



## The Presidents' Message

We made it! Through a year of a pandemic and learning to Zoom, Kappa is as strong as ever! And we are growing in membership, as well! Welcome to Tanya Filmore-Scott, a Special Education teacher of 30 years AND mother of four; Sonja Jordan, a 10-year Kindergarten survivor who works with the U.S. Army and the Wounded Warriors AND is a mother of six; and to Beatrice Hollins-Leak, who forsook retirement to bravely substitute in middle school AND is a newlywed.

We have remained active though apart, managing a successful first-time-ever auction fundraiser, filling 75 stockings for needy children, sending two desks to an African school, supporting 12 Beginning Teachers in Charlotte, assisting several charitable and relief causes and participating in CROP Hunger Walk (raising \$5,500!).

For the first time in over a year, we had an afternoon of togetherness and celebration at our Kappa picnic. There were more of us to celebrate and more reasons to celebrate. We have persevered, we have grown and we have survived! We are more than we used to be, stronger than we used to be and connected in a tested sisterhood more than we used to be.

Just think what we can do when we are together in-person next year! Attend the June 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting and help us look to the future as we continue to grow.

Jeannette Carofano, Kappa Co-President

Gloria Jones, Kappa Co-President

### *"Because I Said I Would..."*

**By Cindy Lockerman, Kappa Vice-President**

The leadership sessions for the NC Delta Kappa Gamma convention were interesting, if unexpected! The sessions were centered on reducing stress, mindfulness and personal commitment. All the sessions were certainly interesting, but the one that spoke to me personally was a session that focused on personal commitment. The presenter highlighted an international movement called "Because I said I would..." that was started by a man named Alex Sheen. He was inspired by his father, who passed away in 2012, and had taught him the value of commitment. He has given three TED talks and appeared on multitudes of major network news shows. I encourage you to go to his website [becauseisaidiwould.org](http://becauseisaidiwould.org) and watch his short video that gives you a brief introduction to his program. It made me pause and consider what I can commit to and follow through on...because I said I would.

“It was **character** that got us out of bed, **commitment** that moved us into action, and **discipline** that enabled us to follow through.”

– Zig Ziglar



# Kappa, Charlotte

## PICNIC



Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Squirrel Lake Park



**2020 & 2021 Kappa Inductees L to R: Tanya Filmore-Scott, Sonja Jordan, Beatrice Hollins-Leak, Cynthia Smith-Perkins, Dr. Brenda Hopkins, Lisa Hall**



**Kappa Officers Inducting New Members:  
L to R, VP Cindy Lockerman, Pres. Gloria Jones, Secretary Reatha Andrew, Pres. Jeannette Carofano, Treasurer & Membership Chair Lynne Nadel**



**Sponsor Debbie Dryden with her Albemarle Road Elem. Beginning Teacher Kisha Batsuli**



**Virtual Member Kathleen Reiss joined us at our year-end celebration. Kathleen came from Pennsylvania to care for her older sister. While home-bound during Covid, Kappa newsletters and emails gave her a connection in an unfamiliar city. After a year of home confinement, she finally got to meet her Kappa Sisters in person! Pictured with Co-President Jeannette Carofano.**

**Kappa's Picnic****A Celebration of Members**

Lynne Nadel conducted a **Ceremony of Remembrance** honoring Past-President Sally Nicholson. Sisters Debbie Dryden and Charlene Wertz shared recollections of Sally as our leader.



**New Inductees** Sonja Jordan, Tanya Filmore-Scott and Beatrice Hollins-Leak, as well as Lisa Hall, Brenda Hopkins and Cynthia Smith-Perkins from 2020, who missed an in-person ceremony during Covid lockdown, pledged to be active participants in Kappa and reflect well on DKG. Congratulations to all and Welcome!


