



# Alpha Nu Chapter Chat



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North Carolina  
State Organization

Region X, Alpha Nu Chapter  
Burke and Caldwell Counties

## President's message:

Dear Sisters of Alpha Nu,

For those of us who grew up in the 1940s, 50s, and 60s, the Three R's were "readin', ritin', and 'rithmetic." For current NC DKG members, the Three R's are "recruitment, retention, and reinstatement," our state organization's president's focus for her tenure. With membership in DKG International declining at an alarming rate, President Beth Winstead wants each chapter to increase its membership, not for the sake of numbers but to recognize the many outstanding women educators who are "out there" just waiting to be asked and bring them into an organization that "promotes (their) professional and personal growth..." which is the mission of the DKG International Society.

Last week, I visited an elementary school and was privileged to meet and chat with some of the teachers there. I spent about 45 minutes with these ladies and walked out with TWO potential candidates for membership. When I asked them why they were not already "one of us," they both replied, "We've never been asked." (Even though they were both aware of "us," they simply had not been asked.)

Women educators worthy of membership are right "under our noses," down the hall in our workplaces, in our neighborhoods, in our churches, and, yes, even in our own families. We have a responsibility to recognize them and bestow on them the same honor and privilege someone gave to us.

I know very well that everyone in our chapter doesn't bleed crimson and gold, DKG's official colors, when poked, and I know everyone isn't comfortable being a "recruiter" for Alpha Nu/NC DKG. No problem! Send the person's name to one of us who is comfortable asking qualified women educators ("them") to be a part of "us."

To encourage all of you to make the effort to find that one person or several who you believe would benefit from being a DKG member and who would

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## Alpha Nu Afternoon Tea

Sunday, 11-21-21

2:30 p.m.

Drexel First Church  
of God

Last names A-K,  
RSVP to

[Emily Chapman](#)

Last names L-W,  
RSVP to

[Anna Moose](#)

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## President's Message continued:

benefit "us," a drawing will be held at our November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting for those of you who bring in a "prospect card" from NC DKG's website or use a 4x6 index card with the name of your nominee and her contact information. Be sure to include your name on the card(s). (You may include other information about her, as well.) The cards will "go into the hat" for the drawing. (The more the cards, the better your chances!) **You may also include the name and contact number of a former member for reinstatement.** Prizes will be awarded to those whose names are drawn. Right now, I'm unsure what all of the prizes will be except for three of my "meal" gift certificates. *(And, no, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day will be unavailable.)*

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may send me the information via my email, [Glenda Foster](mailto:Glenda.Foster@ncdkg.org) or by text (attached). **However, please make every effort to attend.** This is our annual "tea" which is always especially enjoyable. (Wearing hats and/or gloves is encouraged to make the event even more festive.)

Our chapter is known statewide for our enthusiasm, our unselfish giving, our attention to all that is required of a chapter, and, most of all, for our love and affection for one another. (And we are loads of fun, too.) Let's invite other women to enjoy the fellowship we experience every time we are together. At our last meeting (Zoom), I asked you and myself to look beyond our comfort zone and nominate someone who is different from ourselves, who would bring her talent and gifts to make Alpha Nu even better. ANY outstanding woman who educates in a one-to-one setting or teaches a class of 55 is eligible for membership. And she doesn't have to be in a traditional setting inside a school house. She may be in a library, a big or small business, or a non-profit or for-profit agency where she is teaching or training others. College students who are in their final two years of study and who plan a career in education are eligible.

"They" are "out there," sisters! Let's bring "them" in and make "them" one of "us."

[Glenda Foster](mailto:Glenda.Foster@ncdkg.org), President

## Chapter Meeting Details:

Alpha Nu's Annual Tea  
(Hosted by Anna Moose's  
Fellowship Rose Team)



Sunday, November 21 at 2:30

Drexel First Church of God  
200 Oakland Ave.  
Drexel, NC 28619

A ceremony of remembrance for our dear sister Betty Pennell will be followed by a program by the professional/leadership development committee, chaired by Melanie Mikusa. A short business session will include committee reports and new business.

**You are invited to dress up for the occasion—hats and gloves too if you wish!**

**Charlotte Brendel will be collecting items for the November donation project. See page 3 for more details.**

**Please be sure to call your reservationist to let them know whether or not you are able to attend.**

## Gentle Reminders:



**How heavy is your collection jar? Keep feeding it your coins.**

**All \$\$\$ collected will be turned in at the February meeting.**

**This season of Thanksgiving is a perfect time to honor and thank educational heroes. Go to the [Educational Foundation's website](https://www.educationfoundation.org) for donation forms and certificates.**



**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](#)

**Alpha Nu Community Support Project: Christmas in November!**

Here are the details regarding our "*Christmas in November*" project for West Lenoir Elementary School. Kelly Beavers, a member of Alpha Nu, teaches at the school. Kelly has spoken to the principal about the school's current specific needs, and they have identified two categories.

First, there is a need for larger sizes of children's clothes to stock the school's *Clothes Closet*. Second, the school offers a *Christmas Store* where students may purchase items for their family as Christmas presents. Many of these items are donated by staff/ volunteers. Students love this opportunity to buy items at a low cost (\$0.25 - \$2.00) for their loved ones! Money received is used to buy additional items for students to buy.

These are the two categories which offer many ideas for gifts/supplies to purchase. Please take a look at these items and decide how you can offer support.

1) **CLOTHES CLOSET**

for larger clothes:

- pants girls: 14, 16, 18; pants boys: 14, 16, 18 or L, XL, XXL
- hoodies, sweatshirts youth: L - XXL
- shoes both boys and girls: 7+

2) **CHRISTMAS STORE ITEMS**

- men's body wash; women's body wash
- small tools
- ear buds
- small candles
- lotions
- pet toys
- fun Christmas items (antler headbands, elf ears, Santa hats, etc.)
- anything else that a student may want to give family members as a Christmas gift...



