

The Presidents' Message

Co-Presidents [Jeannette Carofano](#) & [Gloria Jones](#)

Thank You



What a great Anniversary party! Surrounded by friends, delicious food and an air of celebration to swell your heart. We had a wonderful member turnout, as well as special guests Elyse Dashew, CMS School Board President; Jennifer De La Jara, CMS School Board Member-At-Large; and Janie Webb, NC DKG Region VIII Director.

Video kudos came from NC Governor Cooper, US Congresswoman Alma Adams, NC Superintendent of Schools Catherine Truitt, Chairman of the NC Board of Education Eric Davis, Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles, CMS School Superintendent Ernest Winston and NC DKG Past President Dr. Teresa Cowan. *Thank you* to Kappa President Gloria Jones for her persistence in obtaining these greetings.

Thank you to Clara and Carl Hedberg for securing and preparing our venue. *Thank you* to Lisa Hall for arranging our brunch menu and anniversary cake. *Thank you* to Debbie Dryden, Janie Webb and Tina McClanahan for their terrific presentation on the Past, Present and Future of Kappa and DKG. *Thank you* to Debbie Dryden for providing cutlery and plates, as well as displaying several Kappa Scrapbooks. *Thank you* to Lynne Nadel for donating her pottery vases as centerpieces and door prizes, as well as preparing table flowers and leading us in our DKG song. *Thank you* to Ann McCain for an especially apt and inspiring Thought for the Day. *Thank you* to Cindy Lockerman for coordinating the virtual well wishes of officials and providing technology to share our many presentations. *Thank you* to Lisa Hall for the slide review of Kappa experiences. *Thank you* to Candace Armstrong, Lisa Hall and Tony Carofano for capturing photographic memories of our big day. *Thank you* to our serving line hostesses Gloria Jones, Lynne Nadel, Beverly Griffin and Marilyn Michue. *Thank you* to Brenda Coble for laundering the many white tablecloths. *Thank you* to Jeannette Carofano for wrangling the many balloons and delivering them to White Oak Nursing Home for residents to enjoy, as well as preparing our agenda and hosting our meeting. *Thank you* to everyone who helped with this wonderful meeting by their presence or assistance.

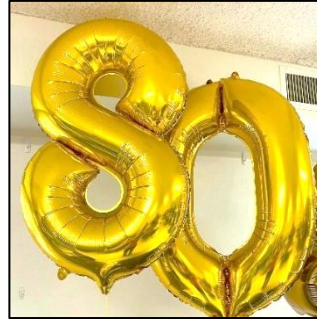
Happy 80th Anniversary!



Back Row: Lisa Hall, Marilyn Michue, Dr. Patricia Smith, Candace Armstrong, Martha Tillman, Dr. Brenda Hopkins, Charlene Wertz, Jennifer De La Jara -CMS School Board Member-At-Large, Reatha Andrew, Vicki Kiziah, Lynne Nadel, Beverly Griffin, Janie Webb – Region VIII Director, Elyse Dashew – CMS School Board Chair, Tisa Clark, Caroline Bowen – Guest Beginning Teacher, Betty Bell, Georgia Melby – Guest Beginning Teacher, Brenda Knight **Front Row:** Debbie Dryden, Jeannette Carofano, Clara Hedberg, Julia O’Reilly, Ann McCain, Gloria Jones, Tina McClanahan, Brenda Coble

Table Hopping





Kappa members honored for their nearly 130 years total membership in Delta Kappa Gamma, Kappa Chapter, Charlotte are (left to right) Clara Hedberg, 43 years; Julia O'Reilly, 48 years; Debbie Dryden, awarding recognition pins; and Ann McCain, 39 years. These educators were cited in a greeting from Gov. Roy Cooper for their dedication to educating children.



Guests & Speakers



Elyse Dashew

Jennifer De La Jara

Janie Webb

Debbie Dryden

Tina McClanahan



Lynne Nadel, Beverly Griffin, Gloria Jones

Ann McCain- Thought for the Day

Kappa's History on Display

Kappa's Next Meeting

Zoom login
coming soon
via email.

