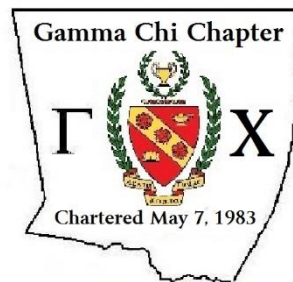


# Gamma Chi Newsletter

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Eta State, North Carolina  
Region III, Warren County



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings Gamma Chi Sisters! It is hard to believe that I have been your president for half a biennium. It has been a year full of learning and growing. As I write this, the grass is growing and the flowers are blooming! This is exactly what our chapter will be doing this spring beginning with our May meeting. The May meeting is exciting as we have the initiation of our new members and the awarding of our scholarships, but it is also a heartfelt meeting as we remember our departed sister Sue Skinner with a memorial service. We will be growing by five sisters; therefore, we will have more opportunities to bloom as we, as **key women educators, commit, collaborate, and celebrate** Delta Kappa Gamma. I encourage each of you to plan to attend this meeting to support our initiates and scholarship recipients. Also, remember to sell or purchase your afghan tickets which help support our scholarship fund.

Just a friendly reminder if you indicate that you plan to attend the meal and meeting and then cannot attend you are obligated to pay for your meal. You may send your money by someone and get a takeout plate, but you must pay for your meal. Our chapter cannot afford to absorb the costs of unpaid meals.

I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks at St. Paul's Lutheran Church!

In sisterhood,

Debra W. Clayton

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## MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, May 7, 2015

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Hors d'oeuvres will be served prior to dinner. Dinner will consist of a buffet including honey glazed salmon, chicken Florentine, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, green salad, orange fluff salad, rolls & butter, iced tea and a variety of homemade desserts. Cost: \$15.00

(make checks to St. Paul's LWML)

Cut-Off Date: **Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** (must pay for meal after that date regardless of attendance)

5:30 p.m. Social Hour

6:00 p.m. Initiation Ceremony

6:15 p.m. Scholarship & Grants-in-Aid Presentation

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:15 p.m. Memorial Service

7:30 p.m. Business Meeting

Thanks to the Membership Committee for their hard work. The Telephone Network should call members for a meal count.

(St. Paul's Group will need to bring items for the raffle.

*Since St. Paul's is our smallest group, please consider helping them out by bringing an item for the meeting raffle.)*

## BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ Money to buy \$1 raffle tickets (proceeds aid local libraries)
- ☞ Turn in your money, stubs and unsold tickets for the afghan raffle. Drawing will be held. You do not have to be present to win. You can still purchase tickets up to the time of the drawing.
- ☞ Box Tops and Labels for Education; they will benefit our elementary schools and the middle school.
- ☞ Completed Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award form (click [here](#) for the form).

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service in memory of our beloved Gamma Chi sister, Sue Skinner, will be held at our May meeting.

## BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

Members with May, June or July birthdays who attend the meeting will be recognized and will receive a present.

**Don't miss your birthday meeting!!!**



## MEET OUR FUTURE NEW MEMBERS

We have much to look forward to as we plan to initiate five new members at the May meeting. President Debra Clayton, Treasurer Shirley White and Membership Chair Nancy Tunstall provided orientation sessions for these women from April 14 through April 16. Listed below are pictures of our new members and their professional information so you can start to familiarize yourselves with our soon-to-be new members and bid them welcome!



**Anna Brickey** is a K-1 Teacher at Northside Elementary School. She is from the Norlina area.



**Diane Colin** is a Second Grade Teacher at Vaughan Elementary School. She is from the Littleton area.



**Lynne Lassiter** is a retired teacher and is currently on the Warren County Board of Education. She is from Littleton.



**Jamie Pernell** is a Second Grade Teacher at Mariam Boyd Elementary School. She is from the Warrenton area.



**Charlene Spence** is an EC Teacher at Warren County Middle School. She is from the Warrenton area.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer

At the March meeting, \$50.00 was collected from the meeting raffle

Members were very generous in their contributions to Schools for Africa. Donations totaled \$150.00. The donations were sent to UNICEF in honor of Mary Catherine Harris who gave a presentation on her mission trip to Zambia.



