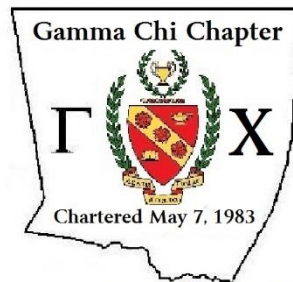


# Gamma Chi Newsletter

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



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT/EDITOR/WEBMASTER



As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, we each experience a feeling of thankfulness for all our many blessings. This is a great time to give back to others. We will all have ample opportunity at our next meeting. Our December meeting is traditionally the meeting where we show support for our Scholarship Fund with honorarium and memorial gifts. This will be an excellent opportunity to remember the loss of our dearly beloved sister, Betsy Brown, with a memorial gift. Also we have the opportunity to help women from around the world receive the training they need to improve education in their native countries through our contributions to World Fellowships. Finally, please bring a children's book(s) to support our annual Literacy Project. I am sure that many children have already enjoyed reading the books we have provided for doctors' offices and other places in our county.

As we attempt to mentor our members, we will try something new at this meeting. Childcare will be provided by the women of the church. When contacted to attend, please specify how many children that you plan to bring and their ages so arrangements can be made. Also, our goal is to adjourn our meetings no later than 8:30. In order to accomplish this goal, committee chairs have done a fabulous job of submitting reports for this newsletter rather than presenting them at the meeting. Please take time to read over them.

Please make plans to join your sisters at Norlina United Methodist Church for a delightful meeting. As always at Norlina UMC, we will have a delicious meal awaiting us. I am looking forward to hearing from Elizabeth Moseley as she speaks about *The ABCs of Women's Health Issues*, a topic very important to all of us. As we come together in fellowship, I feel sure that you will join me in "sharing our vision and strengthening our society."

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## MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, December 5, 2013

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:10 p.m. Speaker

**Elizabeth Hundley Moseley**

*The ABCs of Women's Health Issues*

7:30 p.m. Business Meeting

Norlina United Methodist Church

Cost: \$12.00 (make check payable to Paula Aycock)

Cut-Off Date: **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Telephone Network should call members for a meal count. (Norlina Group will need to bring items for the raffle.)

## BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ Children's book(s) to place in baskets at various doctors' offices
- ☞ Money to buy \$1 raffle tickets (proceeds aid local libraries)
- ☞ Scholarship contribution. If unable to attend, make check payable to Gamma Chi and send it to Shirley White, Treasurer, 1957 U.S. Hwy #1 N, Norlina, NC 27563 (form is at the end of the newsletter and on our website).
- ☞ World Fellowship contribution (\$3 recommended)
- ☞ Box Tops and Labels for Education (to aid elementary schools in Warren County)
- ☞ THAT Gamma Chi Yearly Volunteer Hours and Monetary Support for Early-Career Teachers Form (found at the end of the newsletter and on our website)

## AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING FORMS:

*Gamma Chi Chapter Scholarship &  
Grant-in-Aid Contribution Form*

Print and use as many forms as necessary for the honorarium(s) and/or memorial(s) you wish to make.

**THAT (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) Form**

(Don't forget the time and money spent purchasing items for the New Teachers Bags.)

**Recommendation for Membership Form**

Don't put it off—get in contact with potential members. If desired, you can invite them to this meeting. Go ahead and turn in their recommendation form. Forms are due to Membership Chair Patricia Williamson by February 1, 2014.

**Gamma Chi Chapter Scholarship Application Form**

For our members attending graduate school.  
Due February 1, 2014.

## AFGHAN COMMITTEE REPORT

by Danylu Hundley, Afghan Chairman

This is the meeting when we will launch our annual Gamma Chi Afghan Raffle campaign in support of our Scholarship and Grant-in-Aid Fund. Many thanks goes out to our members who have “accepted the challenge” to promote the Afghan initiative by raising \$1,320 since the inception of the raffle in late 2011. Due to your efforts, we have been able to award two additional grants-in-aid so far.

