

The Key Update

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Chapter Meeting Dates for 2022-23

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Thursday, October 13

Saturday, November 5*

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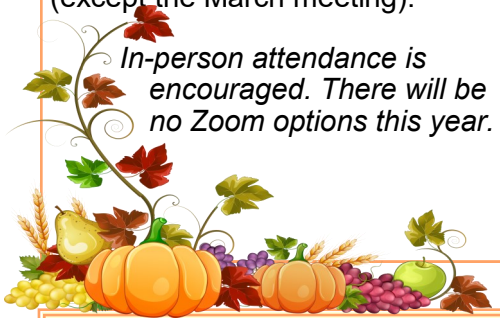
Monday, March 13*

Tuesday, April 18

Monday, May 8

Meetings will be held in the Board Room of Wilkes County Schools Central Services (except the November meeting). Social time and refreshments will be from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m., with the business meeting starting at 4:30 (except the March meeting).

In-person attendance is encouraged. There will be no Zoom options this year.



Next Meeting is October 13

Our next meeting of Delta Chi Chapter will be **Thursday, October 13, 2022**, in the Board Room of Wilkes County Schools Central Services. Refreshments and social time will begin at 4:00, and the meeting will start at 4:30 p.m. There will not be a Zoom option this year.

Dr. Phyllis Broughton, a member of the NC DKG Leadership Development Committee and chair of the 2023 state convention, will be our guest speaker. Dr. Broughton, retired Dean of Academic Affairs and Student Services for Martin Community College in Williamston, is currently a Teaching Assistant Professor at East Carolina University in the Adult Education program. Her topic for our meeting will be "Connecting and Engaging Different Generations in Chapter Membership."

Hope to see you there!

Auction Basket

The Fall basket (right) will be auctioned off at the October chapter meeting. The basket has a \$70 value and includes handmade pottery bowls, a "Thankful" plaque, and other Fall items. Prices are \$3 for one ticket or \$5 for two tickets.



Don't Forget Your BT Contributions

We will be distributing boxes of **Kleenex, dry erase markers, sticky notes, and card stock** to our Beginning Teachers (BT1s) and need contributions from all members! Bring them to the meeting or put them in the box on the left side of the lobby of Central Services or send them to President Lori Holguin on the pony.

Our goal is to collect enough of these supplies to cover 2nd and 3rd quarters so we would not have another drive until our annual paper collection in the spring. Be sure to sign the collection sheet so you get credit for your contributions if you leave them in the lobby.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Sisters,

Fall is right around the corner, leaves are changing, and we are all busy with back to school. I am in my final semester of my M.Ed. degree in school leadership, which is like student teaching. I guess you could say I am "student principaling" right now. I also have to prepare a very detailed capstone paper that involves research in my field. In addition, I am learning a new job and have had to create and conduct multiple professional developments. I am feeling a bit swamped. In the midst of trying to keep my head above water, I have had several DKG sisters throw me a life preserver in the form of much needed help. They have graciously assured me that I don't have to worry about having everything done perfectly. They have volunteered to help with my responsibilities. They have been there for me. They overlook my shortcomings. I have a lot to learn as your president. I feel that I need to read and study all of the rules and regulations. I want to do more than I am doing, but I truly have not had time. I have not forgotten you all, and if you can be gracious and understanding for just a short while longer, I can finish this degree and give you and DKG more of the time that you deserve. I will finish at the end of February, and it will be time for me to breathe a sigh of relief! In the meantime, remember that we all have things that we are going through. Some have illness or life changes. Some may be new teachers or new administrators and have to put in additional hours at



work. Some may just be going through a difficult time. Let's just be understanding of others when they are on a path that we have not walked. As far as my path, I am looking forward to it being strewn with brightly colored leaves. I love the cool weather and the beauty of the season. I hope that each and every one of you are blessed this fall.

In sisterhood,

Lori

Our 3rd meeting will be Saturday, November 5, 9:00 a.m. at Cagney's: Finding Your Roots—How to Trace Your Genealogy.

