

The Key Update

Newsletter of Delta Chi Chapter, Wilkes County, NC
 Region IX of The North Carolina State Organization

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PLEASE
 WEAR A MASK



*Contribute: see page 3
 for items needed for
 Nichols for Kids and our
 BT project*

Next Delta Chi Meeting is Monday, Nov. 16 Zoom Only

*Wilkes County Schools Central Services Board Room
 4:30 p.m. business meeting to begin
 Zoom invite in email from Elizabeth Thornton on Nov. 13*

*Program: Angel Bell, social worker, and April Marr,
 WCS Director of Student Services
 Nichols for Kids*

THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Greetings Delta Chi Friends!

Well, it's easy to tell Thanksgiving is around the corner because the stores are filled with Christmas merchandise, many are decorated for the season and XM Radio is playing holiday music! Where has this year gone? It's hard to believe two meetings are behind us. We have been extremely busy and pleased with participation thus far. We've fed Wilkes County new hires, collected items and delivered them to first year teachers, inducted eight new members, honored our Treasured Roses, met with committees, disseminated grant-in-aid information to our teaching assistants, and voted in the election. Amid a pandemic, we continue to support each other, teachers and education as a whole. Way to go Delta Chi. WE ARE ESSENTIAL!!

As we anticipate our third meeting, Elizabeth and I look forward to seeing you on Zoom on Monday, November 16. We are eager to hear from Angel Bell, WCS Social Worker, and possibly April Marr, WCS Director of Student Services, to discuss one of the causes we support, Nichols for Kids. In preparation, we asked Ms. Marr to share data concerning the status of children in Wilkes County. Two data points that stood out are, "56% live in poor or low income homes and 23% live in households that are food insecure." Realizing this, it's essential we support our social workers as they diligently work to meet the needs of our children. Items needed are included in this issue of *The Key Update* (page 4). As we consider our individual donations, let's also consider how we can multiply support as a chapter.

In closing, our holidays may look quite different this year, but each of us will be warm, fed and loved. With that said, suddenly many of our concerns, worries or other 'things' seem small when we realize how blessed we are.

In Sisterhood,
Elizabeth and Tamarah

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Red Roses of Congratulations to:

Heather Williams on being named as one of two Best Teachers in Wilkes County in the Best of Wilkes 2020 voting.

Also to **Heather**, Mount Pleasant Elementary, on being awarded one of 28 mini-grants through The Wilkes Education Foundation for her proposal "Cross Curricular Learning."

Jenny Cockrell, Millers Creek Elementary, on receiving one of The Wilkes Education Foundation mini-grants for her proposal "Hands on Learning = Fun Learning."



Refreshments

Thanks to the Membership Committee members who were to bring refreshments for the Monday meeting. We appreciate your willingness to contribute!



Because we will not meet in person in November, we will skip the Membership Committee and stick to the schedule. The Finance Committee will have refreshments in March.

Chapter Member of Excellence Award

Co-Presidents Tamarah Cornette and Elizabeth Thornton have initiated a Delta Chi Member of Excellence Award to recognize members' contributions through their attendance, participation, financial contribution, and sharing.

The award form lists 34 different ways members can earn points, such as meeting attendance, wearing name badge, sharing member news in *The Key Update*, paying dues on time, donating to state projects, or visiting the DKG website.

The form was distributed to members in attendance at the October meeting and attached to an email to all members from Elizabeth on November 13.

Contact Elizabeth or Tamarah if you have questions! Record your points monthly to make it easier to keep track of them! Thanks for all you do for DKG.

International Educational Projects Grant Applications Available, Due January 3

Learn more at:

[https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/DKGIEF/Funds/Educational Projects/DKGIEF Educational Projects.aspx](https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/DKGIEF/Funds/Educational%20Projects/DKGIEF%20Educational%20Projects.aspx)

You can do it. You must apply to be considered!

