

## The Presidents' Message

**Join Us!**

### **NC DKG Virtual Convention April 23-25**

Conventions are a great way to participate in DKG on a State level. General sessions, business meeting, workshops, installation of officers, and special awards will occur Friday evening thru Sunday afternoon. Each day, beginning Tuesday, a different area of Region XI will be highlighted through a virtual tour, such as the Carl Sandburg home or the Penland School of Crafts. Also, each day, beginning at noon, members can enjoy a showcase of NC DKG activities, such as the naming of award winners and the Ceremony of Remembrance. **See the schedule in this newsletter!**

Everyone wishing to attend convention events (Friday - Sunday) should **register by April 2, 2021**. Registrations received on or before April 2nd will receive through USPS materials needed to participate in the virtual event (convention bling, flyer containing virtual links, activity packets, and additional information). Those who register after April 2nd are not guaranteed convention materials through the USPS; however, links to attend convention sessions will be sent in a follow-up email. **Registration will close Monday, April 19th at noon.**

**Convention registration will be online using the Google Form found at <https://bit.ly/2021NCDKGGConvention>** . Payment will be by credit card or check following the directions on the form. For your records, a copy of the registration form will be sent to the email address provided in the form. **Remember, Kappa will reimburse your \$25 registration fee should you attend the Convention!**

**Gloria & Jeannette**

Info from NC DKG News

## **Kappa Happenings**

**April 17<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.**

**Zoom Business Meeting** with Guest Speaker Dr. Teresa Petty, Interim Dean of the Cato College of Education at UNC Charlotte. Her areas of research include National Board Certification, Online Teaching & Learning and Student Engagement in Online Environments. Be there!

**May 15<sup>th</sup> 12 - 3 p.m.**

**Picnic at Squirrel Lake Park**, 1631 Pleasant Plains Rd, Matthews, NC 28105

Come enjoy the squirrels, birds and pond at a covered picnic pavilion. *FINALLY*, we get to visit with each other in-person! Bring a lawn chair and wear your mask for social distancing. A fun group day! 😊

- **Box Lunch** (Covid safety) courtesy of your Hospitality Committee. Menu options will be emailed to you in early May.
- **Mystery Bag** - Bring a sealed paper bag with gift item(s) inside. Value \$15-\$20. Bring some ca\$h to bid on as many bags as you wish! **Fundraiser courtesy of Ways and Means Committee.**
- Service Awards
- Ceremony of Remembrance **for former** Kappa President Dr. Sally Nicholson
- Induction Ceremony of new members

**June 17<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Note date change!** **Activity and Executive Board Meeting** at Sam Sipes' Lake Norman home. The Lake view and her gardens are beautiful! This will be an outdoor day, so come prepared for the sun! BYOB lunch if you plan to stay for the afternoon planning meeting for next year. ALL members are invited and welcome to participate in the meeting. Your ideas are appreciated! Directions to come prior to date.



## **Alert!**

Keep this Fall's 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](#).



## **Team Kappa Honored with 2020 Crop Walk New Team Award**

Our Team Kappa received an etched acrylic plaque in recognition of the \$5,500 raised by Kappa members to fight world hunger. Kappa was featured with an article and photo in the March Crop Walk newsletter commemorating the evening.



**To members who continue to support our cadre of Beginning Teachers at Albemarle Road Elementary. Your gifts and thoughtfulness have been greatly appreciated by your BT Buddies.**

**To members for their outstanding donations to World Fellowship totaling \$850. Wow!**

**To members who so helpfully updated their DGK Profile. You are loved!**



## *Veteran Teachers*

**Lisa Hall, Brenda Hopkins, Tina McClanahan, Elizabeth Pratt, Kim Smith, & Melinda Willison**



**The best teachers are those who show you where to look but don't tell you what to see.**

~Alexander K. Trenfor

*We appreciate you!*





*Look Who's Feeling Better!*

## **Julia O'Reilly Returns to Charlotte**

*by Gloria Jones*



Julia wants us to know that she is recovering well and doing great! She is on a walker now to prevent falls and remains upbeat and hopeful. She feels LUCKY in many ways. First, her special nieces have taken such good care of her for several months. When she fell, they were with her in her home and encouraged her to go to the emergency room. Her leg had become infected from an earlier fall. Had she not gone for help that day, her condition could have seriously worsened. She spent twelve days in the hospital. She feels lucky to have found the excellent medical help she did. She is grateful for

the many cards and calls from her Kappa sisters. The luck of the Irish has truly followed her.