**The Golden Rose**

Members honored with Golden Rose certificates for **membership of 25 years or more and service to the community through Kappa** were Reatha Andrew (25), Candace Armstrong (28), Tisa Clark (28), Clara Hedberg (43), Vicki Kiziah (27), Ann McCain (39), Julia O'Reilly (48), and Sandy Watkins (28). How wonderful to be dedicated to Kappa and DKG for so many years! Bravo!

**Veteran Teachers** Lisa Hall, Brenda Hopkins, Tina McClanahan, Elizabeth Pratt, Kim Smith and Melinda Willison were honored for their dedication to education and children.

**Kappa's Picnic****A Celebration of Members****Lynne Nadel****2021 Golden Key Awardee**

Lynne always steps up and fills a need. She has been our Chapter President for two terms. She took over Membership duties and her Treasurer's term under emergency circumstances. Lynne's go-getter attitude has made many of Kappa's activities successful and her dedication to the Chapter and DKG is integral to our operation in a multitude of ways. She takes photos at meetings, officiates at Inductions and Officer Installations, preparing copy and arranging ceremonial accoutrements. She prepares the In Memoriam leaflet for Chapter Remembrance ceremonies. In her spare time, she throws pottery (on a wheel!) and then donates to Kappa for fundraising. Lynne is the first to arrive at a meeting to set up and among the last to depart after order is restored. She is a reliable source of DKG protocol who advises members and officers, offering her experience as support. Lynne attends every meeting, is a Sister to everyone and a friend on whom all can rely.

*She keeps the wheels turning and is unwavering in her adherence to DKG principles of leadership and excellence.*

**Kappa's Picnic****A Celebration of Members**

**Pop-top mavens** Clara Hedberg, Ann McCain and Marilyn Michue were thanked for their Community Service on behalf of Kappa. These Sisters collected and made monthly deliveries of pop-tops to Ronald McDonald House totaling over 34 pounds this year. That's 8 nights of lodging provided for families of hospitalized children at RMH. Thank you to *all* members!

**Online Auction Volunteers** Lisa Hall, Chairman, Jeannette Carofano, Lynne Nadel and Brenda Coble were recognized for their assistance with the 1<sup>st</sup> Kappa Online Auction.

**World Fellowship Program Presenters**

Melinda Willison, Brenda Hopkins, Debbie Dryden and Patricia Smith took us to Africa where classes are held on the bare ground under a grass awning. It was a heart-wrenching insight into educational poverty and the determination of children to learn.

**Buzzing Beginning Teacher Sponsors**

These Sisters encouraged and supported our Beginning Teachers with a note or small gift each month during this school year: Cindy Lockerman, Gloria Jones, Jeannette Carofano, Reatha Andrew, Betty Bell, Brenda Coble, Debbie Dryden, Brenda Knight, Ann McCain, Marilyn Michue, Lynne Nadel and Sam Sipes.

**Ways & Means Fundraiser – Brenda Coble** Brags, Mystery Bags, Invest in Kappa are Brenda's successful domain to support Kappa charities.

**Zoom Coordinator – Cindy Lockerman**

**Facebook Editor – Lisa Hall**

**Website & Newsletter Editor – Melinda Willison**

**Media Contributor – Candace Armstrong**

**Kappa's Picnic****A Celebration of Members**

**Team Kappa for Crop Hunger Walk** raised \$5,500 to help feed the hungry in the Charlotte area and internationally.

**Team Kappa Members**

Gloria Jones, Ann McCain, Martha Tillman, Jeannette Carofano, Charlene Wertz, Beverly Griffin, Lisa Hall, Brenda Coble, Betty Bell, Tisa Clark, Marilyn Michue, Brenda Hopkins, Lynne Nadel

**Team Kappa Sponsors**

Reatha Andrew, Debbie Dryden, Clara Hedberg, Vicki Kiziah, Brenda Knight, Cindy Lockerman, Tina McClanahan, Sam Sipes, Kim Smith, Sandy Watkins, Melinda Willison, Gerry O'Kane, Kathleen Reiss

**Kappa Awards from NC DKG**

## Supporting Beginning Teachers

As the school year winds down, Kappa gifted each of our Beginning Teachers with a bag of classroom items, a ream of copy paper and snacks.