Recap of Decisions from September Meeting

The 15 members at the September meeting discussed and agreed on the following items of interest, as reported by President Lori:

Members present agreed to do a yearly induction, instead of every two years. Hopefully, that will give us a chance to have fewer slots to fill each time, increasing our pool of teachers to choose from. This year, Beth Winstead, NC DKG President, will be the one leading our induction.

Meetings will no longer offer a Zoom option. President Lori reported there were few participants on Zoom by the end of last year, and she cannot manage the in-person meeting and Zoom at the same time. She really hopes to see everyone in person!

The chapter will have four regular meetings that will follow the same parameters that have been in place. There will also be two special meetings—a breakfast at Cagney's in November and an "express" meeting in March that has no snacks, no business meeting, and will be from 5:00-5:30. It is targeting our members who are in administration, because it is difficult for them to leave school at 4:00, and President Lori wants to make it easier for them to participate.

Signing up to bring snacks is voluntary and Lori has sent a sign up sheet so you can sign up if you wish. (We had many people sign up at the meeting, so it looks like we will not go hungry!)

Participating on a committee will be optional. President Lori hopes that we have enough members that wish to be involved that all committees are covered, because it is in the DKG *Constitution* for us to have committees. We have already had some volunteer, and she is hoping many more members will want to sign up. These committee meetings will not take place during our monthly meetings. Each committee chair will contact their members and decide when and where to meet. It can be in-person or virtually. She sent a sign up sheet through email after the meeting.

It pays to come to meetings. Literally! For all members in attendance who are still working in education, we will have a drawing for a gift card. Robyn Hibbard was our lucky winner for September. Beginning in October, we will also have a separate drawing for our retired members.

If you have questions or concerns about any of the changes, contact [President Lori](#).



Member News

Dr. Susan Blackburn: It's been a whirlwind of a year. Both Andrew and Matthew graduated from college. Matthew got married in June. Anna got married in September. Andrew is working with Forsyth EMS and returning to graduate school in January. Matthew is teaching sixth grade at Harnett Middle School. His wife teaches at Harnett High School. Anna is working at the State Employees Credit Union in Dobson and is training to be a loan officer. Her husband is a deputy with Surry County. I've been blessed! As for me, I have recently left Samaritan's Purse and have taken an administrative assistant job at my church. I feel that I'm right where God would have me to be!

Kaye Lamb: My 93-year old Mother moved in with us last March. She's a joy to have around but caring for her keeps me closer to home most of the time. I miss traveling to Wilkes for our Delta Chi meetings but am there in my heart, missing you all. Recently my sister took Mom for a few days so I could travel for my birthday. Unfortunately, Mother Nature decided to send Hurricane Ian in the same direction! I was at the SC coast during the storm and I have definitely learned that I'm not hurricane material....it was scary at 69 mph winds! I can't fathom 150 mph like Florida! Feeling blessed and thankful as well as humbled by the resilience of the amazing people in Florida who lost so much. Sending well wishes to all my DKG Sisters!

Jane Joines: Brenda and Larry Anderson, Max and I are looking forward to our upcoming trip to Mazatlan, Mexico, in late October. It's good to *finally* be traveling again! I'm also enjoying being back in an elementary classroom at Moravian Falls a little this year with our Hand In Hand Ministry. It is wonderful to be back in routine with our Delta Chi sisters at our meetings! Together is a nice way to be! So thankful!

Linda Little: I'm going to the Holy Land on Oct 14-26 with Craig's sister.

Carol Pardue: Carol, who turned 90 this year, had a pacemaker put in last November and had hip replacement in March of this year and is recovering nicely. She has now made it back to church and hopes to return to a DKG meeting soon. She feels very blessed that her daughter Donna is living with her now.

Hannah Peacock: Our family (Piper 4th grade and Price Kinder) has enjoyed cheering on the ASU Mountaineers this fall! School is off to a great start and MFES is celebrating being ranked an "A" school! Lots of hard work has been put in for student and staff success.



Karen Ester: I retired at the end of last year. My husband and I are in the process of moving to Lewisville, NC. I'm excited about the move and the beginning of the next chapter of our lives!

