

The Key Update

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Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

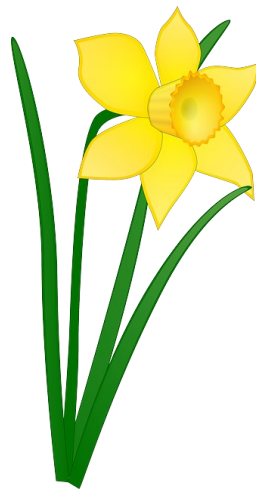
2022

Tuesday, March 1

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.



Next Meeting is Monday, March 1

Our first Delta Chi Chapter meeting of 2022 will be held Monday, March 1 in the Board Room of Central Services. It will again be an in-person and virtual meeting. A recording of it will be posted on the website later. Watch your email soon for a Zoom link.

New member nominations and a slate for new officers will be presented. No vote will be taken on either until the April meeting so all members have a chance to review them. We will begin collecting dues and supplies for our Beginning Teacher Project so bring your dues (see page 2) and copy paper to the meeting. You may also send your copy paper on the pony to Lori Holguin at Central Services or drop it in the box in the lobby.

The Finance Committee will provide light refreshments for those attending in-person, beginning at 4:00. The meeting will begin at 4:30. With COVID restrictions being lifted, we hope to see everyone there!

Linking the Past, Present and Future

2022

... Together Again

NC DKG Convention

April 29-May 1

Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort

See page 2 for more info!

MerleFest Volunteers Needed!

Delta Chi will man the parking lot behind Sagebrush for the 17th year in a row during MerleFest, April 29 - May 1, 2022. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and needs everyone's support to make it successful. Volunteers will receive a free day's pass to MerleFest for the day you work.

During the postponed MerleFest in September, only 10 Delta Chi members signed up to work, which left project leader Sharon Guenther scrambling to fill slots. We need people to work 2:00-6:00 p.m. on Thursday and 3:30-7:30 p.m. and 7:30-10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Thanks to those who have already volunteered for the other slots.



Money earned from this project funds our on-going projects, such as the New Century Scholars grant, the Beginning Teacher Awards in the spring, a grant to a teacher assistant working on a teaching degree, or our grants to Delta Chi members to attend workshops or conventions.

See Sharon Guenther at the March meeting, call her at 336-667-5352, or [email her](#) to sign up for a time. Thank you for making this fundraiser successful so we do not have to do other projects to earn money!

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Pay Dues Before May

Delta Chi Chapter dues are among the lowest in NC DKG! Only \$14 of our dues stays with our chapter.

Dues are \$72, which includes \$40 international, \$15 state, \$1 scholarship, and \$2 Headquarters in addition to the \$14 chapter portion. You may pay any portion of that \$72 at the meeting or by mailing your dues to Treasurer Karyn Church at 424 Goddard Lane, Millers Creek, NC 28651-8744. Karyn asks you **not** to send dues on the pony but you may give them to either Co-President Tamarah or Elizabeth and they will get them to Karyn.



Make checks payable to Delta Chi Chapter.

Copy Paper is Spring BT Project Collection Item

We are supporting 39 Beginning Teachers in Year One. We need donations of copy paper for our spring distribution. This is always a much-appreciated item since many teachers are out of paper in the spring.

Reams of paper may be brought to the March and April meetings, sent on the pony to Lori Holguin in Central Services, or left in our drop box in the lobby of Central Services.

Be generous and let's shower Wilkes County Schools BT1s with lots of copy paper! Thanks!

THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Greetings Sisters,

"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want—oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!" -Mark Twain

We don't know about you but with each passing day we long for spring's arrival. There's beauty in each of our seasons but the lengthening of days, warmth, flowers, and more outside time lifts one's spirits. Along with all these seasonal gifts, spring offers opportunities to support Delta Chi and NC DKG unlike any other. It is a busy season—voting on and inducting new members and installing officers. In April we will park cars for MerleFest and some will attend the state convention. We'll present three BT awards. Most importantly, we hope by the end of May you will have made the decision to pay dues and continue your Delta Chi journey.

We are stronger together. So, let's keep up the good work...**together!**

See you soon!

Elizabeth and Tamarah

NC DKG Convention Coming Soon

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 Food Bank 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/>.

International DKG President Becky Sadowski will be our special guest and will be the speaker at the Saturday night Presidents Banquet.



