



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:

Hello Sisters, 

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying your summer with your favorite activities, family, and friends. I am looking forward to serving as president this second half of the biennium. We will induct new officers in April. I challenge you to reflect and soul search how you could serve women educators through Alpha Theta. Serve as an officer? President a program? Do not hesitate to talk with an Executive Board member if interested!

Please note our upcoming dates and locations of meetings are there are changes from the previous years. September will be the second Saturday due to Labor Day. December will be the second Saturday due to the availability at Dobson First Baptist Church. The February meeting will be at The Blue Bear Cafe at Mt. Airy High School. A BIG thank you to Pattie Martin for overseeing the hostess' duties.

To keep from being charged for the meal, please send your regrets to me before the RSVP deadline. Thank you in advance.

I look forward to seeing you on September 9.

Dana

Alpha Theta Officers 2022-2024:

- President: Dana Thomas- 336-972-6692 (cell)
dirt10ppal@gmail.com (email)
- 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:

Saturday, September 10

- 9 am First Baptist Church Mt. Airy
- Breakfast cost is TBD
- Acts of Kindness: collect children's books
- Grant-in-Aid Alpha Theta Scholarship: \$15
- If **NOT** attending, email/text Dana Thomas **BEFORE Friday, September 1.**

Looking ahead:

Saturday, December 9

- 9 am First Baptist Church Dobson
- Acts of Kindness: collect toys for Salvation Army

Saturday, February 3

- 9 am Blue Bear Cafe at Mt. Airy High School
- Acts of Kindness: collect soup for Yokefellow and collect money for World Fellowship

Friday, March 31

- 6 pm First Baptist Church Mt. Airy
- Acts of Kindness: TBD

2023-2025 NC DKG Officers Elected and Installed

- President - Hilda Parler
- 1st Vice President - Carolyn Lane
- 2nd Vice President - Janie Webb
- Secretary - Carol Bostian
- Leslie Black and Betty Marshall - treasurer and parliamentarian, respectively will continue

Alpha Theta Minutes

March 2023

Mt. Airy City Schools' Central Office

President Dana Thomas called the meeting to order and welcomed all members. 1st VP Dana Johnson shared an inspiration on Life Lessons from a Garden and blessed the meal. Dana Johnson introduced our guest speaker, Beth Winstead, NCDKG President. President Beth Winstead spoke on her theme "Linking the Past, Present, and Future." Our induction program was led by 2nd VP Nicole Hooker, President Dana Thomas, and 1st VP Dana Johnson. We inducted 5 new members: Tamara Martin, Beth Lowry, Taronia Hollingsworth, Laura Custodio, and Linda Shumate. During the business part of the meeting the February minutes and Treasurer's report were approved. 1st VP Dana Johnson thanked members for participating in Adopt a BT. President Dana Thomas reminded members of the next meeting in September and then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Taylor, Recording Secretary

September, October, & November Birthdays:

September

- Linda Shumate: Sept. 2
- Rebecca Keesler: Sept. 7
- Gloria Bunn: Sept. 23
- Elaine Reales: Sept. 26
- Laura Horton: Sept. 30
- Chelsy Payne: Sept. 30

October

- Callie Smith: Oct. 6
- Carla Cobble: Oct. 10
- Mary Catherine Wolfingbarger: Oct. 14
- Ann T. Simpson: Oct. 16
- DeAnne Danley: Oct. 19
- Paige Badgett: Oct. 23
- Tanya Hall: Oct. 27
- Terry Marcum: Oct. 27



November

- Lyndsey Haywood: Nov. 2
- Nicole Hooker: Nov. 5
- Marie Niland: Nov. 6
- Misty Holloway: Nov. 7
- Becky Payne: Nov. 9
- Carole Kerley: Nov. 11
- Marion Venable: Nov. 16
- Janet Sutphin: Nov. 30

East Surry student recipient of Alpha Theta Grant

Alpha Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Educational International Society has selected Katie Collins to receive the organization's annual \$1,000 grant-in-aid.

Katie is a senior at East Surry High School. She plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to major in Elementary Education. Katie's goal is to become an elementary teacher.



Treasurer's Report:

