

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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 the President

Happy Fall,

We are well on our way to the holiday season. Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner.

Alpha Lambda auction is also coming up. We have such a good time laughing, bidding, and sharing good times with our sisters. I hope to see all of you on Saturday, November 18th at Johnson Farm for our annual fundraiser at 9:00. Remember this event is one of two

fundraisers for the year which brings in the majority of our chapter funds

I hope you have decided what you are donating for the auction. Baked goods, handmade items, floral decorations, artwork, seasonal items, and gifts for kids are all good ideas. Be prepared to do holiday shopping on the 18th. If you are unable to attend, please send your donations to be auctioned or send a financial donation to Sharman.

I am looking forward to gathering together with you.

Linda

Second Meeting: November 18 at 9:00 AM, Johnson Farm

Hostess Group: Carolyn Baker



COMMITTEE REPORTS



Scholarship: The deadline for the Candy Priest Scholarship is DECEMBER 1. The purpose of the scholarship is to aid members who have been active in Alpha Lambda for one year and wish to pursue a program of study toward a degree in higher education or additional certification. Applications can be found online, or you can pick up one at our next meeting.

Beginning Teacher Support: Door prize donations: Our chapter is amazing! Thank you for the generous door prize donations to support Henderson County Beginning Teachers. Members of our Committee will be taking these to meetings in January and April. If you forgot to bring a gift card and still want to contribute one for a doorprize, you may do so this month. Teachers love Amazon, Walmart, Target, Starbucks, etc.

Literacy: We have 7 "new to kindergarten" teachers who are receiving books for their classroom libraries. These will be delivered by committee members in the coming days.

Tissues for February: We will continue to support winter "germ season" with a restock of tissues for beginning teachers in the winter. Please bring tissue donations to the January 20th meeting.

Chapter Achievement: Emails with Rose Award forms have been sent to members who will collect info and documentation by February 1 for [Linda Paulus](#) and [Marilyn Yoder](#). Feel free to contact one of them with questions. Looking forward to Rose Award again this year!! JLT. Just Love To

Finance: An Ingles gift card order will be taken at our meeting on November 18. You can get gift cards in any denomination from five dollars up. That may be helpful if you are ordering for Christmas gifts, especially for people you work with. Hopefully, that will be helpful for some of you who have thought that the minimum is a \$25 gift card. If you are not attending the meeting please email [Sharman Norman](#) and [Diane Dotson](#) telling how many gift cards in what denomination. You can mail the check to Sharman. If you would like your gift cards mailed to you, please bring a stamped self-addressed envelope to the meeting. This is usually our biggest order so think about friends who might want to order through Alpha Lambda. Thank you for supporting this worthy fundraiser.



Alpha Lambda Chapter Treasurer's Report October 31, 2023



Checking Account

Balance Brought Forward in Available Checking as of September \$10650.79

Income

No transactions

Expenditures

No transactions

Balance in Available Checking as of October \$10650.79

Candy Priest \$ 217.62

No transactions

Balance in Candy Priest \$ 217.62

Cecil Kessler Recruitment \$ 4230.61

No transactions

Balance in Cecil Kessler Recruitment \$ 4230.61

Hilda Olson Literacy Fund \$ 1335.96

No transactions

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ANNUAL ALPHA LAMBDA AUCTION
THE AUCTION IS A MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR THE GENERAL FUND
November 18, 2023, 9:00 AM, Johnson Farm



SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR AUCTION:

- ◆ BAKED GOODS (cakes, pies, cookies, breads)
- ◆ JAMS AND JELLIES
- ◆ CASSEROLES (which can be frozen for holiday use)
- ◆ HANDMADE ITEMS (crocheted, knitted, sewn, etc.)
- ◆ FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS
- ◆ HOME DECORATIVE ITEMS, ESPECIALLY HOLIDAY DÉCOR
- ◆ GIFT CARDS

MOST BIDS BEGIN AT \$10

NEWS FROM HALEY DUNNIGAN, KESSLER GRANT RECIPIENT

This semester has felt as though it has flown by. I just finished registering for next semester's courses, and I will be taking two more pre-master's courses that will count as transfer credits toward my year of my master's program upon graduating with my bachelor's. I have enjoyed my education courses this semester, as I have learned so much about the special education field. Additionally, I have been volunteering for the past several weeks at the local Boys & Girls Club for their after-school program. Beyond my work as a summer camp counselor in high school, this is the first time I have been able to interact with kids one-on-one like this, especially in an academic context. I help elementary students with reading comprehension and other homework. I also have had the opportunity to interact with the few middle school students who attend this after-school program, which has been beneficial because I would like to teach this age range. This experience has most certainly helped me in learning my classroom management style.

Both of my clubs, Carolina Vibe (dance) and Undergraduate Advisory Council (education) are going great. I have been spending much time planning events and meetings for my education club as Vice President, plus making great connections (I have spoken with the dean of the School of Education many times now.) As far as my dance club, our fall showcase is in exactly one week! Dance has been a great outlet for me this semester, especially considering how the semester started off.

I have been to almost every home football game this season and am going to the big game against Duke. This is our last home football game of the season, so it is odd to think about how I have one more football season left as an undergraduate student! These games are so fun and really are a highlight of my year.

The picture is of my friend, Erin, and me at a school of education event that we planned together.



