

Beta Delta News

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

NC DKG North Carolina State Organization,
Beta Delta Chapter,
Greensboro, NC,
Region VII

Voices of Influence Empowering North Carolina Educators "Let's Sparkle!"

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President's Message




Hello, Ladies!
I hope you have all enjoyed a rejuvenating summer! As we approach the fall and resume our

meeting schedule, we are reminded of the many opportunities DKG offers for service, support and professional development. When we reach out to one another with concerns, it is important that we respond and inquire how we can be of further assistance; we want to make our presence known in our community. Communication is the tool with which we forge and reinforce our sisterly bond as educators. I invite you to share your concerns, your joys, your hopes and dreams as we begin anew. As our new state DKG president, Dr. Teresa Cowan, says: "Ready, set, GROW!" May the forthcoming year inspire us to grow together in our educational pursuits, endeavors and friendships.

Looking forward,
Zoë

Mark Your Calendars	
Chapter Meeting	Oct. 17, 6:00pm First Baptist
Chapter Meeting: Holiday Brunch/Auction	Dec. 7, 9:00am Sedgefield Country Club
Chapter Meeting	Feb. 25, 6:00pm First Baptist
NC DKG State Convention	May 1-3, 2020 Greensboro, NC
Chapter Meeting	May 21, 6:00pm Location TBA
International Convention	July 7-11 Philadelphia, PA



Our international president wants to hear from you! Click [here](#) to give her your input.

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Next Meeting:

Thursday, October 17
6:00pm @ First Baptist Church

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DKG International Convention - Asheville, NC - Arts and Humanities June 27-29, 2019

NC DKG hosted the Arts and Humanities International Conference in Asheville, NC this year. There were 480 members in attendance from 22 states and 2 countries. NC DKG members volunteered in various roles. Prior to the conference, chapters were asked to create a centerpiece in a jar for each table in the banquet hall. The centerpiece was meant to represent the chapter's area/county and were available for purchase.



Thursday night featured "Fun on the Lawn" with artisans demonstrating painting, basket weaving, blacksmithing, butter making, loom weaving, and hula hooping. Attendees could compete in various lawn games and were treated to lemonade and cookies. The



speaker at the opening session was Laura Mitchell, an art teacher and arts administrator from Buncombe County Schools, who presented "Greetings from Asheville." The evening also included music from The Whitewater Bluegrass Co. and dancing by the J. Creek Cloggers.

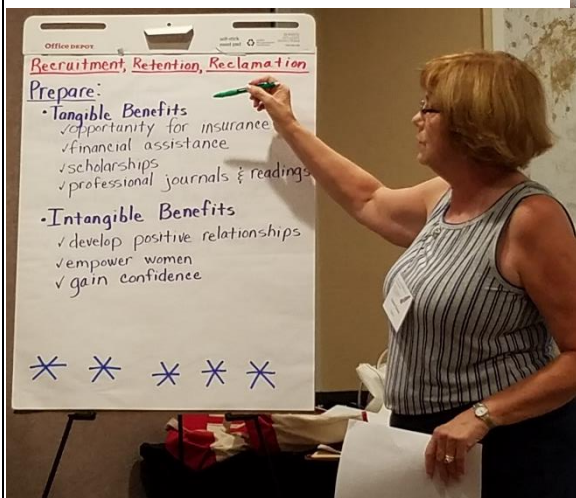
Friday and Saturday many different workshops were offered involving the arts and humanities. Examples of sessions included social dance for health benefits, DKG publications, storytelling, Sumi painting, photography with digital cameras, printmaking, video news, quilting, zentangles, mentoring, drama activities for the classroom, empowering leaders, and recruiting/retaining/reclaiming members. Members could participate in creating an art weaving project with natural elements such as grasses, stones, shells, and feathers.



At Friday's Humanities Luncheon, Dr. Kevin Frazier Executive Director of Western Carolina University's Asheville program and author of *Legendary Locals of Asheville*, shared the history of the social and economic development of Asheville and the rich culture of the area.

At Saturday night's banquet, attendees were treated to the mountain music and stories of Sheila Kay Adams.





Beta Delta Member News

"Gosh, it's been a busy summer! We've discovered the fun and beauty of attending the musical concerts that Biltmore offers each summer. Listening to great music in such a beautiful setting, especially as the sun goes down in the mountain is hard to beat. We enjoyed The Beach Boys in July. Here are some pictures from that evening."



