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### ***Mission Statement***

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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### ***President's Corner***

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As the 2020–2022-chapter president of Delta Rho, I want to thank all the members for making Delta Rho successful. As EDUCATORS, we handled the challenges of 2020-2022 the same way we would handle challenges in our classrooms. We made plans; we changed plans; we made new plans. That's what EDUCATORS do best.

How did we make these "COVID" years successful? We changed how we met -virtual May 2020-May 2021; in-person October and

December 2021, and virtual again February 2022. We modified how we funded our Recruitment Grant and book purchases for the hospital. We had a raffle for our members for a beach weekend at Terry's beach house for the 2021 Recruitment Grant. Fortunately, we were able to meet in-person with Gamma Sigma for our 2021 Christmas Bazaar. When we had to cancel the spelling bee in 2020, we worked with our spelling bee teams to use the registration fees already submitted to purchase the books. In March 2021, we had to cancel the spelling bee again. In response to **The Sanford Herald's** article "Fundraiser canceled again; organizers look for support", we received several contributions from the community. We were able to have this year's spelling bee with some modifications based on current COVID restrictions. We made new plans. To raise money, we had raffles at our meetings.

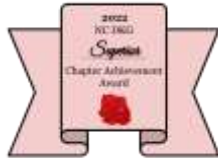
Overall, 2020-2022 was a challenging time; we got through these years. With all our members working together, we can continue to make our chapter a successful one in 2022-2024.

*Linda Truitt*  
President, Delta Rho



## Meeting Calendar

Thursday May 5, 2022 5:30pm  
Jonesboro Presbyterian Church



## Delta Rho News



### Spelling Bee Is Back

On Monday, March 21, the Delta Rho Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held the 22nd annual Beginning Life with Books Spelling Bee at the Dennis Wicker Civic Center. The Bee welcomed 23 teams, several being first time participants. Jimmy Randolph presided as our Bee Master. The event was the first in person Bee since 2019 and was a huge success!

A few things looked a little different, with the pandemic beginning to wane but not yet finished. While we did not have our traditional display of finger foods and beverages available for participants and guests, we did provide individually packed “snack bags” and bottles of water for each participant at their tables. We also had to shift from our traditional use of helium balloons for the tables to use of balloon stands and air-filled balloons. It worked out nicely and the tables looked great! We also had a huge balloon arch over our Bee Master to add to the festive look!

The Bee went into double overtime for the first time in Bee history! When we were down to 3 teams, one team rose as the winner. The First Calvary Baptist Spellers defended their first-place title earned in 2019 and won again this year! We then had two teams going into double overtime for the second-place title. In the end, the Jonesboro Presbyterian Youth then took the second-place trophies. A fun fact about this group - they were represented by a

FAMILY of spellers Ashley and Ricky Secor and two of their oldest daughters, Eleanor, and Hattie.

Thank you to everyone who donated funds for the trophies and refreshments, came to help decorate, volunteered as table judges, and recruited teams! It was a beautiful team effort, and we look forward to many more years of the Bee and continuing our commitment to provide copies of Goodnight, Moon to every baby born at Central Carolina Hospital.

**Next meeting information** – May 5, 2022, at 5:30 pm at Jonesboro Presbyterian Church. Hostesses: Bianka Stumpf, Jeanne Buie, Melanie Hawes; Invocation: Bonnie Siegner; Devotion: Julie Randolph.

**Program** - Induction of New Members and Installation of 2022-2024 Officers.

### Committee Reports –

**Membership Committee** - The Membership Committee will host an orientation meeting for nominees on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. New members will be inducted at our Delta Rho meeting on May 5, 2022.

**Nominations Committee** - New officers will be installed at the May meeting: Co-Presidents Patricia Pemberton and Linda Truitt; 1st Vice-President Ginger Harris; 2nd Vice-President Debra Groce; Recording Secretary Janice Thompson, Corresponding Secretary Bianka Stumpf.

**Recruitment Grant-in-Aid Committee** - We have not had any scholarship applicants as of yet.

**US Forum Committee** - Click on the following link for a recent K-12 legislative update: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NCSEB/bulletins/311a42e>. “North Carolina Pathways to Excellence for Teaching Professionals” may be of particular interest as it is a draft model for teacher licensure. Future and past updates are available here: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/news/k-12-education-legislation-and-reports>.

**Birthdays:** Wendy Bryan 4/21, Linda Smith 4/23, Bonnie Siegner 5/11, Lisa Chapman 6/13.

**Membership dues**-Membership dues can be paid at the May meeting or mailed to Terry Norris [136 Steel Bridge Road Sanford, NC 27330](mailto:terry.norris@delta-rho.org). Active members’ dues \$104; Reserve members \$23, and Initiates \$114. Deadline for dues is June 30, 2022.



# NC DKG News



## World Fellowship Makes a Difference

By: Dr. Susan Blackburn, NC DKG World Fellowship Rep

NC Chapters, thank you for your annual contributions to the World Fellowship Fund. Because of your giving, 1,029 women in 122 countries have received awards totaling \$3,739,250 since 1960!



These women have been given the opportunity to acquire higher education that they may not have otherwise been able to obtain in their own countries. Keep collecting that small change during meetings. Our compounded efforts make a huge difference! (CTRL Click on the

globe to go to WF info.)

## Educational Law and Policy Committee Stay Informed ....



Have you heard about legislative proposals to change the way teachers are promoted and compensated in NC? Or the new legislative committee gathering ideas to establish a different NC education system? Learn more about these items and how your chapter can advocate for teachers in your area at the NC DKG Annual

Convention in Asheville. While we hope to see you in Asheville, also check out our folder for legislative updates and NC legislative seats up for vote this May. Stay informed at [https:// bit.ly/NCDKG-ELP](https://bit.ly/NCDKG-ELP).

### Important Dates

**July 12-16, 2022** – International Convention, New Orleans, LA

**April 28-30, 2023** - NC DKG Convention, Greenville, NC

### Delta Rho News

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## New DKG App Ready for Convention, Helpful for All Members

The redesigned DKG app has been released and the 365 side and the convention side are ready to make browsing on your smart device easier.



Click on the rotator with the image above or go directly to the [DKG webpage](#) here. (Log in first!) Step-by-step directions and/or videos will guide you through downloading the app and setting a password.

The convention side “will include maps, schedules, speakers, discussion boards, etc. to help members feel more connected and informed on events, whether they are in attendance or not,” states the website, and will be updated annually for the relevant convention or conference.



Register and login to the new app by May 15 and receive a special badge, whether you plan to attend the convention or not.

## 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. You can earn a badge if you contribute!



**International Website:**  
[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

**NC DKG Website:**  
[www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org)

**Delta Rho Website**  
<http://deltarhosanfordnc.weebly.com>

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