World Fellowship

Monday, Feb. 7th

7:00 p.m. on Zoom



Business Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker Lauren Rogers, Volunteer & Outreach Manager @ 7:30 p.m.

International House promotes international understanding and helps immigrants integrate fully into our community, while helping local residents and businesses connect with people and cultures from around the world.

Join us for this thought-provoking presentation and discussion of acclimating immigrants to new living circumstances in Charlotte, learning the English language and pursuing U.S. Citizenship.

Visit <https://www.ihclt.org/> for more information about their mission and programs.



*Lauren Rogers of
International House, Charlotte*



**World Fellowship donations,
supporting international teachers furthering their education
in the United States, must be received by February 7th.**

Make checks out to Kappa Chapter - DKG

Mail to: LYNNE K. NADEL 8301 RUBY VALLEY RD CHARLOTTE NC 28277



*View Debbie Dryden's International Fellowship & Schools for Africa video:
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=wGWV7BPkCyY>*

Veteran Kappa Teachers have been honored by Kappa and member Debbie Dryden with donations to the NC DKG Educational Foundation through their **Celebrate a Teacher – Honoring Heroes** campaign. Kappa’s Special Heroes are **Tanya Filmore-Scott, Elizabeth Pratt, Lisa Hall, Brenda Hopkins, Tina McClanahan and Kim Smith**. Kappa is *so proud* of these dedicated educators! Donations help support grants for learning programs, classroom projects and professional development.

Beginning Teachers were treated to gift bags of snacks and supplies before Winter Break, as well as decorative ceramic tile memo boards as a holiday gift. Within the first week of February, Buzzing Bee certificates honoring Beginning Educators Excelling will be awarded to these determined budding teachers, along with multiple gift certificates donated by Chick-fil-A. *Keep up the good work, BTs!*



Kappa Proudly Boasts

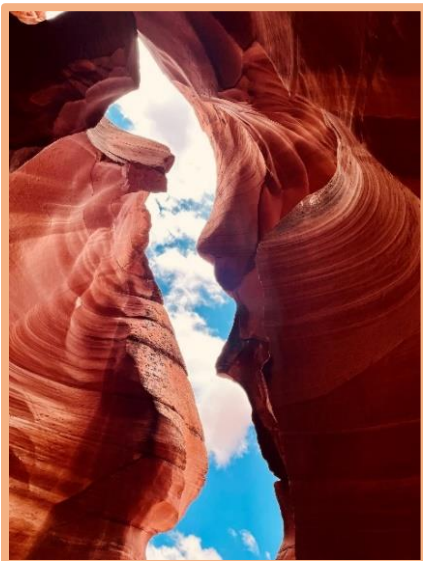
Members Featured in Fall DKG Art Gallery. <https://gallery.dkg.org/#explore>



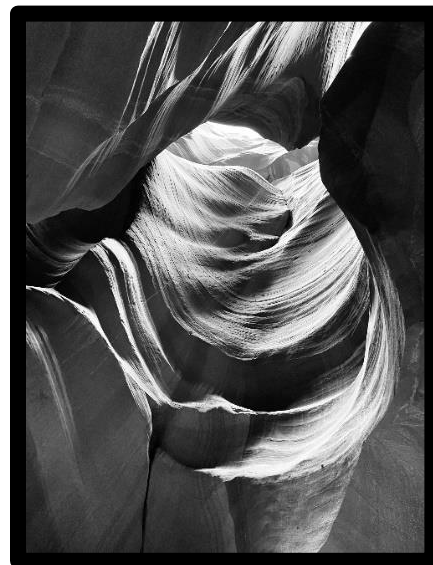
Photo by Betty Bell: Sunset Over the St. Lawrence River



