



Lambda News

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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*

President's Message

We usually look forward to springtime every year. It's the end of winter, grass turns green, flowers bloom and we emerge from our winter hibernation by enjoying the longer sunny days. This year major changes have taken place. The government has asked us to stay home, closed many businesses, beaches, and limited gatherings to 10 or less. We may be missing that face-to-face interaction with family, friends, and students. Regardless of the changes we are "forward, moving ever". The Lambda Executive Board had met twice during the COVID19 situation, teleconference and virtually. We are continuing to carry out DKG business, moving forward and growing. I look forward to seeing and talking with you at our virtual meeting May 30. Stay Safe and Healthy.

~Christina Wilkins



Meeting Information

May 30, 2020 (11:00 - 12:30) via Google Meet

September 26, 2020 Pembroke

December 5, 2020 Lumberton

Reminders:

June: Membership dues for 2020-2021

Spring 2020 Gallery

Submission Periods

Jan. 15th - Feb. 15th

Aug. 15th - Sept. 15th

Form can be found on the DKG website
(under apply/submit)

<http://gallery.dkg.org/index.html>

Rinse and Read

Lambda Chapter's Rinse and Read project is ongoing with the collecting of reading materials - such as magazines and books - donated by Lambda members. They are dispersed to Laundromats and other such places to promote literacy in the community.

Pictured are some of the items members donated at the February 2020 Meeting



Lambda Chapter Officers

Christina Wilkins-President

1st VP-Cynthia Hayes

2nd VP-Valerie Hammonds

Dee Motz-Treasurer

Kay McArthur-Corresponding Secretary

Ellen Wilkerson-Recording Secretary

New Officer Inductions will be held during the May 30th virtual meeting via Google Meet

2019-2021 NC DKG Theme

Ready, Set, **GROW!**

Cultivate fellowship with **G**enerations of DKG members

Nurture membership with **R**esearch-based strategies

Energize members with **O**pportunities for leadership

Develop chapters with **W**ell-defined programs

You **GROW!**, girl!



Eta State NC Dates to Remember

Regrettably, the 2020 convention has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

Virtual Presentations coming soon - find more information about it on the NC DKG website

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

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

Time to Catch Up on Reading

NC DKG Executive Secretary & DKG Editorial Board
- Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon

Feeling too housebound? Need something to read? Consider catching up on reading the publications from DKG International. In your mail, you receive the Collegial Exchange magazine. If you haven't taken the time to read this publication, please do. Once you read your copy, you can pass it along to another educator or place them in a doctor's office for the public to see. (We hope that both options will be available when you are reading this!) You may want to take the time to go to www.dkg.org and read the current issue of the International Journal which is only online.

Links to both the Journal and the Collegial Exchange magazine are on the website. If you are interested in reading back issues, you may log into the website. You can even search the journal by topic. I encourage you to not only read these publications but to consider writing for the journal and magazine. Share your research, a book or technology review, a personal experience from your work or a program idea, or simply write a letter to the editor. Guidelines and due dates for the publications are included in each issue and on the website. Don't forget, you may read the International DKG News on the website, too.

"Voices of Influence Empowering North Carolina Women Educators"

Staying Connected

[The May 2020 edition of *Eta Data* is available here](#)

[The Summer 2020 edition of *NC DKG News* is available here](#)

Lambda Presents Supplies to Beginning Teachers

-Lambda President Christina Wilkins

Kayla Lowery, a first-grade beginning teacher at Piney Grove Elementary School, displays her tub filled with supplies donated by Lambda Chapter (Region VI, Robeson & Scotland). Supply tubs including flashcards, border, books, paper, pencils, and much more are distributed to beginning teachers at various schools in Robeson County.



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International Conference
2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
Philadelphia, PA | July 7-11, 2020
has been cancelled

Select events will be streamed online- find more information about it on the DKG International website:
<https://www.dkg.org/>

DKG News Available Online

The DKG International newsletter, DKG News, is now an "online only" publication. Sign in on www.dkg.org. Then you can read the March/April 2020 issue 77-2 HERE.

The DKG News 77-3 / May-June 2020 edition is now available at DKG International website. [Here's the link for the Flipbook version](#)



Due to the worldwide pandemic, International President Cathy Daugherty will provide weekly updates on how Covid-19 is affecting DKG.

<https://dkgpresident.blogspot.com/>

THE VIEW FROM ABOVE 7

The last week of May 2020 begs each of us to consider what lies ahead as it ushers in an unpredictable summer. Visualize your last, favorite summer day. How will that day compare to what you will experience as your favorite summer day this year?

