

The Key Update

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Next Delta Chi Meeting is Monday, April 19 Zoom Only

*4:30 p.m. business meeting to begin
 Check Saturday's email for Zoom invite
 from Elizabeth Thornton*

Program: *An overview of Lighthouse, principals challenges during COVID, and BEE-ginning teacher certificate presentations.*

The email from Co-President Elizabeth on Saturday also included the proposed amendments to the chapter rules, which will be voted on during the meeting. She asks members to read them before the meeting and be prepared for the vote.



Jane Joines (left) and Co-Presidents Elizabeth Thornton (right) and Tamarah Cornette (photographer, not pictured) packed gift bags for current teachers as a thank you from Delta Chi Chapter for all their hard work and professionalism during the pandemic. Read more about the project on page 3.



Dues are Due May 31!

Only a handful of members have paid their dues so far, and dues are due May 31.



Not having an in-person meeting makes paying your dues hard, so please make an extra effort to either mail your dues to Treasurer Karyn Church or put them in the envelope at the reception desk at Central Services.

Delta Chi dues are only \$72, to be made payable to Delta Chi Chapter. Karyn's mailing address is 424 Goddard Lane, Millers Creek, NC 28651. *Please do not send them on the pony to Karyn.*

You may break your dues down into payments from now until May 31. If you need help or an extension of time, please let Tamarah or Elizabeth know and we can work something out.

Deadline to register for the NC DKG 2021 Convention is noon, Monday, April 19.

The convention will be held virtually, so attend from the comfort of your home! See more convention info on page 4.

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Member News

Anna Lankford: Our youngest daughter, Jessie, just got engaged! She will be marrying Tyler Stotler, son of Toby and Tamera Stotler, in June, 2022. Let the wedding planning begin!

Sandra Burchette: I am proud to share that my son Nathaniel, who is a sophomore at East Wilkes High School, has been accepted into the online program at the North Carolina School of Science and Math. He will be dual enrolled at EWHS and NCSSM.

Heather B. Pardue: What a wonderful Spring Break with the family! We took the twins to the zoo for the first time and they had a ball. They are both growing tooooooo fast. I love watching them learn, but I miss them being little, too! We are continuing to move forward little by little with renovations on our home... it's a slow process, but very rewarding whenever a project is completed.

Susan Kuenzel: Two weeks before Christmas, my son Will was diagnosed with one of the rarest form of leukemia (CMML) and it's been a rough four months. We are hopeful he will get a bone marrow transplant in May and would appreciate prayers that all goes well for him and his family.

Carol Pardue: Carol and Don have been married 68 years this year and while some days are better than others for Don, Carol is doing well. Donna, their daughter, is living with them now and that is a huge help.

Linda Wellborn: I've been doing a lot of caregiving for my husband, Dean. He has had two surgeries in the last eight months, but is doing much better now! Miss seeing my Delta Chi friends.

Sharon Guenther: Keith retired last February 1, 2020. We went on a 4 day weekend trip to Edisto Island to celebrate and when we came back home, everything shut down for COVID. We had two grandchildren at home with us for remote learning from March until the end of the school year. It was fun, and I am glad we were able to be there for them, but it was also very exhausting and taxing on the nerves. Wilkes County educators have done an amazing job with all that they have had to deal with. They are wonderful!

My sister just had some unexpected surgery, but is doing very well now. My mother continues to have health issues and is quite frail. Prayers are always appreciated.

Dr. Susan Blackburn: Matthew and Andrew are finishing up their junior year in college. Matt is a theater arts major and a percussionist with the Sound of the Sandhills Marching Band. He has performed in two campus plays this semester, and has played in a recent jazz ensemble concert. He is looking forward to coming home for the summer soon. Andrew is beginning to look at medical school options and/or considering a masters program. He has served as the Vice President of his Wesley Foundation and was in charge of fund raising this year. He is planning to stay on campus and take a physics class this summer. I am going to be a mother-in-law!! Anna was recently engaged to her long-time boyfriend, Andrew Shores. In order to have the venue she has dreamed about, they will have a September 2022 wedding.

Thanks to everyone for their thoughts and prayers while my dad was sick. Sadly for us, he passed away on February 19. We miss him dearly, but know that he is rejoicing with the Lord. Can't wait to see him again one day!!

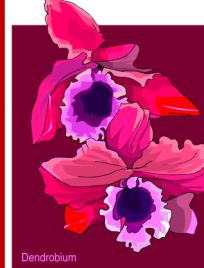
Jane Joines: Life is finally starting to feel a bit normal again since Max and I have had our vaccines. We have been to a few restaurants and getting out a bit more. We went to Isle of Palms last month and am at Sunset Beach with friends, including our sisters Peggy Martin and Brenda Anderson. Looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Continue to Keep in Your Thoughts

Norma Jean Burnette, who had breast cancer surgery in February, and has been diagnosed with Parkinson's but is doing well. She thanks her DKG sisters for the cards, food, and visits.

Lois Bentley, who continues to recover from her cracked pelvis.

Phyllis Clay, who has moved to Greensboro to be near her husband's care facility.



Tamarah Cornette's mother, who was hospitalized for three weeks with heart issues. She continues to recover at home.

Mary Belle Greene, one of our charter members, who resides at Villages of Wilkes.



The cart (left) is loaded with gift bags for our Delta Chi members still active in education and with paper for our Wilkes County Schools beginning teachers.

The gift bags, which included tissues, gum, pencils, sticky notepads, popcorn, apples, water, and chocolate, were to show our appreciation and support for their work during this challenging year. Jane Joines and Ramona Hemric led the project and retired members contributed funds to make it possible.

The paper completed our BT project for this year. Thanks to all who contributed to the projects.