Please plan to pick up your raffle tickets at the meeting. They will be printed in batches of six. The afghan will be raffled off at our May meeting. Sold tickets and money may be turned in at the March meeting and *must* be turned at the May meeting. Tickets will sell for \$3.00. If you prefer not to sell them, please buy them for yourself or loved ones—you may win!

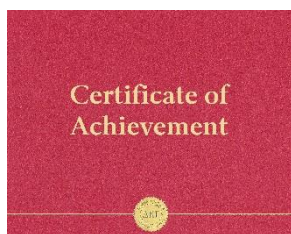
With generous contributions and funds raised from the Afghan Raffle, the chapter now has the following financial aids available:

- **Scholarships** for members pursuing graduate degrees valued at \$500.00
- **Grants-in-Aid** for nonmembers pursuing a degree in education valued at \$500.00
- **NBCT Grants** for members pursuing certification or recertification valued at \$500.00
- **Professional Development Grants** for members or prospective members valued at up to \$250.00

Members are encouraged to take advantage of the scholarships, NBCT grants and professional development grants and encourage non-members to apply for a grant-in-aid.

## GAMMA CHI—THE “SUPER-CHAPTER!”

by Dr. Janis Meek, Awards Chairman



Through our Member Excellence program, you helped to make Gamma Chi a “Superior” Chapter in Eta State last year and, with your continued help, we can achieve that distinction once again in 2013-14! Superior chapters don’t just happen. They require lots of work and many efforts on the part of many members.

We need each member to consider the importance of keeping track of your DKG work on our 2013-14 Member Excellence Form. Perhaps you have thought of this as just another way to seek personal recognition and that is something you are not interested in at this point in your career. But, keep in mind that this is also the way we earn recognition as a chapter, and that should be something we all care about. In 2012-13, we recognized 10 members for excellence. Let’s set a goal to double that number this year.

If you wish to contribute to DKG International Funds, remember that these contributions are tax-deductible. Please give your checks to Shirley White, Treasurer, make them payable to Delta Kappa Gamma, and specify on the Memo line the fund to which you are contributing.

Let’s all pull together to make sure our “SUPER-CHAPTER” continues to be recognized as “Superior!”



## BEGINNING TEACHER SUPPORT REPORT

by Mary Austell, Beginning Teacher Support Chairman

Many thanks to everyone for their generosity in providing items for the New Teacher Bag Project and for the monetary donations made at the October meeting to help purchase items.

American Education Week is fast approaching and it is almost time for our annual bag stuffing. Everyone is invited to join our committee members for the New Teachers Bags Stuffing at 10:00 a.m. at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Warrenton on Monday morning, November 18. The delivery of the goodie bags to the schools will be made immediately thereafter.



## COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY REPORT

by Trina Paynter, Communications & Publicity Chairman

The first digital-only edition of the *Eta State News* should have been received by each member in early November. President Nancy Tunstall e-mailed the link to members who have an e-mail account. Please let her know if you had any problems viewing the newsletter.

A special thanks goes out to our members who volunteered to be e-buddies with non-e-mail members. They were already either delivering in person or mailing the *Gamma Chi Newsletter* to their buddy. Now they are also making sure that their buddy receives the *Eta State News*. They are:

e-Buddy	Reserve Member
Mary Brodie Raiford	Edith Allen
Kay Beaver	Melba Johnson
Sylvia Alston	Sue Skinner
Mary Catherine Harris	Louise Twitty
Harriet Banzet	Jean White
Jeffrey Evans	Nell White

Finally, we would like to encourage anyone, especially committee chairs, to submit articles to Editor Nancy Tunstall for publication in the next *Gamma Chi Newsletter*. The cutoff for the next edition is February 11, 2014.

## BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

Members with November, December or January birthdays who attend the meeting will be recognized and will receive a present. **Don't miss your birthday meeting!!!**



## MEAL PAYMENT

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 Telephone Committee Chair Kristen Boyd, at 915-9579 (c) or [krboyd@vcs.k12.nc.us](mailto:krboyd@vcs.k12.nc.us), or Hospitality Chair Paula Aycok, at 213-1760 (c) or 456-3766 (h) or [paycock1020@yahoo.com](mailto:paycock1020@yahoo.com), by the cut-off date of **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</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.



## MENTORING MEMBERS (M&Ms) TEAM REPORT

by Dr. Sylvia Alston & Danylu Hundley, M&M Team Leaders



Team Leaders Sylvia Alston and Danylu Hundley met with President Nancy Tunstall on November 11 to discuss responses made by members who submitted their M&Ms Questionnaires. There were many great suggestions. Thanks to all members who responded.

The team decided that it would be best to start off slow and perhaps add more proposals at a later date. The following initiatives will be brought as a motion before the membership at our upcoming meeting:

- Provide additional support for our beginning teachers by asking members to bring new or gently used teacher items to each meeting. Distribution will be handled by Sylvia Alston and Danylu Hundley who can take the items to their mentor meetings to divvy up among the Warren County mentors to give to their mentees. Recommended items are limited only by your imagination. Perhaps you have some leftover wallpaper that would make a great background for a bulletin board or some books that you are no longer using. Beginning teachers need everything so anything that you could spare would be appreciated.
- Some members have expressed their inability to come to meetings due to having no available babysitter. At the next meeting childcare will be provided. We will see how well this works out and if members take advantage of the service. Depending on the outcome, we may want to have this service available at our three meetings that take place at churches where there are facilities for the childcare. Also, every effort will be made to ensure that meetings are adjourned no later than 8:30.
- Finally, our reserve member, Melba Johnston, has volunteered to write notes of encouragement to our members who are still employed as professional educators.

The team also recommends that if you need a ride to the meeting, let your telephone network person know. She can give you the names of some members in your area who are going and perhaps you can carpool. Remember the "golden rule" and DKD for DKG (Doing Kind Deeds for Delta Kappa Gamma).

## WORLD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

by Loree Harris, World Fellowship Chairman



The World Fellowship Program began in 1946 as a project to aid women in war-torn countries. Through the years the program grew and to date more than 555 women from over 100 countries have received fellowships to enable them to pursue advanced study in the United States and Canada.

Please support this worthy cause by bringing your \$3 donation to our December meeting. Gamma Chi contributed \$105 for World Fellowships last year and our goal for this year is **MINIMUM** of \$105. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Gamma Chi Projects.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Mary Ann Johnson, Scholarship Chairman

Thirty DKG scholarships are awarded each year to members pursuing advance degrees. Scholarships for those seeking a master's degree are \$6,000.00 and a doctorate is \$10,000.00. To be eligible, you must have been a member of DKG at least three years. The scholarship program achieves several of the Society's Seven Purposes. North Carolina has been very fortunate to have had many recipients over the years including four Eta State sisters last year.



You should begin your application process now so you will have time to complete the application and secure letters of recommendations, transcripts and program documentation. The due date is February 1, 2014. The application can be found at:

<https://www.dkg.org/content/2014-2015-scholarship-application>

Eta State sponsors \$4,000.00 academic scholarships for Doctoral and Sixth-Year graduate study, as well as smaller scholarships for either Master's level work requiring graduate school enrollment or non-degree activities, such as special projects, research, or certifications. You must have been a DKG member for two calendar years or more to be eligible to apply. Applications for the Eta State Scholarship can be found online at:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/scholarship.htm>

Finally, our \$500.00 Gamma Chi Scholarship is available for our members pursuing graduate study. Please use the application at the end of the newsletter. It is also due February 1, 2014. At any time you may apply for the Gamma Chi \$500.00 NBCT Grant and Gamma Chi (up to) \$250.00 Professional Development Grant. Also, please alert qualified nonmembers who plan to pursue a degree in education of our \$500 Gamma Chi Grant-in-Aid. The application can be found online at our website and it is due February 1, 2014.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the October meeting, \$55.00 was collected from the meeting raffle and will be used to help our local libraries.

