



President's Message

Cindy Lockerman

Greetings to all of you, and I hope that you had wonderful holiday celebrations with your friends and family! It is so nice to visit and have loved ones visit you, and then it's wonderful to have your time and home to yourself again! I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as can come to our Bunco meeting that is coming up on January 20th. We will also have a business meeting after Bunco. Who will be the lucky one in the game this time? We'll see. We will be meeting at Debbie Dryden's home at 10:00. For more information, look at the Punch Bowl invitation that Lynne Nadel sent out to each of you (and please respond to the Punch Bowl – we know that would make Lynne VERY happy).

It's time for us to start thinking about officers for the next biennium. Please consider helping our chapter out with your talents and enthusiasm. I'm hoping we can discuss this at the Bunco meeting.

In February, we will take a tour of the new building for the International House. That will be enlightening, and from someone who is there twice every week, it is wonderful to see the great things they are doing for so many people who are new to the Charlotte area.

I want to also mention the online auction that is coming up from March 22-26. Please start considering what you can donate. We will be hearing more from Lisa Hall soon about the details of the auction.

I would also like to express my appreciation to all of you who have helped in so many ways to make this chapter successful. From my executive board members, to each of you who have filled a need, I want you to know that you are all so very important to me and to Kappa. I look forward to seeing you all at Bunco on the 20th!

Cindy Lockerman

Kappa Bunco & Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 20, 10am-2p.m.

Everyone is invited!

Debbie Dryden's Home

6529 Havenlock Place, Charlotte, NC 28215

BUNCO 10am-12 noon \$10 to play, \$1 for snacks
LUNCH Bring your own, drinks provided

PLEASE RSVP via Punchbowl or to Lynne Nadel!!!!



ARE YOU READY
FOR SOME
BUNCO?

2023 Winter Tea



Kappa Welcomed Guest Speakers Former CMS School Board Member Jennifer de la Jara, Recently Elected CMS school Board Member Liz Monterrey and Regional VIII Director Janie Webb.

Jennifer was recognized for her service with a bouquet of roses in a ceramic vase handmade by member Lynne Nadel. Jennifer stressed the importance of staying informed on School Board issues.

Liz makes SB history as the first Latina to serve. She plans to bring a “fresh perspective,” new issues and new ways of working with the Artificial Intelligence future. “It’s important our kids grow up with grit,” she said. “I believe in public schools.”

Janie encouraged members to “come to the convention in Durham. I think a lot of good things are going to come of that.”

Members donated school supplies to International House (IH) for their English as a Second Language students. Lauren Rogers and Cindy Lockerman, who work and volunteer at IH, thanked Kappans for their generosity and support of this community program.

Kappa thanks Charlene Wertz, Lynne Nadel and their fabulous crew who planned our gala event and brought joy to the Season to all.



Congratulations!

Lynne Nadel has once again been honored by the NC DKG Fine Arts Gallery by acceptance of her pottery vase "Mountains and Sky." This high-gloss art piece is in Lynne's favored blue and green, with a mountain-tops-touch-the-sky motif.

NC DKG Fine Arts Gallery will display all Fall 2023 admissions into April 2024, and then will archive for two additional years.

Lynne is a regular participant in the award program and a multi-time honoree. She's a great Kappan!



Happy Holidays to Kappa's Beginning Teachers!

Educational Excellence Chairman VP Brenda Knight gifted all 19 Beginning Teachers with two Chick-fil-A gift cards for a combo/milkshake. Thank you, Chick-fil-A!

The 12 teachers we sponsor also received gift bags of school supplies (markers, crayons, tablets, paper and pencils) given to Gloria Jones for our BTs.

Starbucks has kindly donated coffee and pastries for the entire Albemarle Road Elementary staff to brighten their holiday season.

I wanna be a BT, too!



Kappa World Fellowship

Saturday, February 10, 2024

10am - 12 noon

International House

1611 E 7th Street, Charlotte, NC 28204

Join us for a business meeting and a tour of the new facility!

World Fellowship donations support scholarships for international teachers to continue their education in the United States and Canada, developing new skills and knowledge bases to share with their students. At this meeting, we will be accepting WF donation checks. If you are unable to attend, *please make your check payable to KAPPA CHAPTER DKG and mail to Lynne by February 10th.*



March 14-15

Keep Kappa's Online Auction in mind when you shop or receive services. Let people know our auction raises funds for charitable donations locally and internationally, benefitting students and teachers.

Their business will be featured in our newsletter, website, Facebook page and auction site. That's a great advertising value for their donation!

It's a good idea to have a copy of our Donation Request Letter to offer them. This adds an official touch to your appeal. Copy a Request Letter [here](#).

What will you bring?

Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work.

