



Alpha Nu Chapter Chat



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Region X, Alpha Nu Chapter
Burke and Caldwell Counties

President's message:

“Christmas with the Kranks,” a film based on John Grisham’s book *Skipping Christmas*, is one of my holiday favorites. In fact, if you were to ask me how many times I have watched it, I would plead the “fifth.” The premise of the story is simple at first glance—a suburban couple, whose daughter has joined the Peace Corps, decides to “skip the rituals of Christmas” and take a cruise. After all, it’s nobody else’s business how they choose to spend their holiday, is it?

Personal choices should be just that, right? How we celebrate or not celebrate holidays, whom we invite to parties or other occasions, when we put up and take down holiday decorations, what we eat or don’t eat—all personal choices and all nobody else’s business. Well, not so fast. Just as Nora and Luther Krank learn early on that “no man (or, in this case, a suburban couple) is an island,”* we, too, often find that our “personal choices” can have a major impact on others. John Donne understood that and beautifully illustrates the concept in his “Meditation 17,”* another of my favorites, by the way. Though Donne’s work, literarily speaking, is certainly at a higher level than Grisham’s, both, in their own way, show us that “if a clod be washed away to the sea, Europe (or any other place) is the less (for it),” or, if you prefer, choosing to “skip Christmas” or making any other personal choice will have an impact.

During the past two years, we, not of our choosing, have been forced to “skip” many occasions. We have missed holiday celebrations, funerals and weddings and baptisms, vacations, lunch with friends, and on and on. And we have all felt the ill effects of separation from those we love and the things we love to do, but we learned valuable lessons, too. We were reminded of the value of *being with* those we love and *doing* the things we love. An even deeper appreciation for those “clods,” metaphorically speaking, and traditions that had been lost to us developed in our hearts and minds.

Now, though we are still in the throes of this seemingly never-ending pandemic, we are able to make more personal choices as to how we spend our time and where we spend our time and with whom we spend our time. Let’s not waste the time and opportunity we have been given to be as fully involved in the lives of others as much as possible. While both time and opportunity vary greatly among

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Alpha Nu Meetings

**Saturday,
February 12:**

A short business meeting will be held via Zoom at 10 a.m. The room will open at 9:30 a.m. to enjoy some social time together before the meeting begins.

Be checking your email for a link to the meeting.

**Saturday,
February 26:**

Plans are being made for the Region X meeting, hosted by Alpha Nu, with guest speaker Watha Kollmeyer. Ms. Kollmeyer will present a program on Knickers for New Life.



Bring the money you are collecting to this meeting. The money collected will be used for Schools for Africa and Community Support projects!

President's Message continued:

us due to the circumstances of our lives, we can all, in *some* way, connect or reconnect with the people we love and with those who need us in their lives.

The Kranks tried to “skip Christmas,” but, in the end, they learned what they would have missed—the opportunity to be shown the love others had for them (well, maybe not so much for Luther at first) and the opportunity to show and share the love they had for friends and family and even a stranger, perhaps an “angel” in disguise.

My New Year's wish for all of us is not to “skip” any chance we have to show we understand fully that “no man (or, in our case, an Alpha Nu/NC DKG woman) is an island.”

Love and blessings for 2022,

[Glenda Foster](#), president

P.S. I will be delivering T-shirts/sweatshirts soon. If you have not paid for yours yet pay in cash or make your check payable to Glenda Foster.

Chapter Meeting Details:



A business meeting will be held via Zoom on **Saturday, February 12 at 10 a.m.** Please plan to attend this meeting. We will be voting on candidates for membership.

Also, Alpha Nu Chapter is hosting a special program with guest speaker **Watha Kollmeyer, founder and director of Knickers for New Life.** Region X chapters and state officers have been invited to join us for this gathering.

The program will be held **Saturday, February 26 at 10 a.m.** at the **Morganton First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.**

More information will be forthcoming in February.

Supporting our Girl Scout Troop!

Save your used Christmas cards for our Girl Scout Troop

Bring your cards to our February meeting. Our Girl Scout Troop will use these cards for crafts in 2022. Thank you!



