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### ***Mission Statement***

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

Delta Rho's history. In June 1996, twenty-six members of Gamma Sigma became Delta Rho's charter members; eight are still members of Delta Rho. Gamma Sigma held the first Christmas Bazaar in 1981 to raise money for the recruitment grant in aid. In 1996 Delta Rho and Gamma Sigma held the bazaar for the first time as two chapters and this has continued with the latest in December 2022.

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### ***Presidents' Corner***

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What did Delta Rho do in the past that influenced Delta Rho's present? Our chapter projects and committees have remained the same, but changes have been made as they were needed. The purposes of our chapter projects are the same. Our projects include our **"Beginning Life with Books" Spelling Bee literacy project** (a partnership with our local hospital to give a book to each baby born at the hospital). Funding for the literacy project changed from having several fundraisers (1999) to one major activity using the spelling bee teams' registration fees to purchase the books in 2000 (14 teams in 2000 to 34 teams in 2023). Delta Rho's **Literacy Grant** started in 2015 using monies from the spelling bee to fund 8 \$200 grants to LCS teachers. Our **Beginning Teacher Support** began in 2013. The activities included giving a bag of school supplies to every new teacher in LCS. An additional activity followed with each member adopting a new teacher to give support and encouragement to that teacher. In March 2023 the committee held the first social for the beginning teachers. **The Recruitment Grant-in-Aid** made the latest change in the pool of qualified applicants as we now have 2 high schools, Lee Early College, and will now include the Associate of Arts and

### **What A Year We've Had!**

#### **Linking the Past, the Present, and Future DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide**

"Linking the Past, the Present, and Future" has been the theme of President Beth Winstead for 2021-2023. How is Delta Rho doing this?

Who in the past has influenced Delta Rho's present? Gamma Sigma has been instrumental in

Associate in Science Teacher Preparation at CCCC. The **Membership Committee** scheduled “socials” throughout the year so members can get to know each other.

What will Delta Rho’s future look like? Our future will include our relationship with Gamma Sigma, our literacy and beginning teacher projects, our socials for members, and our response to committee recommendations for changes in the committee’s responsibilities. We have a lot going for our chapter. In the future, we will need to find ways to keep our members interested in attending our meetings, participating in our projects/activities, and becoming a committee chair and/or an officer. Let’s continue linking Delta Rho’s past, present, and future as key women educators moving forward.

[Linda Truitt](#)  
[Patricia Pemberton](#)  
Co-Presidents, Delta Rho



### **Meeting Calendar**

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*Thursday, May 4, 2023, 5:30pm*  
Jonesboro Presbyterian Church  
220 Woodland Ave.

*Thursday, October 5, 2023, 5:30pm*  
First Baptist Church  
202 Summitt Ave.

*Saturday, December 2, 2023, 9:00am*  
Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club  
1005 Midland Rd., Southern Pines

*Saturday, February 7, 2024, 9:00am*  
First Calvary Baptist Church  
240 Fields Dr.

*Monday, March 18, 2024*  
Delta Rho Spelling Bee  
Civic Center

*Thursday, May 2, 2024, 5:30pm*  
Jonesboro Presbyterian Church  
220 Woodland Ave.

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## **Delta Rho News**



### **Second Post-COVID Bee is a Huge SUCCESS! Gwen Babcock, Chair of Literacy Committee**

The twenty-third annual Beginning Life with Books Spelling Bee was held on Monday, March 20 at the Dennis Wicker Civic Center in Sanford. It was a huge success with 34 teams participating and a new champion emerging! Jerry's Jesters took home the First-Place trophy. Our Bee Master, Mr. Jimmy Randolph, kept our spellers entertained and on their toes as he went through an extensive list of progressively harder words.

We had nine new teams at the Bee this year. They were First Presbyterian Church, Lee County Schools Beginning Teachers, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Spellcasters, STRAIGHT Up Queen Bees, The Motley Crew, W. B. Wicker Elementary Schools Team 1 and Team 2, and White Hill Presbyterian Church. Five first year teams from last year participated again: Ascend Leadership Academy, Jonesboro Presbyterian Church Youth-the Secor family, B. T. Bullock Elementary, Lee County Community Orchestra, and Re Max. Two teams that participated in previous Bees also returned: Lee County Retired School Personnel and J R. Ingram Elementary. We also gained one new team sponsor this year!