-William Arthur Ward

2023 Team Kappa Raises \$13,000+ for CROP Walk!



Team Kappa had our most successful fundraising for CROP Walk yet! Kappa donations totaled an amazing \$13,451! Team members thank you for your generous donations to feed the hungry people of the world. Members shown, L-R: Ann McCain, Charlene Wertz, Martha Tillman, Lisa Hall, Gloria Jones, Dr. Patricia Smith and Beverly Griffin. Not shown: Lynne Nadel, Jeannette Carofano.

Submit Your Articles!

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The **Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin** is a refereed publication that is published five times each year by The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The purpose of the publication is to promote professional and personal growth of members through publication of their writings.

Three online issues of the Bulletin are published under the subtitle of **International Journal for Professional Educators** and focus on research-based and documented works. These include position papers, program descriptions, reviews of literature, and other articles on topics of interest to educators. Two print issues, subtitled **Collegial Exchange**, focus on practice and experience related to education, the Society, women, and children. Personal reflections and creative works are also included.

Current and past issues can be viewed on the International website under the "Bulletin Journal" and "Bulletin Magazine" links under the "Publications/Documents" menu. Guidelines and rubrics for evaluating your submission can be found on each page. Share your research and creative juices with fellow DKG members!



"We write to taste life twice, in the moment and in retrospect."

--Anais Nin

Tech Tidbits

Tony Carofano, Guest Contributor



Simple tune-up for your browser

Any web browser on your device (computer, phone, or tablet) stores temporary files in a cache for future use. These files include history, cookie, password and other data. Cookies are small packets of information about you that help the website improve your online experience. Some of the cookies are from third-party websites tracking your activity and may be sold to third-party advertisers. You probably have seen pop ups asking you to allow cookies as you surf different websites. All these files build up and may get outdated. Eventually they will slow down your device and may pose a security threat in some cases. It is good practice to periodically (monthly) clean them out.

In 2023, the most popular web browser on the market is Google Chrome with nearly 63% of the market.

Therefore, I will explain how to clean up these files for this web browser. The procedure for other browsers will be similar. If you have difficulties, you can do a search (with your favorite web browser) and find detailed instructions that would apply to you.

For Google Chrome:

1. Open Google Chrome and tap the Menu icon in the upper right corner (looks like three dots ...)
2. Select Settings from the menu on the next screen
3. Select Privacy and security from the left-hand margin menu
4. Select Clear browsing data from the center of the screen
5. Select Basic in the window that pops up and use the drop-down menu to select time frame (I suggest all-time rather than last hour, days or week)
6. Place a checkmark next to Browsing history, next to Cookies and other site data and next to Cached images and files. Select Clear Data tab in lower right corner and you are finished.

Please be aware this action will affect all synced devices unless you are signed out of Google. Also note there is an Advanced tab next to the Basic tab. Use this tab if you also want to delete passwords. I would not recommend this as then you would have to remember and type in every password the first time you visit a site requiring a password.

Kappa's Online Auction earns funds to support the various charities and scholarships of our Chapter. Our community service depends on the success of our Auction. Your participation in this project benefits children locally, on the state level and internationally.

What will you do for the Auction?

News from NC DKG

2024 NC DKG Convention Every Member Survey Hilda A. Parlér, NC DKG President

Members, the Executive Committee has created the 2024 NC DKG Convention Every Member Survey which pertains to questions related to how we may handle future conventions. Click this link to the survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdsBuWePsHZuiJssDo6qfG5DqNMeCYgnOUY8Vi7HB3uQlahWA/viewform>

The Google form has been emailed to all members who have an email address on record. If you do not have an email address on file with NC DKG, please send it to Leslie Black, our state treasurer. treasurer@ncdkg.org



Please complete the survey by midnight on January 29, 2024 so that results can be analyzed and reported at the convention on April 26-28, 2024 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel Raleigh-Durham Airport in Durham.

Public School Enrollment Update Rhonda Dillingham, Educational Law and Policy Chair

Traditional public school enrollment is slightly down since 2022. Public charter schools have experienced an increase in enrollment, yet they still represent less than 10% of total public school enrollment. Enrollment numbers are important because they are used to inform decisions that affect all public schools. Read more: <https://www.ednc.org/enrollment-2023-school-year/>



Registration Open for Annual National Legislative Seminar Tracie Metz, U.S. Forum Representative NC DATA Dec. 2023

Did you know that registration has opened for the National Legislative Seminar being held **March 10-13, 2024**, in Washington, D.C.? An exciting and informative program is being prepared for you. Here are a few of the scheduled highlights with more to come:

- Strategies for Advocacy, including nationally renowned guest speaker Lisa Maatz
- A Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Panel on Improving Working Conditions for Teachers
- An Evening with the Arts with Marjorie Mitzner, director of National Museum of Art, and DC Pres. Tondra Odum
- The Role of AI Systems in Today's Classrooms with Rob Weil, Educational Field Programs Director AFT
- Pre-arranged visits with your congressional representatives and senators

For more information, including registration, go to www.dkgusforum.org. Information about the various speakers and presentations can be found by visiting the DKG blog link and clicking on the US Forum label at the top of the page. Be sure to check both websites often for updates! Don't miss this amazing opportunity! Make your plans now. Please feel free to contact Dr. Vivian Posey (vivposey@gmail.com) if you have questions. I look forward to seeing you there!