As part of our on-going partnership with our Girl Scout troop, please collect any pull-tabs to donate to their troop projects.

Kim Baker reports that Girl Scout Cookies will be coming in on Saturday January 15. Stay tuned for message from Kim about picking up your order.



Special Program

Watha Kollmeyer
Knickers for New Life

Saturday, February 26, 2022 - 10:00 am

Sponsored by Alpha Nu Chapter, NC DKG
(Burke and Caldwell counties)

Meeting Location: First Baptist Church, Morganton
502 W Union St, Morganton, NC 28655

Are you saving your coins and dollars for our Mason Jar Mission Projects?



We will collect donations during our meeting on February 26. You may also write a check!

Bring your donations in a Ziplock bag and keep your Mason Jar for next year's collection.

**2021-2023 NC DKG
Executive Committee**

President: Beth Winstead

**First Vice President:
Hilda Parlér**

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Tammy Cullom**

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Patrice “Patty” Higgins**

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**Alpha Nu Officers 2020-
2022:**

Alpha Nu President: [Glenda Foster](#)

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Treasurer: Ann Aldridge

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Parliamentarian:
Mary Lindsay

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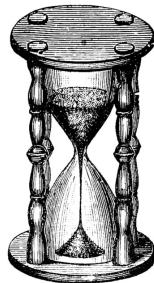
From our president Beth Winstead

“...One of our Purposes says we are to initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.

Another Purpose says we are to inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

I was recently reminded that many are involved in DKG because of the activist role of our organization. I encourage each of you to include a balance of both fellowship and activism in your chapter meetings. Government entities are still working, and while we might not be able to sit down face-to-face to express our concerns, we need to reach out via mail, email, or phone. Not only do we need to support all educators, but we owe it to students—no matter their age—and to those around the world whose endeavors DKG supports.”

(Excerpt from NC Data, December, 2021)



**Don't let time run out!
The NC DKG Educational Grant
Proposals are due January 31.**

Betsy and Fred Cranford Endowment

Alpha Nu Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is now screening proposals for grants from the Betsy and Fred Cranford Endowment Fund. Any educator in Burke and Caldwell Counties may submit a proposal to Alpha Nu Chapter for a grant in **any amount up to \$1000**. **Send application to Dr. Melanie Mikusa by January 19, 2022**) Download application from the Alpha Nu's website www.alphanunc.weebly.com

Groves-Little Endowment—two \$1000 grants for beginning teachers

Margaret Church Endowment—a grant for up to \$1000 for Leadership Development

Go the Educational Foundation's [website](#) for more information about these grants **and others** which are available.



Member News:

Please keep **Dottie Darcie** in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to recover and heal from pneumonia.

Condolences are sent to **Kelli Weathers** whose grandfather, Carroll Foster Smith, passed away on December 7th.

Congratulations to **Teresa Larson** who celebrated having her last radiation treatment on December 3rd.

Congratulations to **Wendi Craven** who is the newly appointed chair of the Burke County School Board.

Congratulations to **Rexanna Lowman** who was recently sworn in as Valdese councilwoman.



Mark your
calendars for
our meetings!



Chapter:

February 12, 2022—Business meeting via Zoom at 10 a.m.

February 26, 2022

Site/Time: Morganton First Baptist Church, 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.

Time: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

May 6, 2022—Site: TBA

Time: 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

State:

NC DKG Convention—Apr. 29- May 1, 2022

Crowne Plaza Resort - Asheville, NC

National:

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

It's That Time Again!

The window for submitting entries to the Spring DKG Art Gallery opens **January 15** and runs until February 15. DKG is offering a live webinar via Zoom at 11 a.m. CST on January 15 with directions for making submissions. Other support documents are available as well. Find them on the DKG website.

If you need help with submitting your work check with **Charlotte Brendel, Pennie Robinson, Donna Wells, or Sherry Willis**. They will be happy to help.

Don't be shy about sharing your artistic/creative talents in painting, pottery, photography, writing and more.

Gentle Reminder:

You will need your membership number in order to sign in to the DKG website. Your number is located on your membership card. If you need that information you may contact Ann Aldridge or Sherry Willis.

