



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International—for Key Women Educators



# Alpha Nu Chapter Chat

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Region X, Alpha Nu Chapter  
Burke and Caldwell Counties

## President's message:

My husband loves westerns, the old television shows and movies. (I have to admit I enjoy some of them, too, and can sing the theme songs for most of them. ("Who is the tall, dark stranger there?")

As would be expected for westerns, the settings include mountains—rocky and steep and snowy; towns—some bustling, some ghostly; the plains—wind-swept and lonely; and the desert—blazing by day, freezing by night.

Most of the plots follow the same pattern. My husband is amazed when I tell him who will die, who will live, and how the story will end. (Teaching literature for 30 years has given me an edge on predicting outcomes.) Stock characters appear in every episode—the "good," the "bad," the "ugly." (Some of you started humming that song, didn't you?)

Sometimes, though, the plot takes a twist, an unusual character will appear out of nowhere, and even the settings will vary. Remind you of anything? Perhaps, the past year?

School began typically enough in August 2019 and moved along as usual until...until it didn't. People we had never known became household names. (Had anyone of us ever heard of Dr. Fauci?) And places where we spent much of our time were suddenly off-limits. "Stay at home," "shelter in place" became the orders of the day. Twenty-four-hour news channels focused on one topic—the Virus, the "novel" coronavirus. Covid-19 appeared and upended our world.

Our "storyline" twisted; new (and unusual, for sure) "characters" appeared; and our "settings" became "virtual," "online," "ZOOM," "Google Meet," "FaceTime," everything but "up close and personal." However, during the long months of COVID restrictions, Alpha Nu still met, donated hundreds of items for women shelters and an elementary school, far exceeded our goal for "Schools for Africa," sent birthday and get-well wishes to our sisters, lifted prayers and sent good thoughts to those suffering losses and heartbreak, and attended graveside services for our sisters' loved ones and even for one of our very own. (continued on page 2)

## Alpha Nu Meeting

Friday, April 30

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Draughn High School  
Media Center

709 Lovelady Road NE

Valdese, NC

Meal—\$6

Meal will be a dinner box from Butch's BBQ (chopped BBQ, white slaw, baked beans)

We hope to be able to Zoom this meeting so that you may attend virtually.

The hosts need your attendance plans by 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28. Those with last names A-L contact Gina Beach at [ginab\\_9471@att.net](mailto:ginab_9471@att.net)

Those with last names M-W contact Donna Simmons at [scootmom100@gmail.com](mailto:scootmom100@gmail.com)

Let the hosts know if you plan to attend virtually.



**ALPHA NU—SUPERIOR LEVEL AGAIN !!!**

**President's Message continued:**

Our "roses" learned new ways of teaching, going far beyond what was expected, even when those expectations were deemed, by many, to be impossible but NOT for Alpha Nu women!

So, now that restrictions are being lifted slowly but surely, it seems, what will Alpha Nu do? We will meet, donate, raise money, send well-wishes, and gather wherever our presence is needed. Why? Because that is what we do and who we are.

Blessings,

[Glenda Foster](#)

Alpha Nu President

**REMINDER:**



**CHAPTER DUES NEED TO BE PAID AT THE APRIL 30TH MEETING.**

**DUES FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS ARE \$80.**

**ANN ALDRIDGE MUST HAVE CHAPTER DUES SUBMITTED TO THE STATE BY JUNE 30.**

**Gentle Reminder: The \$20 fundraiser donation can also be given to Ann at the meeting or mailed to her.**

**Our April Chapter Project Reminder:**

Alpha Nu members, it's time to start collecting supplies for our April Project: support to our Girl Scout Troop #10742. This is a group of twenty special-needs young ladies ranging in age from 10 years to 30 years old.

We will collect supplies during our in-person meeting on April 30, and also offer two collection sites for those unable to attend the meeting.

Burke County: Saturday, May 1 from 2:00-3:00 pm at Christ UMC in Drexel; Caldwell County: Sunday, May 2 from 2:00-3:00 pm at Lowe's in Lenoir.

See the picture below for the list of supplies they need. Feel free to contact Charlotte Brendel if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support!



