

**NC DKG State Organization (NC DKG)**  
**NC DKG *RECRUIT* Reception**  
**Hilton Charlotte University Place, Charlotte, NC**  
**Friday, April 25, 2025**

**2023-2025 Theme: *Recruit! Retain! Recognize! NC DKG Forever Strong!***

**Gathering Music:** Chanel Smylee of the Split Second Sound Entertainment Group presented the gathering music for the reception.

**Welcome:** Leslie Black, Recruit Reception Event Facilitator, welcomed everyone to the reception. She was glad to see 180 women here on Friday night!

**Inspiration:** Iris Barnette, *Beta Kappa*, presented the inspiration.

**Introduction of Convention First and Second Timers:** Leslie Black asked first-time convention attendees to go to the dance floor, second-time convention attendees to go to the dance floor behind the first-timers, those attending their third to fifteenth convention to another space, and those who have attended more than fifteen conventions to an alternate space. First- and second-time convention attendees were honored with a glowing necklace, a round of applause, and “We Are Family” by Sister Sledge played by the DJ while they danced. Members were challenged to welcome the first- and second-timers throughout the reception and the rest of the weekend. We are glad you are here!

**Presentation of Flags:** NC DKG Second Vice President Dr. Michelle Tuck Thomas presided over the flag presentation.

- United States of America – Cynthia “Cindy” Lockerman, *Kappa*, Region VIII
- North Carolina – Dr. Janis Antonek, *Beta Delta*, Region VII
- The DKG Society International – Dr. Angela Hill, *Phi*, Region VI

**Games and Dancing:** Recruit Reception Event Facilitator Leslie Black then explained that members could play the games on their table, move to a different table, or choose a game that no one was playing. DJ Chanel Smylee played music throughout the evening with members invited to request a song or “cut a rug.”

NC DKG Executive Secretary Elizabeth Miars explained the process of selecting sandwiches, wraps, and fruit from the food line. Once everyone was served, members could return to the line, if desired.

Throughout the evening, members enjoyed dancing, playing games, working puzzles, visiting with old friends, and making new friends. The noise level in the room was a good indicator that fun was being had by all in attendance.

**Announcements and Door Prizes:** Cynthia “Cindy” Lockerman, Convention chair, and Deb Christensen, NC DKG webmaster, announced the winners of door prizes twice during the evening’s fun by spinning the wheel of attendee names.

**Dance, Mix, and Mingle:** Members were invited to stay and play games, work puzzles, dance to music provided by Chanel Smylee of Split Second Sound Entertainment Group, or visit with old and new friends.