Thank you, Gamma Chi Sisters, for paying your dues on time. Because of your diligence, I was able to complete my Report of Dues and Fees in a timely manner. At the present we have fifty-one active and twelve reserve members for a total of sixty-three members. The budgets have been adjusted to reflect these numbers.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS WHO WON ELECTIONS



**Diana Bobbitt** – Mayor of Littleton



**Sylvia Alston** – Littleton Commissioner



**Heidi Hogan** – Littleton Commissioner



Thanks to all of you who voted. We wish much success to these ladies as they carry out their duties.

## TRINA PAYNTER & SON JOSIAH ON PRIMETIME

One of our sisters, Trina Paynter, has a son, Josiah, who is in the third grade. He reads with a therapy dog at school once a week and has been doing so for several years now. The therapy dog, Elle, encouraged Josiah and helped him to overcome his dread of going to school and instead look forward to attending school.



Elle was nominated for Hero Dog of the Year through the American Humane Association. Last summer Trina and Josiah were notified that Elle was one of the finalists, so a film crew came and taped at their school, Vaughan Elementary, where Trina is the Media Coordinator. The segment about Elle showed her listening to Josiah and other children reading and Trina explaining how Elle had been such a positive influence in Josiah's life.

The awards show was held on October 5, and Elle won!!!! The show, *The Third Annual Hero Dog Awards*, aired on Oct 30 at 8 p.m. on the Hallmark Channel. Congratulations to all!

## WHICH PHONE DID YOU GROW UP WITH? GENERATIONAL DIFFERENCES



We're familiar with multicultural diversity and have worked to embrace it in our schools and lives, but are you familiar with age diversity?

For the first time in history, Delta Kappa Gamma may be seeing four generations of members in a chapter. How each generation sees situations, solves problems, approaches tasks and collaborates with others is different, and understanding those differences can make our chapter stronger by bringing out the best in each.

The four generations are:

- Traditionalists—born before 1945;
- Baby Boomers—born 1945 to 1964;
- Generation X—born 1965 to 1980;
- Generation Y—born since 1981.

In subsequent newsletters, we'll share information about each generation and their behaviors, strengths and struggles. Begin considering how you can use the generational differences to make our chapter stronger.

## MYSTERY MEMBER



As members are starting to turn in their biographies, we are finding out some interesting facts about our members.

Beginning with this newsletter, a fact will be revealed about one of our members in each edition. If you do not know who the member is, you can find the answer by reading our members' biographies located online at <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/members.html>. By reading the biographies, you will discover who the mystery member is.

This newsletter's mystery member *holds the All-Time Career Scoring Leader Single Game Record by scoring 107 points in a girls' basketball game while in high school.*

If you know the answer, you will have an opportunity to write down the mystery member's name and your name on a slip of paper and put it in a basket upon arrival at the meeting. During the meeting, someone's slip of paper will be drawn and if she correctly identified the mystery member, she will win a bag of M&Ms which will remind us of our new project: Mentoring Members.

Please be working on your biography and submit it to Webmaster Nancy Tunstall for editing and to be placed online. We want to know all about you!

## DISCOVER WEB 2.0 APPS & WEBSITES



Web 2.0 refers to the read, write, interactive world of the Internet. With free tools over the Web, creating content of all kinds is easier than ever. Here are a few to try as published in the July/August 2013 DKG Presidents' Page, the July/August *DKG News* and summarized in the Fall *Eta State News*:

**www.LiveBinders.com** is an online three ring notebook which allows you to create organized binders for specific topics or search for other binders that have been created and shared with the public. Users have complete control of binders created..

**www.Slideshare.com** provides an online space to share PowerPoint presentations. Upload a slide show and then provide an URL to members of an audience for later reference – makes paper handouts a thing of the past.