Julia has been a member of Kappa for over forty years and has the honor of the longest membership in Kappa Chapter. She taught school for forty years, thirty-five years as a fifth-grade teacher and five as a sixth-grade teacher. Thirty-nine years were spent at Hickory Grove Elementary where she worked some of those years with Tisa Clark and Debbie Dryden.

Julia loved her students and still hears from some of them. She has taught parents and their children during her long career. One person noted that she brought out the best in her students. Her goal was to help her students have a good opinion of themselves.

***A Special Memory*** One former fifth grade student approached her one day and told her she had turned his life around. He had been in a bad home situation and looked forward to coming to school each day.

As Julia was positive with her students, she has also kept a positive attitude during this whole ordeal. Her niece noted that she never complained and that she had learned so many lessons from her.

Julia is our historian and keeps scrapbooks of our activities and events that we hope to share at our 80th Anniversary Celebration. With a bit more Irish luck we may see her at a meeting again soon.



“A good **friend** is like a four-leaf clover; hard to find and lucky to have.” — Irish Proverb

**News from NC DKG**

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**2021 NC DKG Convention A Virtual Celebration -  
NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future**

The 2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention is going to be yet another first for the NC DKG membership. Region XI planning team and the NC DKG Executive Committee invite you to engage in the virtual event designed to celebrate NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future.

**Convention Virtual Showcases - Tuesday, April 20 thru Sunday, April 25**

NC DKG is embracing the world of technology. Activities typically included in the three-day, in-person event will be showcased Tuesday, April 20 through Sunday, April 25. Chapter and member recognitions, awards, and the Ceremony of Remembrance will be shared utilizing virtual presentations. These recorded recognitions require no registration and will be available for viewing beginning on the scheduled date (see chart below) or at your own convenience. What a lovely program these showcases could provide for your upcoming chapter meetings.

**Remembering NC DKG Past - Friday, April 23, 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

The 2021 NC DKG Convention, for which members will need to register, will begin on Friday. The celebration will feature a look at the past as we gain inspiration from a veteran NC DKG member, engage in a Founders activity, and enjoy the presentation and hear remarks from the Founders Award recipient.

**Celebrating NC DKG Present - Saturday, April 24, 9:00 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Saturday** will kick off with the Executive Board Meeting and subsequent general session. All registered members are invited to observe as the executive board conducts business. Registrants will be able to participate in the general session as the executive board's recommendations on proposed amendments are presented, and the election of state officers is conducted. Workshops, live and pre-recorded, will occur in the afternoon, and the evening session will celebrate the accomplishments of chapters and members, featuring DKG Membership Director Trish Woodley.

**Shaping NC DKG Future - Sunday, April 25, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday's** activities will begin with the annual meeting of the NC DKG Educational Foundation. The closing general session will follow, featuring a guest speaker, the announcement of NC DKG Scholarship recipients, and the Beginning Teacher Award winner. The convention will draw to a close with the installation of the newly-elected 2021-2023 NC DKG officers and the passing of the gavel.

