

The Key Update

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Next Delta Chi Meeting is Monday, March 8 Zoom Only

4:30 p.m. business meeting to begin

Watch for Zoom invite in email from Elizabeth Thornton on March 5

***Program:** Ceremony of Remembrance for Dr. Essie Hayes and Etta Idol,
Treasured Roses who passed away since our last meeting, plus
updates and news from Wilkes County Schools Superintendent Mark Byrd*

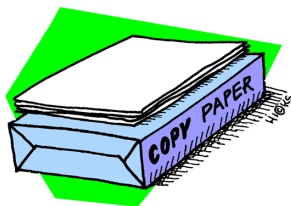
The email from Co-President Elizabeth on Friday will include the agenda, minutes, treasurer's report, budget proposal, strategic plan and a script for the Ceremony of Remembrance. Watch for that important chapter info.



BT Project – Paper Needed

Our spring paper drive is underway for our Beginning Teacher Support Project.

Paper is slow coming in so far, and since we will not meet in person in March, please make an effort to drop off your reams of copy paper to our DKG bin in the Central Services entrance lobby by March 8. The bin is located directly in front of you when you enter. Co-Presidents Elizabeth and Tamarah ask that you *please* sign the participation sheet when you drop-off your paper.



In January, BT gifts included two boxes of tissues, two packs of gum, purse-sized hand sanitizer, purse-sized tissues, and an updated chapter brochure. Thanks to all who donated.

The paper collection is our last BT project this year so please help us make it a successful one!

Dues Collection Underway

Dues are being collected now for next year. Delta Chi dues are only \$72, to be made payable to Delta Chi Chapter, and mailed to Treasurer Karyn Church, 424 Goddard Lane, Millers Creek, NC 28651. *Please do not send them on the pony to Karyn.* You may also give them to Co-Presidents Tamarah Cornette or Elizabeth Thornton or drop them off at Central Services to be put in an envelope at the reception desk. Dues are due by May 31. You may break your dues down into payments from now until May 31. If you have trouble paying, please let Tamarah or Elizabeth know so help can be provided.



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Red Roses of Congratulations to:

Lori Holguin on receiving an NC DKG Educational Foundation grant for \$500. Lori's proposal is for translators that students who speak no English can use in their regular ed classes so that they can communicate and understand the lessons.



Lori teaches ESL at Millers Creek Elementary.

Member News

Brenda Anderson: I have some exciting news! I am going to be a grandma! My son Christopher and his wife Jessica are expecting their first child in August. They told us the good news at Christmas. Since Christmas, they have found out it is going to be a boy! They live in Raleigh.

Jane Joines: Max and I are happy to have completed both COVID 19 vaccinations! We are finally starting to slowly get back into the swing of life. We are grateful that we have been together at home and are doing well. I am looking forward to attending our Delta Chi meetings in person! Looking forward to seeing all of you very soon!

Dr. Frances Tharpe: I am expecting another great-granddaughter in May! Haley is delighted to bring us little Braylen Kate Bell. My first great-granddaughter, Eva Marie Tharpe, will be two years old in August. My grandson Grant is in the last year of his Doctoral Program.



Continue to Keep in Your Thoughts



Norma Jean Burnette, who had breast cancer surgery in February. Her address is 1708 Park Place, Wilkesboro, 28697.

Norma Jean's daughter Susan had emergency surgery for appendicitis the week of Norma Jean's surgery, so keep both of them in your thoughts.

Lois Bentley, who fell and cracked her pelvis recently. Her address is 134 N. Oakwoods Trce, Wilkesboro, 28697.

Dr. Susan Blackburn, whose father passed away February 19. Her address is 118 Oak Crest Circle, North Wilkesboro, 28659.

THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Hopefully everyone is off to a happy and healthy 2021. Not wishing our lives away, but we could all probably agree it is nice to see 2020 in the rearview mirror.

As the old year rang new, as is custom with most, we anticipate the new year by making resolutions. While googling the subject, and getting a little side-tracked, I came across the following quote from Stephen Covey, American educator and author of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, "Without involvement, there is no commitment. Mark it down, asterisk it, circle it, underline it. No involvement, no commitment."

This made me think of the many "things" I hold dear, one being Delta Chi. How can we be involved and committed to our chapter and Delta Kappa Gamma as a whole? Look no further than your Member of Excellence Form! Working or retired, young or seasoned, newbie or veteran, we all make decisions about our membership journey. We're hoping your journey is one of involvement and commitment.

Looking forward to seeing you via Zoom on March 8.

Elizabeth and Tamarah

NC DKG Preparing for State Convention

State leaders and the Convention Planning Committee are making final preparations for the 2021 NC DKG Convention to be held virtually April 23-25. Registration is now open and the first 350 registrants will receive an iconic 2020 convention bag. Those registered will also be able to vote on amendments to the *NC DKG Bylaws* and *Standing Rules* and participate in workshops, general sessions, and the voting for officers. Registration ends at noon, April 19. The registration form may be found at <https://bit.ly/2021NCDKGConvention>.