Member News

Members of the Western Carolina University family recognized three prominent alumni for their career accomplishments as part of the university's celebration of Homecoming 2023.

The alumni, one of whom was Alpha Lambda member, Brenda Gorsuch, received their awards during the annual Chancellor's Brunch and Alumni Awards Ceremony held on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

The Academic Achievement Award to Brenda Walker Gorsuch, an award-winning teacher of English and journalism for nearly 35 years who helped establish the West Henderson High School journalism program as among the tops in the nation. A resident of Mills River, Gorsuch earned her bachelor's degree in English in 1977 and her master's degree in secondary English education in 1980, both from WCU. She has helped hone the writing and critical thinking skills of thousands of high school students in her classrooms and through her work with student newspaper and yearbook staffs. Congratulations, Brenda!



Haley Roberts is the proud mother of Bennett born on October 3. He was 7 lbs. 12 oz. and almost 20 inches long. You will remember she was our recruitment grant recipient prior to Haley Dunigan, also a UNC-Chapel Hill student. AL supported Haley through her master's work. Upon graduation from UNC-Chapel Hill, Haley joined HCPS as a teacher of exceptional children.



Community News

Meet **Robert Morgan** at the Community Room of the Historic Courthouse at 2 pm on Saturday, November 18. He will be autographing his latest book, a biography of Edgar Allen Poe, whose title is "Fallen Angel." Other books he has authored will be available in the Museum Bookshop and can also be autographed. Terry Roberts, novelist at UNCA, and poet Jesse Graves of East Tennessee State will engage Morgan in a conversation about his literary career. A Henderson County native, Morgan has taught at Cornell University since 1971 in addition to authoring novels and books of poetry. Two of his novels are set in the Green River section of Henderson County, the community of his growing up years.

NC DKG NEWS

Only 7 Months Until Convention 2024!

Make sure the dates April 26-28, 2024 are on your calendar! Secure a roommate! Start planning your “After 5 Attire” for the Saturday night banquet! And *don’t forget your dancing shoes! It’s not too early to start daydreaming about the fun you will have at the NC DKG State Convention!*

Exciting changes and new activities were announced at the Fall Executive Board meeting. More details will be forthcoming, so be on the lookout for those. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities for those who want to enhance their Convention experience. [Dr. Carol Maidon](#), Volunteer Coordinator, would love to hear that you are interested!

Want to do something right now? Glad you asked! A fun Dance Party is planned for Friday night that is sure to get attendees on their feet and movin’ to the beat! We need a playlist! What is *your favorite song that gets you up and dancing? Send the title and artist to 2024 Convention Chair [Nikki Steckroth](#) who will track suggestions. Perhaps we’ll have an NC DKG Official Dance Song! (Steckroth suggests “We Are Family” by Sister Sledge. You may recall that the second line is, “I’ve got all my sisters with me!”)*

Are you feeling the fun yet? Don’t forget to clear your calendar for April 26-28, Convention 2024!

Convention Dates

April 26-28, 2024 — NC DKG Convention, Research Triangle Park, Durham

July 9-13, 2024 — International Convention, National Harbor, Maryland

June 30-July 4, 2026 — International Convention, Aurora, Colorado

International Website: <https://www.dkg.org>

NC DKG Website: <https://www.ncdkg.org>



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Alpha Lambda Meetings 2023-2024

Saturday, November 18, 9 am, Johnson Farm
Business Meeting
Auction
Hostesses: Carolyn Baker's Group

Saturday, January 20, 9 am, Johnson Farm
Speaker: Jan King
Hostesses: Nan Croft's Group

Saturday, April 13, 9 am, Etowah Baptist Church
Ceremony of Remembrance
Hostesses: Linda Paulus's Group

Saturday, May 18, 10 am, Hendersonville Country Club
Installation of Officers, Induction, Speaker
Hostesses: Alison Thompson's Group

Alpha Lambda JLT Art Display Opportunity

Reflecting on the September presentation by Region XI director Dedra Davis featuring a Delta Kappa Gamma National ART Showcase, we have developed an opportunity to have a local exhibit/showcase at the January 2024 meeting. Alpha Lambda members have talent, and we want to survey them to see who has interest in sharing her talents and displaying items created at the January meeting. Listed below are possible categories:

- 2d and 3d art (includes watercolor, oil, collage, sculpture, needlework)
- Photography
- Poetry
- Short stories
- Essays
- Music could record
- Public speaking Your topic/3minute limit/we could record

Please say JLT by email to Carol Waters and list the category in which you could share. We will also have a signup sheet at our November meeting to determine interest.

Technology Tidbit

From: www.equifax.com

Shopping online continues to become more common and convenient. What are some of the ways I can keep my personal and financial information safe online?

There are several things you can do to protect yourself and avoid credit card scams when providing payment information online.

Make sure that you are actually dealing with the correct vendor. Phishing is increasing and before you execute any transaction, check the web address to make sure it is valid.

Do not pay with a debit card if possible. A debit card provides direct access to your bank account, while credit cards may offer more protection. Credit cards offer better consumer protections against fraud compared with debit cards linked to a bank account.

Enable multi-factor authorization. Again, it may be a hassle, but it drastically reduces your exposure to an issue and offers better credit card fraud protection.

Avoid performing financial transactions over unsecured public Wi-Fi networks.