The Spelling Bee could never happen without the planning and dedication of the members of this organization. As we came together at 12 pm on the day of the Bee, everyone knew their role and got to work placing tablecloths, building a balloon arch and placing balloons on tables. Supplies were prepped ahead of time and balloons were filled on site with the help of a few air compressors and some fast-tying fingers! A variety of snacks, provided by everyone in our group, were laid out in a beautiful array. Ladies, we are a well-oiled machine! The Civic Center looked beautiful, and we



were finished in under two hours! We had a participation rate of 78% of members working during the Bee as well.

Thank you to everyone for your snack and monetary donations, help with decorating and with being judges for the Bee. And a special thank you to Linda Truitt who goes above and beyond to get teams recruited and retained. There are so many lucky babies and families right here in Lee County who will benefit from our efforts! I am so proud to belong to this amazing organization!



**Winning Spelling Bee Team: Jonesboro UMC Men - Jerry's Jesters, with Bee Master Jimmy Randolph (left) and Gwen Babcock (right)**

### Social Committee Update By Julie Randolph

The Membership Committee hosted an orientation meeting for nominees on April 11, 2023, at Reinette Stephenson's pool house. Nominees were greeted by Ginger Harris, Julie Randolph, Debra Groce, and Linda Truitt, then invited to enjoy refreshments and peruse the Delta Rho scrapbooks. The orientation meeting began at 4:15 with a welcome and introductions. Nominees Penny Basinger, Jane Patterson, Stephanie Summerlin, and Cristy Holmes were in attendance. Linda shared a brief history of Delta Rho and explained the structure of the Delta Kappa Gamma organization, then Ginger elaborated on the opportunities DKG offers its members. During the meeting, Ginger, Debra, Linda, and Julie shared information about DKG publications, international and local projects, conventions, and Delta Rho committees. The meeting format and induction ceremony were reviewed, and nominees were given new member packets. The Membership Committee will coordinate the induction ceremony at the May 4, 2023 Delta Rho meeting.

**Next meeting information** – May 4, 2023, at 5:30 pm at Jonesboro Presbyterian Church. Hostesses: Bianka Stumpf, Lisa Chapman, and Beverly Browne. Invocation: Ginger Harris; Devotion: Gwen Babcock. Program: Induction of New Members and Officers; Youth Build - CCCC.

**Membership dues** - Membership dues can be paid at the May meeting or mailed to Terry Norris (136 Steel Bridge Road Sanford, NC 27330). Active members' dues \$104; Reserve members \$23. Deadline for dues is June 30, 2023.

**Birthdays: March:** Amanda Carter 3/20, Renate Gibson 3/22, Amy McDonald 3/30; **April:** Wendy Bryan 4/21; Linda Smith 4/23; **May:** Bonnie Siegner 5/11; **June:** Lisa Chapman 6/13.

## NC DKG News



### Spring NC DKG News

NC DKG News Editor Carol Bostian sent out the Spring issue of NC DKG News to chapter presidents and editors to share with all members.

Information and deadlines related to the

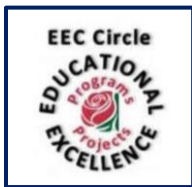
upcoming spring NC DKG Convention and the nominees for state officers for the 2023-2025 term highlighted the news. President Beth Winstead focused on Purpose VII in her column. State, chapter, individual member, and international news rounded out the issue.



## Educational Excellence

By: Hilda Parlér, EEC Chair

The DKG International Educational Excellence Committee has published its February 2023 newsletter, the EEC Umbrella, which went to state organization EEC chairs. One article listed Ten Educator Tips, such as teach routines – sharpening pencils, turning in work, going to the restroom; model and provide think time; require writing in all subjects; and whether for planning or problem solving, collaborate with others. What are your top educator tips? Share them with me and we will compile an NC list!



patterns in membership to make recommendations for membership, leadership, and marketing. Learn more about this important step in recruiting and retaining members in President LeBlanc's three-minute [video](#) posted on the DKG YouTube Channel.

### Convention Dates

July 11 – 16, 2023 – DKG Conference, Detroit, MI

July 18 – 22, 2023 – DKG Conference, Phoenix, AZ

July 26 – 29, 2023 – DKG Conference, Tampere, Finland

April 26 – 28, 2024 – NC DKG Convention, Durham

2024 – International Convention, Maryland

### DKG News



### Inside International

Watch the DKG website each month for the Zoom link for Inside International, held the first Tuesday of every month. Meet with and talk to the international officers, leaders, and staff.

### Important Update from President LeBlanc



Avenue M is a consulting group that has been hired by DKG to work with the Membership Committee to find ways to attract, engage, and retain members. It has analyzed trends and

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