Girl Scouts®

**Alpha Nu April Project:  
Supporting our Girl Scout Troop**

Girl Scout Troop #10742 is comprised of 20 special-needs young ladies ranging in age from 10 years to 30 years old

**List of Supplies to Collect:**



- Paper glue sticks
- Hot glue sticks (small ones)
- All colors of acrylic paints
- Plastic shoe boxes
- Plastic folders with pockets
- Good quality paint brushes for art
- Ribbon, 1/4 inch, 1/8 inch: red, blue, green, yellow, orange, purple, white
- Construction paper packs of 6 red, 6 green, 3 white, 3 medium blue, 3 yellow

**NOTE: We will collect these supplies at our April 30 in-person meeting and at designated collection sites on May 1 – 2:  
Burke County - May 1: 2:00-3:00 pm Christ UMC      Caldwell County - May 2: 2:00-3:00 pm Lowe's in Lenoir**

## Member News:

- **Condolences to Ann Aldridge** whose husband, Wade Aldridge, passed away on February 28.
- Keep **Teresa Larson** in your thoughts and prayers as she continues chemo treatments.
- Keep **Rita Wall** in your thoughts and prayers as she has additional surgery on Wednesday.
- Praises for **Libby Novell** who has returned home following many months of treatment for leukemia.
- Congratulations to **Emily Bleynat Chapman** who has been named the new director of Dogwood School at the J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center.
- Congratulations to **Penni Robinson** who has been designated as a Google Certified Educator (Level 1).
- Congratulations to **Michelle Barrier** who has been designated as a Google Certified Educator (Levels 1 and 2).
- Congratulations to **Charlotte Brendel** and **Dr. Sherry Willis** whose photos submitted to the DKG Fine Art Gallery were selected to be included in the 2021 Spring Gallery.



**Mark your  
calendars for  
our meetings!**



### Chapter:

April 30, 2021—6 p.m. Site  
Draughn High School media center

### National:

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

July 21-24, 2021 — International  
Conference, San Antonio, TX

July 28-31, 2021 — International  
Conference, Tampere, Finland

## Ceremony of Remembrance



**During our meeting on  
April 30 our beloved sisters  
Kaye Taylor and Virginia  
Riddle will be remembered  
and celebrated as dedicated  
members in Alpha Nu  
Chapter.**



“Computer Kitty” —submitted  
by Sherry



“Sailboat at Sunset” —  
submitted by Charlotte

Click [here](#) to see all the entries in the 2021 Spring Gallery.

**Read about Alpha Nu  
Chapter's Fine Arts  
Gallery on page 6!**

**From Rev. Charlotte Brendel, chair of World Fellowship/Community Support:**



Thank you for your support of our February projects of collecting snacks for Horizons School in Caldwell County and collecting the water bottles for Schools for Africa. Total number of snack items collected for Horizons School was 1,304 plus \$25 in donations. Two of our Alpha Nu members teach at Horizons: **Melissa White** (EC) and **Liz Fredrickson** (ESL).

Horizons Elementary is the elementary alternative school in Caldwell County. It is a PBIS school that also houses a Day Treatment program, working with students struggling with mental health needs and behavioral challenges. Horizons provides all food and snacks for the students, so your donations are critical.

Thank you for returning water bottles and donations for our Schools for Africa project. This is an important outreach for DKG, as we support women and children in Africa with our partnership with UNICEF.

Alpha Nu's "Take the \$10 Challenge" was in honor of the 10th anniversary of our partnership! The total amount received from the water bottles was **\$962.05** (this does not include donations sent directly to our treasurer). We exceeded our goal of \$500, so thank you to all who participated! Winners of the Schools for Africa "Guess How Much is in the Water Bottles" game are **Norma Rains** and **Teresa Larson**. Each received an Amazon gift card for \$25.

Also, Betty Jackson (a friend of **Ann Demiter**) crocheted eight more baby blankets to give to the Burke Pregnancy Center. Thank you, Betty!

**GREAT JOB, Alpha Nu Chapter!** Thank you for your generosity. Once again, this is a grand show of your commitment and dedication to offer support to our educators and students. Thank you for your kindness and sweet spirit in the midst of such difficult times. I am grateful for each of you!



The staff at Horizons Elementary School were very excited to be receiving the snacks for their students.

**State Committee Interest Form Online**

NC DKG committees carry out the operations of the organization, setting goals and working for the betterment of members.

Presidents select committee members based on interests and skills. If you are interested in serving on a state committee for the coming biennium, fill out the 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.

Become active on the state level. NC DKG needs you!



**Beginning Teachers/Early Career Committee**

**Heather Puhl** and **Lisa Wall** will be announcing the winners of the Wish Fulfillment Grants at our April 30th meeting. They will also be presenting the Buzzing Bee Award to selected beginning teachers. Framed certificates and a magnet will be presented to those winners.



