

NC Kappa Keynotes

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Mecklenburg County North Carolina (NC DKG)



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The Presidents' Message World Fellowship – Feb. 16th

Our support of World Fellowship assists educators and students around the world. Our donations help teachers come to the United States to further their studies, then return to their home country to share their knowledge with other educators and their students.

Recent Fellowship awardees came from Armenia, Russia, India, Argentina, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Burma and South Africa. Their areas of study included special education, neuroscience, linguistics, law, civil engineering and nutritional studies.

Save the Date for our next Kappa meeting, Feb. 16th, 7-8:30 pm, online. Members Brenda Hopkins and Melinda Willison will present. Cindy will soon be sending you the meeting codes.

Traditionally, our members have very generously supported this DKG program. **Make donation checks payable to "Kappa Chapter-DKG". Donations should be sent to:** Lynne Nadel, 8301 Ruby Valley Road, Charlotte, NC 28277

Please mail your check by February 16th. Our continued purchase of student desks for Schools for Africa encourages students to *attend* and *remain* in school, furthering educational progress in hardship areas of Africa. Let us support the educators who are dedicated to making the greatest difference in a child's life possible – an education.

[Jeannette Carofano](#)
[Gloria Jones](#)



Kappa's Debbie Dryden is the NC Representative to the DKG/United Nations Relationship/World Fellowship Committee.

Read Kappa Online! Facebook Post

by Lisa Hall 1/27/21



Delta Kappa Gamma - Kappa Chapter
- Charlotte, NC

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Congrats to Team Kappa, which was recognized with the "Top New Team" award at last night's annual CROP walk celebration and recognition event! Twenty five percent of the \$5500 that Team Kappa raised will stay right here in Charlotte, helping to support [Crisis Assistance Ministry](#), [Loaves & Fishes Charlotte Mecklenburg](#), and Second Harvest Food Bank. Some of these organizations have seen a 50% increase in the need for their services since the Covid-19 pandemic began. The remainder of the money raised will fund global needs such as clean water, agricultural support, hygiene kits, and blankets.

Team Kappa members Gloria Jones and Ann McCain were also recognized as two of the top individual fundraisers at the event as well! Congrats to all our Kappa Chapter members, whose generous donations and fundraising efforts helped earn these prestigious honors for our DKG Chapter! 🎉🎉🎉

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Note from Gloria

It always warms my heart to see where this money goes. Thank you for what you have done for our community and our world.

Kappa Scholarship Awarded

Congratulations to Melinda Willison receiving a \$200 scholarship from her Kappa Chapter to help with her professional development expenses. Melinda is pursuing a degree in Clinical Counseling and has a year-and-a-half left in her studies and internship. Melinda continues to teach her fifth grade class as well as participate in her many charitable activities.

Melinda wrote: Seeing that students face so many social and emotional challenges, including academic stress, in addition to multilayered mental health needs of the community at large, I had to answer the call to counsel.



Being passionate about preparing the upcoming generations for the future, it is a perfect fit for my next career steps. I will be utilizing my 20-years of experience in education along with the new skills and knowledge from the certified program at Capella to counsel individuals in a way that facilitates increased personal wellness and will, in turn, fuel a more positive community for now and the future.

Grant Awarded to Non-Member

Emily Sharpe was awarded a \$100 grant for her dancing with children instructional program. Emily is an Elementary Education major at Appalachian State University and has just begun her student teaching.



Emily wrote: I started my project, **Anyone Can Dance!** – a pay-what-you-can dance program, during my freshman year of college. My goal with this project is to expand access to dance to all children, regardless of financial means. As part of my degree, I am writing a thesis on the benefits of dance to low-income children – the children my project serves. Dance provides many benefits, including increased motivation and memory. These funds will help fund our annual recital, which gives our students an opportunity to perform and build confidence as well as celebrate their hard work throughout the year.

Emily is a former student of Kappa Members Martha Tillman, Jeannette Carofano and Gloria Jones.

Members' To-Do Checklist

- **Mail World Fellowship donation before Feb. 16th.** Make donation checks payable to "Kappa Chapter – DKG". Send donations to: Lynne Nadel, 8301 Ruby Valley Road, Charlotte, NC 28277.
- **Complete the NC DKG Professional Awards Survey by March 1, 2021.** Think over your career accomplishments, such as Teacher or Principal of the Year, National Board Certification, or longevity of 50/+ years. Members are asked to focus on awards received and not committees or boards served on or community or church awards received. The survey is found at <https://bit.ly/NCDKGPAA>.
- **Update Member Profile ASAP.** After signing in to the www.dkg.org website, go to My DKG from the homepage. Select My Account from the dropdown list and update any incorrect or incomplete parts of the profile.
- **Continue to save pop-tops!** Clara and/or Ann make the trip to Ronald McDonald House at the end of every month. If you've been holding on to your collection of pop-tops, make it a point to contact Clara or Ann and let them know you have tabs to contribute.

News from NC DKG

Eta Data, January 15, 2021

2021 NC DKG Convention to be Virtual

Out of an abundance of caution for its members, the 2021 NC DKG Convention will be a virtual event but will retain as much of a face-to-face atmosphere as possible. NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan has announced that the 2021 convention will build on the success and learning experience of the Fall Executive Board virtual event that was open to all members and included workshops, presentations, a business session, and recorded and live vignettes. The virtual aspect of the convention will allow more members to participate and an expanded offering of workshops.

The theme for the convention will be **Celebrating NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future**. Workshop presentation applications are being taken now via a Google form, and registration for the convention beginning on Friday evening, April 23, will be posted soon.

Eta Data, January 15, 2021

Interested in Presenting?