Mark the Dates

Nov. 15	990-N ePostcard due to IRS by chapter treasurer
Nov. 15	Nominations for NC DKG officers due
Nov. 16	Delta Chi Chapter meeting—virtually only, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 20	NC DKG EF A Day of Giving (see above)
Nov. 30	ASK Time for chapter presidents
Dec. 1	Deadline for proposed changes to state <i>Bylaws</i> and <i>Standing Rules</i>
Dec. 15	<i>Bulletin: Collegial Exchange</i> submissions due
Dec. TBD	ASK Time for chapter presidents
Jan. 3, 2021	DKG Educational Foundation project applications due (see above)
Jan. 15	Regional Directors annual report due
Jan. 25	ASK Time for chapter presidents
Jan. 31	Due date for donations to Delta Dollar\$
Jan. 15-Feb. 15	Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open
Feb. 1	Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Annual Report due
Feb. 1	Nominations for Founders Award due
Feb. 1	Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards applications due
Feb. 1	Scholarship applications due for NC DKG & DKG International



Plan now to submit to the Arts & Humanities Gallery

Window will be open for submissions Jan. 15—Feb. 15.

The [DKG Gallery of Fine Arts](https://www.dkg.org/DKGIEF/FineArts) is an online publication and display for DKG members' creative works—photography, painting, drawing, sculpture, crafts, writing, music and videos.

Visit the gallery and see what others have contributed and plan to submit your creative work!



Member News

Jane Joines: Max and I are staying in and avoiding crowds as much as possible. We really miss EVERYONE and pray that things will get better soon. At this time of Thanksgiving, we realize, as difficult as this is, our family is all well and we have much to be thankful for! I miss you, my Delta Chi friends. God Bless! PS--Max and I celebrated (at home) our 30th anniversary in 2020!

Renee Gentry: My son, Alex, was awarded the Eagle Scout award in a ceremony on October 3, 2020, at Benham Baptist Church. Alex completed his Eagle project in November of 2019, and we had planned a spring ceremony, which was delayed due to COVID restrictions. The Eagle project was a veteran's memorial stone listing all of the church veterans, installing a new flag donated by Woodman of the World, and a dedication ceremony honoring the church veterans last November. We are so proud of Alex and all that he has accomplished!



Susan Blackburn: Please pray for my dad who has been diagnosed with male breast cancer. It is stage 2. He has a PET scan on Nov. 13 and then a revisit to the oncologist on the 16th to determine treatment.

I have moved over to the new Samaritan's Purse Capin Building as the front desk receptionist. It is a beautiful facility. I feel blessed to be part of this wonderful ministry!!

Matthew and Andrew have been able to remain at college despite cases of COVID-19. Both colleges have done a remarkable job with sanitation and quarantine. The boys are counting down the days to Thanksgiving break!!

Lord willing, Anna will graduate from Surry Community in the spring with an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice.

Frances Tharpe: I am still staying in a lot, helping some family members get to doctor appointments—and planning for a new great-grandchild in May 2021!

Amber Bryant: Hello! Our family has enjoyed the extra time at home, but long for a bit more normalcy. Our daughter Stella is excited to go back to school everyday and loves school as much as she always has. My husband is working from home and I began a new journey at East Wilkes High School this year as their instructional specialist and testing coordinator. Well wishes to you all!

Amber Faw: I am thankful that my family has avoided this terrible virus and pray it remains that way! I have adjusted to remote learning and have found new ways to engage my students in class and remotely at the same time. Just trying to stay healthy and positive! :)

Linda Little: We are still hosting Phillip and Sheri at our house while they await inspection and approval for their new home in Caldwell County. Having them during this pandemic has been a blessing. Craig loves seeing them in the afternoons and I no longer watch Hallmark movies because Phillip has me watching episodes of The West Wing and The Crown! My ping pong skills have also improved, but Phillip shows no mercy to his aged mother.

Elizabeth Thornton: The Thornton household has stayed safe from COVID-19 so far. We do a lot of yard work and eat out occasionally. It has given us more time with our daughters because of their changed working situations. Our Wilkesboro house finally sold in July, and now we're thinking about some home improvement projects for our Sunset Drive home.



Ramona Hemric: We have two new puppies at our house as of November 1. They are Aussiedoodles—a boy blue merle named Blu and a black and white girl named Indi. They are keeping me very busy!



*You are a DKC member because
someone thinks you are
a key woman educator!
It is an honor to be a member!*

Heather Pardue: The twins turned 3 on Halloween! ...not sure how that happened! It's exciting and also breaks my heart at the same time. They are growing and learning so much daily. During these crazy times, it warms my heart to have innocent, happy, beautiful children to come home to everyday. As a family, we are looking forward to a wonderfully blessed holiday season filled with love, laughter and joy. Children really help me keep in perspective just how good life really is and for that I am thankful.