**www.Prezi.com**, an online presentation tool, completely changes how to create a visual presentation. Presentations can be shared online or downloaded to your computer and shared without connectivity.

**www.Blogger.com** is an easy to use blog site. Sign up through a Google account. Blogger lets you choose an attractive design template with a variety of layout options. One can easily begin a blog for work, school, church, or home on any topic. Import images to support your blog writing. Publish and share blog postings.

**www.Flickr.com** is an online photo storage space. Share and organize your photos. Create a new account or log in with a Google, Yahoo or Facebook account. All photos uploaded are viewable by other Flickr members. Fees provide additional storage.

**www.Animoto.com** is an online space for building a video slideshow. Users can upload pictures, add visual elements and music to create a personal video show. You may choose to upload music you have purchased or add more options with additional fees. Sign up as an educator for a larger limit. For the educators' link go to <http://animoto.com/education>.

**Picasa Web**, another online photo storage space, provides similar features to Flickr. Users can log in with a Google account, share images, create tags and add more storage with inexpensive fees. Download the **Picasa** program to your computer for managing your digital images on your computer. <http://picasa.google.com/>

**Jing** allows users to create a quick video or picture of what is done on a computer screen. This program is available from TechSmith at <http://www.techsmith.com/jing/>

## DATES TO REMEMBER

November 18	New Teacher Bags Stuffing at 10:00 a.m., Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish Hall; delivery to schools will be made thereafter
November 20	Deadline for Educational Law and Policy Survey; to complete go to: <a href="#">Educational Law and Policy Survey</a>
December 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gamma Chi Meeting, Norlina United Methodist Church, Norlina

### 2014

January 10	<i>Eta State News</i> deadline
January 25	Deadline for Eta State Convention Workshop Proposals (forms are online at <a href="http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/">http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/</a> )
February 1	Deadline to make a contribution to an International and/or State Fund and receive points on the Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award form
February 1	Deadline for turning in Recommendation for Membership form to Membership Committee Chairman Patricia Williamson
February 1	Deadline for up to a \$2,000 Cornet Professional Development award to attend professional development training by agencies other than DKG
February 1	Deadline for Gamma Chi, Eta State, and/or DKG International scholarships (all forms are online)
February 11	<i>Gamma Chi Newsletter</i> deadline
March 6	3 <sup>rd</sup> Gamma Chi Meeting, Robinson Ferry Restaurant, Warrenton
April 10	<i>Eta State News</i> deadline
April 25-27	Eta State Convention, Greenville Hilton, Greenville (Region II)
July 10	<i>Eta State News</i> deadline
July 28-Aug. 1	International Convention, JW Marriott, Indianapolis, Indiana

### 2015

April 24-26	Eta State Convention, Chapel Hill Sheraton, Chapel Hill (Region V)
July 15-18	Southeast Regional Conference, Westin Harbor Resort, Savannah, Georgia

### 2016

July 5-9	International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, Tennessee
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## THEME ANNOUNCED STATE CONVENTION INVITATION ISSUED



“Dare to be Courageous” will be the theme of our Eta State Convention April 25-27, 2014 at the Greenville Hilton. Beth Winstead, Chairman of the convention with Vice Chairman Anne Briley, (daughter and mother team) issued the invitation

on behalf of Region II at the Eta State Executive Board meeting at Elon on September 14.

A highlight of the convention will be the celebration of Eta State’s 80th year as a part of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Region II and a special ad hoc committee are planning some fun activities and special events with our birthday in mind. Plan now to attend!

Members are encouraged to attend. Also, a call to present a workshop at the convention has been issued. The form for workshop proposals is available on the Eta State website. The deadline for submission is January 25. Last year our president presented “How to Motivate Member Excellence” which was very well attended. She has been asked to present again this year and would like to see some of our other members present a workshop too.

Gamma Chi Chapter already has two hotel rooms reserved so start thinking about packing your bags and getting ready to have a great time fellowshipping with your sisters from across the state at this upcoming convention!

