

The President's Message

Cindy Lockerman

It seems like such a long time since I have seen any of you, and I'm happy to have the "Kappa new year" begin! It has been a very busy summer for me and I'm sure the same is true for most of you as well. When I began this biennial as President, I was hoping that we as a group could, 1) be of service to those in our area, 2) have opportunities for our own personal growth, and 3) grow our chapter. These are ongoing goals, and I hope that each of you will keep these goals in mind as we go through this year. These goals cannot be achieved without the input and action of each of us!

We will begin our year, as we have in years past, at Bright Blessings in Matthews. Lynne sent out a Punchbowl "Save the date" to each of you, and Bright Blessings has given us a list of items that would be useful to them for their Pre-K Literacy kits. Please start collecting items as you are able to donate on the night of our visit. For those of you who are still actively teaching, I apologize for the early time for this activity. Bright Blessings' employees must close their facility at 6:00, so we had to schedule a little earlier. Please feel free to come whenever you can – between 4:00 and 5:30.

I have made every effort to schedule as many of our activities on Saturday in order to accommodate our working members. I look forward to seeing you in September and through the year!

Cindy

Next Kappa Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 21 4:00-5:45 p.m.

Bright Blessings

1150 Crews Road, Suite C

Matthews (turn from Sam Newell Drive)



Donations of early literacy supplies will be accepted.
Suggestions: flash cards, coloring books, crayons, numbers
and letters practice workbooks, primary-lined writing tablets,
early reader books

Membership Recognition

by Lynne Nadel, Membership Chair

Congratulations to Julia O'Reilly, Tisa Clark, Candace Armstrong and Sandy Watkins for their extraordinary membership status in DKG and Kappa! Wear your pins in pride! We are honored to be in your company.



Julia O'Reilly
50 Years



Tisa Clark
30 Years



Candace Armstrong
30 Years



Sandra Watkins
30 Years

Membership News

The proposed 2023-2024 Budget will be presented and voted on at the September meeting at Bright Blessings. Kappa Fundraisers throughout the year are necessary to fund our programs, so please participate in any way you can! For example, if you can donate to the Spring Auction that is very helpful; but if you cannot, please bid on an item or two. Buying a \$1 ticket to 50/50 or doing a "Brag" helps, as does playing BUNCO. Preparing a "Mystery Bag" and/or bidding on one is another option. A very special "Thank you" to all the members who included a donation when they paid their dues!

Thank you for opening your PUNCHBOWL invitations! If you have a change of address, phone number, or e-mail please notify Lynne (Lynne11155@aol.com) and she will pass it on to others in the chapter who need it.

If you have a potential new member now is the time to invite them to a meeting! Kappa is your chapter, so help make it stronger. Also, any member who needs a ride to a meeting PLEASE let someone know-lots of us are happy to help. Reatha put together a list of members by zip code or contact Lynne to facilitate.

Be the Change: Support CROP Walk

By Gloria Jones

The theme for this year's CROP Hunger Walk is: Be the Change. This is Kappa's fourth CROP Walk, which takes place on October 22nd. We have a lofty goal of \$11,000.

From the national office comes this message- "Our Walkers are changing the world, one step at a time. From providing groceries to a Ukrainian family for their first week in the U.S., to providing beehives for women in Kenya, the funds we raise are helping to fight hunger locally and around the world. Join us this fall and BE THE CHANGE."

If you would like to join our team, please go to: www.crophungerwalk/charlottenc

Make sure you join Team Kappa or sponsor a member of our team!

Mark your calendars for October 22 and come to Memorial Stadium as a team member or sponsor to be a part of this worthwhile cause.





Albemarle Road ES Teachers Receive Kappa's Support

Kappa recently donated \$50 to the welcome back event for teachers. These funds came from last year's approved budget for Beginning Teachers.

Assignment of this year's BTs to Kappa members will be announced soon.

Kappa wishes all the Teachers and Staff of ARES a successful and safe new school year as they celebrate their theme of Rising Higher!

Pop-top Tally Sept. 25.75 lbs.



*Remember to bring your pop-tops
to our meeting!*

Oct. 1st is the deadline to submit articles to DKG Bulletin: Journal. For directions, see the inside back cover of your Collegial Exchange magazine or email [Jeannette Carofano](mailto:Jeannette.Carofano). The deadline for the next opportunity to be published is Dec. 15th.



Tech Tidbits

Guest Contributor Tony Carofano

Who Do You Trust For Online Shopping?