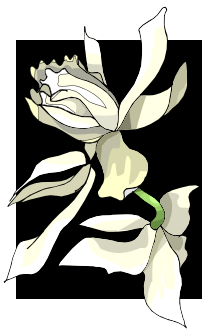
Lori Holguin: I am recovering well from my ankle fusion. I am still unable to put any weight on it so I am getting around with crutches and a knee scooter, but hopefully everything will be healed enough on December 8 that I can begin learning to walk on it. I will have to do some physical therapy and since I have had to be non-weight bearing for three months, the muscles have atrophied and it will take some time to walk again without crutches or a cane. The good news is that after physical therapy I will be able to do most of the things that I did before and they do not think I will have a noticeable limp. I will not be able to run though, so I won't win any races! Thank you for the cards that I received and the messages of support. I love DKG and am so glad that I am a part of this group.

Sharron Huffman: Ronald and I will be going into quarantine this weekend, after his COVID test, prior to his total knee replacement on November 18. I want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Our thoughts are with...

Etta Idol has gotten very weak. Her daughter Sharon is able to visit with her most days as an "emergency worker." Some days Etta is silent but some days she is her sweet self, always doing the best that she can.

Etta turned 98 in June and is our chapter's oldest member. Etta's address is Vienna Village Assisted Living #35 6601 Yadkinville Rd. Pfafftown, NC 27040



If you know of an illness or death or a celebration of a member, please share it with us. Kaye Lamb is sending cards for the chapter. Let [Tamarah Cornette](#) or [Elizabeth Thornton](#) know if someone needs remembering!



Special Presentation

Amber Faw, right, presented a BEE-ginning Teacher Recognition Award to Daniel Ferguson at the October meeting. Amber commended Daniel on his good attitude and willingness to go the extra mile for his students. Amber and Daniel teach at Central Wilkes Middle School. Thanks to Amber for taking time to recognize a fellow teacher's work!

The BEE-ginning Teacher Recognition Award is an on-going project sponsored the NC DKG Beginning Teacher Support Committee.

Support Delta Chi Projects Bring to meeting or drop by Central Services:

Needed for Nichols for Kids:

- Leggings - Girls (small, medium, and large), Juniors (small, medium, large, and x-large)
- Jogging pants - universal, any sizes boys and girls, children, and adult sizes, any color

For BT Project:

- Regular-sized boxes of Kleenex, and
- Gum

Even if you aren't able to attend meetings, you can participate in chapter activities by donating items needed for projects! If you need help getting items to Central Services, contact an officer.



Happy Birthday Sunday, November 15, to
Martha Glass!

A little birdie says she will be 92 years young!

State and International News

Successful Virtual Event Celebrated

The NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting, shared with all members through the *Every Member Counts* virtual event on October 24, 2020, was a fun day of business, workshops, and sharing. President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan presided.

Attending from Delta Chi were co-presidents Tamarah Cornette and Elizaeth Thornton, Region IX Director Dr. Susan Blackburn, NC DKG Past President Linda Little, *Eta Data* Editor Susan Kuenzel, and Lori Holguin, a member of the state Leadership Committee.

The meeting was a mix of live and recorded segments but flowed seamlessly throughout the day, receiving very positive feedback from attendees.

Voting took place through Google forms on two motions—to establish a task force on regional directors and to transfer ownership of the Scholarship Fund and the Pauline Moser Longest Leadership Development Fund to the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Both passed.

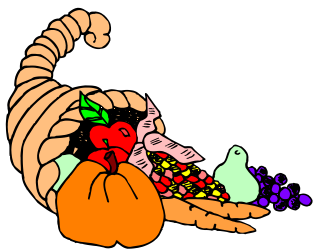
Votes earlier by the Executive Board approved Greenville as the location of the 2022 convention and the dissolution of Rho and Beta Sigma chapters.

Almost 250 members registered for the event and about 170 attended either on Zoom or live streaming through YouTube. Workshops in the afternoon had an average of 35 attendees per session.

Before the virtual event began, Regional Director Dr. Susan Blackburn met with Region IX presidents at 8:30 a.m. and shared three modules:

- Module 1-Attributes of a Healthy Chapter
- Module 2-Embracing Diversity and Creating a Unified Culture
- Module 3-Creating an Attraction

[Documents and links](#) to videos and recordings of the day's events can be found on the NC DKG website. All members are encouraged to participate in activities of the state and can view the videos.



