



DELTA PSI DISPATCHER

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President's Message

GREETINGS, DELTA PSI SISTERS!

March Greetings!

We have had a mix of winter and spring since we last met. Hopefully we'll settle into spring soon!

Our last meeting was well attended! Let's aim for "perfect attendance" for our April meeting, so all current members will have the opportunity to meet and greet the new members who will be inducted at the meeting.

The meeting date is **Saturday, April 9** at **Trinity United Methodist Church, King**. King Kitchen plans to provide a wonderful breakfast at 9:00. The cost will be \$10 per person. If you **ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND**, please **text** 336-406-9204 or **email me** by **Wednesday, April 6** so we can reduce the number for the breakfast count; otherwise, unfortunately, the meal cost will be **billed** by our Delta Psi treasurer to those who don't attend.

Eddie McGee will be presenting a musical program focusing on Past, Present, and maybe even Future. You certainly don't want to miss his presentation!

For our **April Act of Kindness**, we will be collecting children's books for **Stokes Partnership for Children**. They need recently published children's books, especially **board books**.

Can we meet the President's Challenge: 90 books?

We're Delta Psi Strong!

Debbie

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The Delta Psi New Member Induction Ceremony will be held before the business meeting April 9 at Trinity United Methodist Church, King.

New member orientation sessions will precede the induction ceremony and will be held Monday March 21 at Trinity and Wednesday March 23 at Bethel Baptist Church, Walnut Cove. Both orientation sessions will run from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm.

Delta Psi Meeting Dates for 2021-2022



Saturday April 9, 2022
Trinity United Methodist, King

All meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.

DELTA PSI OFFICERS

President- [Debbie Merritt](#)

1st Vice President- [Donna Boyles](#)

2nd Vice President- [Cindy Roberts](#)

Secretary- [Jessica Stump](#)

Treasurer- [Rhonda Jackson](#)

Parliamentarian- [Deanne Moore](#)

CHAPTER NEWS

Delta Psi Leader Merritt Honored



Debbie Merritt, the current president of Delta Psi chapter, is a recipient of the North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma's Present Outstanding Leader for Region IX.

She has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for nine years. As a former member and past president of Alpha Theta, she was instrumental in helping to charter the Delta Psi chapter, the newest chapter in North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma, in Stokes County. She previously won the organization's Rising Star award.

Additionally, Merritt has been nominated for the NC DKG Golden Key Award. The NC DKG Golden Key Award honors Delta Kappa Gamma members who have made a significant contribution to Delta Kappa Gamma at various levels of the Society.

The Golden Key Award is designed to honor members who are who are often times in the background getting things done. The award recognizes members who are the backbone of the chapter and have a deep abiding love for DKG, fulfilling the purposes of this great Society.
(Source: Stokes News March 15, 2022)

New Role for Delta Psi Member

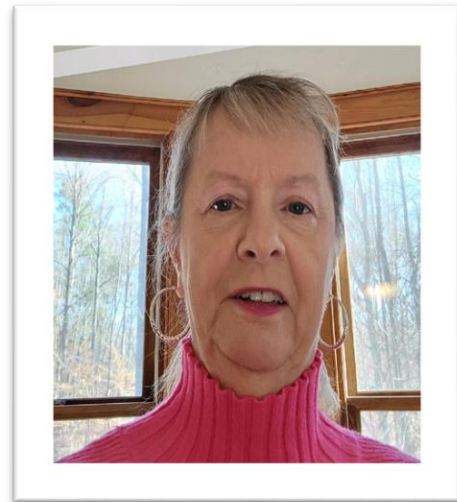
Delta Psi member, Heather Pendleton, was named the Student Information Director for Stokes County Schools effective Feb. 1, 2002.

Pendleton has served as principal at Piney Grove Middle School since January of 2016. Prior to that she was principal at Germanton Elementary and assistant principal at Mount Olive Elementary and Piney Grove Middle School, where she started her career in 2007. (Source: Stokes News January 26, 2022)



Delta Psi Rising Star Nominee

Donna Boyles, the current 1st Vice-President of Delta Psi chapter, has been nominated for the NC Delta Kappa Gamma Rising Start Award for Region IX.



The NC DKG Rising Star Award is intended to recognize and encourage key women educators in their early years of active membership in NC DKG. These members demonstrate exceptional growth in education, leadership and contributions to the organization consistent with the organization's vision and purposes. Rising Star nominees reflect strong potential for successful leadership at the chapter and state levels and beyond.