Members wishing to present a workshop on Saturday afternoon are invited to fill out the Google form found online. The link will also be available on the NC DKG website homepage. **Submission deadline is Monday, March 15, 2021.** Presenters will be responsible for setting up their own meeting link or recording their own session and sending the links to Tobey Worthington by April 1. Workshops will be assigned a 50-minute slot between noon and 4:50 p.m. on Saturday, April 24.



“A huge shout out to chapters and members that made a donation to the Delta Dollar\$ fundraising effort. We are overjoyed to announce that the Louisiana State Organization will receive a check for \$3,445.37 from the gracious members of NC DKG.” - from President Teresa

Kappa Note: Kappa Chapter, Charlotte contributed \$100 to this relief effort.

News from DKG International

DKG News Jan/Feb 2021

Finland Conference Postponed; Portland, San Antonio Plans Proceed

With the postponement of the international conference in Tampere, Finland, until 2023, regional directors and steering committees are focused on planning the conferences in Portland, Oregon (July 7–10, 2021) and in San Antonio, Texas (July 21–24, 2021).

Watch the Events page of the DKG website for key information and updates, including each venue’s Schedule at a Glance. Hotel block reservations are expected to open at www.dkg.org on January 11; double occupancy rooms will be \$194 in Portland and \$179 in San Antonio. Conference registration at \$160 will open online on February 22; forms will also be available in the March/ April DKG NEWS.

Portland, Oregon

Tours will include the Mt. St. Helens volcano, Multnomah Falls, Mt. Hood and fruit/wine country, hop on/ off circuit of the Rose City, and a trip to the early settlement of Lewis and Clark near Astoria and the Pacific Ocean. Provided by a separate company, tours will be detailed further in the March/April DKG NEWS.

San Antonio, Texas

Join colleagues at the beautiful San Antonio Marriott River Center Hotel, offering stunning views of downtown San Antonio and the picturesque River Walk.

DKG President’s Page, Dec. 2020

DOES YOUR PET NEED INSURANCE COVERAGE?

VPI Pet Insurance is available for members. Through the Society a 5% group discount can be applied on the base policy. VPI covers, dogs, cats, birds, and exotic pets. Details can be found from the Society website under the About Us tab. Go to How to Become a Member > [Insurance Benefits](#) to learn more.



January

- 8 Tina McClanahan**
- 11 Lynne Nadel**

February

- 10 Marilyn Michue**

March

- 20 Ann McCain**

Thinking of You

All those suffering from illness and recovering from debilities,

Those of wounded heart or aching soul,

Those who mourn or are lonely.

Happy Valentine's Day



2020-2021 CALENDAR

February 16th 7:00-8:30 pm

World Fellowship, Schools for Africa (Zoom)

March

TBA

April 17th 10:00 - 12:00

Induction of New Members and Spring Luncheon @ Trio Restaurant

Guest Speaker, Teresa Petty, Interim Dean of Cato College of Education at UNCC

May 15th 12:00-3:00 pm

EOY Picnic @ Squirrel Lake Park, Matthews Program: End of the year Wrap-up, Potluck, & "Mystery Bags" Silent Auction

June 8th time TBD

Bunco and Executive Board

@ home of Sam Sipes

7631 Dellinger Rd., Denver, NC 28037

**Bunco/Lunch/Exec. Bd. Mtg.

*Bunco: pay \$10 to play and \$1 for snacks

**Board meeting: pay \$5 for lunch (optional)



Save the Date!

The DKG US Forum Steering Committee Invites you to join us online for

Legislative Issues for Our 117th Congress

February 24, 2021

7p.m. ET, 6pm CT, 5pm MT, 4pm PT

With Dr. Sylvia Johnson



Dr. Sylvia Johnson is a lobbyist for the National Education Association (NEA). She leads NEA's efforts on Capitol Hill on a range of issues including: COVID-19 vaccines, the Safe Reopening of Schools, Health Care (including Medicare and Medicaid), Gun Violence Prevention/School Safety; Social Security and Pensions. She is also the NEA's liaison to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

Zoom Registration Link Available February 5 on Facebook @DKG.US.Forum

For further information contact Karen Walton, Southeast Representative kwserforum@gmail.com

Tech Tidbits

Melinda Willison



Zoom is not the same on the devices you and your students are using. You may have already noticed that Zoom settings vary from iPad to Chromebook to laptop, and even on apple versus android phones.

For example, the reactions are a great tool in meetings and in class but are not available on Chromebook. On either phone version the menu options and views vary but with enough practice you can become a master navigator of the screens.

Here's the good news: [zoom help center has outlined the options for each device.](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/360027397692-Desktop-client-mobile-app-and-web-client-comparison)

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Some terrific resources to investigate the zoom support center include learning to use zoom polls, variations of breakout rooms, share screen options, and managing your camera/mic as both a host and participant.

“Teachers have three loves: love of learning, love of learners, and the love of bringing the first two together.” -Scott Hayden

This month, Kappa will be encouraging our **Beginning Teachers** with *The Buzzing BEE* (*Beginning Educator Excelling*) award and bags of Bit o’ Honey candy.



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

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EtaState/> Tweets
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https://twitter.com/DKG_SI/status/1356334296496267266/photo/1



ACTION CALENDAR: FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2021



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else

4 Organise a virtual 'tea break' with colleagues or friends

5 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

7 Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

10 Look for the good in people, even when they frustrate you

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

13 Send a friendly message of support to a local business

14 Tell your loved ones why they are special to you

15 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

17 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

18 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

19 Share a video or message you find inspiring or helpful

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

21 Actively listen to what people say, without judging them

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

24 Tell a loved one about their strengths that you value most

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

26 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

28 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones



"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up" - Mark Twain



"The only way to have a friend is to be one" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/friendly-february

www.actionforhappiness.org

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