Accommodations: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservationlink.mi?id=1701458017471&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

News from NC DKG

2024 NC DKG Convention

April 26-28, 2024

Sheraton Imperial Raleigh-Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park

IMPORTANT NC DKG CONVENTION LINKS

Hotel Reservations: Register for the group rate of \$119.00 per night at the Sheraton Imperial Raleigh-Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park. The group rate runs from April 25 through April 28. **Place your room reservation by March 31 to get this rate!**

[Book your group rate for North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Annual Conference](#)

Convention Registration: (Opens February 1, 2024, Early Bird Registration ends April 9, 2024) Everyone must register, including award recipients, presenters, guests, and those volunteering during the convention. When registration opens, an interactive form will be available on www.ncdkg.org

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexkX2SxAEOGEBU3nKqEj2oOSG9O8yuqDF89OGFZ0gptqtRvg/viewform>

Workshop Proposals: (Due February 15, 2024)

Have you acquired a skill other NC DKG members might like to learn? Do you have important knowledge to share? Members are encouraged to submit proposals for workshops to be held Saturday, April 27, 2024, during the NC DKG Convention in Durham. Sessions are scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Proposals should fall into one of the four focus strands—Teaching and Learning, DKG Society, Self-Care, and Creative Fun. Workshop questions or assistance— contact [Janie Webb](#).

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfntqqP_KN6VyCGL1aHMijWqSapTijzS2iloOezoQ45_UwV_w/viewform

NC DKG CALENDAR

Jan. 15-Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open

Jan. 31 Applications due for NC DKG Educational Foundation grants and endowments

Feb. 1 Applications due for NC DKG Scholarship

Feb. 1 Applications due for DKG International Scholarship

Feb. 1 Educators Books Award submissions due to Educators Book Award Committee

Feb. 1 Deadline to submit articles and news to NC DKG News

Feb. 1 Chapter President Report due

Feb. 1-Apr. 9 Early Bird Convention Registration

Feb. 15 Convention workshop proposals due

News from DKG International

Avenue M Report Available NC DATA Dec. 2023

DKG Society International’s Administrative Board has made available the report recently produced by Avenue M, a marketing and consulting firm. The report contains observations of the current status of our organization and recommendations for moving forward. Take time to review the report and the Administrative Board’s implementation plan here.

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**2024 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
NATIONAL HARBOR, MARYLAND
JULY 9 -13, 2024**

The 2024 International Convention will be held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, U.S.A. The Gaylord National Resort overlooks the Potomac River with waterfront terraces at its back door and the bustling town of National Harbor at its front. From malls to boutiques, live entertainment to casinos, wine bars to restaurants, and ferry terminals to Ferris Wheels, National Harbor has whatever might be your interest. And, if you desire, take the short trip over the river to Washington D.C. and Alexandria, Virginia.

Of course, the convention will also offer all the excitement you have come to expect and more: enjoying keynote speakers, engaging in breakout sessions, networking with members, connecting with old friends, and using your member voice when you vote on proposed amendments to the Society’s governing documents.

Save the date! July 9 – 13, 2024.

[HTTPS://WWW.DKG.ORG/DKGS/EVENTS/2024_CONVENTION_DC/2024_INTERNATIONAL_CONVENTION.ASPX](https://www.dkg.org/DKGS/EVENTS/2024_CONVENTION_DC/2024_INTERNATIONAL_CONVENTION.ASPX)



Empowering Women Who Educate

Pop-top Tally

Oct. 6.5# 21.28
 Nov. 10.8# pounds
 Dec. 5.5#

WOW!

Remember to bring your pop-tops to our meetings!



DECEMBER

- 2 Debbie Dryden
- 4 Reatha Andrew
- 4 Wilma Miller
- 5 Jennifer De La Jar
- 7 Elizabeth Pratt
- 17 Brenda Knight
- 20 Sandy Watkins
- 20 Melinda Willison
- 26 Martha Tillman

JANUARY

- 8 Tina McClanahan
- 11 Lynne K. Nadel

FEBRUARY

- 10 Marilyn Michue



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



2023-2024 Kappa Calendar

February 10, 10:00-12:00 Business Mtg., 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, Char.

April 26-28 NCDKG Convention
 @ Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham, NC

May 18, 12:00-3:00 Picnic & Business Mtg. - TBA

June Executive Board Planning Meeting - TBA

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

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.

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