

## **The Presidents' Message**

## ***Be an Active Member!***

*Perseverance doesn't always mean winning and losing.  
Perseverance means showing up and rising to the occasion and performing.  
-Michael Chiesa, Professional Mixed Martial Artist, Sports Commentator*

I never expected to quote a professional fighter, but Michael Chiesa applies to Kappa's goal of impacting the lives of students. We must put ourselves forward and do our part to achieve our goals.

*Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!  
-Admiral David Farragut*

Civil War Admiral Farragut was speaking of naval mines, then called torpedoes. We could adapt his determination to overcoming the challenges of Covid virus and blasting through obstacles to meet our objectives.

With Kappa's can-do spirit we will have a successful year with guest speakers, Bright Blessings community service, our Online Auction, CROP Walk, World Fellowship, the May picnic and June day trip to The Pearl Fryar Garden & Topiary. Save the back page of this newsletter as your Kappa Calendar for the year. File the updated Yearbook of Kappa By-laws and member contact information. Be an active member!

*Active membership means attending meetings, committing to our ambitions,  
participating in activities and offering your talents. Damn the virus, full speed ahead!*

[Jeannette Carofano](#) and [Gloria Jones](#), Kappa Co-Presidents

*Celebrating 80 Years of Kappa Chapter*

## ***Be an Active Member!***

# **Kappa's 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Year**

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

**Guest Speaker: Beth Winstead, NC DKG President**

**Drop-in Speaker Freebird McKinney, NC DPI/ SBE Director of Government Affairs and  
Community Outreach at NC State Board of Education**

***Zoom invitation coming soon!***

The previously planned 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Kappa Chapter at Trio Restaurant has been cancelled due to Covid virus concerns. Instead, we will celebrate all year!

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## DKG SEVEN PURPOSES REVISITED

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**The Purposes are the fundamental reasons our Society exists. They are the “why” our Founders organized DKG and continue to be the core guiding our actions as members.**

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education
4. To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society



### *Inspirations*

Gloria Jones, Kappa Co-President

I have been inspired by our visits to Ronald McDonald House and Bright Blessings and our participation in Crop Walk. These are true efforts to help children in our community and in some cases around the world. I was inspired again this summer when my husband and I were invited to visit UNCC’s Niner University Elementary’s Summer Reading Camp. Dean Teresa Petty of Cato College of Education at UNCC told us about this school in her presentation in April.

We met with Principal Pamela Broome and the camp literacy director, Dr. Erin Washburn. Their vision, passion, and dedication were evident as they presented their school. This school was developed for K-3 students who live in poverty and may have experienced trauma.

It is a cutting-edge approach using many hands-on techniques. Some of the activities reminded me of Odyssey of the Mind activities.

We met in the inviting parent room across from the cafeteria where parents can obtain food to take home if needed. Looking out the windows, we saw gardens planted by the students where they can harvest food to take home. The student-teacher ratio is very low.

I think it is important for Kappa to stay informed of educational opportunities for students in our area. These two inspiring women educators are willing to have a conversation with us about their lab school via Zoom in the future. I hope we can plan a meeting and you will be a part of it.

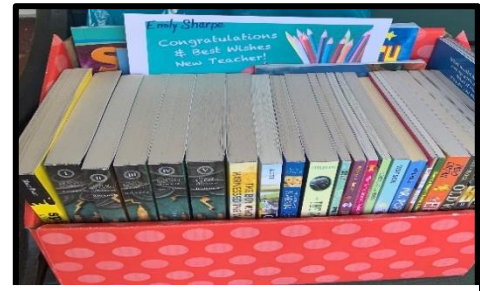
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## Kappa Member Gifts Starter Class Library to 10 Beginning Teachers

Jeannette Carofano, Kappa Co-President

Melinda Willison recently ended her classroom teaching career to pursue the final requirements of her Counseling degree. From her many years of teaching, summer reading programs and providing new books to needy readers, Melinda had amassed an enviable library of elementary level reading materials.

Thinking of the **Beginning Teachers** Kappa sponsors at Albemarle Road Elementary School, Melinda sorted 405 books into boxes of grade-level specific materials for *each* of ARES' nine beginning teachers. She also included a gift box of 36 books for Emily Sharpe, recipient of Kappa's 2020-2021 Scholarship and a first-year teacher at Greenway Park ES. What a thrilling way to start the school year! Thanks a million, Melinda!



A classroom starter library from Melinda...



helps Beginning Teachers at every grade level

**Crop Walk Fact:** There are 144,318 people living at or below the Federal Poverty Level in Mecklenburg County, including 46,259 children.

Gloria Jones, Kappa Co-President

How can you help? By joining Team Kappa and participating in Charlotte's 43rd Crop Hunger Walk. Last year, we raised \$5,500, helping our community and our world. Can we do it again or even better?

The Crop Walk takes place at American Legion Memorial Stadium on Sunday, November 7. You may participate there or virtually as we did last year. You can walk anywhere, anytime, or any place. If you are unable to walk, be a spirit walker and walk in spirit. We need YOU!