There will also be activities for those not registered beginning Tuesday. Each day that week will feature virtual “tours,” recorded showcases, zooms, and activities around the state that all members can enjoy anytime. These will also continue throughout the weekend and be available later as well.

NC DKG Convention

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

**Celebrating NC DKG: Past,
Present, and Future**

Workshop presentations being
sought, can be live via Zoom or pre-
recorded. See the application for
more info:

<http://bit.ly/21workshops>

Convention Project is Knickers for New Life, a Schools for Africa Project

Knickers for New Life has been chosen by Region XI as the 2021 NC DKG Convention Project. Knickers for New Life (KFNL) partners with schools in Uganda to keep girls in school by providing knickers (underwear), sanitary supplies, separate latrines, handwash stations, and mosquito-repellant soap. Thousands of girls miss a week of school a month because of the lack of these basic sanitary supplies. The results are life-long.

Choosing KFNL as the convention project celebrates the 10th anniversary of DKG’s partnership with Schools for Africa. Only \$35 will meet the needs of a girl in a Ugandan school for a year, and 100% of the donations to KFNL will go to the non-profit ministry. Learn more at knickersfornewlife.org.

Donations to the convention project can be made in the Virtual Marketplace from April 23 through April 30 or during registration. Join Region XI to make this a successful project!



Mark the Dates

Mar. 8	Delta Chi Chapter meeting
Mar. 8	Last day to donate paper for the BT spring project
Mar. 15	Convention workshop presentation application due
Mar. 15	Ads for convention program due
Mar. 15	NC DKG EF Gray Scholarship applications due
Mar. 25	Convention vendor forms due
Mar. 29	ASK Time for chapter presidents
Apr. 1	Convention workshop’s link or recorded session due
Apr. 2	Convention registration with mailed materials deadline
Apr. 19	Convention registration without mailed materials 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	Deadline for applications for Cornetet Individual PD Awards
May 1	NC DKG News deadline
May 11	DKG Founders Day
May 15	<i>Bulletin: Journal</i> submissions due
May 17	Delta Chi Chapter meeting
May 31	Chapter dues payment deadline

Delta Chi has a new
Facebook page!

facebook.com/deltachichapter

Like and follow our new page.

Thanks to Elizabeth Thornton for updating our presence on social media.



Check out our

Delta Chi website:

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

Thanks to Belinda Marino, webmaster, and Tamarah Cornette for keeping it updated!

Presented by the Leadership Development Committee

“Spa” Afternoon is Part of Convention Plans

Relax with friends in a special Saturday afternoon “spa” session at the NC DKG convention. “Rejuvenating the Leader within for Inspiring the Leader in Others,” presented by the Leadership Development Committee, will take place April 24, from noon to 5:30 p.m. and “will be limited to an intimate number to enhance participation,” said Carolyn Coram, committee chair.



Look for a specific option for this leadership event on the registration form for the virtual NC DKG Convention. Contact Carolyn Coram at sailingcoram@gmail.com with questions.

DKG Headquarters Update

In on-going efforts to keep members informed about the sale of DKG Headquarters, President Becky Sadowski has shared the following information.

In late January, DKG leaders, along with the buyer’s team and the realty advisory group representing DKG, met with the Austin City Planning Commission. After presentations by the Austin Historic Landmark Commission, DKG members and leaders, and the buyer’s team, the Commission voted on two critical decisions: the historic designation for the DKG property was denied, and a recommendation for Downtown Mixed Use (DMU) rezoning was approved without any conditional overlays, such as height restrictions.

These decisions clear the way for approval of a demolition permit and hopefully approval of the DMU rezoning by the Austin City Council when the case is heard at its meeting, currently scheduled for February 18. Within the next few months, more information regarding these and other next steps will be made available as soon as possible.

The Administrative Board will begin considering potential future sites for a new headquarters in the Austin area as the process moves into the final stages. At that time, feedback from members and staff will become critical.

Taking the Survey Encouraged

International President Becky Sadowski is asking members to take the survey on the DKG website to help guide the decisions about this summer’s conferences. She says, “As we move forward with planning for 2021 international conferences, we are offering an opportunity for members to share their thoughts regarding attendance at these DKG events. After members sign-in on the DKG website, they should look in the upper right section of the page to find a survey question that we hope members will complete. The question is longer than usual, so members will need to scroll down on the question to submit their response.”

The survey question changes periodically, so if this particular question about the conferences is not still up, please answer the one that is there. All input is valuable to planning and operations.

ELP TIP—Teachers Involved in Policy

Educational Law and Policy Committee offers this **TIP** for meeting with a legislator:

After you set up your meeting with a legislator, determine the role for each participant. Designate a group leader and let each person present an issue or main message. Practice for the meeting ahead of time.



Gray Scholarship Due March 15

The NC DKG Educational Foundation reminds members that the Marilyn F. Grinwis Gray Scholarships for those majoring in Music Education or Elementary Education, sponsored by Theta Chapter, are due March 15. The application is on the [Foundation website](#).

Please share this information with ones you might know who would qualify.



For comments or questions regarding *The Key Update*, please contact Editor [Susan Kuenzel](#) or one of the co-presidents: [Tamarah Cornette](#), [Elizabeth Thornton](#)