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Mission Statement

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

President's Corner



Delta Rho's officers and members have been busy this summer as the 2022-2024 biennium begins. Both Patricia and I have participated in the virtual monthly ASK meetings for chapter presidents with our state president Beth Winstead. There were two leadership meetings this summer; one in June (I attended) and one in September (Patricia attended and was asked to give the "Inspiration"). Patricia and Debra went to the DKG International Convention in July. Debra's article in the NC DKG NEWS details what it is like to be a "newbie" at the convention. Our first project was our Beginning Teacher school supply bags. Wendy and the Beginning Teacher Support committee members delivered 50 bags of school supplies to the new

teachers at the Lee County's New Teachers Orientation August 12.

In her "inspiration", Patricia highlighted "teachable" moments. How did Delta Rho use our "COVID" teachable moments? We recognized the value of technology in communicating with our members, conducting our meetings, and helping with fundraising. We can learn from our own members who taught virtually during COVID and continue to use technology in their classrooms. We also realized the importance of "in-person" meetings; we missed seeing one another. So, we had several in-person meetings to see each other, raise money for our chapter, and celebrate our 25th Anniversary as a DKG chapter.

Delta Rho is at a gateway moment - a transition period. What our meetings will look like now and in the future will be influenced by our use of technology. What will not be changed will be the personal connections we make at each meeting with each other.

Note from Co-President Patricia Pemberton: Please remember our Puerto Rican sisters who were victims of Hurricane Fiona. They have formed a new chapter.

Linda Truitt
Co-President, Delta Rho



Meeting Calendar

Thursday, October 6, 2022, 5:30pm
First Baptist Church
202 Summitt Avenue

Saturday, December 3, 2022, 9:00am
Pine Needles Lodge and Golf
1005 Midland Rd., Southern Pines

Saturday, February 4, 2023, 9:00am
First Calvary Baptist Church
240 Fields Dr.

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
1005 Midland Rd., Southern Pines

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

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



Delta Rho News

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Delta Rho News



Beginning Teacher Project

Since 2013, Delta Rho has been providing new teachers with classroom supplies. Wendy Bryant-Motley, chair of the Beginning Teacher Support committee, coordinated this activity with Lee County Schools Director of Recruitment, Retention, and Professional Development Patricia Cothren. Supplies were collected from July 7-August 8. Members from the committee met at Wendy's home August 10 to put the goody bags together. In addition to the classroom supplies, the new teachers received copies of the Delta Rho brochure and 2022-2023 Literacy Grant application. On August 12, members delivered 50 goody bags to the new teachers attending the LCS New Teachers Orientation at San-Lee Middle school.

Superintendent Dr. Andy Bryan gave a "Shout Out" to Delta Rho on Facebook for providing the goody bags.

Next meeting information – October 6, 2022, at 5:30 pm at First Baptist Church. Program: International Convention highlights. Hostesses: Linda Truitt, Julie Randolph, Betty Caldwell. Invocation: Linda Truitt. Devotion: Mildred Smith.

Committee Report: The Delta Rho Social Committee plans to host several social events during the year. These events are optional opportunities for members to get to know one another and make connections on a personal level. Currently, our plans include floating coffee/ice cream socials and dinners out at local restaurants. Our first event is Friday, October 21 from 3:30 - 5:00. We will meet outside at Brick City Boba, which has coffee drinks and ice cream. The event is floating, so you can stop by anytime between 3:30 and 5:00 and stay as long as you like!

Birthdays: July: Valerie Johnson 7/1, Emily Lucas 7/3, Julie Randolph 7/14, Ann McCracken 7/16,



Barbara Keller 7/24, Linda Truitt 7/28, Abbie Brummett 7/31; **August:** Terry Norris 8/16, Tina Harrington 8/25; **September:** April Woody 9/9, Reinette Stephenson 9/21, Jeanne Buie 9/25; **October:** Melanie Hawes 10/1, Sue Cox 10/12, Lisa Brown 10/20; **November:** Beverly Browne 11/10, Debra Groce 11/11, Catherine Crook 11/17, Kathryn Waters 11/18, Valencia Burford 11/20, Bianka Stumpf 11/26.

Retirements: Julie Randolph and Lisa Brown.

International Conference as a NewBee Debra Groce

Ten years ago when I turned 50, I made the decision to be more adventuresome, to step outside my comfort zone, and to seize opportunities that came my way. Attending the DKG International Convention was one such venture.

As a NewBEE, a term penned to all first timers, I was honored to see my name scrolling a screen with 199 other women who bore this title. Gazing the ballroom where we gathered, I saw women milling about chatting, seeking friends, unseen since the pandemic, rekindling enduring friendships. I was moved as I witnessed their sweet reunions. Taking in the scene, I felt welcome and knew I too would make friends I would look forward to seeing in the future.

From the insightful speakers and animated amendment conversations to the informative breakout sessions, after hours excursions (including our very own second line parade), good fellowship, and food, the convention atmosphere was energetic and exciting.

Reading, hearing, and learning about the scope of DKG is important and I did that. Being in New Orleans, though, and

seeing the presentation of flags representing the over 800 women in attendance and membership unable to attend, was truly affirming. I was reminded of the bigger picture; how Delta Rho fits into it and how what I do, what we do, at the local level impacts our state and the international level. I was reminded that I am a part of something very special and I was honored to be in attendance.

Conventions of any kind can be long and are always tiring, but I am glad I attended. The camaraderie and kindness extended by everyone I met was genuine and heartwarming. I was impressed with our leadership and look forward to the future of DKG. The next international convention will be held in July 2023...Finland anyone?



Patricia Pemberton and NewBee Debra Groce



Grant in Aid Recipient, Jessica Edith Gayton receives Award from Tina Harrington at Southern Lee Awards Night.

NC DKG News



Message in a Bottle: an NCDKGEF Fundraiser

At the Convention in Asheville, bottles began their journey. The bottles, a project of the NCDKG Educational Foundation, are traveling across our state. When you find one.....



- Remove the message and begin collecting donations.
- Collect from friends, family, and chapter members. Ask others to support our teachers.
- When the bottle is full, count the money and send the donation to Betty Marshall, NCDKGEF Treasurer, 1112 Anchor Court, Raleigh, NC 27615. Write your bottle number on the check. All donations will help fund grants for NC teachers.
- Record your name, city and amount on the bottle and then pass it on.

The Foundation Fundraising Committee will collect the bottles to see where they have traveled and how much money each one collected. Keep sharing the bottles! The Foundation hopes they will be returned to the

Important Dates

- October 27, 2022** – DKG Founders Day
- November 1, 2022** – Cornet Individual and Seminar Pd Applications Due
- March 20, 2023** – Delta Rho Spelling Bee
- April 28-30, 2023** - NC DKG Convention, Greenville, NC
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- July 18-23, 2023** - DKG Conference, Phoenix, AZ
- July 26-29, 2023** - DKG Conference, Tampere, Finland

committee at the convention in Greenville, April 28- 30, 2023!

Applications Open for DKG Scholarships

Scholarship applications were available beginning July 1 for members pursuing advanced degrees and are due by February 1, 2023. Begin planning now since applications call for transcripts, letters of recommendation, status of program documentation, and the completed application form. As many as 30 scholarships are awarded each year to members pursuing advanced degrees graduate studies. To apply, a member should complete the [current application form](#) found on the DKG website, request appropriate transcripts, obtain status of program documentation, and secure letters of recommendation. She will send the application as an e-mail attachment to Society Headquarters by February 1. Support your chapter members who are currently enrolled in a post-baccalaureate study and encourage them to apply for a scholarship.

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www.dkg.org

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