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--Melissa



Liliana Jordanov wants to share about her very exciting summer. She spent a full month in Argentina and, in addition to doing some tourism around the city, visiting family, eating at her favorite spots and dancing some tango, she embarked on a huge new adventure: she started her PhD at the National University of La Plata in a semi virtual program (the university building is featured in the last picture). Upon her return to Greensboro, blessings continued: she found out she had been selected as one of the six finalists for GCS Teacher of the Year (the final winner will be unveiled on 9/19 at the Celebration of Excellence). As another little treat, she was awarded the Extra Mile Grant for Teachers, granted by Thomas Tire of Greensboro, receiving \$200 for classroom materials. Definitely a great summer to remember!



Birthdays

August

- Rinda Estes – Aug. 1
- Avery McGuire – Aug. 1
- Janis Antonek – Aug. 16
- Kim Pemberton – Aug. 19
- Mary Sharpe – Aug. 23
- Tanya Feagins – Aug. 28

September

- Jewell Cooper – Sept. 5
- Kelly Arnold – Sept. 8
- Tina Doran – Sept. 11
- Katie Tuttle – Sept. 15
- Cynthia Wooten – Sept. 26

October

- Amanda Hagen – Oct. 11
- Dori Caligiure – Oct. 21
- Gayle Manahan – Oct. 22
- Christina Purgason – Oct. 30
- Donna Harper – Oct. 31

November

- Claire Driscoll – November 3
- Alice Hill – November 4
- Helen Medlin – November 4
- Helen Killackey – November 11
- Elaine McRae – November 18

Did we forget you? Email the editor at lfrissen72@gmail.com

Important Dates

Next Beta Delta Meeting

October 17, 2019
First Baptist Church
Lower auditorium
6:00pm

Holiday Brunch

December 7, 2019
Sedgefield Country Club
9:00am



Dr. Antonek and April Dunovant went to Costa Rica this summer with students. They had a blast!

NC DKG EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ENDOWMENTS ARE READY TO GO!

Due date for applications is Sept 30!

Here are three that may be of particular interest to you! Each of the grants has an audience.

- Lynda Tamblyn is for Guilford County teachers only.
- Groves-Little is for Early Career Educators, four years or less, in NC public schools.
- McCall is for Gifted Education or Fine Arts projects in NC. AP teachers may apply for the McCall grant to fund a classroom project.

To learn more, visit <http://www.ncdkgef.org/endowments.html>



A Celebration of the Legacy of Dr. Amy Williamsen

Professor of Spanish, UNC Greensboro

Recipient of the 2019 Dean's Award for Diversity & Inclusiveness

"Amy's efforts to make UNCG a more inclusive institution are almost legendary and will have a lasting impact on the lives of many students, faculty and staff." - Dr. Carmen Sotomayor

September 17th | 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. UNCG Virginia Dare Room

Funds from the Amy Williamsen Scholarship will be used to support Latinx students at UNC Greensboro. Online gifts can be made to this fund at: <https://advancement.uncg.edu/giving> Choose "other designation" and list the "Amy Williamsen Memorial Scholarship"

Checks may be mailed to:

UNC Greensboro | University Advancement

PO BOX 26170 | Greensboro, NC 27402-6170

Put "Amy Williamsen Memorial Scholarship" in the memo line.

Please come, all are welcome.



Lisa Frissen and her husband Reno traveled to Wilmington for a few days in August. They stayed in an AirBnb that used to be an old store close to the preservation district. They visited the battleship, historic

downtown and tried to eat at several restaurants featured on the show Diners, Drive-ins and Dives. They can highly recommend Ceviche's for some tasty Panamanian food!



Rose and her husband Carlos went to Cumpich, Mexico during the summer. They built a home for the pastor and they led Bible School for the kids. They got to visit the Mayan ruins near Cumpich, and at the end of the trip they went to a resort in Tulum, Mexico.



Beta Delta Member Spotlight - Kelly Arnold

Question 1 - Where are you from?

I am NC born and bred. I was born in Wilson, NC, but I grew up along the Carolina coast in Morehead City, NC.

Question 2 - What are your interests, pastimes or hobbies?

I am a runner and martial artist. I have a black belt in hapkido. I enjoy reading, writing, and traveling. Family is also really important to me.

Question 3 - What would you like to share about your family?

