

# GAMMA DELTA NEWS



THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

NC DKG — NORTH CAROLINA STATE ORGANIZATION, REGION IX ASHE - ALLEGHANY VOL. 12 NO. 4 April 2021

## Ready, Set, GROW!

DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

2019-2021 NC DKG Theme  
Ready, Set, GROW!

Cultivate fellowship with Generations of DKG members  
Nurture membership with Research-based strategies  
Energize members with Opportunities for leadership  
Develop chapters with Well-defined programs

You GROW, girl!



Greetings, Sisters!

It is April -- a season of renewal, growth, determination and nurturing.

As the earliest buds begin to form, we fret about that last frost and just how much the tender young growth can withstand. We strive to protect new growth from being damaged. And we marvel when the new growth gives way to glorious colors.

I see this as a metaphor for our last meeting. There was an energy, even through an online meeting, after the committees met together. There was a sense of purpose among us. I hope that those feelings, and more importantly, the beginnings of plans within committees, will grow and bloom as we nurture them. I hope that we can nurture one another through our committee work and in so doing nurture our communities. I hope that in nurturing our communities we can grow our membership to impact even more children and educators.

At the same time, I think about how the end of the school year is in sight.

Since this is National Poetry month, I'd like to share a poem, written by our own Sherrie Hines, that gives some insight into what this year has been like and offers a note of encouragement.

*Twas the morning of spring break when all through the school  
Social distancing and masks were the important new rules*

*The students were lined up as teachers told them where to stand  
To get their temperatures taken with their attestation forms in their hands*

*The desks were all set up six feet apart  
As teachers quickly sanitized them before their classes could start*

*Students trickled in to their respective classrooms  
And teachers struggled to login all the remote kids on Zoom*

*When out in the lobby there arose just a clatter  
That administrators ran to see what was the matter*

*A student arrived with a temperature too high  
The overworked school nurse took them to the quarantine room with a sigh*

*Teachers gave up their planning to cover other classes and clubs  
With all their sick coworkers there weren't enough subs*

TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER

*Some teachers were exposed and had to teach through a screen  
The CDC dictated their two week quarantine*

*Even with a multitude of duties, cleaning and trials  
Teachers enter their classrooms each day with a smile*

*The switch between Plan A, B and C left teachers exhausted and weary  
The covid forecast was looking quite dreary*

*But spring break has arrived and teachers pack up for the day  
With the hopes of all germs having time to go away*

*So hang on, wonderful teachers, you've had all you can take.  
Enjoy the warm weather and have a great spring break.*

This has been a year like no other, not only for our sisters working with students and teachers, but for all of us. And as we draw to the close of a school year, and endeavor to grow and nurture ourselves and others as members of Gamma Delta, I'd like to leave you with one last poem. This poem is called "Our Real Work" and it's by Wendell Berry.

*It may be that when we no longer know what to do  
we have come to our real work,  
and that when we no longer know which way to go  
we have come to our real journey.  
The mind that is not baffled is not employed.  
The impeded stream is the one that sings.*

May we engage in our "real work" and support each other on our "real journey" to be the best we can be.

Take care,  
Mandy & Sherrie



*Dr. Mandy Taylor & Sherrie Hines*

President & Vice-President



DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

April 23 –25, 2021— NC DKG Virtual Convention  
 May 1— Deadline applications Cornetet PD Award  
 May 1— NC DKG News deadline  
 May 11— Founders Day  
 May 15— Bulletin: submissions due  
 June 30— Dues to Treasurer for 2021-22  
 April 29-May 1, 2022 —NC DKG Convention,  
 Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort  
 April 28-30, 2023 —NC DKG Convention, Greenville  
 Check out other events:

[www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html](http://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html)

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) DKG Publications online

## Stay Updated Via Videos

Subscribe the DKG YouTube channel and get notifications of International President Becky Sadowski's video updates. In the March/April update, she relays information on the sale of the Austin Headquarters building.



# Ready, Set, GROW!



**Congratulations to Elaine Cox! In June 2021 she will begin a new chapter in her life as she will retire as the Early College Principal for Ashe County.** We

wish you the very best Elaine!



### Legislative Update

Gamma Delta has three Sister's serving on Ashe County Board of Education—Polly, Dianne and Kim. We can also keep abreast of what's happening in NC education using these links:

[www.ncsba.org](http://www.ncsba.org) [www.ednc.org](http://www.ednc.org)  
[www.ednewsdaily.com](http://www.ednewsdaily.com)

Senator Deanna Ballard is our Senator for Ashe and Alleghany Counties.

Office Phone: 919-733-5742  
email: [Deanna.Ballard@ncleg.gov](mailto:Deanna.Ballard@ncleg.gov)  
Legislative Assistant: Laura Sheridan

Senator Ballard will join us for one of our fall meetings.



### New Phone System

A new phone system is being installed at DKG headquarters. Please be patient while they are in transition.