Finally, \$56.00 was received from the sale of raffle tickets for the afghan which will be given away at the May meeting. It is not too late to buy a ticket. It could be the winning one!



## HOSPITALITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS REPORT

by Paula Aycock, Hospitality and Social Affairs Chairman

Meal costs are to be paid at each meeting upon arrival. Members who are unable to attend after making a commitment to come must inform the Hospitality Chair Paula Aycock, at [paycock1020@yahoo.com](mailto:paycock1020@yahoo.com), 252-213-1760 (c) or 252-456-3766 (h) by the cut-off date of **Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. When this is not done, members will be expected to pay for the meal. Please send your payment by an attending member or have a friend pay for your meal (they could get you a carry-out meal if so desired). **The money is needed the night of the meeting so the caterer can be paid in full.** Thank you in advance.



President Pat's Message

## SPRING IS OFFICIALLY HERE!



Just like the seasons, DKG is in the "spring" of things at this time, writes Eta State President Pat Taylor in her monthly message. "In order for anything to grow to its fullest, the planter needs a plan. The plan from last year may need updating and will definitely include pruning the dead growth and fertilizing the pruned stems to give an extra boost! What are some areas in our chapters and state that would benefit from new growth? It may be as simple as eliminating a committee and/or combining committees. It may involve 'fertilizing' the chapter by utilizing a special speaker from outside the chapter for a 'hands-on' program in which all members are physically involved."

Read the entire message at:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/Presidents%20page.htm>.

## ETA STATE CONVENTION APRIL 24-26 FIVE GAMMA CHI MEMBERS TO ATTEND



"Dare to Lead" will be the theme. The convention will be held at the Chapel Hill Sheraton. A highlight of the convention will be our International Representative, Becky Sadowski, who is our Southeast Regional Director. She is from Xi State (Tennessee).

Five members are planning to attend: Mary Austell, Debra Clayton, Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White and Patricia Williamson. Friday night will be of much importance to Gamma Chi as we will receive the Superior Chapter Achievement Award, the Newspaper Excellence Award and the Website Excellence Award. Here are some helpful reminders for those attending:

- Bring a copy of the amendments found in the Spring 2015 *Eta State News* or found on the [Eta State website](http://www.eta.org).
- For a chance at a weekend at the beach in October or a few days in a secluded mountain cabin, buy a raffle ticket(s) for the Educational Foundation. Tickets will be \$10 each or \$25 for three. Tickets will be sold Saturday afternoon.

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- Save money by purchasing Saturday breakfast and lunch tickets at the registration area. A special rate of \$12 for each that includes gratuity and taxes buys meals in the hotel's restaurant.
- Click [here](#) for the available workshops.
- If you have not already purchased a gift card for the Eta State Convention Project to aid the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, please purchase a Burger King gift card (suggested for Region III attendees).
- Remember that the Headquarters in Asheville is far behind in contributions to meet the budget. Please be generous when the house is passed around at the Saturday morning general business session.

