



Alpha Nu Chapter Chat



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Region X, Alpha Nu Chapter
Burke and Caldwell Counties

President's message:

Dear Sisters,

As my term as president of Alpha Nu is coming to an end, I leave you with a reminder of the Purposes (The Society always capitalizes "Purposes," so I will, too.) of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Women Educators of which we are all a part. These Purposes were devised by our founders ninety-three years ago, yet they are still as meaningful today as they were on May 11, 1929. These seven Purposes were carefully crafted so each chapter of DKG could be guided by them to be the kind of chapter our founders envisioned so long ago. You, sisters, embody these seven Purposes. Dr. Annie Sue Blanton would be proud!

As you read the seven statements below, consider how Alpha Nu fulfills these Purposes and how we can improve our chapter's fulfillment of them:

- #1—To unite women educators of the world in genuine spiritual fellowship; (Hmm. I wonder why Dr. Blanton and the others chose this as the first Purpose.)
- # 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; and
- #7—To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so they may participate effectively in a world society.

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Alpha Nu Meeting

Friday, May 6

6 p.m. at

First Baptist Church

345 Main Street

Hudson, NC

Meal cost: \$15

Please inform the reservationists whether or not you will be attending.

Members with last names A—K, email [Teresa Larson](mailto:Teresa.Larson@dkg.org); members with last names L-W email [Anna Moose](mailto:Anna.Moose@dkg.org)

Please remember:

If you make a reservation but are not able to attend, you are responsible for paying for the meal and should send your check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma to:

Ann Aldridge

2542 Silverbrook Ct.

Morganton, NC 28655

Please remember dues (\$80) will be collected at this meeting.

You will find more meeting details on page 2.



President's Message continued:

You will hear these Purposes read aloud Friday evening during the induction ceremony for new members. They will be hearing them for the first time but not the last!

I will never be able to adequately thank you for the support, encouragement, and love you have shown me the past two years. Alpha Nu has thrived during one of the most difficult times in our 64-year history. Our accomplishments are due to your unfailing generous spirit to support each other, the women and children of Burke and Caldwell counties, and the world. I am so proud of us! We truly are fantastic!

Love and blessings, as always,

[Glenda Foster](#), president

Alpha Nu chapter of NC DKG



Chapter Meeting Details:

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, May 6 at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Hudson.



Please plan to attend this meeting. We will be inducting new members and installing new officers. Patrice "Patty" Higgins, NC DKG recording secretary will be attending.

Cost of the meal is \$15. The buffet menu will include:

- garden salad/rolls
- chicken divan
- double-cheese baked ziti w/meat sauce
- dessert
- tea

Other details:

Please see the information about our May Girl Scout Project on this page.

Chapter dues will be collected at this meeting. Dues are \$80. Checks should be made payable to Delta Kappa Gamma.

The \$20 fund-raiser donation will also be collected at this meeting.

Supporting our Girl Scout Troop!

For our May 6th meeting we will collect supplies for our special needs Girl Scout Troop. Alpha Nu member, Kim Baker, is the troop leader. Here is the list of needed supplies:

- ziploc bags (snack, sandwich, gallon)
- brown paper bags (ask your grocery store and tell them it's for a Special Needs Girl Scout Troop)
- acrylic paints (50 cents at Walmart)
- 1/8 in. ribbon (50 cents at Walmart) red, blue, white, yellow, orange, purple (at least 2 of each color)
- copy paper
- white card stock and colored card stock
- construction paper (red, green, white, blue, orange, yellow, purple, black)
- 20 pencil boxes
- plastic shoe boxes
- 1 pack of Ticonderoga pencils

Barn Quilt Raffle

This sunflower barn quilt has been donated as a raffle item. Money raised will go to Alpha Nu Chapter.



**2021-2023 NC DKG
Executive Committee**

President: Beth Winstead

**First Vice President:
Hilda Parlér**

**Second Vice President:
Tammy Cullom**

**Recording Secretary:
Patrice “Patty” Higgins**

**Immediate Past President:
Dr. Teresa Holt Cowan**

Treasurer: Leslie Black

**Executive Secretary:
Elizabeth Miars**

**NC DKG News Editor:
Carol Bostian**

**Webmaster:
Deb Christensen**

**Parliamentarian:
Betty Marshall**

**Alpha Nu Officers 2020-
2022:**

Alpha Nu President: [Glenda Foster](#)

First Vice-President:
Dr. Anna Moose

Treasurer: Ann Aldridge

Secretary: Michelle Barrier

Parliamentarian:
Mary Lindsay

Other:

Newspaper Editor/
Webmaster:

[Dr. Sherry R. Willis](#)



From our president Beth Winstead

DKG Purpose III: To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.

While, when we read this today, it might seem unimportant, remember this Purpose—to advance the professional interest and position of women in education—was written in 1929-1930. Women as professionals were almost a “no-no”; once an educator married, they were expected to resign. Being pregnant was definitely a “be a good wife and mom at home” moment. DKG was there to encourage women to continue their education and move up in the educational world.