We **GROW** As We Participate In DKG Activities and Events!  
Congratulations to Mintie Saintsing, Sherrie Hines and Susie Miller whose submissions were accepted into the DKG Fine Arts Gallery and will be displayed for six months. The next submission date is Aug. 15 - Sept. 15, 2021. [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)



## LOVE TO TRAVEL



### Plan to Attend a DKG EVENT:

#### Convention Dates

April 23 -25, 2021 —NC DKG Convention, Virtual—online  
\$25 Registration fee

July 7-10, 2021—International Conference, Portland, OR

July 22-24, 2021—International Conference, San Antonio, TX

International Conference, Tampere, Finland—Postponed until 2023

July 12-16, 2022 —International Convention, New Orleans, LA

## *Tech Tip*

### Cloud Storage

This is a great way to have your documents and photos just a click away. Several programs offer free storage space. Check out Sync, Dropbox, Google Drive, and OneDrive for your files.

## Virtual Meetings Work for Gamma Delta



### State Committee Interest Form Online

NC DKG committees carry out the operations of the organization, setting goals and working for the betterment of the society and its members. Presidents select committee members based on their interest and skill to serve a two year term on a state committee. If you have an interest in serving on a state committee for 2021-2023 fill out the [NC DKG Committee Interest Form 2021](#) found on the state website in the "New on the website..." *Become active at the state level!*

### Review Materials Posted on Convention Webpage

New items are being added daily to the NC DKG Convention Webpage. I sent everyone the links for the job descriptions of the posted personnel positions available. They are also posted on the website.

The 2021 forty-two amendment proposal grouping documents are also available online. The rules committee urges members to read the proposals and be prepared to vote on Saturday during the second session. Only members registered for the convention may vote.



## NC DKG – North Carolina Vision:

**“Voices of Influence Empowering NC Women Educators”**

Gamma Delta Website: <https://ncgammadeltadkg.weebly.com/>

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

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

Region IX Director [Dr. Susan Blackburn, Delta Chi](#)



## Gamma Delta Meeting Dates for 2021

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#### Amazing Women Educators

#### Gamma Delta's Elite for Our 2021 Awards:

Dr. Suzanne Irwin was chosen as our nominee for the Founders Award from NC DKG.



Sherrie Hines was selected as our nominee for the Rising Star Award from NC DKG.



**Tuesday March 16, 2021—Alleghany**  
4:30 – 6:00 Meeting or if it's a Zoom meeting - 7:30  
Reflections of Growth—  
Program: Leading the Charge to Grow

**Tuesday June 15, 2021—Ashe**  
4:30—6:00 Outside event West Jefferson  
Schools of Africa -

**Tuesday September 21, 2021—Alleghany**  
4:30 – 6:00 Meeting  
Celebration of Chapter's 45 Anniversary

**Tuesday October 19, 2021—Ashe**  
4:30 – 6:00 Meeting  
Details TBD Soon

### 2021 Convention Project

Region XI selected Knickers for New Life as the convention project for 2021 to honor the 10 year partnership with

Schools for Africa. 100% of the donations will go to this charity!

Thousands of girls in Uganda miss a week of school every month. Without access to basic sanitary products, many girls are forced to quit school. Without an education, they are faced with a life of poverty, disease and HIV, child marriage/teen pregnancy and are at greater risk for human trafficking.

KFNL partners with one school at a time in Uganda. Providing knickers (underwear), sanitary supplies, separate latrines for girls and boys, handwash stations, and mosquito-repellant soap. **A girl's needs for the year can be met for \$35 – a small investment with a big impact!** Every year that a girl stays in school will increase her socio-economic prospects for the rest of her life. Become a **Change Maker** by providing monthly or yearly support. **Please join Region XI in making a difference in a girl's life!**

Remember to let our Gamma Delta President, **Mandy Taylor**, know if you send a donation to support the convention project.



**2019-2021 NC DKG Officers**  
President - **Dr. Teresa Cowan**  
1st Vice-President - Toby Worthington  
2nd Vice-President - Hilda Parler  
Secretary - Doris Littlejohn  
Treasurer— Leslie Black

Madi Roberts was our first BEE nominee (Beginning Educator Excelling) from NC DKG.



#### Another Future DKG Prospect

Joyce Kilby welcomes a fifth granddaughter,  
**Kilby Elizabeth Cameron**  
born Jan. 4, 2021.

Information for the newsletter can be sent to  
Susie Miller, Editor  
*Gamma Delta News*

Contact information has been removed for internet safety of our members. Reply to this email with questions or information for the newsletter.

KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

# Congratulations

Dr. Mandy Taylor has accepted a new position with NCCAT in Cullowhee, NC. NCCAT provides programs to support teachers and impact students by increasing teacher effectiveness.



# Happy Birthday!



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# Thank You

Joyce Speas, thank you for providing and donating the children's books to support our summer backpack project.

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# Virtual Presentation

Susie Miller & Sherrie Hines will present a virtual workshop, "Well Defined Programs" on Saturday April 24 at 12:00 during the NC DKG Virtual Convention.



