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

Vision Statement: *Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide*

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Alpha Lambda Newsletter



From Our President:



Spring is around the corner. We have enjoyed several spring-like days this winter and will probably experience another cold day or two. Alpha Lambda's next meeting is less than a week away. Sharon Alexander will present a very informative program. Please feel free to invite friends to hear about legal issues that we and/or family members may experience as we age.

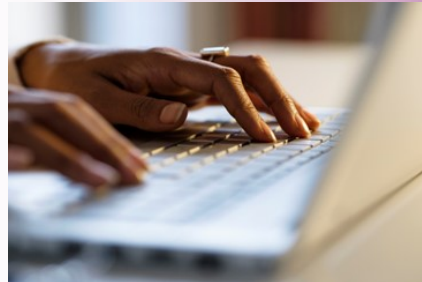
The NC DKG Convention is coming up April 21-23. If you are considering attending, there is plenty of time to sign up. The deadline for early registration is April 9. I have reserved rooms and will keep them available until after the 9th. We can carpool and have plenty of time to socialize.

Looking forward to seeing you on March 25, Linda

Meeting: March 25 at 9:00 AM, Johnson Farm. Brunch followed by Attorney Sharon Alexander's advice on essential documents to have in place for end of life issues.

Hostess Group: Linda Paulus.

Committee Reports



Scholarship Committee

The Candy Priest Scholarship and Grant Fund is to aid chapter members who have been active members of the Alpha Lambda chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma for one year and wish to pursue a program of study toward a degree in higher education or additional certification. We did not have any applicants this year. The scholarship money was then available for recertification, grants, or attending a workshop in the applicant's certified area. The Scholarship Committee members are pleased to award four grants. The recipients will be announced at the March meeting.

Beginning Teacher Support

Thank you to members who contributed boxes of tissues to restock classrooms for Beginning Teachers. When they were distributed by our committee to the new teachers at a recent meeting, NC Teacher of the Year, Leah Carper, was present and commented, "This is wonderful! And such tangible support for BTs!" Our committee will provide refreshments at additional meetings this school year.

Watch for sales! Thinking ahead, remember to pick up a few teacher supplies this spring and summer when you see items on sale. We will collect these at our fall meeting. We used the coffee gift cards as door prizes at the meetings and they were much appreciated.

Law and Policy

A bill filed in the North Carolina House would allow school districts to choose a start date as early as August 10. HB86 is the latest attempt to allow greater flexibility with local school districts. It also forces districts to end the school year no later than the Friday closest to June 11.

Chapter Achievement

Alpha Lambda met or exceeded the needed points for the Rose Bud and Rose Award for NC DKG which will take the place of the Chapter Achievement Award. Thank you to Alpha Lambda members for helping us have a good showing!

Membership

The membership committee is excited to be presenting some new prospective members at our March meeting. We will vote on the prospects at that time and then invite them for an orientation session after which we hope they will say, "YES!"



**Alpha Lambda Chapter
Treasurer's Report
February 28, 2023**



Checking Account

Balance Brought Forward in Available Checking as of January	\$11,264.28
<u>Income</u>	
No transactions	
<u>Expenditures</u>	
No transactions	
Balance in Available Checking as of February	\$11,264.28
Candy Priest	\$ 1178.42
No transactions	
Balance in Candy Priest	\$ 1178.42
Cecil Kessler Recruitment	\$ 4855.61
No transactions	
Balance in Cecil Kessler Recruitment	\$ 4855.61
Hilda Olson Literacy Fund	\$ 866.96
No transactions	

Project Dignity of Western North Carolina

Millions of women in the United States find it tough to pull together funds to pay bills and buy groceries. Since menstrual products are not covered by food assistance programs, there isn't always enough left over for a \$7 box of tampons or pads. Women resort to using rags, socks, or even plastic bags. Project Dignity is a nonprofit on a mission to provide period products to those in need in Western North Carolina who might be homeless, low-income, or victims of domestic abuse. We solicit donations of period products and financial support from community organizations, individuals, and foundations, and provide product drop off locations. We distribute to schools, public housing agencies, food pantries, and social service agencies on a monthly schedule. (from <https://projectdignitywnc.org>)

For the March meeting, please bring feminine hygiene products to support
Project Dignity.