NC DKG Convention

April 23 –25, 2021
Virtual attendance from the convenience of your home

Celebrating NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future

[Register today!](#)

Chapter Meeting Monday, April 19

Lighthouse certification is a high level of recognition for schools participating in Stephen Covey's Leader in Me. Delta Chi members Sandra Burchette, principal of East Wilkes Middle, and Pam Huffman, principal of West Wilkes Middle, have each led their schools in receiving this status. Learn more at our meeting Monday.

In addition, as a follow up to Mr. Byrd's perspective of the year in review last month, members Tina (Higgins) Johnson, representing high schools, and Takiyah McCathern, representing middle schools, will share thoughts about this past year from their administrative perspectives.

The email containing the Zoom link from Elizabeth Thornton came on Saturday. Check your email for it today!



The latest issue of the [DKG Bulletin: Collegial Exchange](#) is now available on the DKG website! Check it out.

Collegial Exchange promotes professional and personal growth of members through publication of their writings, including personal reflections and creative works.

Chapter Yearbook Info Needed

Anna Lankford is working on a new yearbook for our chapter and reminds everyone to please complete the second survey sent recently and to send her a picture if you haven't already done so. The survey can be found here: [DKG Yearbook Survey #2](#).

THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



Hello Delta Chi,

Hold on to your hats, 'cause here we go!! April and May are always busy months for educators and this year is no different. As far as Delta Chi, in addition to our regular scheduled meetings, we have the NC DKG State Convention, dues collections, BT awards from our Scholarship Committee, Member of Excellence Award forms due, and DKG Region IX Annual Meeting. Let's not forget Teacher Appreciation Week and Mother's Day!

The busyness that accompanies this time of year can be overwhelming. Just remember this quote by author and president of GoalsGuy Learning Systems Gary Ryan Blair, "One way or the other you're going to finish...so why not finish strong and make yourself immensely proud of your performance rather than embarrassed by your lack of it."

As we wind down the academic and Delta Chi year, let's do so with the same eagerness, effort, and enthusiasm in which we began!

Looking forward to Zooming with you!
Elizabeth and Tamarah

NC DKG Convention Begins Next Week

Excitement is building as the time nears for our 2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention. Registration ends Monday, April 19 at noon, but there is something for everyone, whether registered or not.

Activities for the convention will begin on Tuesday, April 20, with virtual tours of Region XI, the host region. Watch the NC DKG website and Facebook page daily around noon for the posting of the links. Also posted daily beginning Tuesday, available for everyone, will be Virtual Showcases, highlighting the awards for chapters and members, such as Golden Key and Communications Excellence Awards, and the Ceremony of Remembrance. (See the chart below.)

The Virtual Marketplace, also available for everyone, will open on Friday. Watch the website and Facebook for the link. The marketplace will feature items for purchase from chapters and a means to donate to the [Knickers for a New Life](#) convention project and Pass the House for Headquarters.

Convention Virtual Tours and Showcase Schedule	
Tuesday, April 20	Virtual Tour: Penland School of Crafts
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Communication & Marketing Awards
Wednesday, April 21	Virtual Tour: Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Golden Key & Rising Star Awards
Thursday, April 22	Virtual Tour: Blue Ridge Parkway
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Chapter Achievement Awards
Friday, April 23	Virtual Tour: Asheville Restaurants and Irresistible Escapes
	Virtual Showcase: Ceremony of Remembrance
Saturday, April 24	Virtual Tour: John C. Campbell Folk School
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Chapter Presidents
Sunday, April 25	Virtual Tour: Nantahala River Whitewater Rafting
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Regional Directors

Registered members will receive an Events Logistics document via email a day or two before the convention officially begins on Friday. It will have links to the meetings and workshops needed to fully participate in the convention.

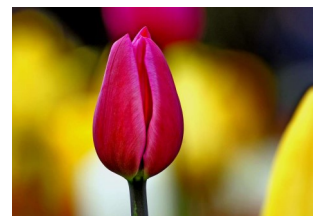
This is a great opportunity for chapter members to experience a state convention without traveling! Register today!

Two International Conferences This Summer

International President Becky Sadowski invites everyone to join one of the International Conferences this summer.

The Portland, OR, conference will be held July 7-10, and the conference in San Antonio, TX, will be held July 21-14. Final decisions on the format of the events will be decided soon but it is very likely both will be hybrid, with some activities virtual and some in-person.

Log in to the [DKG website](#) and click on the [Events](#) tab for more info.



State Committee Interest Form Online

NC DKG committees carry out the operations of the organization, setting goals and working for the betterment of members. Presidents select committee members based on interests and skills. If you are interested in serving on a state committee for the coming biennium, fill out the [NC DKG Committee Interest Form 2021](#) found on the state website in the "New on the website..." box on the lower right. Learn more about the committees by clicking on them under the More → Committees tab on the top right.

Lori Holguin, Dr. Susan Blackburn, and Susan Kuenzel serve on state committees now.

Become active on the state level. NC DKG needs you!

Mark the Dates

Apr. 19	NC DKG Convention registration deadline
Apr. 19	Delta Chi Chapter meeting
Apr. 23-25	NC DKG Virtual Convention
Apr. 26	ASK Time for chapter presidents
May 1	Delta Chi Member of Excellence forms due
May 1	Delta Chi photo permission forms due
May 1	Deadline for applications for Cornet Individual PD Awards
May 1	NC DKG News deadline
May 11	DKG Founders Day
May 15	Bulletin: Journal submissions due
May 17	Delta Chi Chapter meeting
May 31	Chapter dues payment deadline

Delta Chi Facebook page:

[facebook.com/deltachichapter](https://www.facebook.com/deltachichapter)

Delta Chi website:

<https://deltachinc.weebly.com/>

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