STATE NEWS

"Linking the Past, Present and Future"



**NCDKG President
Beth Winstead**

Greetings NC DKG Members,

March is Women's History Month, and to celebrate, the Smithsonian has an exhibit of 3D models of living women in STEM. Many of these women were on hand when the exhibit was revealed. It was noted that the purpose was to show women and girls that they too can achieve anything.

I couldn't help but think about the educators behind those women. If they had not had teachers, parents, and other role models who encouraged and said you can be anything, those women would not be a part of that exhibit.

My first thought was wouldn't it be cool if we could create a mini exhibit at state convention of 3D models of women of education, but we don't have to create an exhibit because **we** are the exhibit! I hope many of you will join us in Asheville April 29- May 1, 2022, to be a part of our living exhibit of key women educators of North Carolina.



President Beth

Musician & Chorus Members Needed



Music Representative Judy Rhodes is looking for members willing to sing in the chorus and/or share musical interludes on your instrument during the convention. Judy has the chorus songs available on MP3s and will send those to you if will [contact her](#). The more, the merrier!

Convention Time Nearing, Registration Deadline Soon

Excitement is growing as NC DKG Convention time draws nearer. The convention program is being finalized, volunteers assigned, sessions scheduled, vendors registered, music planned, and donations being accepted for the convention project and Headquarters. The convention will be held April 29- May 1, 2022, at the Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort.

There is still time to be a part of the fun and fellowship of the convention. Early bird [registration](#) is open until April 10, but if mailed, registrations should be postmarked by April 1.



MANNA Food Bank, part of Feeding America, is the convention project. Anyone may donate by going to <https://donate.mannafoodbank.org/> and designating NC DKG State Convention Project in the Donations Comments box under the Designate My Donation and Other Info links.

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered! Many slots are filled but there is still a need for more volunteers, so check your preference on the registration form or fill out the Volunteer Form. Someone will contact you!

Convention Note: At this time, masks will be a personal choice of each participant. NC DKG President Beth Winstead and Convention Chair Connie Savell will be monitoring any changes in COVID guidelines and making appropriate adjustments as needed.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

International Convention

Attending the July International Convention? The [DKG website](#) has a neat graphic on the rotator that lists the steps for members interested in attending the International Convention this summer:

1. Register for the convention
2. Book a hotel room
3. Submit forms and sign-ups
4. Download the DKG App
5. Prepare for voting and for NC members attending, and
6. Let NC DKG Executive Secretary [Elizabeth Miars](#) know you are attending!



Convention Dates

April 29-May 1, 2022 — NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort

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

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

2024 — International Convention, Maryland

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

Member Art Gallery at Convention

The Mar/Apr issue of DKG News contains an article about the Member Art Gallery that will happen at the DKG Convention this summer in New Orleans, LA.

The exhibit will showcase members' talents in person in the visual and literary arts and musical composition areas. The Arts and Humanities Jury will select works to be displayed on Friday and Saturday.

Learn more on page 9 of DKG News or online through the link on the [convention Events page](#).

DKGIEF: A Dozen Things to Know About ISF



1. The International Speakers Fund (ISF) connects members across borders.
2. ISF recipients/speakers share their passion for educational topics.
3. The ISF Committee creates a list of applicants to be an ISF speaker.
4. The ISF Committee shares that list with state organization presidents who may request an ISF speaker from the list.
5. ISF speakers may present virtually or face to face.
6. Hosting a virtual/face to face ISF speaker helps break down misconceptions among cultures and environments.
7. Being an ISF speaker helps break down misconceptions among cultures and environments.
8. ISF Fund is administered by the DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF).
9. YOU can apply to be an ISF speaker.
10. YOU can apply to host an ISF speaker.
11. ISF is supported by donations to the DKGIEF to cover travel expenses to face-to-face state organization events.
12. EVERYBODY can contribute to the ISF Fund and foster international understanding.

[DKGIEF International Speakers Fund](#)

SEE Support for Early Career Educators

In order to share the vision, Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide, and strengthen our Society, the Educational Excellence Committee established Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) as its second international project during the 2012 International Convention in New York City.

Why is our support needed?

Education is a challenging career and retaining quality teachers is an issue worldwide. According to Richard Ingersoll, the rate in U.S. of beginning teachers leaving the profession in the first year is a little more than 10%; with 33% leaving by Year 3 and 46% by Year 5. In addition, around 15% of U.S. teachers overall leave the profession each year. (Is There Really a Teacher Shortage, Ingersoll, 2003, p. 14)

Schools that have depended on a core of veteran teachers are seeing those teachers retire. As much is expected of a new teacher on the first day of school as is expected of a 30-year veteran. Teachers supporting teachers is crucial.