Member News

Linda Bentley shared with Tamarah (and gave her permission to share with us) that she was diagnosed with Stage 1 breast cancer in December. She had a successful lumpectomy and will have a series of radiation treatments in the near future. During this same time she was dealing with her brother's declining health and passing on February 1. FYI...her 87th birthday was Thursday, Feb. 3rd.

Ramona Hemric: I have been working with two projects recently that are near and dear to my heart. Our Cool Springs Baptist Church's Women's Missions Organization (WMO) had the opportunity to send some love and encouragement to the staff of C.B. Eller School during the holidays. The ladies sent quite an assortment of homemade cakes, cookies and candies for the staff to enjoy. To help the staff with a school-wide reading initiative, we wrapped 300 books so each child would receive a personal copy of Dr. Seuss's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* to take home for Christmas break. Our little church on the hill also served as a drop-off site for Operation Christmas Child, contributing 75+ boxes ourselves.

Elizabeth Thornton: I want to thank all of you who have been lifting me up in your prayers and sending cards of encouragement through my cancer experience. My last radiation treatment is Wednesday, Feb. 23, after which the chance of cancer returning is reduced to 1%. It will be 3-6 months before my body heals from the chemo, but I should start feeling better and getting stronger during those months. Thanks again--I love you all.

Keep in Your Thoughts...

Linda Bentley as she continues her treatments for cancer.

Elizabeth Thornton as her body heals from chemo treatments.

Norma Jean Burnette

Carol Pardue

Mary Belle Greene

Jean Tugman

Others with family concerns



Jane Joines: Max and I are doing fine but spend too much time in dentist and doctors offices! I have tried to pick up my exercise classes at the YMCA (in between appointments!) I continue to chair the Hand In Hand Ministry from Wilkesboro United Methodist Church to MFES. It keeps me be pretty busy but it blesses my soul. I am dreaming of travel and hope that we will be able to go somewhere fun in the not too distant future. I live for times with my children and grandchildren. They bring me such joy! I look forward to seeing every one soon!

Sharron Huffman: I guess my big news is that I am running for re-election to the Wilkes County Board of Education and would appreciate any support from Delta Chi. If anyone needs a yard sign, I would love to bring them one. Just contact me and a sign will appear.

I will miss the meeting on March 1st. I am having my second ablation of Cervical Vertebrae 4-6 nerves at 1:45 in Clemmons at the Spine Center.



Dr. Frances Tharpe, who was selected for inclusion into the Wilkes Hall of Fame. She is being honored for her 43-year career in education. The induction ceremony will be held May 19.

Lori Holguin, whose article "The 'Reluctant' Leader" was published in the 2021 Volume 88-2 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*. The article is found on pages 20-22. (The *Collegial Exchange* is a print journal, mailed to every DKG member quarterly.)

Susan Kuenzel, Editor of *NC Data* and the immediate past chair of the International Communications and Marketing Committee, who has been invited by International President Becky Sadowski to be a member of the Elections Committee at the international convention this summer in New Orleans.

Strengthen Your Links Through



Membership

View your membership as an opportunity and a blessing rather than a burden. Who will miss you if you're not at a meeting? Everyone! Women are counting on you to engage with, to share ideas with, and to have genuine spiritual fellowship with. Be present and available!

Your Membership Tip of the Month is brought to you by the NC DKG Membership Committee, Dr. Susan Blackburn, chair.



Leadership Links Everyone



The most important qualification to becoming a leader is not knowledge, charisma, or creativity. The most important trait is willingness. Just be willing to step in and fill a role and the rest will fall into place. You do not need to know how to do it all; you just need to be willing to try.

This Leadership Tip of the Month is contributed by Leadership Development Committee Chair [Lori Holguin](#).



A True Leader Among Us... Let's Follow Her Lead

NC DKG lost a faithful member and strong leader in December when Susie Miller of Alleghany County lost her battle with COVID. Susie had served on several state committees and was always willing to do whatever was asked of her with a smile. She was chairing the state Membership Committee at the time of her passing.

Delta Chi Past President **Dr. Susan Blackburn**, another leader who serves with a smile, agreed to lead the Membership Committee until the end of the year. Susan, a past member of the state Membership Committee, is already serving NC DKG as Regional Director for Region IX and as World Fellowship Liaison. We thank Susan with a big bouquet of roses for her willingness to step up.



As Educational Excellence Committee members contact you this week or next about taking on a leadership role in Delta Chi, please use Susan as your inspiration! Remember you are never alone when serving—someone will always help!