Check out the website for some great webinars.

**Alpha Nu
Projects:**

**Keep Those
Collections Going!**



**Box Tops for Education for
Gamewell Elementary School.**

*Have you honored a
hero? Check out the
Educational Foundation's
website:* [Honoring Heroes -](#)

[North Carolina DKG Educational Foundation](#) [The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Education Foundation](#)



April 29—May 1: 2022 NC DKG Convention

<https://www.ncdkg.org/2022-convention.html>

Join our sisters from around the state as we gather in Asheville in the spring for an exciting convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort. It will be great to meet in person again seeing old friends and making new ones.

You will find information on this page about registration, hotel reservations, submitting workshop proposals, becoming a volunteer and more.

Convention Registration is Open

The link for registering is now active on the NC DKG website and can be found on the [convention page](#).

Registration via a Google form is available by check or credit card until April 10. Early bird registration for Beginning Teachers and Collegiate members is \$25 and is \$35 for all other members. One day registration is \$20.

Any registrations after April 10 should be made online with a credit card and will include a \$10 increase in fees and a \$4.50 processing fee. Checks should be postmarked by April 1 to avoid the increase of fees, made payable to NC DKG Convention, and mailed to Leslie Black, Convention Treasurer, 4715 Little Mountain Road, Catawba, NC 28609. Contact Leslie with questions regarding payment.

Meal options are available for Saturday's continental breakfast, boxed lunch, and banquet meal, and for Sunday brunch as part of the birthday celebration. Banquet and brunch meal tickets are not available for purchase after April 10.

Everyone must register, including award recipients, presenters, guests, and those who are volunteering during the convention. Submit one registration form per person. Refunds will not be issued if you do not attend the event.

Contact NC DKG Executive Secretary Elizabeth Miars with questions regarding registration.



Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations for the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort may be made by calling the toll-free number **1-844-330-0296** (24/7) and mentioning the group name “Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma” in order to receive the special group rate of \$155 for two queen beds.

Reservations may also be made online at Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma.

Workshop Proposals Being Accepted

The Saturday afternoon workshops are a highlight of each NC DKG Convention and are a way to connect with fellow DKG members, share leadership skills, and learn from others.

Plan to present at the 2022 convention in Asheville on April 30 by submitting your proposal now. Proposals should fall into one of the four focus strands— Teaching and Learning, DKG Society, Self-Care, and Creative Fun. The [proposal form](#) is on the NC DKG Convention webpage.

Contact Second Vice President Tammy Cullom, workshop coordinator, with questions.

Important Links:

(Tech Tip: Press Control + click)

Alpha Nu Chapter website: <http://www.alphanunc.weebly.com>



NC DKG website:

<http://www.ncdkg.org>



NC DKG News- Color flipbook:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/ncdkg/winter-2021-nc-dkg-news-vol-81-2-color-7p0xaa8unf.html>



DKG News website: www.dkg.org



The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin
International Journal for Professional Educators

DKG website: www.dkg.org



The Bulletin: www.dkg.org

Collegial Exchange

www.dkg.org



NC DKG Educational Foundation website:

www.ncdkgef.org/

More convention information:

2022 Convention Volunteer Form

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](#)



Convention Project Supports Local Food Bank



Food insecurity is growing and a local food bank that is a member of Feeding America is the 2022 NC DKG Convention project.

The Mountain Area Nutritional Needs Alliance (MANNA), a private, 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, works to end food insecurity for students and families in Western North Carolina (WNC).

Every \$1 donated to MANNA helps provide four meals for people across WNC. Chapters and/or members are invited to support the convention project with donations.

Checks and money orders may be written to MANNA FoodBank with reference to the 2022 NC DKG Convention Project. Bring checks to the convention or mail to MANNA FoodBank at 627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville, NC 28805.

To make a secure, online donation, visit the MANNA donation page, choose "Designate My Donation," select "Other Info," and then enter NC DKG State Convention Project.

Visit the MANNA FoodBank website for more information or contact Connie Savell, Convention Chair.