Without closing my eyes, I can see my ideal summer day. Flipping over periodically on an almost deserted South Nags Head beach with a favorite mystery author's latest tome and an iced Diet Dr. Pepper within arm's reach, sun overhead, and a slight breeze blowing equate to summer perfection in my mind's eye. Unfortunately, it won't happen in 2020! With travel for that annual beach trip nixed (thanks to no social distancing on any of the flights) and no open slots at our favorite beach rental available till next May, that 50-year-old tradition will not be realized this summer. Nonetheless, there will be some sort of favorite day recorded by the time Labor Day rolls around. As staying at home continues to be the "new normal," my favorite summer day may be on my own deck, pictured above, surrounded by flower-filled window boxes, strategically placed Queen ferns, and yellow finches lining up for a dip in the bird bath. The book, beverage, and sun will provide the same soothing continuity of past favorite summer days.

Excerpt from [May 26, 2020](#)

Schools for Africa became the Society's first official international project in 2010. Since that time, members have donated approximately \$445,134.90 since the inception of the partnership with UNICEF USA. Currently the project works with 21 countries in sub-Saharan Africa including 21 countries: Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. The SFA mission involves providing access to quality basic education for children, focusing on girls, orphans and other vulnerable youngsters. UNICEF works through this project with governments, local authorities, communities and other partners to:

- Foster community participation in school management
- Build and improve classroom buildings and equipment
- Create safe and protective environments where children can learn and play (CFS, Child-Friendly School programs)
- Provide access to clean water and separate sanitation facilities for boys and girls in schools
- Supply exercise books, pens, proper furniture and other school and sports materials
- Train teachers to provide children with quality education and basic life skills
- Educate children about proper hygiene and HIV prevention: this knowledge is passed on to siblings, parents, and the community at large
- Provide other interventions, including but not limited to health check-ups, immunization and scholarships
- Insure a stimulating start in life to children below age five

According to UNICEF's most recent annual report on the Schools for Africa project, major gains have been made in:

- Early childhood development
- Access and retention to quality primary basic education
- Non-formal education
- HIV prevention in schools
- Education in emergencies
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Programs/Projects

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Schools_for_Africa.aspx

SEE- Support for Early Career Educators

In order to share the vision, Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide, and strengthen our Society, the Educational Excellence Committee established Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) as its second international project during the 2012 International Convention in New York City.

Why is our support needed? Education is a challenging career, and retaining quality teachers is an issue worldwide. According to Richard Ingersoll, the rate in U.S. of beginning teachers leaving the profession in the first year is a little more than 10%; with 33% leaving by Year 3 and 46% by Year 5. In addition, around 15% of U.S. teachers overall leave the profession each year. (Is There Really a Teacher Shortage, Ingersoll, 2003, p. 14)

Schools that have depended on a core of veteran teachers are seeing those teachers retire. As much is expected of a new teacher on the first day of school as is expected of a 30-year veteran. Teachers supporting teachers is crucial. Of the first year teachers assigned a mentor in 2007 – 2008, around 8% left the profession in 2008 – 2009. Of the first year teachers not assigned a mentor in the same years, about 16% were not teaching in 2008-2009 and about 23% were no longer teaching in 2009 – 2010. (Beginning Teacher Attrition and Mobility, Institute of Education Science, 2011, p. 3)

John F. Kennedy said, "In each one of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefits for everyone and a greater strength for our nations."

We truly can make a difference with our support.

SEE encourages members/chapters to be creative in support of early-career educators with a variety of strategies, such as

- giving support for phone calls and visits,
- helping with lesson plans and bulletin board ideas,
- offering advice on classroom management and parent-teacher relations; and
- providing support in appropriate and practical ways.

Start supporting early-career educators in your community today! Get a list of new teachers/educators from your local school district and list of student teachers in your area to support.

Programs/Projects

[https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Support for Early Career Educators.aspx](https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Support%20for%20Early%20Career%20Educators.aspx)

Congratulations!

Lambda Sister Nancy Johnson has recently won state awards in the Lumber River Regional Senior Games for her Photography and Jewelry Making!

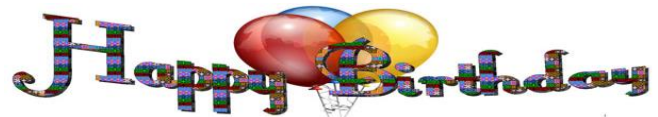


Saddletree Pow Wow
Dancer



Handmade Jewelry

Nancy's photography work was showcased in the DKG Fine Arts Gallery during the Fall of 2019 exhibit.



May:

- 11 - Robin Johnson
- 13 - Pamela Carlson, Christina Wilkins
- 15 - Deborah Brown
- 20 - Cynthia Hayes

June:

- 1 - Leslie Harris
- 6 - Sheila Gasque
- 25 - Kim Adcox

July:

- 2 - Tammy Wilkerson
- 12 - Wanda Aquire
- 27 - Dee Motz