Estate Sale and Online Auction of Austin Headquarters Items

The following information is from DKG Executive Director Nita Scott about the sale of items from Headquarters in preparation of the move from the present building that has been sold:

As you may know, we are entering the final stages of vacating the Headquarters building at 416 W. 12th Street and moving to a new, leased space farther north in Austin. Per the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Disposition of Society Documents and HQ Furnishings and as approved by the International Administrative Board, an in-person estate sale will be held in the building at 416 W. 12th Street on February 19 (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. CT) and 20 (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. CT).

You can access the website of the company handling the sale via the following link:

<https://www.estatesales.net/TX/Austin/78701/3172371>

High-value items that are not furnishings will be included in an online auction following the sale. Furnishings and other items not considered eligible for the online auction will be donated to a local charity if they do not sell in the sale on the 19th and 20th.

Please let me or International President Becky Sadowski know if you have any questions or need further information.

Gray Scholarships Now Available

The NC DKG Educational Foundation is happy to announce that The Marilyn F. Grinwis Gray Scholarship, sponsored by Theta Chapter, is now available for music education students and elementary ed majors in all NC colleges and universities.

Information about the [scholarship](#) and the application are available on the ncdkgef.org website. The due date for applications is March 15, 2022. Five \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded. Share this news with others!

Tribute to Honorary Member Betty Winslow

Betty Stone Winslow, Delta Chi's first honorary member, passed away December 23, 2021. Betty had been a member for 28 years.

DKG honorary members are women who are "not eligible for active membership, who have rendered notable service to education or to women and are elected to honorary membership in recognition of such service." (*NC DKG Bylaws*) Betty was selected for membership because she was an instructor in the radiological program at Wilkes Regional Medical Center. Although honorary members do not pay dues, Betty always contributed that amount or more to our chapter during dues collection time.

We appreciate Betty's contributions to Delta Chi and to education in Wilkes County. We will honor her with a Ceremony of Remembrance at the April meeting.



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Delta Chi Facebook page: [facebook.com/deltachichapter](https://www.facebook.com/deltachichapter)
Delta Chi website: <https://deltachinc.weebly.com/>

Mark the Dates

Feb. 28	ASK Time for chapter presidents
Mar. 1	Delta Chi Chapter meeting
Mar. 1	Bulletin: Journal submissions due
Mar. 1	DKGIEF Project applications due
Mar. 6-8	National Legislative Seminar, Washington, D.C.
Mar. 15	Deadline for vendor and ad forms for the state convention
Mar. 28	ASK Time for chapter presidents
Mar. 29	Group rate for convention hotel reservations ends
Apr. 1	Deadline for postmarks for mailed convention registration
Apr. 11	Delta Chi Chapter meeting
May 1	Chapter Member Excellence Forms due
May 9	Delta Chi Chapter meeting
May 31	Dues due to treasurer

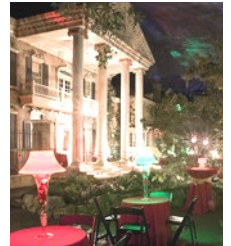
Registration Now Open *Busy, Fun DKG Convention Planned for New Orleans in July*

The July 2022 DKG Convention is shaping up to be a busy, educational convention, yet with time to explore the host city of New Orleans.

The opening General Meeting will officially kick off the convention at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, followed by social time at the famed Sazerac House. There will be five General Meetings to conduct Society business spread over the five days, plus six breakout sessions, three takeaway sessions, the Celebration of Life ceremony, and regional breakfasts, where NC DKG's Star of the Southeast will be announced.

Courtney Clark, author and motivational speaker, and Ingvi Hrannar Ómarsson, Icelandic entrepreneur and educator, will be [guest speakers](#). The Marketplace, with a variety of vendors, will be open Thursday and Friday at assigned times.

The DKG International Educators Foundation will host a behind-the-scenes look at Mardi Gras with a fundraiser at [Mardi Gras World](#) on Wednesday night. Attendees will enjoy many photo ops with the floats and multiple catered food stations in the Grand Oaks Mansion on site. Add this event ticket during registration.



[Registration](#) is now open for the New Orleans convention. 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.

Attending the NOLA Convention?

NC DKG members attending the International convention in New Orleans in July are asked to let Executive Secretary [Elizabeth Miars](#) know so that she can book dinner reservations for a fun evening of socializing. The [Schedule at a Glance](#) lists Thursday and Friday nights as open for state organizations to schedule their events.