Please bring your items to our in-person meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact me for another way to give donations: you can drop off your items at my home in Drexel, or I can meet you at another location and pick up your items. My contact info: email [Charlotte Brendel](#)

As always, financial donations are also welcomed (make check to West Lenoir Elementary School, memo DKG Christmas Project).

## 2022 NCDKG Convention is Taking Shape

The NC DKG Convention, to be held in Asheville, April 29 to May 1, 2022, is seeking volunteers to help make the convention run smoothly.

Convention Chair Connie Savell is ready to make connections with members across the state and is offering everyone the unique opportunity to network and connect by volunteering behind the scenes this year.

Volunteers will be needed to cover registration distribution, be door attendants and greeters, fulfill hostess duties in the hospitality room, set up for the banquet, create table decorations, photograph attendees in the photo booth, provide technology support for the workshops, and more!

Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to please fill out the [Google Form](#). A link will be shared later to sign up for specific times. Connie added, "I can't wait to pack my bag and see you in Asheville next spring!" (From NC Data, October 2021)

Editor's Note: This Asheville location was a fabulous venue for the Southeastern Regional Conference in 2019. I have great memories of the meeting and the people I met. Please consider serving as a volunteer. You will have a mountain of fun—promise!



Mark your  
calendars for  
our meetings!



**Chapter:**

**November 21, 2021**—Annual Tea

Site/Time: Drexel First Church of God, 2:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.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

A Day  
of Giving



NC DKG Educational Foundation **Day of Giving** is Saturday, November 20.

Again this year, the NC DKG Educational Foundation will sponsor **A Day of Giving**. The Board encourages every member to donate \$5 on this day. Go to the Foundation's website to make your donation. <https://www.ncdkgef.org>

Last year's **Day of Giving** raised \$5,155 and the goal this year is to top that amount! The Foundation gave over \$25,000 in grants and scholarships to educators last year and over \$67,000 since the Foundation received its 501(c)3 status in January, 2015. It has two grant cycles a year.

**A Day of Giving** celebrates the Educational Foundation, and is a day for members to show our DKG pride and gratitude for the work of the Foundation and its impact on chapters and members in 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.**





### New Address for International

DKG has a new, temporary mailing address:

1801 E. 51st Street  
Ste 365-163  
Austin, TX 78723



Headquarters staff is still available at their email addresses and through the Chat button on the DKG website. Refer to the [Contact Us tab](#) on the website for emails.

### Member News:

Condolences to **Kathy Starnes** whose mother, Edna Starnes Millsaps, passed away on November 13.

So grateful that **Terri Mull** got good results from her recent CT scan. Tumors are getting smaller and no new ones were evident! Please keep her in your prayers.

Congratulations to **Rexanna Lowman** who won election to the Valdese Town Council.

Dr. Carmen Icard Teague, daughter of **Carolyn Icard**, was recently inducted into the Caldwell County Educational Hall of Honor. She is currently the director of Internal Medicine for Atrium health in Charlotte, NC. Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Donna Simmons**, director of the color guard at Draughn High School! Her squad won 1st place 2A at the East Burke Cavalier Classic.

Results of the October Project: Enough snacks were collected to last for the entire year! Alpha Nu ROCKS!



Total snack items collected from our Alpha Nu Chapter members:

**1,155**

... and \$145  
in financial donations

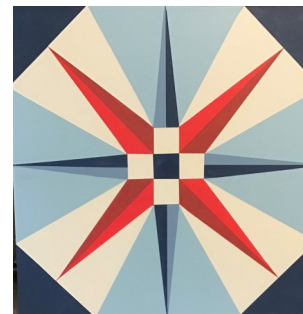


### DKG Fall 2021 Art Gallery is now on-line!

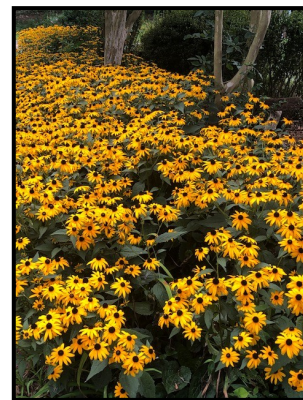
Congratulations to **Charlotte Brendel** and **Sherry Willis** whose submissions to the DKG Art Gallery were accepted for inclusion in the Fall 2021 Art Gallery now on display at [DKG Art Gallery – International Creativity](#)



“Waiting For New Tenants” Photo—Charlotte Brendel



“North Carolina Star” Barn Quilt —Sherry Willis



“Black-Eyed Beauties” Photo—Sherry Willis

The next submission period for the Winter Gallery is January 15 to February 15, 2022. Please consider submitting photos, crafts, poems, stories or other entries. Go to the [dkg.org website](#) for information.

## 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-

[fall 2021 nc dkg news vol. 81-1 color.pdf \(ncdkg.org\)](#)



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



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

The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin  
International Journal for Professional Educators

The Bulletin: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)



Collegial Exchange

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



NC DKG Educational Foundation website:

[www.ncdkgef.org/](http://www.ncdkgef.org/)

## On the Road Again, Just Can't Wait to Get on the Road Again...

### Have Car, Will Travel...

### Whatever It Takes!



**Organize it and they will come!**

Thanks to **Charlotte Brendel** for organizing another successful Community Support Project. Thanks also to all who came to the collection sites in Burke and Caldwell Counties bearing your generous donations of snacks for the Burke County Literacy Council.

