



Alpha Theta Keynotes

Surry County/Mount Airy Chapter, North Carolina DKG, Region IX

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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

"Linking the Past, Present and Future"



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President's Message:



Greetings Sisters,

Happy Spring...I think!?! Mother Nature and Jack Frost are being practical jokers I believe. Here we are at our last meeting of 2022-2023. We were a busy group of ladies collecting books, toys, soup, and supporting beginning teachers, also future teachers through donations to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you, thank you!

As we have this break before meeting again in September, I challenge each of you to reflect on how you can be actively involved in Alpha Theta. This can be in many forms. As this biennium ends next April, we will be transitioning to new leadership in many roles. If asked to serve, I hope you accept and continue to support women educators.

As the sun shines longer and the temperature warms, lather the sunscreen on and enjoy. I look forward to seeing you on Friday the 31st.

Dana



Alpha Theta Officers 2022-2024:

- President: Dana Thomas- 336-972-6692 (cell)
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- 1st Vice President: Dana Johnson
- 2nd Vice President: Nicole Hooker
- Recording Secretary: Julie Taylor
- Corresponding Secretary: Tanya Hall
- Treasurer and Parliamentarian: Becky Keesler
- Webmaster: Beth Martin
- Newsletter: Kelly Johnson

Meeting Information:

Friday, March 31

- Mt. Airy City Schools Administrative Offices
- 6:00pm
- NC DKG President Beth Winstead will be our speaker.
- Our meal will be catered by 13 Bones.
- The cost will be \$20.
- Regrets to Dana NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd.
- Final count must be given to 13 Bones Friday, March 24th by 12:00 p.m.



Reminders for Acts of Kindness:

April- Shepherd's House Items Needed:

- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Paper Towels
- Kleenex
- Pinesol
- Salt Shakers
- Bathroom Cleaner
- Tylenol
- Glass Cleaner
- Bottled Water

Alpha Theta Minutes

February 2023

Armfield Civic Center, Pilot Mountain

President Dana Thomas welcomed all members and called the meeting to order. The inspiration was given by Lyndsey Haywood and Dana Thomas blessed the meal. Nicole Hooker presented the slate of new nominees for membership. Dana Johnson introduced the guest speaker, Debbie Merritt, Region 9 director. She spoke on how the DKG first started and encouraged our chapter to continue being active and keeping all generations involved. Business/Reports/Updates: The motion was made by Beth Martin and seconded by Elaine Reales to approve the December minutes and the Treasurer's report. Dana Johnson thanked everyone for the 60 cans of soup collected to take to Yokefellow. She reminded members that items for The Shepherd's House would be collected at the next meeting. Becky Keesler shared about World Fellowship and that we collected \$165.00. Sue Jarvis spoke on behalf of the Scholarship Committee that a new form was sent to the local high schools and the deadline for submission is April 30th. Nicole Hooker shared for the Membership Committee that the 11 prospective members were voted on and accepted. She would mail each prospective member to let them know and hopefully they will accept the nomination. President Dana Thomas reminded members that our next meeting would be Friday, March 31 at 6pm at the Mount Airy City Schools District office. She then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Taylor
Recording Secretary

From Spring NC DKG News...

2023-2025 NC DKG Officer Nominees Presented Evelyn Hall, chair of the Nominations Committee, announced the following 2023-2025 slate of NC DKG officers to be presented at the 2023 NC DKG Convention in Greenville.

- *President: Hilda Alston Parlér - Gamma Theta (Region III, Wake)
- *First Vice President: Carolyn Lane - Gamma Epsilon (Region II, Jones)
- *Second Vice President: Janie Webb - Alpha Zeta (Region VIII, Mecklenburg & Union)
- *Secretary: Carol Bostian - Nu (Region X, Catawba)

These nominees display dedicated service and passion for NC DKG through the work and leadership they have given in their chapters and at the state level. We are pleased to present this ballot to our membership for consideration at the 2023 state convention.

Conference and Convention Dates 2023

- *April 28-30: NC DKG Convention Greenville, North Carolina
- *July 11-16 2023: International Conference Detroit, Michigan
- *July 18-22 2023: International Conference Phoenix, Arizona
- *July 26-29 2023: International Conference Tampere, Finland

REMINDER...

Send address and email changes immediately to your chapter treasurer and update the information in your DKG MyProfile. Log into www.dkg.org to change your personal information. Don't miss a single message or DKG publication!

PLEASE REMEMBER

THANK YOU!

Thank you for bringing cans of soup to our February meeting for Yokefellow Ministries. We collected 58 pounds!!



Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report: Alpha Theta Account Summary January 17, 2023-March 13, 2023		
Beginning Balance		\$7,334.86
Income		
Dues		
Meals		160.00
Member Pin		14.95
Alpha Theta Grant		30.00
World Fellowship		170.00
Interest		.60
	Total Income	375.55
	Balance	7,710.41
Disbursements		
Dues/ State - International		
DKG Headquarters Fund		126.00
Schools for Africa - UNICEF		25.00
World Fellowship		
Alpha Theta Grant		
Membership- Roses		
Beginning Teachers Support		
Rose/ Memorials		
Chapter Expenses – Nametags		
Bank and conference fees		
Meals/Meeting Space		168.00
	Total Disbursement	319.00
BALANCE		\$7,391.41
AT Grant-In- Aid/ Scholarship		2,348.46
Donations		+ 30.00
Disbursements		
	Balance	2,378.46
Chapter Operating Fund Balance		\$5,012.95
total funds Minus Grant-In- Aid		



Lyndsey Haywood provided the inspiration at our February 2023 meeting.



Dana Johnson introduced Debbie Merritt, Regional IX Director.



Debbie Merritt, our Regional IX director, spoke on being an involved active member and our upcoming conference.

Let's Do the DUES!

Ladies, it is time to think about paying our DKG dues for the 2023-24 year! Final payments are due to international by June 30, but I would like to close our membership enrollment by **June 15**. Please plan now to get your dues payment to me by that date. You have several options;

1. Pay the total amount at our March 31 meeting (Active - \$70, Reserve - \$23, Honorary - \$14).
2. Send your dues to me by June 15: 1010 N. Main Street, Mt. Airy, NC 27030.
3. Pay in two installments: one half at the March meeting and the remainder by June 15.

We have never done the "installment" plan before, but I am happy to work with you to make that happen. All I ask in return is that you make your final payment in a timely manner by June 15.

YOU are an important asset to our Alpha Theta chapter as well as to the international organization. Please make plans to get your dues paid so that we do not lose you as a valued member.



Nicole Hooker and Rebecca Keesler discussing Alpha Theta business.



A Mardi Gras King Cake was enjoyed by all.

‘Educational Law and Policy Committee- Stay Informed...

In the news, as the new legislators started the session, an alarm was sounded that enrollment for Educator Preparation Programs had dropped 40%. Enrollment in Residency programs has also declined. This means that by 2024-25, there will not be enough newly licensed teachers to replace those expected to retire. Meanwhile, State Superintendent Truitt is proposing a new plan, Operation Polaris 2.0, to revise support for low-performing districts. If you would like to know more or how to contact your legislator, please see the Resources folder at <https://bit.ly/NCCKG-ELP> or email us at ncckg.elp.chair@gmail.com.

New DKG Website Live!

The DKG website has a new, cleaner, easier-to-use design! Check it out at <https://www.dkg.org>. Log in with the same ID and password used for the old site . NC DKG Immediate Past President Dr. Teresa Cowan was chair of the international Communications and Marketing Committee when the redesign was conceived and begun, working closely with Headquarters technology staff and others to bring the new site to fruition.

Teresa said, “Our goal was to achieve a website that was user-focused and user-friendly (for members and nonmembers) while creating a site with a more modern feel. Thus far it has received positive feedback, and it continues to be tweaked as needed. Members are encouraged to offer their feedback and to provide suggestions or point out glitches as they discover them.”

On the member side, **the green bar across the top allows for quick access to your MyDKG account by clicking on your name.** Icons give easy access to DKG Facebook, the DKG Art Gallery, DKGSI blogs, and the DKG YouTube channel.

Log in to the member side and check out the new user-focused and user-friendly design. Update and share your profile in the secure directory while there!

June, July, August, & September Birthdays:

June

-Lori Gammons: June 6
-Kay Draughn: June 14
-Molly Anderson: June 15
-Susan Gentry: June 17
-Jan Varney: July 18
-Kathy Robertson: June 21

July

-Sandy White: July 9
-Kelly Johnson: July 13
-Pat Everette: July 20
-Sonia Dickerson: July 23
-Julie N. Taylor: July 28

August

-no August birthdays



September

-Rebecca Keesler: Sept. 7
-Gloria Bunn: Sept. 23
-Elaine C. Reales: Sept. 26
-Chelsy Payne: Sept. 30
-Laura Horton: Sept. 30

Committees:

- *Finance -Executive Board
- *Scholarship - Laura Horton and Sue Jarvis
- *Membership - Nicole Hooker, Kelly Johnson, Elanie Reales, Marie Niland
- *Education Excellence - Dana Johnson, Mamie Sutphin, Nora Santillan, Alicia Fallaw
- *Communications - Kelly Johnson and Beth Martin
- *World Fellowship - Shari Thomas