

The Key Update

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Chapter Meeting Dates for 2022-23

2022

Tuesday, September 13

Thursday, October 13

Saturday, November 5*

2023

Monday, March 13*

Tuesday, April 18

Monday, May 8

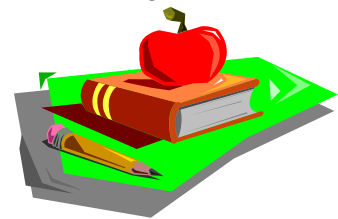
Meetings will be held in the Board Room of Wilkes County Schools Central Services (except the November meeting). Social time and refreshments will be from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m., with the business meeting starting at 4:30 (except the March meeting). (See the exceptions on page 3.)

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

First Meeting is September 13

Our first meeting of the new biennium will be **Tuesday, September 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.

President Lori Holguin is looking forward to seeing everyone and discussing some changes that she will be trying this year to hopefully involve more members. (See her column on page 2.)



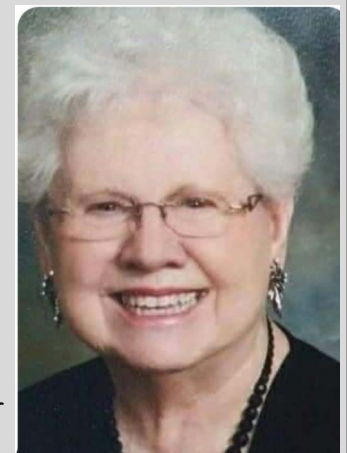
Superintendent Mark Byrd will be our guest and share an update on Wilkes County Schools. During the business portion, Lori will discuss the changes for this biennium, committee work, snack sign-ups, and additional, optional activities.

Remembering Norma Jean Burnette

One of Delta Chi's beloved Treasured Roses passed away August 15, 2022. Norma Jean Burnette, Beta Eta (now Delta Chi) president, 1996-1998, loved DKG and was active in many aspects of the Society, joining in 1984.

An outstanding educator, Norma Jean taught early childhood education for 38 years, including many years as a kindergarten teacher at Millers Creek. Her gentle manner and soft-spoken voice started many students on their paths to success, and she was loved by students, parents, colleagues, and the professional community.

In addition to being active in DKG, she was a leader in the North Carolina Reading Association, serving as president of the local chapter and later the state organization.



A Ceremony of Remembrance will be held during the September meeting to honor Norma Jean and remember her legacy for Delta Chi Chapter.

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THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



Greetings Sisters,

It is time to begin a new biennium, and I am excited to be a part of it. I hope that you all feel the same. There are some changes coming this year, as we try some new things. The executive board has gathered feedback and tried to add some engaging speakers and fun activities. During our first meeting, we will ask for even more discussion about where we want to go this year, and each member is an integral part of that discussion. We want to hear from you! We hope to have some



optional activities and more opportunities for service, as we try to meet the needs of those who are retired, as well as those who are still in the classroom. I hope that everyone will find a place to belong and activities and speakers that meet your needs. I can't wait to spend time with you all!

In sisterhood,
Lori

BT Project Collections Continue This Year

Our Delta Chi Chapter continues to collect supplies for our Beginning Teacher Project, and your help is greatly appreciated!

This year there are **about 40 beginning teachers (BT 1s)** in the Wilkes County Schools. Our first activity, the ANTS luncheon, supported all teachers new to the school system.



Boxes of **Kleenex, dry erase markers, sticky notes, and card stock** are needed for distribution. 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.

President Lori Holguin encourages all members to contribute to our on-going BT Support Project. She says you may send your donations to her on the pony or put them in the drop box on the left side of the lobby of Central Services. Please sign the collection sheet so the chapter will know who to thank!



ANTS Luncheon

Delta Chi kicked off the 2022–23 school year by serving Subway sandwiches, chips, and desserts to the new hires on August 16 at the annual Academy of New Teachers (ANTS) luncheon.

Helping serve the new hires were (left to right): Amber Bryant, Brenda Anderson, Elizabeth Thornton, President Lori Holguin, Chasidi Wellborn, Shanna Bumgarner, and (not pictured) Tamarah Cornette, photographer, and Andrea Byers.

For comments or questions regarding *The Key Update*, please contact Editor [Susan Kuenzel](#) or President [Lori Holguin](#)

Thanks to all who sent chips and/or desserts. The feedback was very favorable, and the new teachers were most appreciative.

Member News

Andrea Byers: I am starting my 2nd year as assistant principal of Wilkesboro Elementary School. My two daughters are both now at Wilkes Early College High School this year and really enjoying their high school experience. My son is starting middle school this year as well. We spent several days this summer in Florida and South Carolina. I am enjoying spending time with my family and love meeting all the students and staff at school.

Jane Joines: Max and I are enjoying this week at Emerald Isle with my children and grandchildren. The weather is beautiful and the memories we are making will last forever! Precious time!