Kim Gilley: I retired at the end of last school year. I am enjoying retirement and spending time with my family.

Lori Holguin: I have been an empty nester for a couple of years, and I must say, it was wonderful. That has all changed for the moment, though, because my daughter has moved back home, and so has her boyfriend. He has completed 2 years of a 4 year engineering degree. He is working at Lowe's Foods full time right now, saving his money, and will do a semester at Wilkes Community College beginning in January. Afterwards, he will apply to UNC Charlotte's Engineering program. For the time being, I am enjoying sharing our home with them. My son, Caleb, moved to Ireland for the year, but had to come home because they have a severe housing shortage in Dublin, and he could not find a place to live. The good news is that he was hired to work for UNC Charlotte in their Uptown offices before he even made it back to the US. He plans to pursue his master's degree in the fall.

Our Sympathies to...

Martha Glass on the passing of her daughter Pam.



Spring NC Convention Project Announced

The 2023 NC DKG Convention Project is collecting food and monetary funds for the Food Bank of the Albemarle located in Elizabeth City. The Food Bank of the Albemarle helps fight hunger and poverty in northeast NC, serving Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington counties.

The Food Bank is collecting canned items such as meats, proteins, vegetables, fruits and soups; dry goods such as pasta, cereal, rice and dried beans. In addition to food items, toiletries, personal hygiene items, toilet tissue, and laundry soap are very much needed to help families. These are necessary essentials that they cannot obtain with food stamp benefits.

There will be a table set up at the convention for items to be donated. More information can be found at <https://afoodbank.org/>.

Other convention plans are progressing also. Watch for the call for proposals to present workshops soon. Begin preparing sessions now!

Your Vote is Your Voice

Election time is here! Are you concerned about teacher pay, recruitment of high quality teachers, or retirement benefits? From the local school board to state leaders to Congress, your vote is your voice. **Early voting starts October 20; Election Day is November 8.** Find out who is on *your* local ballot at www.ncsbe.gov.

VOTE

For more news and information, check out <https://bit.ly/NCDKG-ELP> or contact [Malinda Pennington](#), chair, NC DKG Educational Law and Policy Committee.

Sept/Oct DKG News Now Online

Did you read the Sept/Oct *DKG News*? You can always find the latest issue by going to the Publications tab → [DKG News](#) once logged into the member-side of the international website.

Mark the Dates

Oct. 13	Delta Chi Chapter meeting
Oct. 27	NC DKG Founders Day
Oct. 31	Website compliance renewal Form 72 due
Nov. 1	Cornet Individual and Seminar PD Awards applications due
Nov. 1	NC DKG News deadline
Nov. 5	Delta Chi Chapter meeting
Nov. 15	990-N ePostcard deadline to IRS
Nov. 15	Nominations due for 2023-25 NC DKG State Officers
Dec. 1	Deadline to submit proposals for state <i>Bylaws/SR</i> changes
Dec. 15	Chapter directory due to regional director
Dec. 15	<i>Bulletin: Collegial Exchange</i> submissions due

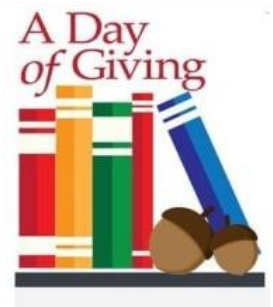
State and DKG Scholarships Due February 1

There will be two Doctoral scholarships and one Post-Baccalaureate scholarship available this year through NC DKG. Scholarship applications are due by February 2, 2023.

The [NCDKG scholarship forms](#) are linked on the state website, along with an applicant checklist.

NC DKG members may apply for both an NC DKG and an international scholarship within a given year. The membership requirement for International applicants is three years and for NC DKG applicants is two calendar years following induction. The international forms are available under the [Apply/Submit tab](#) of the [DKG member website](#).

The NCDKG Educational Foundation's Annual Day of Giving will be November 29. Every member is encouraged to donate \$5 on this day to celebrate the work of the Foundation and its impact on chapters and members in NC. Go to the website and click on the [Donation Page](#) tab.



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