



# THE KEY UPDATE

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## The President's Message

If you are like me, you are having a busy beginning of school. I feel like I just don't have enough time in my week! Even those that are retired are often seeking out opportunities to volunteer in some way. Maybe some are having to watch grandchildren while parents work. No matter what stage of our lives we are in, we seem to find things that keep us busy; however, we all need to stop and remember that the work will eventually get done and we can't forget to take care of ourselves. Remember to eat healthy and find time to exercise, so that our bodies remain strong and ready for all of the tasks that we are responsible for. Most of all, take time to laugh.

Laughter has been called "the best medicine", and research supports this claim. According to the Mayo Clinic, laughter can stimulate your organs, improve your immunity, and relieve pain. So spend time with people that make you happy and add more laughter to your day. Take a walk

in the woods and look for changing leaves, or invite a friend out to lunch. All of those things make us healthier while having fun. Have a wonderful September!

-Lori Holguin



### A Special Tribute

Martha Glass, passed away in July. Martha was a charter member of Beta Eta/Delta Chi and had a hand in the formation of Beta Eta. She also served as a Delta Chi President and was a faithful member until 2020.

## 23-24 Meetings

September 30 Back to School Brunch at Talia's 9am

October 23 Teresa Stone will lead a virtual meeting 4:30

December 7 Christmas Party at Central Services

March 18 Susan Blakely will lead a virtual meeting 4:30

April 9 New Member Induction at Central Services 4:30

May 10 New Officers installation 5:00 at Central Services

## Volunteer Opportunity at Wilkesboro Elementary School

Wilkesboro Elementary School needs help with their Backpack Program. Every Thursday, students that are in need are sent home with a backpack of food so that they will not be hungry throughout the week. They need someone to drive to the church each Thursday at 10:00 AM and pick up the bags of food and deliver those to the school. Someone at the church will load them into your car and someone at WES will unload the bags when you arrive at school. You will only be asked to drive and will not have to lift any bags. If you are interested, please contact DKG sister Shanna Bumgarner at [bumgarner@wilkes.k12.nc.us](mailto:bumgarner@wilkes.k12.nc.us).

# Member News

## Sandra Burchette

We have experienced a season of change in the Burchette household. Nathaniel graduated from East Wilkes High School and the NC School of Science and Math online program in June. We celebrated his accomplishments with a graduation cruise to the Bahamas! We spent the remainder of June and July preparing for college. He was accepted into UNC-CH as an Honors Carolina and Scholar student majoring in Microbiology. We moved Nathaniel to Chapel Hill in August. He went a few days earlier than most students because he is a Marching Tarheel in the Pride of the ACC Marching Band playing alto saxophone. We will be attending as many football games as possible to see him perform! Overall, college has been a great experience for Nathaniel which makes being "empty nesters" easier on his dad and me. I continue to enjoy retirement taking advantage of opportunities to enjoy time with family, Mila our Goldendoodle, friends and to volunteer.

## Brenda Anderson

In early spring my husband Larry and I enjoyed our first Viking River Boat Cruise. We flew to Prague and spent three nights. Then we met the boat in Regensburg, Germany and sailed to Passau, Krems, Vienna, and Budapest.

In July we enjoyed a special week at Kiawah Island, our favorite beach getaway, with our son, daughter in law, and little two year old grandson, Reid.

## Andrea Byers

I am so excited to have begun a new journey as principal of Mt. Pleasant Elementary School. Our school is still under construction to enclose the buildings and make it a safer place for students. This summer my family and I did our yearly trip to Florida to enjoy some sunshine. My oldest daughter got her license this spring and my other daughter got her permit. It is a busy time with all the new milestones this year.

## Susan Blakely

I had a very exciting summer! On July 8, I married Matthew Blakely at The 1915 in Wilkesboro! We enjoyed a short trip to Lake Lure after the wedding, however we are planning to take a Mediterranean cruise in October for our official honeymoon. When you see the name Susan Blakely, it's me!!!

## Katie Reeves

We enjoyed visiting family in Boston this summer. I was also given the opportunity to lead a new school, Mountain View Elementary School as principal. We also got to go the beach for some much needed sun and relaxation!



## CORNETET INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Lucile Cornetet, member of Beta Lambda Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in Columbus, Ohio, bequeathed the largest gift ever granted to The Society. Miss Cornetet passed away June 7, 2001, at the age of 92. She was a language specialist certified in Latin, French, English and Spanish. She earned a bachelor of science degree and master of arts degree at Ohio State University. She taught 39 years, including 34 years as a Latin teacher in the Columbus City Public Schools. She was a model of caring; but a demanding teacher.

As of May 2022 over \$764,000 has been granted as Individual Professional Development Awards. Cornetet Individual Awards (CIPD) will fund participation in conferences, seminars, lecture series, online courses, and workshops plus other non-degree programs. This award is given May 1 and November 1.

**Criteria:** Employed educators who meet the stated professional development definition may apply. Applicants may receive a Cornetet Award only once, but may apply up to two times a year, should earlier applications be unsuccessful.

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