Sharon Guenther: Thanks for all of the cards and well wishes for me after having my right hip replaced on May 27. I have healed amazingly quickly. I feel great and can get around pain-free now. So happy I finally had the surgery. Our family has had 2 great trips to the beach this summer. My grandkids are growing up way to fast to suit me, but life moves on quickly. Very blessed.

Linda Wellborn: I have had cataract surgery on both eyes this summer and seem to be healing well. Looking forward to getting a new prescription that's probably only for reading glasses. Will be good to see everyone again.



Congratulations to...

Pam Huffman and her family on the birth of daughter Courtney Dula and husband Dylan's sweet baby girl Dyllon Mae on August 5, 2022.

Red Roses and Congratulations to Shanna Bumgarner

Shanna Bumgarner, inducted at the April meeting, has received a Cornetet Award in the last round of presentations. Shanna earned one of the coveted awards to attend "The Space Age on the Space Coast" professional development session inside the Astronaut Memorial Foundation at the Kennedy Space Center in Merritt Island, FL, this summer. Shanna was one of three NC members to receive an award. Shanna had an article detailing her experiences using the Cornetet Award in the recent Fall issue of [NC DKG News](#), page 12.



Shanna teaches English language development to K-5 multi-lingual learners at Millers Creek Elementary.

Keep in Your Thoughts...

Alisa Burnette-Anderson and Linda Little on the passing of Alisa's mother and Linda's sister—Norma Jean Burnette



Meeting Dates and Programs Offer Variety

President Lori Holguin and the Executive Board have announced the meeting dates and programs for the coming year. Make note of the variety of days and mark these on your calendar now.

Tuesday, September 13, 4:30 p.m. Board Room

Thursday, October 13, 4:30 p.m. Board Room: Dr. Phyllis Broughton guest speaker. Phyllis is on the NC DKG Leadership Development Committee, is chair of the next NC DKG Convention, and had an article published in the recent *DKG Bulletin: Journal*.

Saturday, November 5, 9:00 a.m. Cagney's: Finding Your Roots—How to Trace Your Genealogy

Watch for more info and the rest of this year's dates next month!

DKG Art Gallery Submissions Open

The Fall 2022 submission window for the DKG Art Gallery opens August 15. Categories include writing, music, video, and visual arts. Application Forms, with the new July 2022 revisions, and judging rubrics are found at gallery.dkg.org/. Contact [Dedra Davis](#), NC DKG liaison to the International Art Gallery, with questions. Dedra encourages members to showcase their talents and to submit by the September 15 deadline.

NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants Applications Due Sept. 30

Applications for the fall grant cycle with the NC DKG Educational Foundation are now available. Grant proposals for funds to be used for professional or personal growth, literacy/learning projects, gifted education and fine arts projects, field trips, teacher travel, and leadership opportunities are due September 30, 2022. Don't miss out!

Details are on the Foundation website www.ncdkgef.org. Click on the [Grants tab](#) to learn more and on the specific grant for the application.

Golf Tournament Scheduled

Mark your calendars now for the Foundation's golf tournament on October 8 at the Colonial Country Club in Thomasville, and watch for more details soon.

Mark the Dates

Sept. 13	Delta Chi Chapter meeting
Sept. 24	NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting, Greensboro
Sept. 30	NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due
Oct. 1	<i>Bulletin: Journal</i> submissions due
Oct. 8	NC DKG Educational Foundation golf tournament
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. 5	Delta Chi Chapter meeting



New International Officers Installed at New Orleans Convention in July

Dr. Debra "Debbie" LeBlanc of Illinois is the new DKG President. Joining her on the Administrative Board are Connie Rensink, Texas, First Vice President; Dr. Beverly Hall, Tennessee, Second Vice President; Dr. Teresa Cowan, North Carolina, Southeast Regional Director; four other regional directors; two members-at-large; two area representatives; Dr. Helen Popovich, Parliamentarian; Becky Sadowski, Immediate Past International President; and Nita Scott, DKG Executive Director. See the complete list under the About Us tab → [Administrative Board](#) once logged in to the member side of the website.



Dr. Debbie LeBlanc, 2022-24 International President

Proposed Amendments to DKG Constitution Voted On

One hundred twenty amendments to the DKG *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* were proposed to be discussed and voted upon at the International Convention July 12-16, 2022, in New Orleans. Not all of them were presented, however, and state organizations are waiting to get the final changes made to DKG's guiding documents.

A motion passed on the second day to pull select, more critical proposals for discussion and vote after only a handful were voted upon the first day. Among the proposals passed were some on committees, scholarships, the DKGIEF, membership, leadership training, and finance. Notable among those that directly impact chapters were the striking of the induction fee and clarification of the definition of Collegiate Membership.

After much lively and passionate debate, one proposal that did not pass was the option for retaining state membership without belonging to a chapter.

Proposals not brought before the convention included changing the name of the Society, adding another issue of the *Collegial Exchange*, and recognizing co-presidents for chapters.

Watch the DKG website for more information on the adoption and changes to the *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules*.