Gloria obtained gift certificates from Chick-fil-A for sandwiches and a dessert.

Beginning Teachers were also honored during Teacher Appreciation Week with an inspirational Dr. Seuss poster.



After a most unusual first year in the classroom, we congratulate our Beginning Teachers on their determination and dedication as they begin their career as educators. We wish them well in the coming years.

## Honoring Veteran Teachers

Kappa is proud of our Sisters who teach in the classroom, and we recognize their dedication to children and education. This was a year of adapting their classroom skills to virtual learning online. Kappa sent our active teachers an inspirational poster during Teacher Appreciation Week and honored them with certificates and gift cards at our picnic. Rest over the summer! When you return in August, you will be twice as powerful due to conquering this year's challenges.



# Ready, Set, **GROW!** Kappa's 2021 Inductees

2019-2021 NC DKG

## *Welcome, Sisters!*



Cynthia Smith-Perkins 2020



Sonja Jordan 2021



Tanya Filmore-Scott 2021



Beatrice Hollins-Leak 2021

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

## UNCC Education Dean Zooms with Kappa

Gloria Jones

Dr. Teresa Petty, Interim Dean of the Cato College of Education at UNC Charlotte, spoke to Kappa members via Zoom on Saturday, April 17. Her research interests include online teaching/learning and National Board Certification. She is developing a new Graduate program that focuses on National Board Certification.

Shortly after becoming Interim Dean, the Pandemic hit. Despite this, she led the College of Education through the accreditation process successfully with no improvements cited.

There is a shortage of teachers in NC but UNCC is second only to East Carolina in enrollment of teachers. UNCC is one of five colleges in NC that offers Teaching Fellows in math, science, and special education. They have also opened a lab school during this difficult time. Kappa has been invited to tour the Cato College of Education and the lab school.

As Kappa celebrates its 80th Anniversary, the Cato College of Education at UNCC celebrates its 50th Anniversary and UNCC turns 75.

### Legislative Updates

Deborah Dryden – Law and Policy Committee

The NC House is considering several bills that effect the education of students in the state.



House Bill 790 – Inform Public of Instructional Materials, Total Transparency

- This bill will require lesson plans by subject and grade level to be posted on the school website prior to the start of each quarter or semester.  
Most lesson plans are completed on the computer so uploading would not be difficult.

House Bill 711 – Integrate Black History and Native American History in Standard Course of Study. Specifically:

- Wilmington Insurrection of 1698
- 1960 Greensboro Sit In
- 1971 Desegregation of NC Schools
- 1893 Forced Removal of Cherokee on the ‘Trail of Tears’ to Oklahoma

House Bill 729 – Charter School Omnibus

- May provide remote/in school instruction 185 days or 1025 hour over 9 months
- Local Boards of Education shall not require demographic information from charter schools
- Counties shall provide capital funds to charter schools

House Bill 621 – Raises dropout age to 16 starting in 2022

- Require compulsory attendance

House Bill 579- school Self-Defense Act

- Allow some school personnel to be armed

House Bill 348 – Add School Nurses

- 1 per school beginning 2021-2022

House Bill 152- School Report Cards

- shall include a grade for school achievement
- shall include a grade for school growth

## Picnic Plaudits

**Thank you to Lynne Nadel** for conducting our Ceremony of Remembrance and the Induction of new members. Her donation of her hand-made pottery earned \$100 for Kappa's gifting fund.

**Thank you to Brenda Coble** for continuing the Mystery Bag tradition, which added \$255 to our kitty. Bragging rights brought in \$65! There are many successful and well-loved children and grandchildren in our bragging circle!