## News from NC DKG

### Convention Virtual Tours and Showcase Schedule

#### Tuesday, April 20

*Virtual Tour: Penland School of Crafts*

*Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Communication & Marketing Awards*

#### Wednesday, April 21

*Virtual Tour: Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site*

*Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Golden Key & Rising Star Awards*

#### Thursday, April 22

*Virtual Tour: Blue Ridge Parkway*

*Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Chapter Achievement Awards*

#### Friday, April 23

*Virtual Tour: Asheville Restaurants and Irresistible Escapes*

*Virtual Showcase: Ceremony of Remembrance*

#### Saturday, April 24

*Virtual Tour: John C. Campbell Folk School*

*Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Chapter Presidents*

#### Sunday, April 25

*Virtual Tour: Nantahala River Whitewater Rafting*

*Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Regional Directors*

### Dues Information for Spring Inductees by NC DKG Treasurer Leslie Black

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The dues structure for DKG may be a little confusing for members inducted after December 31. Details for spring inductee dues are as follows:

- Members inducted between January 1 through March 31 pay half dues (state-\$7.50 and international-\$20.00), initiate fee (\$10), and scholarship fee (\$1) for a total of \$38.50. Chapters set their dues for spring inductees. These new members will pay full dues for the next year beginning July 1.
- Members inducted between April 1 through May 31 pay the full dues amount (state-\$15.00 and international-\$40), initiate fee (\$10), and scholarship fee (\$1) for a total of \$66 plus chapter dues. Treasurers will credit these dues to the next year beginning July 1.

### Amendment Proposals to be Presented at the Convention Shared

Eta Data, March 15, 2021

Forty-one amendments to the NC DKG Bylaws and Standing Rules will be considered during the 2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention. Those proposed amendments were attached to the March Eta Data email notification sent on March 11 and are posted on the NC DKG website.

On Saturday morning, April 24, the state Executive Board will vote on whether to recommend each proposal. The General Business meeting will follow immediately. **At this time members will vote on whether the proposed amendments will be adopted. Only members registered for the convention may vote on the proposed amendments and the election of officers.** Registration, which closes at noon on April 19, is \$25. The registration form can be found at [https:// bit.ly/2021NCDKGConvention](https://bit.ly/2021NCDKGConvention)

## News from DKG International

### Writers Take Note! New Submission Process for Publications!

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Submission procedures for the DKG Bulletin in both formats will change beginning with the May 15, 2021 deadline. Authors of articles for the more formal, academic International Journal for Professional Educators and for the less formal, practice-focused Collegial Exchange magazine will need to submit an electronic cover sheet along with manuscript copy.

The submission cover sheet will be an interactive online Google form found on the DKG website under the Submissions tab: <https://forms.gle/gEFu9XVRjN1sCMVE6>. It will guide authors through the pieces needed for a complete submission, providing a kind of "check list" of what is required. After submitting the cover sheet, authors will forward their proposed articles to [bulletin@dkg.org](mailto:bulletin@dkg.org).

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PORTLAND, OR JULY 7-10, 2021



"DKG: A World of Opportunities, Contributions, Impact" Plan to visit the Columbia River Gorge with Multnomah Falls, Astoria - the first western settlement along the Pacific Ocean, or the beautiful Rose, Japanese, and Chinese gardens. Catch the spirit of the Pacific Northwest in Portland!

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SAN ANTONIO, TX JULY 21-24, 2021

"DKG: Opportunities • Contributions • Impact" Conference. Members will celebrate all we have realized because of membership in DKG. Sites you may choose to visit include the Alamo, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, San Fernando De Bexar Cathedral, or McNay Art Museum. Be sure to save time for shopping at the El Mercado/Market Square.

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## Money, Money, Money! Conference Cost Issues Explained

**Why do we have to pay so much for conference/convention meals?** The hotel charges the Society for meals and not for meeting rooms. As a result, the registration fee does not include meeting room expenses if we meet the contractual requirements for food and beverage (F & B). Meal fees include all gratuities (25% to cover not only wait staff but also those working behind the scenes to serve us in some way). In addition, meal fees must include tax if that state taxes restaurant meals.