Ingles gift card orders will be taken at the March meeting. Bring your checkbook! If you are not attending, and would like to order gift cards, please email Diane Dotson and Sharman Norman with the number of cards and at what denominations. Then mail your check to Sharman Norman. If you would like to have your gift cards mailed to you, please bring a stamped self-addressed envelope to the meeting.

Alpha Lambda Member To Be Inducted

Into Henderson County Education Foundation Hall of Fame

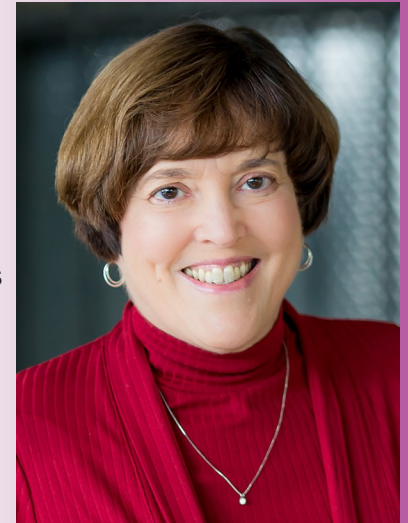
Brenda Gorsuch will be inducted into the HCEF Hall of Fame in April.

From Brenda:

I taught at West Henderson High School from 1983 until I retired in 2017, so 34 years. I had previously taught for three years in the English Department at Western Carolina University. I earned my National Board certification in 2004 and renewed in 2014.

In retirement, I work as a publications consultant helping yearbook staffs across the country. I present at a number of scholastic journalism workshops each summer. I especially enjoy time with my two grandchildren, 7-year-old Ethan and 4-year-old Rylee Anne.

I loved teaching AP English Literature and journalism during my 34 years at WHHS. Most of all, I enjoyed advising the *Wingspan* newspaper and online staffs and the *Westwind* yearbook staff. My students won literally hundreds of awards, including Katie Pennock, who was the National High School Journalist of the Year in 2002. Over the years a number of my editors won the N.C. High School Journalist of the Year award. I guess the biggest day of my career was in January 2014 when I was named the H.L. Hall National Yearbook Adviser of the Year. The West Henderson faculty, my publication staffs and my family surprised me at a faculty meeting. A number of my journalism teacher friends from across the Southeast attended the celebration.



News from Haley Dunnigan

Kessler Recruitment Grant Recipient



Things have been absolutely amazing at school so far this academic year. First and foremost, I made it onto the Dean's List last semester; it was my first semester getting all As! That sure did feel good, especially considering Chapel Hill's academic rigor. I am slowly getting more involved within the School of Education specifically, as this is my first semester with all education courses. I love it, to say the least. I am learning so much new content from the best professors: everything from human development, to fostering a positive classroom environment, to communities and families in diverse contexts. I am also making a plethora of connections through my education club entitled the Undergraduate Advisory Council. Our final home game of the regular season for men's basketball is coming up on Saturday against Duke! This season has been rocky, so we all are hoping for a win against Duke to end on a good note (and rush Franklin Street!). Fingers crossed! I will be at the ESPN College Game Day event on Saturday morning! It will be my first time doing this, so I am super excited. Lastly, my dance club, Carolina Vibe, is so much fun and keeping me active. Our spring showcase is coming up at the end of March. I just designed our merchandise as merchandise chair on the executive board; it is cool to see the girls wear my design! Needless to say, it has been a jam-packed year, but I would not want it any other way!

Click [HERE](#) to read the NC DKG Newsletter for Spring 2023. It contains everything you need to know about the State Convention. Also, read about our own Anne Boyette on page 11.



NC DKG Convention

Greenville, NC April 28—30, 2023

For more information, please visit [NC DKG Convention](#).

Technology Tidbit

Scammers using the Social Security Administration

Recognize the four basic signs of a scam:

1. Scammers pretend to be from a familiar organization or agency, like the Social Security Administration. They may email attachments with official-looking logos, seals, signatures, or pictures of employee credentials.
2. Scammers mention a problem or a prize. They may say your Social Security number was involved in a crime or ask for personal information to process a benefit increase.
3. Scammers pressure you to act immediately. They may threaten you with arrest or legal action.
4. Scammers tell you to pay using a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire or money transfer, or by mailing cash. They may also tell you to transfer your money to a “safe” account.

Alpha Lambda Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations

**Saturday, May 20, 10:00 AM,
Hendersonville County Club**
Business, Induction, Recognitions, Lunch,
Dr. Phyllis Broughton, Speaker
Hostesses: Allison Thompson’s Group



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