#### LEADERSHIP SEMINAR PLANNED FOR SUMMER

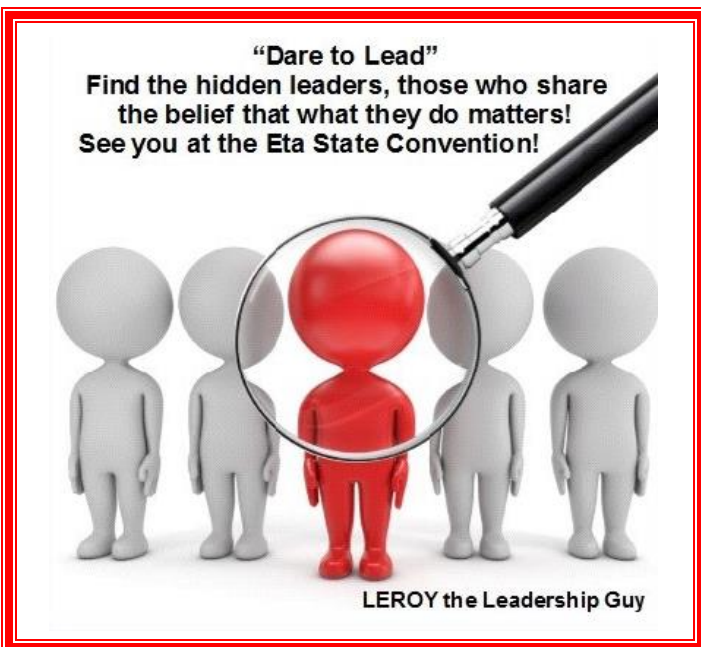


The four-day Leadership Seminar, "Cultivating Women Educators for Leadership," will be held at William Peace University, June 17 - 20.

At our May meeting, brochures and registration forms will be available. The cost of the entire seminar will be \$225.00 which includes accommodations for 3 nights with linens provided, 8 meals, and daily snacks. A Gamma Chi Professional Development Grant may be used to defray the cost. Registration deadline is May 10.

The four foci will be communication skills, physical health, fiscal health, and professional growth. Breakout sessions will be offered in the first three foci, with topics which appeal/apply to educators at various stages of work/life. The Leadership Development Committee, sponsors of the seminar, plans to offer certificate renewal credit. In addition to growing in knowledge, past participants have realized genuine spiritual fellowship and long lasting friendships.

#### LEROY (Leadership Experiences Relevant to Others and Yourself)



#### ENJOY ONLINE SHOPPING & HELP DKG!

First of all, you need to understand that non-dues revenue comes from sources other than dues. Additional money can be very beneficial, while providing quality benefits to members and ensuring the continued work of the Society. Two sources of non-dues revenue are listed below.



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#### SAVANNAH IS CALLING YOUR NAME!

Registration is now open for the Southeast Regional Conference to be held in Savannah July 15-18. The [Schedule at a Glance](#) has been posted, [breakout sessions](#) have been announced (several Eta State sisters are presenting!), [vendor applications](#) are available (April 30 is deadline to apply), and the [speaker list](#) is posted. Time to answer the call!

You will need your membership number to register; ask your chapter treasurer if you are unsure about yours. The registration form, which is online only, can be found at: <https://www.dkg.org/content/se-registration>.

Getting there is easy and will add to the fun of the conference if you take the bus with other Eta State sisters. The bus will depart from Greensboro and only cost about \$125 round trip. Enjoy the comradery and leave the driving to someone else! E-mail Dr. Judith Carlson at [judithb125@gmail.com](mailto:judithb125@gmail.com) if you are interested or sign up at the registration table at the convention.

#### WHAT'S IN A NUMBER?

Taken from DKG News, Mar/Apr 2015



## HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR CIPD?

Taken from DKG News, Jan/Feb 2015



## Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation

Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards (CIPD) are granted three times a year (February 1, May 1 and September 1) by the DKG Educational Foundation. The next deadline for applications is May 1. These one-time grants fund up to \$2,000 for an outstanding professional development opportunity unrelated to the Society such as obtain a NBCT, and are available to members.

If you have not been awarded a CIPD, apply now. Take advantage of this member benefit by filling out an application obtained by clicking <http://www.dkgef.org/resources.html> and clicking on Individual Award Application.