**Why do we have to pay a registration fee for a hybrid or virtual conference?** The 2020 convention was canceled very late due to restrictions placed by Pennsylvania's governor, so the Society assumed the expenses of the virtual platforms from its general funds. The result was a limit on the number of workshops and offerings. For the 2021 international conferences, the registration fee (\$160) allows planning for multiple platforms in order to have more robust conferences if they must be virtual or hybrid.

**Why are conferences and conventions so expensive?** As a not-for-profit organization, DKG does not make money on these events. They are a service provided to members on a bare-bones budget. The bulk of the budget for a conference is for meeting the DKG hotel block of rooms (which gives us some discounts on our contract). The F & B is also a lion's share of the budget. DKG must guarantee the amount that will be spent for ticketed meals, and if we do not meet that F & B amount, the Society must pay the difference. **Continued...**

## Money, Money, Money! Conference Cost Issues Explained *Continued*

**What is the Society doing to help?** Planners are doing everything possible to reduce costs to members. For example, they have applied for Holden and Cornetet grants and looked for sponsors to help pay for keynote speakers, pre-conference workshops, and other special events. They have also worked to get sponsors to pay for a variety of little extras in trade for advertising in the program.

**What can members do to help?** Bring many members to the international meetings, stay in the hotel, buy ticketed meals, and consider stipends or scholarships from your chapter to help members who otherwise would not be able to have the international experience. This is an opportunity to be a part of “A World of Opportunities, Contributions, Impact!” at the 2021 International Conferences! Please plan to join us!



### April

- 1 Brenda Hopkins
- 9 Tisa Clark
- 10 Sam Sipes
- 17 Gloria Jones

### *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.*

*Condolences to Dr. Patricia  
Smith on the passing of her  
Sister.*

### 2020-2021 CALENDAR

#### April 17th 10:00 - 12:00

Zoom Meeting - 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: Induction of New Members,  
Ceremony of Remembrance,  
End of the year Wrap-up, Boxed Lunch,  
& “Mystery Bags” Silent Auction

#### June 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00-1:00

Activity and Executive Board Meeting  
@ home of Sam Sipes  
7631 Dellinger Rd., Denver, NC 28037  
Activity/BYOBag Lunch/Exec. Bd. Mtg.

#### August 15-September 15

Submission window for DKG Fine Arts Gallery

### Convention Dates

**April 23-25, 2021** - NC DKG Convention, Virtual Event

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

**July 21-24, 2021** - International Conference, San Antonio

**April 29-May 1, 2022** - NC DKG Convention, Asheville  
Crowne Plaza Resort

**July 12-16, 2022** - International Convention, New Orleans

**April 28-30, 2023** — NC DKG Convention, Greenville

## Tech Tidbits



These comments apply directly to Spectrum but would generally apply to any service provider for TV, Internet and phone service. Maybe this will sound familiar to you.

We experienced significant degradation of picture quality and sound over the years, and eventually had to reboot the cable box a couple of times a *day* to get the TV to work at all. We were original subscribers to Time Warner, which was purchased by Spectrum a few years back. We remained “legacy customers” and kept our old plans and equipment.

Recently, we found out the equipment being used for Time Warner customers were recycled old units; only Spectrum customers received newer equipment. We were told to call the local Spectrum store (not the customer service number on your bill as the representative will try to upsell you) and ask to switch from the legacy plan to Spectrum plan. Make an appointment to return the equipment and they will swap it out and change the plan in about five minutes. As a result:

- **The TV reception is pretty much rock solid.** We rarely need to reboot, and if we do, it takes less than 30 *seconds*. It used to take seven to ten *minutes* with the old equipment.
- **The internet speed on the new plan is doubled** (we bought our own router but use the Spectrum modem). They will provide both if you prefer.
- **Monthly cost was reduced by a third** on similar package of cable, Internet and phone. Part of the savings is a one-year reduction that they offered for switching, but even without this offer we would still have saved money.

***Lesson learned: In general, any frequently used tech equipment over five years usually needs to be replaced to keep up with technology.***

Tony Carofano, Guest Contributor



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