Pottery by Lynne Nadel:
Lidded Jar



Left: Photo by Lisa Hall:
Antelope Canyon



Right: Photo by Lisa Hall:
The Rose

An Update on One of Our Own: Teacher by Day, Counselor by Night

After completing the Clinical Mental Health Counseling MS program at Capella, [Melinda Willison has been short-term contracted](#) by [Carolina Family & Maternal Counseling](#) in Matthews to provide [group and skills support services](#) for psychoeducation related to mental wellness. While working through the steps to state licensure, Melinda is providing a series of 11+ programs in the evenings and Saturdays virtual and in-person for ages 4-6, boys 9-12, girls 9-18, and adults of all ages. Once licensed, Melinda will begin to provide individual, family, and couples counseling in addition to the groups.

Having stepped down from the classroom to complete 600+ hours of fieldwork, Melinda has also returned to the still-open position in 5th grade at Lansdowne amidst pandemic-level teacher shortages. #together

In November, Melinda was awarded a \$1000 scholarship from the National Society of Leadership and Success at the 2021 Fall Virtual Leadership Summit for her active participation and insights on leadership in the present workforce held November 5 & 6 for graduate students.



Auction Redux: Wreaths by Dr. Smith's Niece

There *are* little angels among us! Hearing of Kappa's auction, Alexandria, 9, wanted to contribute. She saved her money and over many months she visited the craft store for flowers. Driving from SC, she delivered ten wreaths she had made to her Auntie, Dr. Patricia Smith, hoping to raise money for children's charities. Alexandria is doing good works at age nine and hopes earnings from her wreaths will do the same. Her extra wreaths were donated to the ACTS Senior Living Center in Matthews and were gladly accepted. A special *Thank You* to Alexandria from Kappa!



Chapter Project

POP TOPS for Ronald McDonald House

Clara Hedberg delivered 3 lbs. in January, bringing this Kappa year's donation to 68.25 lbs, providing 17 nights housing for parents of hospitalized children. Bravo! Her next turn-in will be Feb. 28th.

Chapter Communications with Elected Officials

From **Jennifer De La Jara, CMS School Board Member-At-Large**

January 30, 2022

At the Board of County Commissioners' budget retreat meeting, a commissioner asked County Manager, Dena Diorio, to look into what it would take to match Wake County's teacher supplement, noting that Mecklenburg County was in second place. While that sounds like a good idea on the surface, many of us in education already know that Wake's average supplement is only \$100 more than Mecklenburg. For a 10-month salaried teacher, that equates to \$10/Month **before** taxes. Write your Commissioners today to let them know that our teachers deserve more! Ask them to engage in a meaningful conversation with CMS about what it would take to increase the supplement and meet the needs of our educators.

Our students are losing teachers at alarming rates, but the law gives local government a seat at the table. We have the tools to recruit and retain the best and brightest, but the Commission also has the resources.

Kappa Executive Board Meeting 1.19.22 Highlights**17 Attendees**

1. Donations approved:
 - a. Schools for Africa \$110 for two-seat student desk
 - b. LifeStraw Safe Water Fund \$100 for water purification worldwide
 - c. Augustine Project, Charlotte \$100 for reading tutor supplies
 - d. MANNA Food Bank \$100 – NC DKG 2022 Convention project
 - e. NC DKG 2022 Convention Hospitality Committee \$50 requested; \$20 per Reg. Dir.
 - f. NC DKG Pauline Longest Leadership Fund \$25
 - g. NC DKG Scholarship Fund \$25

Additional donations will be considered later as funds allow.

2. Nominating Committee for New Officers – contact [Lynne Nadel](#) to participate
3. Reviewed and Approved Chapter Strategic Plan 2022
4. Members viewed Debbie Dryden's World Fellowship & Schools for Africa video and last year's Convention speech, 'Knickers for New Life.'

News from NC DKG**2022 NC DKG Convention Reservations**www.ncdkg.org

It is time to make your room reservation for the NC DKG Convention at the Asheville Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort, April 29-May 1, 2022.