I am married to another English teacher (Ric) who also teaches at Orange High School. We have four children; Gini (29), Ricky (28), Carrie (24), and Cooper (3).

Question 4 - What is your educational background? What and where do/did you teach and for how long?

I was a Teaching Fellow at UNCG. I earned my Bachelors degree in English Education with minors in Spanish and English in 2002. I taught at Smith High School (where I also student taught) for five years and did my Masters of Education in Secondary English at night at UNCG, graduating in 2007. I taught six years in Guilford County, four in Caldwell County, two in Busan, South Korea, and I am starting my sixth year at Orange High School in Orange County this year. I currently teach freshman basic literacy and English I, as well as AP English IV, so both ends of the spectrum. I am currently the 2019-2020 Orange County Teacher of the Year. I am excited about the opportunity to represent the awesome teachers in my county at the Regional level. I am also super-nervous because I'm speaking to our entire district at county kickoff this week. Wish me luck!

Question 5 - How did you hear about Delta Kappa Gamma?

Ann Pember recommended me for membership when I was teaching at Smith.

Question 6 - What about the organization impressed you enough to join?

I love the opportunity to network with people who are amazing educators and are actively contributing the advancement of the profession.



Question 7 - What is your favorite thing about being in Delta Kappa Gamma and our chapter in particular?

I love the people in Beta Delta. I actually travel from another county because the folks here are so wonderful that I didn't want to join another chapter.

Question 8 - Do you have long term plans, dreams for the future or bucket list items you would like to share?

I want to travel everywhere! Ric and I try to get on a plane at least once a year, and we are planning an upcoming trip to Italy soon. Our three-year-old already has a passport with stamps in it!

News from NC DKG

New International Honorary Member

Marion Blumenthal Lazan, author and lecturer, was inducted as an International Honorary Member during the International Global Awareness Conference in Mashantucket, CT, the end of July. Ms. Lazan joins 13 other living honorees as an International Honorary Member.



Ms. Lazan was born in Germany and came to America at age 13, three years after the end of World War II. "Marion began speaking publicly about her Holocaust experiences in 1979; her memoir, *Four Perfect Pebbles*, was published in 1996. Upwards of one million students and adults in schools,

organizations and houses of worship in 38 states, Germany, Holland, Israel and the UK have personally heard Marion share her story and messages of tolerance and respect," says kidsreads.com.

"An honorary member shall be a woman not eligible for active membership who has rendered notable service to education or to women and is elected to honorary membership in recognition of such service," according to the Constitution.

DKG Fine Arts Gallery Submission Window is Open

By: Tracy C. Hagan, NC Arts & Humanities Jury Liaison

Looking for a way to GROW? How about submitting to the DKG Fine Arts Gallery? The Fall submission window is August 15 - September 15, 2019.



Explore the online DKG Fine Arts Gallery at gallery.dkg.org. Browse through the chosen Spring 2019 entries in the various categories like Visual Art, Writing, Music, and Video. Check out the Documents and Tutorials which will lead you through the entire process for applying, uploading and confirming your entry.

Step out of your comfort zone and get started now! It is your time to GROW! Contact Tracy Hagan, NC DKG Arts and Humanities Jury Liaison, at haganshangout@gmail.com with questions.

DKG Members, Be Aware!

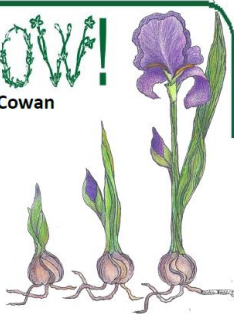


Even DKG is not immune to scammers. If you receive suspicious emails from any NC DKG officer or representative, you should not purchase items or donate funds to anything until you speak to the person you believe sent the email.

Ready, Set, GROW!

With President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan
NC DKG President

**New Construction,
Remodeling or
Renovation:
Is there a Need in
NC DKG?**



Message from our New NC DKG President

Construction, like growth, can be messy! With that as a given, ponder this question: In order for NC DKG to Ready, Set, GROW! does it need to undergo construction?

Should it be completely disassembled and rebuilt? No! New construction is not the answer.

Does it need a change to its organizational structure? No! Remodeling is not the answer?

But is it time to modernize, time to step forward while looking back to our Society's Mission, Vision and Purposes, and time to "fix" what is no longer effective? If so, it is time that NC DKG consider Renovation. Yes! Renovation could be the answer!