### TECH TIP

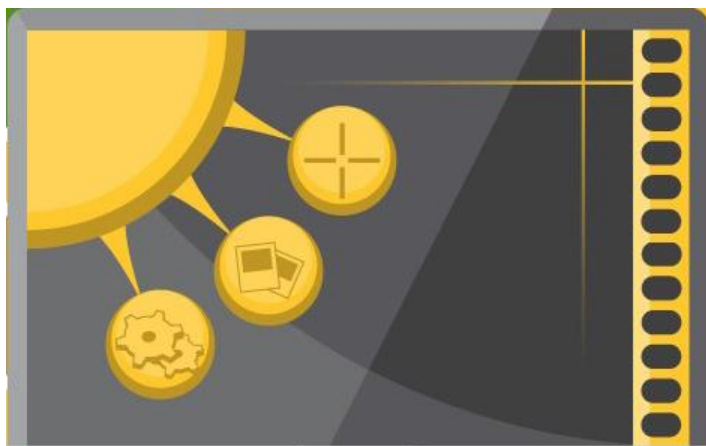


Ever wanted to make a video of what's happening on your computer screen or to create a video to teach students steps in a process? Jing is your tool. Jing is a free service that lets you capture basic video, animation, and still images and easily save them and/or share them on the web. Add videos to your blog or send pictures

through e-mail or Twitter.

Jing is available for Mac or PC and has step-by-step tutorials and free tech support. Find out more at:

<https://www.techsmith.com/jing.html>.



### MYSTERY MEMBER



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *She served as second vice president, first vice president and president. She received the prestigious DKG International Scholarship to help further her graduate studies. Her professional publications and presentations include Initial Certification Success Guide and Manpower*

*Planning for the North Carolina Association of Personnel Administrators and the National Association of Personnel Administrators* Who is she?

If you do not know who the member is, you can find the answer by reading our members' biographies located at <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/members.html>. The name of our mystery member will be revealed at the meeting.

**Check them out often!**

**GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:**

<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/>

**ETA STATE WEBSITE:**

<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/>

**DKG WEBSITE:**

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

### DKG VISION STATEMENT

*Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education Worldwide*

### ETA STATE VISION (VIEW)

*Voices of Influence Empowering  
North Carolina Women Educators*

### 2014-16 INTERNATIONAL THEME

*85 Years and Beyond:  
Advancing Key Women Educators for Life*

### 2013-15 ETA STATE THEME

*"Together We Are Stronger  
Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!"*

### 2014-2016 GAMMA CHI THEME

*Key Women Educators—  
Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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| April 24-26 | Eta State Convention, Chapel Hill Sheraton, Chapel Hill (Region V)   |
| May 1       | Lucile Cornet Award for Professional Development Application due   |
| May 7       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Gamma Chi Meeting, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway                                      |
| May 7       | Gamma Chi's Founder's Day (32 years old!)  |
| May 10      | Deadline for Leadership Seminar registration   |
| May 11      | DKG's Founder's Day (86 years old!)  |
| May 15      | <i>Bulletin</i> deadline, Theme: Educating the Whole Child   |
| June 15     | Early Bird registration deadline for the Southeast Regional Conference                                       |
| June 17-20  | Eta State Leadership Development Seminar, William Peace University, Raleigh                                  |
| July 10     | <i>Eta State News</i> deadline   |
| July 15-18  | Southeast Regional Conference, Westin Harbor Resort, Savannah, Georgia                                       |
| August 1    | Submission deadline for the new <i>Collegial Exchange</i> (for more information click <a href="#">here</a> ) |
| September 7 | <i>Gamma Chi Newsletter</i> deadline   |
| October 1   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Gamma Chi Meeting, Littleton United Methodist Church, Littleton                              |

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|-------------|--|
| April 22-24 | Eta State Convention, Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX)                  |
| July 5-9    | DKG International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN |

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## GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – MARCH 12, 2015

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Robinson Ferry Restaurant in Warrenton on Thursday, March 12, 2015. A social hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. was followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m., catered by the restaurant. Prior to the meal, President Debra Clayton welcomed everyone and recognized Mary Catherine Harris, who offered the blessing.

Following dinner, President Clayton recognized Gamma Chi sister Mary Catherine Harris, who presented a program on her recent trip to Zambia. Entitled “Zooming in on Zambia: Lessons Learned,” the program highlighted basic facts about her trip, as well as deeper understandings from the experience. Donations collected at the meeting in the Schools for Africa project were given in honor of the speaker.