Have you noticed a newcomer to the online shopping environment? It has frequent ads on your favorite sites (Google and Facebook as examples). In a short time, it has become the second most popular online merchant behind the mammoth Amazon. Its name is Temu, and it offers amazing prices on a wide variety of products. It has a mediocre rating on the Better Business Bureau and appears to pose possible data risks. A sister company (Pinduoduo) has been pulled from Android operating systems for the security risks it presents.

Temu is a Chinese company with a U.S. registered office in Boston. Therefore, the Chinese government has access to any personal data you provide to Temu. The company sells products made from Chinese manufacturers and warehouses (primarily mom-and-pop outfits) that are basically cheap imitations and then shipped overseas to you. So far, their business model is to sell products below cost to gain market share. Customer reviews reportedly are all over the place, many are happy and many are not.

The Temu app asks for an excessive amount of personal data, including permissions to access your Bluetooth, Wi-Fi network and even biometric data. This is in addition to the usual name, address, email address, password, credit card information, etc. all e-commerce websites and apps require. Many security experts believe the company and/or the Chinese government may actually be collecting your data for sale to others to make up for selling goods at less than cost. This is not proven but should be a concern to all.

This article is presented to remind everyone to think about where we are making purchases. Probably some of us have bought something on the internet that we regretted because it turned out to be of poor quality, not as advertised, or never received. Now websites and apps like Tumu raise greater security concerns in addition to the usual quality issues. We need to be ever vigilant and cautious when making e-commerce transactions.

Please read the Minutes attached to this newsletter before Thursday's meeting.

News from NC DKG

December 15 Deadline for Submitting Proposed Changes to State Standing Rules and Bylaws

Proposals for changes to NC DKG Standing Rules or Bylaws must be submitted to the Rules Committee by December 15. The proposal form can be found on the NC DKG website.

Questions may be directed to the chair of the Rules Committee, Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon.

News from DKG International

International Publications Available

The latest issues of Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: International Journal for Professional Educators and DKG News are now available on the DKG website. While the Bulletin-Journal is openly available to anyone who goes to the DKG website, DKG News is only available to members when they log into the site. Both publications are available in Flipbook and PDF format. Take time to gain some insight into the field of education as well as learn about what's happening at the international level of Delta Kappa Gamma.



SEPTEMBER

Brenda Coble	9
Pam Anthony	22

OCTOBER

Patricia Smith	5
Kim Smith	14
Imogene Carmichael	19

NOVEMBER

Candace Armstrong	5
Geraldne O'Kane	11
Cynthia Smith-Perkins	13
Lauren Rogers	19
Charlene Wertz	29



Sincere condolences to

Dr. Patricia Smith on the passing of her brother, Jerry Jr.

Have you moved?

Changed your phone number or email address?

Send address and email changes IMMEDIATELY to Chapter Treasurer [Lynne Nadel](#) and to DKG International Office. Log in www.dkg.org to change your personal information.

Contacts Visit Our Website at

<http://kappacharlottenc.weebly.com>

Email the Chapter at kappacharlottenc@gmail.com

Email Kappa Newsletter Editor [Jeannette Carofano](#)

Email KAPPA President [Cindy Lockerman](#)

Socialize on <https://www.facebook.com/DK GKAPPA/>

CONNECT on the *State Level* at <http://www.ncdkg.org>

& on the *International Level* at <https://www.dkg.org>

Join the conversations on social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EtaState/> Tweets

by @Eta_State



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



2023-2024 Kappa Calendar

September 21, 4:00-5:45 Bright Blessings

Business meeting, community activity, Opt: early literacy donations
@1150 Crews Rd., Suite C, Matthews

October Meeting called by Regional Director – TBA

October 22 Crop Walk

November 18, 12:00-2:00 University City Regional Library

Business meeting, tour; Mystery Bags fundraiser (ala Picnic MB rules)
@301 East W.T. Harris Blvd., Charlotte

December 9, 10:00-12:00 Winter Tea

Bring your own cup! Fascinators encouraged! Opt: Bring school
supplies for International House
@ Eastway Baptist Church 2749 Eastway Dr., Charlotte

January 20, 10:00-2:00 *Bunco & Executive Board Meeting

Bag lunch, drinks provided
@ Debbie Dryden's home

February 10, 10:00-12:00 Business meeting, Tour

of new International House facility.
@1611 East 7th St., Charlotte

March 14-16 Kappa Online Auction

March 17, 1:00-3:00 Pick-up Auction purchases

@ Jeannette Carofano's home

April 20, 10:00-12:00 Spring Brunch/Induction

@ Trio Restaurant, 10709 McMullen Creek Pky & Rt. 51, Charlotte

April 26-28 NCDKG Convention

@ Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham, NC

May 18, 12:00-3:00 Annual Kappa Picnic & Business Meeting

@ Squirrel Lake Park, 1631 Pleasant Plains Rd., Matthews

June Executive Board Planning Meeting - TBA

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

MINUTES OF KAPPA ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC & BUSINESS MEETING

