

The Key Update

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Chapter Meeting Dates

2022

Monday, April 11

Monday, May 9

Meetings will be held in the Board Room of Wilkes County Schools Central Services and on Zoom unless announced otherwise. Social time and refreshments will be from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m., with the business meeting starting at 4:30. In-person attendance is planned (contingent upon virus protocols in place), and Zoom attendance will be offered again this year.



Linking the Past, Present and Future
 2022  Asheville
 ... Together Again

NC DKG Convention
 April 29-May 1
 Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort
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April Induction of New Members Your Attendance is Requested!

One of the strongest benefits of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma is the sisterhood and sense of belonging to a group of like-minded women. The connections created and friendships forged can be life-long. Let's help our new members feel that benefit during their induction at our meeting this coming Monday, April 11, in the Board Room at Central Services.

COVID has calmed and we are able to have in-person meetings again. Come to the meeting Monday—wear your mask if you feel more comfortable—but the Delta Chi officers encourage you to make that extra effort to come out in person to the meeting. The induction ceremony is one of the most special in our Society! Make it memorable for our five new members by meeting them and welcoming them into our chapter.

Dues are Due

Chapter dues are due! Bring your check to the meeting Monday afternoon, give them to Co-president Tamarah Cornette, or mail them to Karyn Church at 424 Goddard Lane, Millers Creek, NC 28651. (Karyn asks that you not send them to her on the pony.)

Dues are \$72, which includes international and state dues, scholarship fees, and \$2 for Headquarters. Make checks payable to Delta Chi.

Dues need to be paid by May 31 to avoid being dropped from membership. Contact [Karyn](#) or [Tamarah](#) with questions.

Thanks for doing this soon to make the dues process easier!

Paper Drive Continues for BTs

Our annual spring paper drive for BT Support is underway! Bring your reams of paper to the meeting on Monday.

We are supporting 39 Beginning Teachers in Year One, so we need lots of paper to ensure we have enough to give generously to our BTs.

Paper may also be sent on the pony to Lori Holguin in Central Services or left in our drop box in the lobby of Central Services.



This is one way to support our chapter even if you cannot attend meetings—donate today!

Volunteers Still Needed for MerleFest Parking Lot!

More volunteers are needed for our parking lot project at MerleFest, April 29 - May 1:

3 people on Thursday from 2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
2 people on Friday from 3:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
3 people on Friday from 7:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m.
4 people on Saturday from 3:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Volunteers will receive a free day's pass to MerleFest for the day you work. Workers do not have to be Delta Chi members, so ask friends or family to come help you! You may go, come work, and go back!



See Sharon Guenther at the April meeting, call her at 336-667-5352, or [email her](#) to sign up for a time. Thank you to those who have already volunteered!



NC DKG Convention This Month

The NC DKG Convention will be held in Asheville April 29-May 1, 2022, at the Crowne Plaza Resort. This will be the first in-person convention in a couple of years, and state leaders are looking forward to seeing you there.

[Registration](#) is open, and the deadline to register to be guaranteed meals and materials is April 10. There will be on-site registration for a slightly higher fee. Registration is through a Google form and may be paid by check or credit card. Detailed information is on the [registration form](#).

Contact NC DKG Executive Secretary [Elizabeth Miars](#) with questions regarding registration and Convention Treasurer [Leslie Black](#) about payments.

Hotel reservations may be made by calling the toll-free number 1-844-330-0296 (24/7) and mentioning the group name "Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma." The special group rate is \$155 for two queen beds and only applies to Friday and Saturday nights. Reservations may also be made online at [Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma](#).

MANNA FoodBank is the convention project this year. MANNA FoodBank, part of Feeding America, works to end food insecurity for students and families in Western North Carolina (WNC). Every \$1 donated to MANNA helps provide four meals for people across WNC. The registration form includes the link for donations or donations may be made directly at <https://donate.mannafoodbank.org/>.

THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE — What's Your Why?

Greetings Sisters,

Parents are our first role models. Growing up I watched my parents serve organizations steeped in tradition—my mother Eastern Star and my dad Masons. When I think about why I chose to accept the invitation to join Delta Chi, of course I think about their examples of dedication and involvement. Actually, there's more to my decision than that. In 2008, when I was contacted about joining, my calendar was already full! I had a busy career, church commitments, a teacher/coach/athletic director husband and two sons, one at Central Middle and one at East High, each playing three sports. With a schedule like that, the last thing I needed was another commitment. Or was it? I realized most everything I did revolved around my family and what was missing was something for me...separate from them. Delta Chi affords me the opportunity to fellowship with women educators, to support causes important to me, and to be a part of something with a legacy of supporting education and educators.

As we prepare to induct new members, I hope you take time to reflect on "your why." As you do, my hope is it will renew your Delta Chi spirit and strengthen your personal commitment to our chapter and organization as a whole.

In sisterhood,
Tamarah

Member News



Linda Greene: I want to thank you, all my Delta Chi sisters, for the thoughtful cards, phone calls and kind gestures during the passing of my only sister Wanda. The expressions of sympathy were so comforting. I am truly grateful for the love and friendship.

Brenda Anderson: We are enjoying our precious grandson, who will be eight months old in a few days. We just wish we could see him more—they live in Raleigh.



Reid James Anderson

We have had to cancel two trips we had planned because of COVID and the war in Ukraine. My sister and I did visit our brother, who lives in Melbourne, FL, in February. We had a great time, went to Savannah on our way home.