The president called the business session to order. Recording Secretary Mary Catherine Harris reported attendance of 31 members. In review of the minutes of the December 4, 2014 meeting, Shirley White, treasurer, noted that the treasurer’s report for that meeting had been corrected to show a savings balance of \$3,704.03, rather than \$3,703.99. The minutes were approved with the correction.

Shirley White presented the treasurer’s report, which showed a checking balance of \$1,888.06 and a savings balance of \$5,205.29. The report was filed for audit.

Nancy Tunstall reported for Corresponding Secretary Sallye Duncan, stating that a card had been sent to Debra Clayton at the time of the accident of her son, Chris King. She announced receiving a note of thanks from Mariam Boyd Elementary School for the donations to the Box Tops for Education project, and also acknowledgements from the State and International organizations of Delta Kappa Gamma for donations in honor of Jean White, Melba Johnston, Pat Taylor, Nell White, and Edith Allen, and in memory of Nancy Blankenship.

Betty Anne Shearin was revealed to be the Mystery Member. Announcements were made celebrating the births of Diana Bobbitt’s granddaughter, Debra Clayton’s grandson, and Danylu Hundley’s granddaughter. Elaine Coleman announced a trip planned in April by Preservation Warrenton to include stops at Stratford Hall and Winterthur. Sylvia Alston reminded those present that she had raffle tickets for the afghan.

During the President’s Report, President Clayton announced that 14 pledges had been mailed for the 100 Challenge. She noted that the chapter had qualified for the Superior Level of the Chapter Achievement Award to be presented at the state convention in April. She encouraged members to attend the convention, scheduled for April 24-26, 2015, in Chapel Hill. She asked for suggestions or comments by April 24 for the proposed Eta State By-laws amendment, stipulating that the Founder’s Award would be given to a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. The president expressed thanks to Nancy Tunstall for her diligence and commitment to excellence in the Gamma Chi newsletter.

The following committee reports were given:

- Educational Excellence Committee – Shirley White reported that the total collected at the meeting for Schools for Africa was \$90.00. At the end of the meeting, she reported the amount had reached \$150.00.
- Membership Committee – Nancy Tunstall reported that Jean White had requested to resign from membership in Gamma Chi. The motion to honor her request was passed. Nancy also announced the names of five nominees for membership: Anna Brickey, Northside Elementary School; Diane Colin, Vaughan Elementary School; Lynn Lassiter, retired teacher and member of Warren County Board of Education; Jamie Pernel, Mariam Boyd Elementary School; and Charlene Spence, Warren County Middle School. Separate motions for the acceptance of each nominee were passed. The nominees will be invited to a time of orientation, with induction at the May meeting.
- Scholarship Committee – Aimee Anderson, speaking for the committee, recommended the approval of \$500.00 each for Jill Coleman, Morgan Leigh Coleman, Mila Alston, and Kelsie Clary. The motion was passed.
- Spelling Bee – Ginny Bernard announced that the Spelling Bee sponsored by Warren Education Fund had been cancelled for 2015.
- Finance Committee – Tracey Neal recommended that the chapter pay for one-half day substitute teacher for Debra Clayton to attend the convention. The motion was passed. Also recommended by the committee was the donation of the usual Spelling Bee entry fee to the Warren Education Fund, even though the event had been cancelled. The motion was passed.

In reports on Reserve and sick members of Gamma Chi, members were asked to remember Jeffrey Evans as she receives treatment for her illness. Shirley White reported recent contact with Melba Johnston, who seemed to be doing well.

There was no unfinished business.

In a matter of new business, Nancy Tunstall made a motion to pay the registration for the first vice-president, Patricia Williamson, to attend the state convention. Sylvia Alston seconded the motion, which was passed. Nancy also made a motion that the chapter pay for two hotel rooms at the convention. The motion passed. Nancy expressed thanks for donations to the convention project, reporting \$85.00 in gift cards and \$25.00 in cash.

The president expressed thanks to the Warrenton Group for hosting the meeting, which adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Mary Catherine Harris, Recording Secretary*