



The President's Message

Cindy Lockerman

It's been a very busy few weeks for me! I had the great opportunity to attend the NC DKG convention, which was very informative and lots of fun. Debbie Dryden and I represented Kappa. Just a week before the convention, I received news that our own Ms. Ann McCain was going to receive the Golden Key Award for our region. I was so very excited! Jeannette and Tony Carofano volunteered to bring her to Greenville, NC (quite a long drive) for the Friday night awards meeting. We were so proud of Ann, and grateful to Jeannette and Tony for bringing her. We are also grateful to Lynne Nadel for providing many items of her pottery for sale at the NC DKG marketplace. I would like you all to know how our fellow DKG Sisters look forward to buying her pottery every year! We sold out hours before anyone else!

Next year's conference is in Durham. It's much closer, so let's do some advance planning and see if we can get a large group of Kappa folks to attend.

I'm looking forward to the annual Kappa picnic and hope that you are too. Don't forget to get your gift bag ready for auction, and your potluck item. I hope to see you there!

Cindy

Kappa, Charlotte

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Saturday, May 20, 2023

12 Noon-3pm

Squirrel Lake Park -- 1631 Pleasant Plains Rd., Matthews, NC

Reply to Lynne's Punchbowl Invitation and add your dish to the POTLUCK list.

We will have a Business Meeting, Pottery Sale & a Mystery Bag silent auction!

Save postage and bring your \$76 annual dues and "Invest in Kappa" donation. One check is fine, payable to "Kappa Chapter-DKG,"

CROP Walk Honors Martha Tillman and Kappa's Top Fundraisers By Gloria Jones



On Saturday, March 11, CROP Walk held their annual Recognition Event at St. John's Baptist Church.

Martha Tillman was truly surprised when she won the prestigious Weenie Daniel Award for her long, dedicated service to CROP. She originally walked 10 miles with her church. She walked 4-6 miles with her Idlewild students. She has served on the Charlotte Leadership and Planning Team. She was t-shirt chair and a valuable member of Team Kappa! Congratulations to Martha Tillman.

Charlotte CROP Walk raised \$201,000 exceeding their \$200,000 goal for 2022. And.....Team Kappa helped them reach their goal by raising \$10,660. Team Kappa was the top fundraiser in their category. Four of Team Kappa's walkers were among the top fundraisers, raising over a \$1000 each. Ann McCain raised \$3820. The other three were Charlene Wertz, Martha Tillman, and Gloria Jones. Kappa members Dr. Patricia Smith, a member of the Charlotte CROP Planning Team, along with guest Cynthia Smith-Perkins attended.

The needs are still so great! Presentations were made by the three agencies we support , Loaves & Fishes/Friendship Trays, Second Harvest Bank, and Crisis Assistance Ministry, that were tearjerking. CWS shared a video of help around the world. Thank you, Kappa, for supporting this worthwhile cause! You are the good in the world!

Mark your calendars for next year's CROP Hunger Walk- Sunday, October 22, 2023.

Tina McClanahan Receives Third National Board Recertification



Congratulations!

Add Kappa's Refurbished Website to Your Favorites!

<https://kappacharlottenc.weebly.com/>

Editor Tina McClanahan has added a scrapbook of photos memorializing Kappa events, as well as chapter updates. Check out the Archives to search previous newsletters, find forms or how to contact State and local officials.

Thank you, Tina, for building on Melinda Willison's years of editing. Both ladies have accomplished an award-winning website!

Contribute to Kappa's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/DKGGKAPPA/>

Send photos, comments, news items to [Lisa Hall](#).



Congratulations!



Ann McCain Receives The Golden Key Award at NC DKG Convention



Ann is a strong leader with an urge to get-the-ball-rolling. She involves chapter members in her letter campaign for Easter Seals donations, supporting efforts to provide child health services. She uses the same fundraising strategy to tap her email contacts to donate to CROP Walk through Team Kappa to deal with world hunger. Additionally, she has contributed to the purchase of student desks for pupils in Africa through our chapter donation to UNICEF to improve student attendance and learning focus in destitute locations. She is a strong supporter of World Fellowship funding to offer educational opportunities in the United States for women educators in world locations when such professional development is not available. She supports a beginning teacher with the goal of making that new teacher comfortable and happy in the classroom and secure in her determination to continue as an educator. Ann is a leader who tackles situations head-on with dedication. She exemplifies an Educator with great Heart for her work and all children.

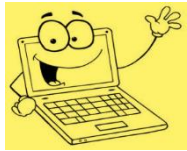
Other Kappa Recognition

Kappa Charlotte Chapter received the **Order of the Rose Award** for highly sustaining DKG goals of supporting educators and students as well as building the future of Education with our Chapter activities.

Additionally, Kappa was awarded the **Communications Excellence Seal** based on outstanding qualities of our newsletter, website and Facebook. *Be proud, Kappa!*



Best Wishes to this year's Beginning Teachers!