We are adding a patio on the back of our house and look forward to enjoying it this summer, spending time with friends and family.

Andrea Byers: I am learning lots as assistant principal at Wilkesboro Elementary School. I definitely love all the hugs, smiles, and notes that get me through the week. My oldest daughter Isabelle just got her learner's permit to drive. My youngest daughter just finished her 8th grade cheer season and my son is loving his new school as well. We went to Universal Studios in Florida after Christmas this year (Disney is getting too expensive) and had a great time exploring Harry Potter scenery.

Susan Blackburn: I have lots going on these days. Lori Holguin and I just returned from a quick trip to Cancun. We had a fabulous time! Matthew and Andrew will be graduating from Campbell and Wake Forest respectively in May, and Matthew is getting married June 11! My retirement trip to Europe was rescheduled to May of this year, so Pat Mazza and I are flying off to Germany, Budapest, Prague and Austria for two weeks. We are very excited!! My daughter Anna is marrying the love of her life in September. We are finalizing plans now. I'm loving this season of life!!

Hannah Peacock: Spring is here which means we are buzzing at MFES with preparation for Kindergarten Fun Times/screening, upcoming EOGs and more! We are excited to be "back to normal" with students and staff and have had so much to celebrate this year! We have daily successes with students and love to see them growing! The LETRS training (literacy) we are all doing has brought about some great conversation and even better teaching practices!

My family and I are ready for Spring Break. We have planned a trip to Saint Augustine for 6 days and might even try to sneak in a day at Disney which Price (4 1/2) and Piper (9) are not aware of yet.

Anna Lankford: We are busy planning for our youngest daughter's wedding. Jessie will marry Tyler Stotler (son of Toby and Tamera Stotler) on June 18! Lots of little details to take care of before then. We look forward to growing our family!

Jammie Jolly: I am seeking a seat on the Wilkes County Board of Education. I worked for the Wilkes County school system for 28 years and have been blessed to work with many wonderful teachers and sister DKG members. The knowledge and courage I gained from these strong women helped me take the next step in my career—as a School Improvement Director for Winston Salem Forsyth County Schools. During my career in education I have witnessed many changes. Some good, some not so good, but through them all I have learned so much. I love Wilkes County. I am a proud member of DKG. I am a Christian saved by Grace. I am a breast cancer survivor. I am a wife and mother. I am a teacher at heart. Thank you for your consideration and support!

Keep in Your Thoughts...

Linda Bentley
Elizabeth Thornton
Norma Jean Burnette
Carol Pardue
Mary Belle Greene
Jean Tugman
Others with family concerns



One Rules Proposal for State Convention

The Rules Committee will be submitting one proposal to the convention floor for a vote. The Finance Committee submitted the proposal to add a rule to Section E. General Rules for Finance that reads, "In addition to the Treasurer's name, the names of the President and Executive Secretary shall be added to the Available fund and Headquarters banking accounts."

Delta Chi members with thoughts on this should contact Co-presidents Tamarah Cornette or Elizabeth Thornton so they will know your opinion before they vote during the Executive Board meeting. If approved by the Executive Board during its meeting on Friday, the proposal will be presented to the general assembly during the Second General Meeting on Saturday morning.

Still Time to Register for International Convention

The DKG Convention is planned for July 12-16, 2022, in New Orleans. [Registration](#) is now open—log in to the DKG website and click on the Events tab. Early bird registration ends June 12.

[Book hotel reservations](#) for the Sheraton New Orleans on Canal Street using the [link](#) on the DKG website. Let NC DKG Executive Secretary [Elizabeth Miars](#) know if you plan to attend.

Mar/Apr DKG News Online Now

The Mar/Apr issue of *DKG News* is now available online for members. It features the 120 proposed amendments to the *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* that will be discussed at the New Orleans convention, July 12-16, 2022.



Because there has not been an in-person convention since 2018, some proposals have been carried forward with the proposer's consent and others are new submissions. Pages 11-85 deal with the proposals.

Download this large edition from the Publications → [DKG News page](#) once you are logged into the DKG website.

The Move is Complete

As of March 1, 2022, the move from the brick building at 416 W. 12th Street, Austin, that DKG has called Headquarters for many years, is complete. Headquarters staff is still intact, working on a hybrid schedule and meeting the needs of members as usual. While it was bittersweet to leave the building, DKG Executive Director Nita Scott says she looks forward now with excitement. (See more of her comments in the Mar/Apr *DKG News*, page 4.)

Mark the Dates

Apr. 10	Deadline for Early Bird Registration for state convention
Apr. 11	Delta Chi Chapter meeting
Apr. 25	ASK Time for chapter presidents
Apr. 29-May 1	NC DKG Convention, Asheville
Apr. 30	Dissertation Recognition due to International
May 1	Chapter Member Excellence Forms due
May 1	Cornetet Individual PD Awards applications due
May 1	NC DKG News deadline
May 9	Delta Chi Chapter meeting
May 11	DKG Founders Day
May 15	Bulletin: Journal submissions due
May 15	New Chapter Officers Report Form 110 due
May 31	Dues due to treasurer
June 4	Deadline to submit Member Art Gallery form for international convention
June 12	Early bird registration for NOLA convention ends; price increase of \$100
June 18	New Leader Training for incoming chapter leaders



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