Remember to check the birthday reminder card Mandy sent in the email for our sisters with over 25 years of service to Gamma Delta.

### March

Sherrie Hines, (8) Janice Linker, (22) Colleen Campbell, ( 26) Missey Weaver, (27) Melba Johnson, ( 28) Nancy Reeves, (28) Joyce Speas, (30)

### April

Mary Zell Absher, (3) Benicia Kennedy, (9) Benita Osborne, (9) Sandra Peterson, (11) Christina Pennington, (17) Terry Edwards, (28)

### May

Billie Gardner, (1) Melissa Gibson, (8) Ruth Naddo, (13) Tina Key, (31)

### June

Jenifer Holden, (1) Theresa Church, ( 6) Charity Gambill, ( 9) Marion Adams, (11) Susan Irwin, (14) Willa Mae Campbell, (23) Joy Campbell, (25) Kendall Hamm , (25)

### Contact Your Officers

President – [Mandy Taylor](#)

1st Vice President – [Sherrie Hines](#)

2nd Vice President—[Dianne Eldreth](#)

Acting Recording Secretary – [Christina Pennington](#)

Corresponding Secretary – [Dana Henson](#)

Treasurer - [Ina Barnes](#)

Parliamentarian – [Susie Miller](#)

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# April 23—25, 2021—A VIRTUAL Conference



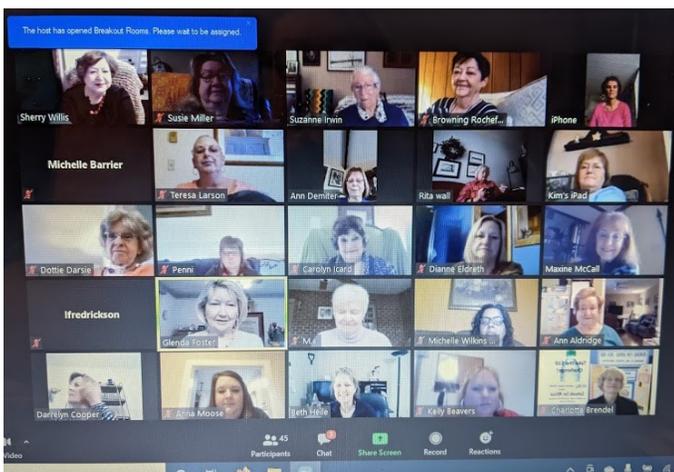
- Registration, which closes at noon on April 19, is \$25. The registration form can be found at <https://bit.ly/2021NCDKGGConvention>
- One advantage of a virtual convention is that everyone can participate! With activities before and after the general meetings and workshops, this virtual convention strives to involve everyone!
- Forty-one amendments to the NC DKG Bylaws and Standing Rules will be considered during the 2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention. They are posted on the NC DKG website. ([www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org)) Only members registered for the convention may vote on the proposed amendments and the election of officers. .
- After the convention ends on Sunday, members can still visit the Virtual Marketplace until April 30 to donate to the convention project ([Knickers for a New Life](#)) or the Passing of the House for Headquarters. The Virtual Tours and Virtual Showcases will remain available also. Donations So Far... \$2,482.80 Knickers for New Life and Headquarters \$2,299.50
- **Convention Virtual Showcase—Chapter and Member Recognition**  
**Register at** <https://bit.ly/2021NCDKGGConvention>



**Alpha Nu and Gamma Delta Chapters of NC DKG are mentor partners for 2021.**

## Zooming With Our Alpha Nu Sisters

Zoom meeting with our new mentor sisters Alpha Nu. Glenda Foster is the president for Alpha Nu. A few of our Gamma Delta sisters enjoyed a Zoom session in Feb. with them.



***Some of our Alpha Nu Sisters in Caldwell and Burke Counties.***

## **DKG Dues are Due in June**

**It's dues time soon. Please send or bring your \$79 dues to Ina Barnes by our June 15th meeting. According to our rules the distribution of DKG dues is as follows: .**

**\$40 International  
\$15 State  
\$23 Chapter  
\$ 1 World Fellowship**

- Note: As written in our rules:

### **Chapter Grant–In–Aid**

The finance committee recommends that each member contribute \$15.00 per year to the Gamma Delta Grant–In–Aid Fund. This contribution may be given as a honorarium, a memorial or as a donation. If you choose to contribute the total will be **\$94.00**.

**Ina Barnes 225 Smitheys Country Ln. Millers Creek, NC 28651**



## **Stay Connected—Keep In Touch**

**Remember!!!**

Keep in touch with your Gamma Delta Sisters—call, send an email, or card just to let them know you are thinking about them. Continue to reach out and help our 25+ year members celebrate their birthdays, too. Contact our new members and beginning teachers to encourage and support them, 2020 has been a hard year for everyone.

**Our June 15th meeting will be an outside event at The West Jefferson Park**

**201 S Church, West Jefferson , NC 28694 (there's plenty of parking and a covered picnic area). Make plans to attend.**