Tech Tidbits

Guest Contributor Tony Carofano

CONTACT EMERGENCY SERVICES (Emergency SOS)

Are you aware of and know how to use a safety feature built into mobile phones should an emergency arise? Emergency SOS services will dial for help and alert designated emergency contacts in case of an accident or threatening situation. To set up, you need to establish emergency contact(s) and verify that emergency SOS is enabled. I will describe the steps for an iPhone; however, Android phones have similar functionality with somewhat varying steps depending upon brand.

Set up emergency contacts:

1. Open Health app and click on initials or face icon at upper right of screen.
2. Select Medical ID near top of screen.
3. Select Edit in upper right of screen and scroll down to emergency contacts heading and select the green add emergency contact icon (which opens your contact list).
4. Select a contact name; then a new screen appears to select relationship (spouse/son/friend etc.). Repeat this step to select multiple contacts.

Set up/verify Emergency SOS:

1. Open Settings app and scroll down and select Emergency SOS.
2. Select rocker button to elect call with hold-and-release (slide to right as it turns green) on the new screen. This is the default option.

How to make a SOS call:

Simultaneously press and hold the right-side phone button and either of the left-side volume buttons until the sliders appear on the screen. Then release both buttons and slide the SOS slider to the right. A countdown alarm will begin, and a call will be initiated. After the emergency call (i.e., 911 in the US) is completed, a text message will be sent to your emergency contacts to alert them of the call and to provide your location. This operation can be performed even when you are not logged on to the phone. You can even make emergency calls in most foreign countries if you are connected to a cellular network.

Spring Luncheon Celebrates New Member and Gains Career Inspiration

From Russia to Charlotte with Love for Education

Kappa welcomes Aleksandra Degernes as a new member of DKG. A true transplant to Charlotte, Aleksandra is a Russian-born US citizen. Her family and friends remain in her home country. Aleksandra recently launched her own business providing career counseling and work-readiness workshops for recent arrivals from Ukraine. She is a former intern at International House, Charlotte and founder of MyProgress, LLC. which she established as an Employment and International Career Development firm in November 2020. She is affiliated with UNC Charlotte, Division of Student Affairs. Her sponsor, Dr. Smith, adds, "She is a fabulous mentor/ educator and (*sic*) will be another great addition to DKG."



Pouring Your Heart into Education

From his beginning as a CMS bus driver 36 years ago, Harold Dixon has a lengthy career with students and their families as Family Engagement Specialist and former NC PTA President. In his determination to make every position a gain for students and himself, Harold literally poured his heart into new projects, challenging Kappa members to do the same.



Harold Dixon and Kappa President Cindy Lockerman

News from NC DKG

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Are You a Parliamentarian?

NC DKG is seeking to create a list of all the parliamentarians in our state, whether registered or not. If you have had parliamentarian training, at any level, please complete the new Google form on the website. Thank you!

NC DKG News Spring 2023

NOTICE:

Send address and email changes **immediately** to your chapter treasurer and update the information in your DKG MyProfile.

Log in to www.dkg.org to change your personal information.

Don't miss a single message or DKG publication!

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Important Update from President LeBlanc

Avenue M is a consulting group that has been hired by DKG to work with the Membership Committee to find ways to attract, engage, and retain members.

It has analyzed trends and patterns in membership to make recommendations for membership, leadership, and marketing.

Learn more about this important step in recruiting and retaining members in President LeBlanc's three-minute video posted on the DKG YouTube Channel.

News from DKG International

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International is Seeking Member Input

DKG President Dr. Debbie LeBlanc and the Headquarters Staff are initiating Town Hall meetings to seek member input.

The DKG website says, "Moving DKG forward requires informed and strategic decision making, so member feedback and input is essential. Please join us for a series of Town Hall meetings. Our first conversations will focus on future conferences and conventions."

The final meeting will be held:

- Saturday, May 20 at 11:30 a.m. (EDT) (with the administrative board)

Register on the DKG website: www.dkg.org

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

For details and registration, go to www.ncdkg.org.

Check **News** at the top and slide to **Conventions**.

Read all about them!





May

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- 15 Julia O'Reilly
- 16 Nancy Lowder
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July

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August

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Thinking of You

Dr. Smith's oldest brother
Betty Bell's husband, Dave
Cynthia Smith's godmother,
Doris Bethea



Sincere condolences to

Dr. Patricia Smith on the passing of her
cousin Pearl Holloman and beloved
relatives Mary Melton and Susie Joye

Kim Smith on the passing of her brother,
Mitch Baker

2022-2023 Kappa Calendar

May 20/Sat. Picnic & Business Meeting 12-3 pm
Squirrel Lake Park, 1631 Pleasant Plains Rd.,
Matthews – Potluck, Pottery & Mystery Bags

Jun. 7/Wed. *Bunco & Executive Bd. Meeting
10 am-2pm
@Debbie's - Bring your lunch

***Bunco is a Kappa fundraiser. \$10 to play; \$1
for snacks Join the fun!!!**



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excellence in education.*

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