

The Key Update

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Last Chapter Meeting of the Year

Monday, May 9, 2022

The last chapter meeting of the 2020-2022 biennium will be held in the Board Room of Wilkes County Schools Central Services and on Zoom.

The program will feature the installation of new officers and member recognitions. The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m., with a reception and social time following the business meeting.

Come out to thank the retiring officers and to support the incoming officers!

Wear your mask if you feel more comfortable. There is enough room to spread out so hope to see you there!

New Members Inducted

Delta Chi Chapter inducted five new members at its April 2022 meeting in the Board Room at Central Services. Participating in the induction ceremony were Co-president Tamarah Cornette, First Vice President and Membership Chair Lori Holguin, Parliamentarian Sharon Guenther, NC DKG Region IX Director Dr. Susan Blackburn, 50-Year Member Linda Bentley, and Member Ramona Hemric.



Inducted were (left to right above)

- ◆ **Shanna Bumgarner**, ESL teacher at Millers Creek Elementary;
- ◆ **Chasidi Welborn**, a teacher assistant at West Wilkes Middle and West Wilkes High;
- ◆ **Dara Kinkopf**, education major at UNCC;
- ◆ **Rebecca Kilpatrick**, 5th grade teacher at Ronda-Clingman; and
- ◆ **Robyn Hibbard**, ESL teacher at Central Wilkes Middle and Wilkes Central High.

Make these ladies feel welcome! They are already assuming roles in our chapter and proving they will be active members!

Delta Chi was well-represented at the NC DKG Convention last weekend!
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**Special thanks to all who volunteered at MerleFest!
 It makes our fundraiser more successful
 when each one does her share!**

Delta Chi Shines at NC DKG Convention

While many of our Delta Chi members were working our MerleFest parking lot project, some were representing our chapter at the NC DKG Convention in Asheville, April 29-May 1, 2022.

Friday night during the Opening General Meeting/Awards Night, **Delta Chi** was recognized with a Superior Chapter Achievement Award from the NC DKG Awards Committee and a Communications Excellence Award from the NC DKG Communications and Marketing Committee.



Lori Holguin, incoming president of Delta Chi and chair of the NC DKG Leadership Development Committee, was honored with a Rising Star Award. “The NC DKG Rising Star Award,” states the NC DKG *Standing Rules*, “is intended to recognize and encourage key women educators in their early years of active membership in NC Delta Kappa Gamma. These members demonstrate exceptional growth in education, leadership, and contributions to the organization consistent with our Vision and Purposes. Rising Star nominees reflect strong potential for successful leadership at the chapter and state levels and beyond. Five NC Delta Kappa Gamma members meeting the standards of this award will be honored each year at the state convention.”
Congratulations, Lori!

Dr. Susan Blackburn represented Delta Chi at the Executive Board meeting on Friday afternoon. Also, as chair of the NC DKG Membership Committee, Susan led the Ceremony of Remembrance planning and program on Sunday morning. Susan is also serving as World Fellowship representative for NC DKG and is outgoing Region IX Director.



Dr. Susan Blackburn, left, present Region IX Director, is pictured with Debbie Merritt, incoming Region IX Director

Linda Little, an NC DKG Past President, conducted the “First Timers Gathering” on Friday evening before the Opening General Meeting for attendees who had never attended a convention. There were about 50 First Timers at the convention. Linda also sang in the convention chorus.



Newly inducted Delta Chi collegiate member **Dara Kinkopf**, a senior education major at UNCC, pictured left at the podium, gave the Closing Inspiration at the end of Sunday’s Birthday Brunch. Dara, although naturally nervous before the assembly of 200 members, was motivating and received two standing ovations! Convention Chair Connie Savell commented, “Dara charmed everyone!”

Collegiate members are the newest classification of DKG members. Candidates for that level must be in graduate school or in the final two years of pursuing a degree in education and have the intent of continuing academically and professionally in the field of education. Dara is Delta Chi’s first collegiate member and one of only *seven* collegiate members in NC DKG. The other classifications of membership are active, reserve, and honorary.

Thanks to these Delta Chi members for representing our chapter in these outstanding ways at the convention!

Keep in Your Thoughts...

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



Dues are Due

Chapter dues are very slow to be paid this spring! Less than one-fourth of our 64 members have paid their dues so far!

Bring your dues 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. 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.

Dress for Success Convention Project

International may be taking a page from NC's handbook—there is a convention project local to the convention city!

Dress for Success New Orleans' "mission is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life."

The project asks attendees to bring a professional handbag filled with interview-appropriate jewelry, unopened makeup or cosmetics, and a cash or check donation to Dress for Success New Orleans. Include a note of inspiration such as "you've got this," "believe in yourself" or "stay strong." Drop off your donation to the DKG collection area (near registration) at the Sheraton New Orleans either Tuesday, July 12, 3:00-6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 13, 7:00-8:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., or Thursday, July 14, 7:30-8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Read more about Dress for Success New Orleans on the [DKG Convention webpage](#) or the pdf linked there.



If you are not planning to attend the convention but have gently used or new items you would like to donate, [Susan Kuenzel](#) will be happy to take those for you.

THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Greetings Sisters,

Summer is just around the corner, school will be out soon, and those of you working in schools will hopefully get some needed rest. It has been my privilege to work with Tamarah Cornette as Co-president this biennium. I have been an officer for the entire eight

years of my membership. I stepped into the position of secretary my first year to fill in an open position. The last eight years have really opened my eyes to what DKG is all about and made me appreciate what goes on behind the scenes. I encourage all members to be willing to step up to a leadership role, and I say thank you to all who have led in the past.

Thank you for your support during my cancer experience. I hope to see you at the May meeting.

In sisterhood,
Elizabeth

Mark the Dates

May 9	Delta Chi Chapter meeting
May 11	DKG Founders Day
May 15	<i>Bulletin: Journal</i> 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
July 1	Beginning of new DKG year and new biennium for chapters
July 12-16	International Convention, New Orleans, LA

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