Happy
Thanksgiving

Delta Dollar\$ Project Initiated

In the spirit of fellowship that DKG is known for, NC DKG is collecting donations to support members in Louisiana who have been hard hit recently by hurricanes. NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan announced the statewide project during the *Every Member Counts* virtual event on October 24.



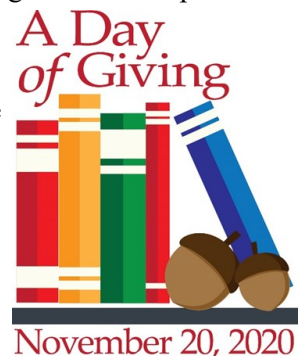
Louisiana suffered under Hurricane Laura, a powerful Category 4 storm, which was closely followed by hurricanes Delta and Zeta. NC DKG members stepped up to offer support. Many remember the flood of donations to NC members and schools ravaged by Hurricane Florence in 2018 and wanted to pay it forward.

Everyone can help with donations to Delta Dollar\$ now through January 1, 2021. Contribute online at <https://nc-dkg.square.site/> or by mailing a check to NC DKG Treasurer Leslie Black at 4715 Little Mountain Road, Catawba, NC 28609. All donations will go directly to the Louisiana State Organization.

Learn more on the [NC DKG website](#).

A Day of Giving for NC DKG Educational Foundation

The NC DKG Educational Foundation has designated Friday, November 20, a Day of Giving. It is their hope that on this single day, \$5,000 will be raised to fund grants for NC teachers. Because of the unique challenges in education, it is more important than ever to support the Foundation's mission to provide grants for educators across our state. A \$5 donation to the Foundation will show teachers you care. Please mark your calendars for November 20.



Click on the [donate button](#) on the ncdgef.org website to give and be a part of A Day of Giving.

Show you care on November 20—donate \$5.

State and International News

Motivational Stress Relief for Educators

Comedy is a perfect way to de-stress and unwind, so neighboring Tennessee State Organization (TNSO) is opening their last virtual Motivational Stress Relief session to NC DKG members.

Brad Tassell, an award-winning comedian, author, speaker, and educator with a Masters Degree in Behavioral Sciences, will lead the 90 minutes of fun. His best-selling book *Don't Feed the Bully* is read by thousands of students each year. His last session will be held Tuesday, December 1, at 8:00 p.m. [Registration](#) is free. Learn more on the [TNSO website](#).

Take the C&M Committee Survey



The 2020-2022 International Communications and Marketing Committee has posted a survey on the international website and would like everyone's input. Find it by clicking on the rotator on the [DKG homepage](#) or the graphic on the left. (Log in!)

The committee will use input to develop resources and strategies to address noted communication and marketing needs. Input is requested from state and chapter editors, webmasters, communications chairs, and all DKG members. President Teresa chairs this committee.

The deadline to complete the survey is **November 20, 2020**, so don't delay!

Nov/Dec DKG News Posted



If you haven't read the Nov/Dec issue of *DKG News*, check out the [Flipbook](#) or [pdf version](#). Staying connected with all levels of DKG is important, so read the news!

Delta Chi Officers 2020-2022

[Tamarah Cornette](#), Co-President
[Elizabeth Thornton](#), Co-President
 Lori Holguin, 1st Vice President
 Rosanna Bare, 2nd Vice President
 Heather Williams, Secretary
 Karyn Church, Treasurer
 Sharon Guenther, Parliamentarian

DKG Scholarships Available

Now is the time for members to begin preparing applications for scholarships.

DKG offers as many as 31 scholarships, which are available for those pursuing advanced degrees. Scholarships for those seeking other graduate studies are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000. [Applications](#) are currently available on the Society website under the Apply/Submit tab -> Applications.

NC DKG also offers scholarships. Find out more on the [Scholarship Committee page](#).

Applications for both state and international are due February 1, 2021, so plan now!

Convention Dates

April 23-25, 2021 — NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort
July 7-10, 2021 — International Conference, Portland, OR
July 21-24, 2021 — International Conference, San Antonio, TX
July 28-31, 2021 — International Conference, Tampere, Finland
July 12-16, 2022 — International Convention, New Orleans, LA

For comments or questions regarding *The Key Update*, please contact Editor [Susan Kuenzel](#) or one of the co-presidents (listed above).