**Thank you to Sisters** who helped throughout the afternoon, setting up, serving, and restoring order to the shelter.

**Thank you all for attending!**

## Dues Are Due!

The Executive Board is asking members to consider making an optional contribution to Kappa through our INVEST IN KAPPA program which will help fund projects and programs for 2021 - 2022.

Dues of \$76.00 and optional Invest in Kappa contributions may be sent to [Lynne Nadel, Kappa Treasurer](#).

Make checks payable to: Kappa Chapter, DKG  
**Dues must be received by June 30, 2021.**

Please give according to your heart for Kappa, DKG, and your fellow educators.

## Kappa Calendar

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 10-1 **Kappa Fundraiser**  
Sam Sipes' home in Denver

## BUNCO Returns!!!

**10:00 a.m. \$10 to play. \$1 for snacks.**  
**The view is free!**

**12:00 Executive Board Meeting**  
Join planning for 2021-2022. Driving directions will be sent prior to the date. Plan to carpool for this drive! BYOLunch

## Thinking of You!

**For the Swift Recovery of**  
**Gerry O'Kane**  
**Kathleen Reiss**  
**Sam Sipes**

**And the Spouses of**  
**Marilyn Michue**  
**Betty Bell**  
**Charlene Wertz and her Sister**  
**Vicki Kiziah**

**With Sympathy**  
**Sandy Watkins on the passing**  
**of her husband, John**



## May

- 10 Jeannette Carofano
- 15 Julia O'Reilly
- 16 Nancy Lowder
- 21 Alma Jo Langston
- 23 Beverly Griffin

## June

- 17 Betty Bell

## July

- 13 Lisa Hall
- 22 Cynthia Lockerman
- 29 Clara Hedberg

## August

- 19 Vicki Kiziah

## September

- 9 Brenda Coble
- 22 Pam Anthony

## News from NC DKG

### New Officers Elected at Convention

NC Data, May 15, 2021

Beth Winstead will lead NC DKG for the 2021-2023 biennium. Elected to serve with Beth were Hilda Parlér as First Vice President, Tammy Cullom as Second Vice President, and Patrice (Patty) Higgins as Secretary.

Highlights of the convention included the presentation of the Founders Award to Dr. Mandy K. Cohen, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, who has led NC's COVID-19 response;

the presentation of the Chapter Achievement, Scholarship, and Beginning Teacher Awards;

and guest speakers Trish Woodley, International Membership Director, and Watha Kollmeyer from the convention project Knickers for New Life.

#### Convention By the Numbers

- 310 registrants, 77 first-timers
- 87 of 96 chapters represented at the Executive Board meeting
- \$4,575 donated to the convention project Knickers for New Life
- \$3,447 donated to Pass the House/Headquarters
- \$912+ made from the Leadership baskets



*Congratulations to  
Beth Winstead  
on her election as  
NC DKG President  
2021-2023*

## Two Related Personnel Positions Advertised

NC Data, May 15, 2021

The NC DKG positions of Executive Secretary and Webmaster will be open July 1, 2021, and applications are being accepted until June 1. Job descriptions and the application form are both posted on the Personnel Committee page of the NC DKG website. (The generic application form is used for both positions. Specify the position at the top.)



*Best Wishes & Thanks to  
Dr. Teresa Cowan  
for her Leadership,  
Creativity & Positivity as  
NC DKG President  
2019-2021*

## Applications Now Available on Website

NC Data, May 15, 2021

### Want to Serve on a State Committee?

NC DKG members are needed to serve on state committees! Share your DKG passion by submitting your name to serve on a state committee for the 2021-2023 biennium.

NC DKG has 14 committees plus representatives of other areas. A desire to learn and to be a part of a team are the main criteria.

If you are interested, fill out the revised NC DKG Committee Interest Form 2021 found on the state website in the "New on the website..." box on the lower right.

Learn more about the committees by clicking on them under the More ® Committees tab on the top right.



## News from DKG International

### Scholarships Awarded

DKG NEWS May/June 2021

Wishes do come true!