The rate for two queen beds or one king bed is \$155, plus 13% tax on either type. The group rate ends March 29, so be sure to reserve your room as soon as possible. You can cancel the reservation up to 48 hours before arrival without being charged for one night. Make plans to join us at the Crowne Plaza and help us meet the room quota.

Booking Guest Rooms

1. Call the toll-free number 1-844-330-0296 (24/7) and mention the group name Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma in order to receive the special group rate.
2. Call the local hotel number during normal business hours 828-285-2603 and mention the group name.
3. Go to the hotel website - ashevillecp.com
 - Check Availability (enter dates of stay)
 - Enter Group Code: ETA
4. Use the link below to automatically add the group code when booking online (be sure to verify the dates you want to reserve) :
[Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma](#) (not mobile compatible)

Early Registration Ends April 10, 2022

[Registration Form](#) See the form for payment options. Mailed payment must be postmarked by April 1, 2022.

News from NC DKG

2022 Convention Volunteer Form

www.ncdkg.org

Our Asheville NC DKG Convention is a unique opportunity for members across the state to connect and work behind the scenes. Please complete this form if you are willing to attend, register and volunteer April 29- May1, 2022. Once all jobs are determined by the planning committee, a SignUpGenius link will be sent to you. [Volunteer Form Link](#) You may also email Convention Chair [Connie Savell](#) to volunteer.

Workshop Proposals Still Accepted!

Region VIII Meeting 1/27/22

Tammy Collum will consider additional workshop topics on a case-by-case basis. The convention workshops will be held on Saturday, April 30 and each workshop will run for one hour. If you have an idea you'd like to submit, contact [Tammy](#). **Kappa would be proud to have you present!**

Our NCDKG Education Foundation is looking for members to serve on Foundation committees. The 2021 Foundation Interest Form is available at <https://www.ncdkgef.org/>.

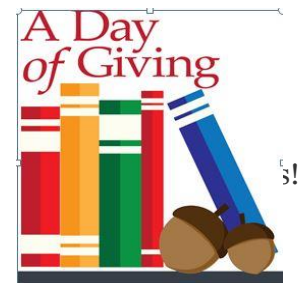
In a Nutshell Jan 2022

The Foundation's second annual Day of Giving

was held November 20, 2021. A total of \$6957.05 was raised through generous donations from members and from friends of the Foundation.

Thank you to all who participated in making this year's Day of Giving a great The money collected will be used to fund NC educators' projects and professional development opportunities.

*Kappa donated \$100 from our Auction profits to the Educational Foundation on behalf of our chapter members.



News from DKG International



2022 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

NEW ORLEANS

JULY 12-16

Sheraton New Orleans, 500 Canal St.

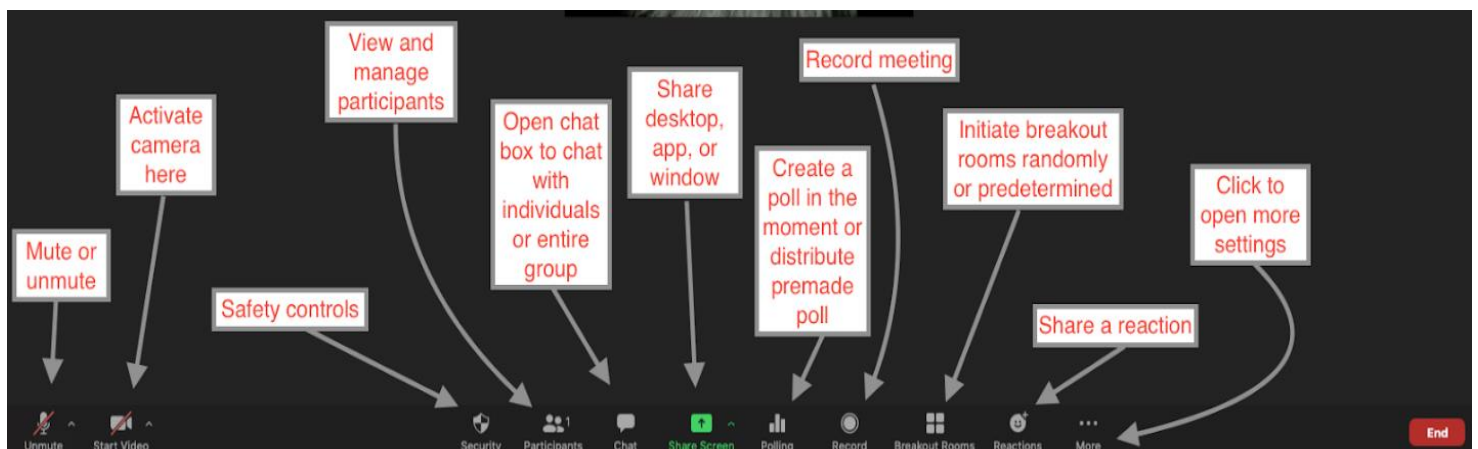
<https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events>