Renovation would encourage NC DKG to evaluate its entire structure, starting with its foundation—its Mission, Vision and Purposes. Building upon a solid foundation the Society can GROW! But what about the structural framework? If the framework is intact and functional, keep it and utilize it to its fullest potential. Next, open doors and peek behind every nook and cranny. What needs refreshed, what needs replaced, and what needs more attention to detail?

Think about the idea of renovation as you read the monthly Eta Data. In NC DKG the foundation is solid and the framework is intact, but are we utilizing both for Societal growth? Ideas presented are efforts toward just that and are attempts to refresh, replace and attend to detail.

Renovation efforts are key to NC DKG as we Ready, Set, GROW!

U.S. FORUM CONNECTION #187, JULY 2019 (Updated August 2019)

This publication is intended for your information about issues important to education, women and children. How you choose to use the information included here is up to you. This free newsletter is sponsored by the United States Forum of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is an organization of leading women educators with over 80,000 members. Delta Kappa Gamma members wishing to subscribe to this FREE newsletter should send a request to the editor Angela O. Bedenbaugh at Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com. We urge you to share this newsletter with other interested individuals who are not members of Delta Kappa Gamma or members who do not subscribe to this publication.

ALTERNATE REGULATION

A relatively recent scientific advance called CRISPR (pronounced crisper) allows genes to be modified. It has been described as being like using a pair of scissors to modify genes by adding genetic material or deleting genetic material. In November 2018 a Chinese physician used CRISPR technology to alter genes in two human embryos which were fertilized in vitro. This has caused an uproar in the medical/scientific community. Although there would seem to be little objection to using this therapy on adults past child bearing age, using the technique on children or anyone of child bearing age could result in passing on the alteration or some distorted form of it to subsequent generations. If you recall cloning was first experimented in 1996 using a sheep named Dolly. The reason for this experimentation using an animal was to avoid causing unexpected problems with the procedure. Most animals have a much shorter lifespan than humans. (Dolly lived seven years.) Also, the animal could be prevented from procreating thus avoiding long-term unanticipated consequences. Alternatively, the animal could be destroyed should the experimental procedure yield potentially dangerous results. If a human showed evidence of major problems as a result of the procedure, what could be done. If there were problems with an experiment involving animals. The animal could be destroyed. This could cause a moral dilemma when applied to humans. If a human evidences major problem, as a result of the procedure, how would one decide what steps to take. Likewise, I doubt the person would opt not to have children. Another aspect possibly not considered; can the procedure be reversed? Can it be successful if this is attempted? Some CRISPR gene modification has been studied in mice.

In the recent Chinese experimentation using CRISPR two infants were the subjected to gene therapy. No permission was sought or obtained. The long-term consequences of this procedure can be guessed at, but as with many scientific experiments, there are often unexpected developments. These children will probably live for decades and in all probability, they will have children. Presumably use of CRISPR gene modification will be regulated by governments in the future. We see how slow that can be especially with regard to a complex medical scientific procedure. In this case consequences of this action might not be noticed until decades after CRISPR was used. In the meantime, the scientific and the medical communities have the means to regulate this experimentation by controlling publication in scientific journals and by refusing the person/team from making presentations at scientific meetings. For more complete information on this subject go to https://www.inkstonenews.com/science/scientist-he-jiankui-defends-gene-editing-babies-leaves-questions-nanswered/article/2175418?gclid=CjwKCAjwm4rqBRBUEiwAwaWjjFLxRXrGoxhyLH_oXcV82-4QtTYyVuLtkEPIAGuZPpkcATZE1CpSdRoC85UQAvD_BwE

Medicare and PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Although the cost of prescription drugs was one of the few things on which the parties agreed, (H.R.991 and S.25, H.R.860) All pf these bills are still in committee and none has not been brought to the floor for a vote in either house. It is estimated that 40% of Americans either didn't fill prescriptions, skipped doses or cut pills in half in an effort to make the medication last longer. Consider a person I know who cut her daily doses in half to save money. She ended up in the hospital for a week. (What is cheaper, subsidizing the expensive medication or paying for a week in a hospital?)

FORUM FACEBOOK PAGE LINK

For those of you desiring discussion of legislative topics there is a U. S. Forum Facebook page online at <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum>

FORUM WEB SITE: <http://www.usforumdkg.org/>

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