Thanks to Lisa and Heather for the work they have done to reach out to those beginning teachers in Burke and Caldwell Counties.

## NC DKG Officers, 2019 – 2021

President: Dr. Teresa Cowan

First Vice President:  
Tobey Worthington

Second Vice President:  
Hilda Parlér

Secretary: Doris Littlejohn



## 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](#)

## NC DKG Officers for the New 2021 - 2023 Biennium:

**President:**

**Beth Winstead**

**First Vice-President:**

**Hilda Parlér**

**Second Vice-President:**

**Tammy Cullum**

**Recording Secretary**

**Patricia Higgins**



## 2021 NC DKG Convention Report



The 2021 NC state convention is now over. Even though you were unable to attend the convention there are events you are able to access on line.

[Ceremony of Remembrance2021.mp4 - Google Drive](#)

[Educational Foundation Honor and Remember.mp4 - Google Drive](#)

[Honoring 2018-2020 Chapter Presidents](#)

[Honoring 2020-2022 Chapter Presidents](#)

[2021 NC DKG Rising Star Presentation 0.mp4 - Google Drive](#)

[2021 Chapter Achievement Award Presentation 0.mp4 - Google Drive](#)

[NC DKG C & M Awards Hall of Fame 2021.mp4 - Google Drive](#)

[Virtual Showcase - 2021 Convention Ads](#)

[2021 NC DKG Convention Program Book by Carol Bostian - Flipsnack](#)

The Market Place will be open for donations to the convention project Knickers for a New Life and the Passing of the House for Headquarters until April 30th.

[Virtual Marketplace \(google.com\)](#)



You may also continue to participate in the auctions until April 30th at the same link.

The Educational Foundation has placed a Bob Timberlake

signed and numbered lithograph, *First Light Flight*, up for auction.

Check out these virtual tours::

- [Asheville Dining](#) and (2) [Irresistible Escapes](#)
- [Carl Sandburg - Google Slides](#)
- [Tour - Penland School](#)
- [Blue Ridge Parkway,](#)
- [A Week a The John C Campbell Folk School - YouTube](#)

## 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- <http://bit.ly/NCDKGNews-Spring2021pdf>



DKG News website: <http://news.dkg.org/>



DKG website: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin  
International Journal for Professional Educators

The Bulletin: [2021 Bulletin Journal 87-3: Open Topics in Education](#)

DKG Bulletin: Collegial Exchange

Collegial Exchange

[2021 Collegial Exchange 87-4](#)



DKG Educational Foundation website:



## Supporting our Scouts



The **Fine Arts Committee** will host a Girl Scout Fundraiser next Friday, April 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Draughn High School. This is the perfect opportunity to showcase your artistic and creative talents, where funds raised will go toward a good cause—our Girl Scouts.

There are two categories for the fundraiser:

**1. Donated items for the Silent Auction** such as quilts, pictures, books, crafts, household knick-knacks, pottery, faux plants, etc. Members will place their bids in the item's corresponding box. The highest bid will win the item. Money will be collected the day of the auction. Checks and cash will be accepted.

**2. Items submitted for display only—not to be sold.** Members will “vote” on their favorite item by placing money in the item's corresponding box. The item with the most votes/money wins. The owner of that item will be given a gift certificate. Display items may include quilts, pictures, crafts, needle works, pottery, photographs, etc.

If you plan to donate an item for either category, please contact **Leslie Barger** by **Tuesday, April 27** to let her know the item you will donating and the category—either auction or display. She needs this information to plan how much space she will need to set up the Alpha Nu Gallery.

## Alpha Nu Projects:

### Keep Those Collections Going!

- **Box Tops for Education** for Gamewell Elementary School in Caldwell County.
- As part of our on-going partnership with our Girl Scout troop, please collect any pull-tabs to donate to their troop projects.



*Happy 63rd Birthday Alpha Nu Chapter!*

*Chartered April 12, 1958*

## Registration Now Open for International Conferences

Hotel and conference registrations are open for the Portland and San Antonio International conferences slated for this summer. The final format—in-person or hybrid— for both conferences is still under consideration. Portland, scheduled for July 7-10, will convene at the Portland Marriott Downtown if held in-person.

San Antonio will be held at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter July 21-24.

Conference registration can be found on the DKG [Events](#) page.



## Your Voice Matters!

Take the latest survey on the DKG website. The survey seeks information about your involvement/participation in the Society. Click [here](#) to access the survey.



Congratulations  
Rev. Charlotte  
Brendel!  
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