Still, many women need that push to move up, step out of their comfort zone, and continue their education or apply for a job at a higher level. DKG, NC DKG, and the NC DKG Educational Foundation offer scholarships to help with those moments. Take advantage of those opportunities and encourage others.

Above all else, be a positive voice for those who express those desires to you. They need a cheerleader on their team.

Beth Winstead NC DKG President 2021-2023



Congratulations Alpha Nu !!!

*Awards night at the 2022 NC DKG
Convention:*

*Alpha Nu earned **Superior Status** in Chapter
Achievement*

*Alpha Nu earned **Communication Excellence
Award** for newsletter and web page*

*Region X Rising Star: **Heather Puhl***

*Region X Golden Key Award: **Dr. Sherry Willis***

Member News:

Praises for **Teresa Larson!** Test results showed no new cancer! Prayers that she continues to get good news from additional tests.

Sending prayers for good results for **Terri Mull** as she continues her treatments and will have scans in June.

Ann Aldridge will have surgery on her right hand on Thursday.

Wendi Craven is recovering from recent surgery.

Condolences to **Dr. Anna Moose** for the loss of her great aunt Margie.

Congratulations to **Kelly O'Toole** who is celebrating her 30th year of teaching!

Congratulations to **Jessica Anderson** who has been named as the executive director of Exceptional Children and Student Support Services in Alexander County School effective June 1.

Membership Milestones:

Pennie Robinson 15 years

Elizabeth Woody 15 years

Emily Chapman 20 years

Dr. Sherry Willis— 35 years



Mark your
calendars for
our meetings!



Chapter:

May 6, 2022—Site: First Baptist Church in Hudson

Time: 6 p.m.—8 p.m.

National:

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

State:

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

Alpha Nu Projects:

Keep Those
Collections Going!



Box Tops for Education for Gamewell Elementary School.

As part of our on-going partnership with our Girl Scout troop,



please collect any pull-tabs to donate to their troop projects.

We welcome to our newest Alpha Nu members:

Sara LeCroy

Treesie Cape

Cassandra Feimster

Kim Hindman

Miranda Hertzler

Thank you **Glenda Foster** for your outstanding leadership as president of Alpha Nu Chapter during the 2020-2022 biennium.

As challenging as times were, you kept us moving and growing. Relationships were nurtured and grew stronger. We are most grateful for all you did to make our chapter better!

DKG International Convention

New Orleans

July 12—16, 2022



The July 2022 DKG Convention in New Orleans will include something for everyone—general meetings to conduct Society business, inspirational speakers, breakout and takeaway sessions, social time, the Celebration of Life ceremony, and time for exploring the city.

Here are some important things to know:

- The Sheraton New Orleans is the convention hotel. Online [hotel reservations](#) can be made here now — the link takes you directly to the DKG Convention reservation page.
- The DKG Convention online registration is open. Early bird registration ends June 12.
- The convention schedule is available on the DKG website.
- Vendor and Exhibitor Applications are due April 15, 2022.
- Apply to display in the Member Art Gallery, sign up to participate in the convention chorus, or submit information for doctoral recognition on the convention Forms page.

Read more about the convention speakers, 2022- 2024 DKG officer nominees, and more in the January/ February DKG News.

NC DKG members attending the DKG International Convention in New Orleans are asked to send their names to NC DKG Executive Secretary Elizabeth Miars so that she can plan for an NC evening of fellowship.

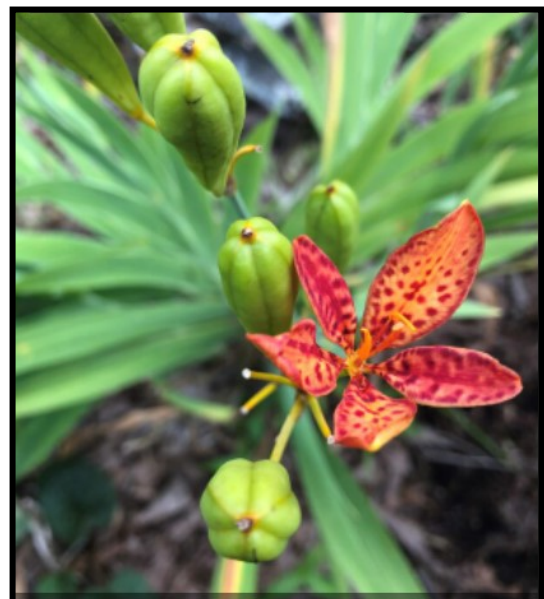
Check out the new DKG app. There are two parts. Part one has general information about the Society. Part two has information about conventions and conferences.

Two Alpha Nu members' photos are included in the DKG Spring Art Gallery.



Above: “Down At the River” Photo by Penni Robinson

Below: “Blackberry Lily” Photo by Dr. Sherry Willis





Photos from the 2022 NC DKG Convention. Thanks to all who attended and participated as presenters, facilitators and volunteers.



2022 NC DKG Convention
April 29-May 1
Asheville, NC