John F. Kennedy said, "In each one of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefits for everyone and a greater strength for our nations."

We truly can make a difference with our support.

SEE encourages members/chapters to be creative in support of early-career educators with a variety of strategies, such as

- giving support for phone calls and visits,
- helping with lesson plans and bulletin board ideas,
- offering advice on classroom management and parent-teacher relations; and
- providing support in appropriate and practical ways.

Start supporting early-career educators in your community today! Get a list of new teachers/educators from your local school district and list of student teachers in your area to support.

Technology Tip

Blooket



Treasurer's Report

Balance as of January 19, 2022: \$2802.97

***CURRENT TREASURER'S REPORT TO BE SHARED APRIL 9**

February Art of Kindness Donations to King Outreach Ministry
325 Items

We're Delta Psi Strong!



**Delta Psi Meeting
February 2, 2022
9:00 a.m.
River Rock Cafe, Danbury**

Debbie Merritt opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

The following members were in attendance:

Amy Goodson	Donna Boyles	Lesla Thomas
Kim Wilkinson	Lisa Ingram	Mary Lynn Stone
Lisa Rasey	Johnna Cheek	Debbie Merritt
Brenda Mays	Jessica Stump	Deanne Moore
Melinda Lemons	Sheila Patterson	Heather Pendleton
Keasha Rice	Ashley Jones	Cindy Roberts
Rhonda Jackson		

Breakfast was enjoyed ahead of the program and business meeting.

Donna Boyles shared words of inspiration reminding us to exhibit the fruits of the spirit by focusing on the good around us.

Debbie Merritt introduced April Roberson, a neurofeedback clinician and the owner of *A Restored Mind*. Mrs. Roberson shared information on neurofeedback, a data-based clinical practice that is a non-drug, reward-based training system for one's brain. Neurofeedback may be utilized to decrease negative symptoms or behaviors associated with anxiety-depression, attention deficits, behavior disorders, migraines, emotional disturbances, PTSD, and autism.

Business Meeting

With no additions or corrections, the minutes of the December meeting were approved as shared in the newsletter.

The treasurer's report was approved as shared by Rhonda Jackson. It was shared that we do not yet have a budget.

Old Business

Debbie Merritt encouraged members to participate in the upcoming NC DKG State Convention to be held in Asheville April 29-May 1. Complete details regarding the convention can be found on the NC DKG website.

Debbie offered to place an order for members wishing to purchase a name badge. The cost is \$8.00.

New Business:

The recent achievements of 2 members were celebrated. Heather Pendleton was appointed the Director of Student Information for Stokes County Schools. Debbie Merritt is currently being featured on the NC DKG website as a leader to highlight.

Committee Reports

On behalf of the Membership Committee, Cindy Roberts presented a list of 38 prospective members. It was clarified that this is a larger-than-normal list, but as we are a still-growing group; a broad, diverse, pool of prospective members would serve us well moving forward. A voting ballot was shared. From the submitted votes, prospective members will be contacted and an orientation will be held for those interested.

Note: Before the meeting was adjourned, it was determined that a name was omitted from the ballot. Members will have the opportunity to cast this vote via email.

The Beginning Teacher Committee met recently and made Valentine's goody bags to be distributed by SCS courier around Feb 14.

Lisa Rasey presented on behalf of the Literacy Committee. Stokes Partnership for Children will soon host a Book Walk to raise funds. They are also in need of new board books for toddlers and young readers. It was decided that members will bring board books to the next meeting to be donated to Stokes Partnership.

As reported by Donna Boyles, the Teacher Market has been open a few days since January. Online orders are on the increase and are being delivered by SCS courier. A recent \$5,000 donation is nearly depleted as a large order to replenish supplies was filled. Donations of supplies are appreciated. However monetary donations go farther to fulfill the specific requests of teachers.

Deanne Moore, on behalf of the World Fellowship committee, shared some research on this effort. World Fellowship encourages international, quality education. Donations fund grants to study abroad and improve the landscape of education worldwide.

Door prize winners were selected.

Debbie Merritt reminded executive board members and committee chairs about the planning meeting scheduled for Feb. 21 at Bethel Baptist Church.

Members were also reminded that dues (\$70) would be collected at the April meeting.

Submitted by Jessica Stump