Tech Tidbits: Navigating

Melinda Willison

Zoom can be confusing for lots of reasons: version updates, different formats for different devices, and clicking certain buttons in certain views can add more complications. It's been a while since we've featured a how-to. The foremost tip is to view from a laptop or desktop, especially if you are a zoom or tech novice. Secondly, log in 10-15 minutes early in case you need support— you can receive it without interrupting the meeting. Additionally, focus and engage in the session, rather than multitasking.

To help you grow your zoom savvy, here's a link to a [written tutorial](#), a link to [a video guide](#), and [a diagram to recap the button functions](#). Still have questions? Reach out to Cindy Lockerman or Melinda Willison using contact information in the updated yearbook.



Thinking of You



Sincere condolences to

Beverly Griffin on the passing of her dear Mother
Reatha Andrew on the passing of her sister, Claire
Marilyn Michue on the passing of her husband, Ray
Kim Smith on the passing of her Stepfather
Cynthia Smith-Perkins on the passing of her brother,
Ronald



*Roses are red, Violets are blue.
Happy Belated Birthday to you!*

December

- 2 Debbie Dryden**
- 4 Reatha Andrew**
- 7 Elizabeth Pratt**
- 17 Brenda Knight**
- 20 Melinda Willison**
- 26 Martha Tillman**

January

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

February

- 10 Marilyn Michue**

March

- 20 Ann McCain**

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Email KAPPA Co-Presidents

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

Socialize on <https://www.facebook.com/DKGKAPPA/>

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

2021-2022 Kappa Calendar

Feb. 7/Mon. Meeting: World Fellowship 7pm ZOOM

Guest Speaker: Autumn Weil, International House

Mar. 5/Sat. Bunco @Tisa's 10-12 noon Tentative/Covid

April 2/Sat. Spring Luncheon & Induction 10-12 noon

Trio Restaurant, 10709 McMullen Creek Pkway & Rt. 51, Char.

Guest Speaker: Harold Dixon, NC PTA President

May 14/Sat. Picnic @ Squirrel Lake Park, Matthews 12-3 pm

Potluck – Bring a favorite picnic food to share!

Make a Mystery Bag, Pottery for sale, Awards

June 14/Tues. Executive Board Meeting 10 am-2 pm

Sam Sipe's home, Lake Norman – All are invited!

Bring a bag lunch

Bunco \$10 to play, \$1 for snacks

June 21/Tues. Day Trip 8:30 am-4 pm

Pearl Fryar Garden/Topiary, Bishopville, SC &

SC Mac's Pride Fresh Peaches, McBee, SC

Further details to come!

2021-2022 DKG/NC DKG Events

Feb. 15 DKG Arts and Humanity Gallery Submission

Window Closes

March 1 *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due

April 1 Deadline for postmarked NC DKG Convention

April 10 Deadline for Early Bird NC DKG Convention
Registration

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

July 12-16, 2022 — International Convention, New
Orleans, LA

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



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