***If you would like to join Team Kappa:***

- Go to: [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org)
- Click on: start/join a team
- Type in: Team Kappa
- Join with email or Facebook if you like.
- If email, type name and email address.
- If you can remember last year's password, type in and confirm.
- If not, click forgot password and reset. (Make sure you keep a copy of your password)
- Complete questions and submit finish.

Currently, we have five team members registered but need more,

We also need sponsors. When we have all team members registered, I will send information on how to do that. ***Let's fight hunger one step at a time! Be an Active Member!***

**Congratulations!**

*to Brenda Coble and Debbie Dryden  
who will each be receiving their  
20-year service pins at  
our next in-person meeting!*

**Executive Board Meets “at the Lake”**

Jeannette Carofano

Kappa’s end-of-the-year planning meeting was held on June 17<sup>th</sup> at Sam Sipes’ home on Lake Norman. After a few rounds of Bunco and lunch on the deck overlooking the lake, members reviewed the data from our member survey of preferences for the coming year. The calendar for 2021-2022 is packed with guest speakers, activities and even a field trip! ***See the last page of this newsletter for a tear-off calendar to save.***



*Many thanks* to Sam and Ken Sipes for graciously hosting our meeting, piloting boat rides on the Lake, guiding tours of their gardens and a great display of pet tricks.

**Position Available – Help Wanted**

**Kappa Website Co-Editor** Weebly is changing its format and we need someone who is savvy with apps and information management to continue access and maintenance. Contact [Jeannette Carofano](#) if you can help with our website. *We NEED you!*

***Be an Active Member!*****Kappa Plans for June '22 Day Trip to Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden in Bishopville, SC**

Patricia Smith, Member

Need a little inspiration for *your* lawn? The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden (Bishopville, SC) is beautiful, whimsical, educational and inspiring. Pearl's property contains over 300 individual plants that are complemented by his "junk art" sculptures placed throughout the garden.



**Next stop:** McLeod Peach Farms (McBee, SC) for lunch and to get SC Mac's Pride Fresh Peaches, homemade fresh peach ice cream, Peach Enchiladas; Burgers; fresh-baked breads, cakes and pies; a tractor museum and more. Both locations are free to enter, though the Gardens gladly accept donations. We are considering carpooling for this drive.

***Save the date: June 21, 2022******Be an Active Member!******Save your pop-tops for Ronald McDonald***

***House! Kappa has provided  
8 nights of housing in the past  
year. Contact Clara or Ann to donate.***

## School Board Member Speaks to Kappa

Gloria Jones

On July 20, CMS School Board Member, Jennifer de la Jara, met with Kappa via Zoom. She shared with us information about the \$56,000 the County Commission withheld from the CMS budget. They had just finished mediation and were to recover the money. She explained the process that occurred.



CMS School Board Member  
Jennifer de la Jara

Strategic plans are placed on each school's website. The County Commission also funded one million dollars to put the strategic plans on one website. Student outcomes will govern the strategic plans.

How will CMS operate this school year? It will meet 5 days a week, masks mandated. K-2 will meet only in person but there is a virtual option for grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

She invited our members to serve on several educational panels. Jennifer de la Jara is keeping Kappa informed of what's going on in CMS.

## SPECIAL DATES

- **Aug. 15-Sept. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open** <http://dkggallery.dkg.org/dkggallery/index.php/gallery-submissions/>
- **Sept. 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due.** Classroom projects, chapter projects, and professional development are all possible— but you must apply. Check them out at <https://www.ncdkgef.org/grants.html>.
- **Oct. 1 Bulletin: Journal submissions due.** For guidelines and rubrics: [bulletin@dkg.org](mailto:bulletin@dkg.org)

**Be an Active Member!**



### August

19 Vicki Kiziah

### September

9 Brenda Coble  
22 Pam Anthony

### October

5 Patricia Smith  
14 Kim Smith

*Best Wishes to  
Kappa's Active  
Teachers for a safe  
and productive  
school year.*

**Tina McClanahan**

**Lisa Hall**

**Brenda Hopkins**

**Elizabeth Pratt**

**Kim Smith**

*Thinking of You!*

*Spouses of*

**Marilyn Michue  
Vicki Kiziah  
Betty Bell  
Charlene Wertz**

*Families and Relatives of*

**Pam Anthony  
Charlene's Sister**

*And the Good Health of*

**Marilyn Michue  
Betty Bell**

## Tech Tidbits



As educators, the learning never ends-- for us, that is! For those looking to keep growing in knowledge and skills while at home or at least by convenience of a computer and internet, there are some great opportunities available. Here are three!

Brush up on or acquire any one of over 30 languages at <https://www.duolingo.com/register> where you can choose your preferred level of rigor from 5-20 minutes a day. The content is free, but the PLUS program deletes ads, tracks mastery, and provides remediation for mistakes. This is also a great way to supplement class lessons for students, too.

