightly grease 9 X 13-inch baking dish or pan. Layer first four ingredients in pan as listed. Spread mixture evenly. Drizzle with melted butter. Sprinkle with chopped nuts and remaining brown sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Take out and cut batter with knife all over, but do not stir. Return to oven and bake an additional 15-30 minutes or until done. Great left over, its good heated for breakfast.

Convention Plans

Plans are progressing for the 2021 NC DKG virtual convention to be held April 23-25.

Registration

Registration for members is now open and will be \$25, which will help cover the cost of the virtual platforms, materials, and postage. The first 350 registrants will receive an iconic NC DKG 2020 convention bag. Those who register after April 2 are not guaranteed convention materials (activity packets, convention bling and more) but will receive links to participate in convention general sessions, business meetings, workshops, voting on officers, and voting on amendments to the *By-laws* and *Standing Rules*. Registration ends at noon, April 19. The form can be found at <https://bit.ly/2021NCDKGConvention>.

Voting on Amendments at NCDKG Convention

Take Note: Prepare now to receive the proposed amendments next month and to distribute them to all members for review. Those registered for the convention will vote to accept or decline the amendments.

Convention Project is Knickers for New Life, a Schools for Africa Project

Knickers for New Life has been chosen by Region XI as the 2021 NC DKG Convention Project. Knickers for New Life (KFNL) partners with schools in Uganda to keep girls in school by providing knickers (underwear), sanitary supplies, separate latrines, handwash stations, and mosquito-repellant soap. Thousands of girls miss a week of school a month because of the lack of these basic sanitary supplies. The results are lifelong.

Choosing KFNL as the convention project celebrates the 10th anniversary of DKG's partnership with Schools for Africa. Only \$35 will meet the needs of a girl in a Ugandan school for a year, and 100% of the donations to KFNL will go to the non-profit ministry. Learn more at knickersfornewlife.org.

Donations to the convention project can be made in the Virtual Marketplace during the convention. Join Region XI to make this a successful project!

Note: Mu Chapter donates money to the convention project each year.

Taking the Survey Encouraged

International President Becky Sadowski is asking members to take the survey on the DKG website to help guide the decisions about this summer's conferences. She says, "As we move forward with planning for 2021 international conferences, we are offering an opportunity for members to share their thoughts regarding attendance at these DKG events. After members sign-in on the DKG website, they should look in the upper right section of the page to find a survey question that we hope members will complete. The question is longer than usual, so members will need to scroll down on the question to submit their response."

The survey question changes periodically, so if this particular question about the conferences is not still up, please answer the one that is there. All input is valuable to planning and operations.

DKG Headquarters Update

In on-going efforts to keep members informed about the sale of DKG Headquarters, President Becky Sadowski has shared the following information. In late January, DKG leaders, along with the buyer's team and the realty advisory group representing DKG, met with the Austin City Planning Commission. After presentations by the Austin Historic Landmark Commission, DKG members and leaders, and the buyer's team, the Commission voted on two critical decisions: the historic designation for the DKG property was denied, and a recommendation for Downtown Mixed Use (DMU) rezoning was approved without any conditional overlays, such as height restrictions.

These decisions clear the way for approval of a demolition permit and hopefully approval of the DMU rezoning by the Austin City Council when the case is heard at its meeting, currently scheduled for February 18. Within the next few months, more information regarding these and other next steps will be made available as soon as possible.

The Administrative Board will begin considering potential future sites for a new headquarters in the Austin area as the process moves into the final stages. At that time, feedback from members and staff will become critical.

ELP TIP—Teachers Involved in Policy

Educational Law and Policy Committee offers this **TIP** for meeting with a legislator:

After you set up your meeting with a legislator, determine the role for each participant. Designate a group leader and let each person present an issue or main message. Practice for the meeting ahead of time.



Another community Project

Wral.com/sharethelove

Support NC HealthCare Workers

Go to their website, they have several ways you can show your appreciation for health care workers. For example: share a video, photo, color a poster, etc. Any gesture even a small one, will show they are appreciated.



Mu Chapter has a Facebook page

Mu Chapter, NC DKG

Mu Chapter's website:

<http://www.dkg-ncmu.com/>

NC DKG website: <http://www.ncdkg.org/>

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