Sat May 20, 2023 ~ 12n-3p
Squirrel Lake Park, Matthews, NC

Prior to our business meeting, members set out food that they had brought, as well as their Mystery Bags (for our Silent Auction). We were encouraged to go ahead & place our silent bids before we ate. We were also asked to check w/Lynne Nadel, our Treasurer, to pay our dues for the coming year & also perhaps make a donation to "Invest in Kappa." Lynne also had brought more of her lovely pottery for sale - all monies going to Kappa. Member Clara Hedberg offered a blessing over the food.

BUSINESS

President, Cindy Lockerman, called our meeting to order c.1:05p. She welcomed the 12 members who were able to attend.

1st VP, Brenda Knight, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2d VP, Beverly Griffin, offered us "Inspiration from Nature" by sharing poems/song lyrics, like... "Morning Has Broken"... "Here Comes the Sun"... "Out in the Country"...

Secretary, Reatha Andrew, had emailed minutes from our Apr meeting prior to today's picnic. After no corrections/additions were made, Gloria Jones moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Beverly seconded it. Vote was taken. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer, Lynne Nadel, presented our financial report:

\$ 4931.30 in checking \$625.32 in savings She also reported that our Spring Auction netted us \$1533, & the sale of her pottery at our State Convention added another \$480.

She then brought to our attention a Budget Item that needed clarification: \$500 in Programs - but non-designated like it has been in previous years. In the past, we have supported: 1) Bright Blessings, 2) UNICEF/desk project, 3) Life Straw Safe Water, 4) St Augustine Literacy Project, & 5) International House. Discussion ensued. Other suggestions made were the Public Library & Diaper Bank. Kim Smith moved that we contribute \$100 each to the five groups we've supported in the past, but explore the other two for possible contributions in coming years. Gloria seconded it. Vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Brenda reported our Beginning Teachers Project at ARES (Albemarle Rd Elem Sch). At the beginning of this past year, we were "given" 17 BTs, but by year's end that number had grown to 20. School receptionist Melinda will be transferring to another school next year. She will be missed - she was always such a big help to us! Brenda & Beverly are hoping to be allowed to speak to ARES staff at some point, to promote Kappa.

[We took a brief break to finalize Mystery Bag bids.]

Cindy gave a report from our State Convention (c.1:30p):

We had placed an ad in the Convention Booklet. It included a photo of our 2022 Team Kappa (CROP Walk).

Convention itself was "insightful."

New State President is Hilda Parle`r. 2d VP is Janie Webb, who has visited w/us in the past.

Next spring's Convention will be in Durham - closer than this year's trek to Greenville, NC.

The highlight of the Convention was our own Ann McCain receiving the Golden Key Award. (Congrats again, Ann!)

Gloria reported that CROP Walk 2022 had recognized Martha Tillman as its Big Winner for the Charlotte area, receiving the Weenie Daniel Award for her long, dedicated service over the years. (Congrats to YOU, Martha!) An informal vote was taken, asking if we wanted to continue taking part in CROP this fall. Another unanimous, supportive YES "vote."

Cindy then recognized the following for their help this past year:

- *Exec Board *
- *Brenda Knight - ARES BTs
- *Jeannette Carofano - Buzzy Bee certificates for BTs & State Award for our e-Newsletter
- *Ann McCain - State Golden Key Award *
- *Charlene Wertz - 50/50 *
- *Clara Hedberg - pop-tops for Ronald McDonald House *
- *Lisa Hall - online auction *
- *Gloria Jones & Martha Tillman - CROP Walk
- *Tina McClanahan & Lisa Hall - our website & fb page
- *Lauren Rogers - International House

Lisa then distributed the Mystery Bags to the winners, who settled their payments with Lynne.

Charlene drew the 50/50 winner - Reatha - who donated her portion (\$14) back to Kappa.

We closed by accepting donations to Brags.

Meeting was unofficially adjourned after that (c.2:05p).

NOTE: Our next meeting will be Wed June 7th - BUNCO & Exec Board - at Debbie Dryden's house.

Respectfully submitted,

Reatha Andrew
Kappa Secretary