For those seeking to keep brushed up on current events and politics, and for those seeking to train the scholars you teach to consider various perspectives, <https://www.allsides.com/unbiased-balanced-news> is this learning source for you! It has a guide on perspectives and media bias that you can use for evaluating information outside of the site as well. Choose a topic such as Hurricane Henri, Coronavirus, or Terrorism and it presents articles across the spectrum -- Left, Leaning Left, Center, Leaning Right, and Right. Great resource for grades 5 and up, and adults of all ages. Join for lesson plans and classroom activities to connect back to your curriculum standards: <https://allsidesforschools.org/classroom-activities/>.

There are a lot of savvy new sites! What is a go-to resource that is new to you and can be shared out with others too? Message Melinda so we can share a tech-y resource list with the chapter! As for me? I really love the resources highlighted on [a Cult of Pedagogy blog posted back in January of 2021](#)-- Check it out when you have a few minutes to be captivated by the unique opportunities and saturated with amazement for the 6 noted tech resources for teachers to use for themselves and to use in the classroom.

by **Melinda Willison**

## Coming Soon: Kappa's 2<sup>nd</sup>



**Kappa's 2nd Online Auction is a great opportunity for holiday shopping safely and easily from home while helping Kappa grow its budget!**

### *How can you help?*

1. Solicit gift cards or items from local businesses such as grocery stores, restaurants, etc. Lisa Hall has composed a letter for this purpose.
2. Do you have a craft or talent that you do that you could share an item?  
Examples: wreath, ornament, jewelry
3. Do you have something on hand that you are not using that you could donate such as Bath and Body Works products, unused gift cards, a beautiful teapot or teacup?

*Please help us have a variety of items.*

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**News from NC DKG**



Beth Winstead

N.C. State President 2021-2023

*“Linking the Past, Present and Future”*



**Welcome to the 2021-2023 biennium. My theme for the biennium is “Linking the Past, Present and Future.”**

I want us to remember to honor and celebrate all those women before us – the ones who founded DKG when it had to be done in secret; who lead us through divisive times; who first took the steps into technology; and who helped keep us afloat when we had to dive into the deep end of the virtual world. One of the best ways we can honor those before us is to continue to ensure that NC DKG thrives and continues now and into the future. We must continue to grow in membership but also to grow the leaders of the future.

This first year of my biennium I plan to focus on three main areas:

**Membership** Recruit, Retain and Reinstate

- Are we being honest with those we recruit that DKG is a working organization?
- Are we recognizing when a member might be in a stage of their life that they need to be less active but have more support?
- Have we reached out to a member we lost that might be ready to rejoin?

**Fellowship** Each time we gather we need to celebrate. It is time to renew friendships and make new ones.

**Self-Care** We each must take the time to care of ourselves physically and mentally.

I look forward to this adventure and ask each of you to join me.

## News from DKG International

### Japan Charters Its Second Chapter

Japan State Organization has chartered its second chapter, according to the DKG Facebook page. In addition to the photo below, there are several other pictures that show their enthusiasm and pride. International representatives participated via Zoom. Check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/dkgorg/>.

DKG has chapters in 17 countries. Japan is part of the Southwest Region. Log in to read more about the regions and countries under the About Us tab on the DKG website.

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### Convention Dates

Apr. 29-May 1, 2022 NC DKG Convention Crowne Plaza Resort - Asheville, NC  
Jul. 12-16, 2022 International Convention New Orleans, LA



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

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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

## **Sept. 2/Thurs. Zoom Meeting 7-8:30 pm**

Guest Speakers: Beth Winstead, NC DKG President &  
Freebird McKinney, NC DPI/State Bd of Education

## **Oct. 5/Tues. Zoom Joint Meeting of Region VIII**

Hosted by Janie Webb, Region VIII Director  
Topics: US Secy of Education Miguel Cardona &  
NC Supt. Of Public Instruction Catherine Truitt

## **Oct. 21/Thurs. Meeting: Bright Blessings & Community Service 5-7 pm**

1150 Crews Rd., Suite C, Matthews  
Donations needed for homeless children TBA

## **Nov. 7/Sun. Crop Walk, Memorial Stadium/Virtual**

Walk 1 or more laps or any distance on your own

## **Nov. 10-13 Kappa Online Auction**

<https://www.32auctions.com/DK GKappa2021fundraiser.com>

## **Nov. 14/Sun. Auction Item Pickup @ Jeannette's 1-3 pm**

729 Meadow Lake Dr., Matthews

## **Dec. 11/Sat. Meeting: Celebrating Kappa's 80<sup>th</sup>**

### **Anniversary 10 am-12 noon**

Sedgefield United Methodist Church  
2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte  
Brunch – Bring a favorite dish!  
Guest Speaker:

## **Jan. 22/Sat. Executive Board Meeting &**

### **Bunco 10 am-1:30 pm @ Debbie Dryden's**

Bunco 10-12; Bag Lunch: Exec. Bd. Mtg – All members  
may attend meeting or leave prior to meeting.

## **Feb. 10/Thurs. Meeting: World Fellowship**

Guest Speaker: Erin Phelps, International House  
"Knickers for Life" video

## **Mar. 5/Sat. Bunco @Tisa's 10-12 noon**

## **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, recently retired

## **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**

Time & Location TBD  
Bunco TBD

## **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!