PROPOSED Alpha Theta Budget 2023-2024

67 Members						
INCOME		2023-24 est	2022-23			
Dues (59A, 2H @\$14; 6 reserve @ \$0)		854.00	798.00	Total Dues Income	2022-23	2022-23
Meals (in/out)				International \$40	\$2360 (59)	\$2200 (55)
Special Projects (in/out)				Reserve \$20	120 (6)	120 (6)
Silent Auction	600.00		625.29	NC DKG \$15	885 (59)	825 (55)
Scholarship/Memorials	750.00		793.00	Reserve \$ 2	12 (6)	12 (6)
Interest	3.00		3.34	Scholarship \$1	65 (65)	55(55)
				Alpha Theta \$14	854 (61)	798(57)
				(Active, and Honorary)		
Total Income		2207.00	2,219.63			
EXPENSES				Special Projects In/Out		
AT Grant-in-Aid	1,000.00		500.00	Collected at meetings and sent in:		
Convention Expenses/Leadership *	400.00		237.00	Grant in Aid (Sept.)		
Schools for Africa	25.00		25.00	World Fellowship (Dec. or Feb.)		
Beginning Teachers Support	125.00		00.00	Other local initiatives and Acts of		
Literacy	100.00		00.00	Kindness as designated per		
Membership Development	250.00		231.00	meeting.		
Memorials to Grant Fund/Rose	100.00		15.00	Convention Expenses: ½ room,		
				\$.32/mile, meals for president		
Meeting Expenses (guests, door pr, tables,	200.00		178.20	Beginning Balance	22-23	23-24
Outstanding meal payments			80.00	Active Acct. 3/4/22	\$3,204.43	7/1/23
Operating expenses (stamps, etc.)	100.00		50.40	Grant-in-Aid	\$2,318.46	5,063.07
Special Projects (in/out)				Total	\$5,522.89	7,674.53
NC DKG Headquarters Fund	134.00		126.00			
Total Expenses		2,334.00	1,442.60			
			Budgeted:			
			2,282.00			

Treasure's Notes

Many thanks to all for your prompt response to paying dues before June 30th!

Grant in Aid Reminder: Our Chapter Rules recommend an annual gift of at least \$15 per member. This is a great way to honor someone with a gift or to send a memorial to a family. Our chapter has a nice recognition card which is mailed to the recipient or family.

Regrets for meetings when you cannot attend are essential to the fiscal health of our chapter. If we do not receive your regrets before the caterer's deadline, you are responsible for the meal.



Treasurer's Report: Alpha Theta Account Summary
March 13, 2023-June 30, 2023

Beginning Balance		\$7,391.41
Income		
Dues		4,226.00
Meals		850.00
Cash on hand		80.00
Alpha Theta Grant		233.00
World Fellowship		10.00
Interest		1.49
	Total Income	5,400.49
	Balance	12,791.90
Disbursements		
Dues/ State - International		3,386.00
DKG Headquarters Fund		
World Fellowship		200.00
Alpha Theta Grant		15.00
Membership- Roses		
Beginning Teachers Support		
Rose/ Memorials		
Chapter Expenses – Stamps, Cards, conference fees, guests		583.06
Meals/Meeting Space		846.28
Deduct for account correction		86.57
	Total Disbursement	5,116.91
BALANCE		\$7,674.99
AT Grant-In- Aid/ Scholarship		2,378.46
Donations		+233.00
Disbursements		
	Balance	2,611.46
Chapter Operating Fund Balance		\$5,063.53
total funds Minus Grant-In- Aid		

Congratulations on our Membership!



**Administrative Board
2022-2024**

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Dear Sonia Sexton Dickerson,

Congratulations! On behalf of the 2022 - 2024 DKG International Membership and Expansion Committee, we want to congratulate your chapter on inducting 6 members in March 2023.

We congratulate you and everyone involved on the time, energy, and effort in your recruiting endeavors. We are incredibly proud of this accomplishment.

Any increase in membership is sure to strengthen your chapter and DKG, making it easier to fulfill our mission and purposes. We wish you and your chapter much success in your DKG journey.

Keep up the outstanding work and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding membership.

Sincerely,

Karen Walton
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S E Region Representative
2022 - 2024 DKG International Membership and Expansion Committee

Debbie LeBlanc
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2022 - 2024 DKG International President

Mark the Dates:

*Sept. 30 - NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due

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
- *July 9-13, 2024 - International Convention, Maryland
- *June 30-July 4, 2026 - international Convention, CO

Committees:

- *Finance -Executive Board
- *Scholarship - Laura Horton and Sue Jarvis
- *Membership - Nicole Hooker, Kelly Johnson, Elaine Reales, Marie Niland
- *Education Excellence - Dana Johnson, Mamie Sutphin, Marie Hauser
- *Communications - Kelly Johnson and Beth Martin
- *World Fellowship - Shari Thomas
- *Rules - Becky Keesler, Jan Varney, Gloria Bunn, and Shari Thomas



Educational Law and Policy Committee

Stay informed...

By: Malinda Pennington, ELP Committee Chair

As temperatures rise, legislative action affecting education is heating up, too. State budget versions in debate include more money for private school vouchers than for teacher raises. Gov. Cooper has called for a “state of emergency for public education in NC.”

In addition to State actions, many school board, municipal, county, and judicial elections this fall have the potential for big impacts on local school policies including what can be taught in classrooms. Use your voice! See the ELP Presentation in our News and Resources folder for more information on finding/contacting your legislator, current legislative updates, and upcoming elections in your area.

<https://bit.ly/NCDKG-ELP>

For more information contact us at ncdkg.elp.chair@gmail.com.



We were honored to have President Beth Winstead, NCDKG President, as our guest speaker in March.



Welcome to our new members! From left to right: Linda Shumate, retired teacher from Surry County Schools; Beth Lowry, 8th Grade English and History teacher at Mt. Airy Middle School; Taronia Hollingsworth; Early Literacy Specialist for MACS; Laura Custodio, 5th grade teacher at Rockford Elementary; Tamra Martin, Principal at Copeland Elementary.



Our collection of donations for the Shepherd's House.
THANK YOU!