DKG awarded 13 scholarships this year totaling \$114,000 in funding for Masters and Doctorate Degrees, ranging from \$6,000-\$10,000 per scholarship.

Did you know?

1) International Scholarships for doctoral studies are \$10,000.

2) International Scholarships for graduate studies are \$6,000.

3) **The application will be available July 1 at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).**

4) **The completed application and documentation are due February 1.**

5) Donations or bequest to the International Scholarship Fund are tax deductible for the U.S. and some other countries.

6) **Since 1940, the Society has awarded \$4,861,500 to 1,100 members..**

Applications for post-Baccalaureate and Doctoral scholarships offered by NC DKG may be found on the State website:

<https://www.ncdkg.org/scholarships-committee.html>

## Convention Dates



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

July 22-24, 2021 — International Conference, San Antonio, TX

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

## Going to a Conference This Summer?

NC Data, May 15, 2021

Early bird registration for the Portland conference is June 8 and June 23 for San Antonio. (See the DKG website or the May/June 2021 DKG News for more information on the conferences' formats and speakers. Conference registration can be found on the Events page.

**\*If you plan to go to an international conference this summer, please email your name to Dr. Barbara Perry Sheldon. She will share a list of those going with you.**

**6-day Go Ahead Tour** *The American South: New Orleans to Memphis*

**July 17-July 21, 2021**

**HIGHLIGHTS:** the French Quarter \* Antebellum Natchez \* Vicksburg National Military Park \* Steamboat River Cruise in Memphis \* Louisiana Bayou tour in New Orleans

**For further details:** <https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/Go Ahead Tours Trips>

## Tech Tidbits

by Melinda Willison



SEL is the new buzz in education! While Social Emotional Learning is not new to classroom management or even curriculum inclusion, the vast opportunities opened through digital resources is enlightening. In my own classroom, I have utilized google slides, <https://info.flipgrid.com> and <https://padlet.com/> as collaborative platforms for the students to respond to prompts or post their own ideas. These allowed for all to feel safe and not on the spot, and gave variety to the round-robin or Socratic discussions of “circle time” or “morning meeting”. Specific ideas and activities can be shared with anyone interested-- just message [Melinda.Willison@gmail.com](mailto:Melinda.Willison@gmail.com) with requests. Also, please share your ideas too!

Meanwhile, some websites with great resources are listed below:

school-connect.net

[https://school-connect.net/sel-integration-guide-preview/?gclid=CjwKCAjwhYOFBhBkEiwASF3KGefOQRgIXk4azQ2o7YKOb7oc42DSZDebdFh1wTJrIsvcIqeSUNro2BoC6t8QAvD\\_BwE](https://school-connect.net/sel-integration-guide-preview/?gclid=CjwKCAjwhYOFBhBkEiwASF3KGefOQRgIXk4azQ2o7YKOb7oc42DSZDebdFh1wTJrIsvcIqeSUNro2BoC6t8QAvD_BwE)

REthinkED.com

[https://www.rethinked.com/sel?gclid=CjwKCAjwhYOFBhBkEiwASF3KGVrs3DyEn8bwXoQnY31JRCjXLd19ME-j\\_5epUZNV4Do221yBARxthoCr18QAvD\\_BwE](https://www.rethinked.com/sel?gclid=CjwKCAjwhYOFBhBkEiwASF3KGVrs3DyEn8bwXoQnY31JRCjXLd19ME-j_5epUZNV4Do221yBARxthoCr18QAvD_BwE)

mylemarks.com

<https://www.mylemarks.com/sel-videos.html>

www.weareteachers.com

<https://www.weareteachers.com/social-emotional-activities-early-years/>

Apperson.com

<https://www.apperson.com/teach-talk/10-activities-to-help-students-explore-emotions>

Blog entry w/67 prompts related to community building

<https://www.whatihavelearnedteaching.com/67-questions-to-build-community-in-an-elementary-classroom/>



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