## ETA STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

An opening for Eta State Executive Secretary will soon be available. In the near future, the duties and responsibilities for this position and an application form will be available on the Eta State website.



Qualifications for Executive Secretary include:

- active Society membership in good standing in Eta State
- support of the purposes and mission of the Society and knowledge of the Society at all levels
- leadership experiences at the state and chapter levels
- demonstration of effective interpersonal, communication, and time management skills
- quality writing and computer skills and willingness to update these skills as technology advances
- the willingness and available time to carry out prescribed duties.

## ETA STATE VISION (VIEW)

*Voices of Influence Empowering  
North Carolina Women Educators*

## DKG VISION STATEMENT

*Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education Worldwide*

## 2012-14 GAMMA CHI THEME

Sharing Our Vision • Strengthening Our Society  
*Focus, Dedication and Discipline*

## 2013-15 ETA STATE THEME

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

## 2012-14 INTERNATIONAL THEME

*Sharing Our Vision,  
Strengthening Our Society*

## GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – OCTOBER 3, 2013

The Gamma Chi Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Enterprise Baptist Church in Littleton, North Carolina. (Prior to the meeting, Sylvia Alston and Nancy Tunstall conducted the Initiation Ceremony for Heidi Hogan since she and her husband had to leave to attend a close family friend's funeral.) An Initiation Ceremony was held for Tracey Neal who could not be with us last May. It was conducted by Nancy Tunstall, Sylvia Alston, Mary Brodie Raiford and Sallye Duncan. Members sang the Delta Kappa Gamma song at the conclusion of the ceremony. Lynn Meyers gave the blessing and members and guests enjoyed a meal prepared by Robert Harris.

After dinner, Sylvia Alston introduced our speaker, Representative Michael Wray. In appreciation of his visit, President Nancy Tunstall presented Rep. Wray with a stained glass Patriotic Heart, a Gamma Chi calculator and a pack of M&Ms in recognition of our new state project of Mentoring Members (M&Ms).

President Nancy Tunstall called the meeting to order. Thirty-three members were present along with two guests. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Betsy Brown. Her memorial service will be held next May.

The minutes were approved as corrected: (Executive Board Minutes – Noel Robertson's last name was misspelled and the total available for budgeting, \$6,305.41, should have been listed instead of the total estimated receipts, \$5,670.00). Treasurer Shirley White reported a savings balance of \$3,535.71 and a checkbook balance of \$327.87.

Corresponding Secretary Sallye Duncan reported the following regrets: Mary Catherine Harris (at Springbook Retreat leading a writing workshop), Connie King (family commitment), Debra Clayton (preparing for son's wedding), Brenda Fuller (caretaker for husband) and Trina Paynter (attending NC State Library Conference). Sympathy cards were sent to Jill Coleman and the family of Betsy Brown. Get well cards were sent to Harriett Faulkner and Sue Skinner. Thank you cards were received from Jill Coleman (for acts of kindness to her family after her brother's death), and Melissa Hunter and Morgan Leigh Coleman (for their grants-in-aid).

A number of our members were recognized for various accomplishments. In Laura Kearney's absence, Sylvia Alston will take her a rose in honor of her retirement. Nancy Tunstall recognized members with birthdays in August, September and October. Shirley White presented Nancy with a rose for her birthday. Congratulations go to Kristen Boyd, one of the three finalists for Vance County Schools Assistant Principal of the Year and to Karen Paynter, Teacher of the Year at South Warren. Kristen will find out November 5<sup>th</sup> if she was chosen. Although no longer a Gamma Chi member, Donna Smith is Aycock's Teacher of the Year. One of our guests, Jessica Williams, whom our chapter sponsored, shared her experience at this summer's Leadership Development Seminar.

Jeffrey Evans reported on our Executive Board meeting.

Nancy Tunstall gave the President's Report. Nancy attended the Eta State Executive Board Meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> which was filled with energy and excitement. Our Eta State Education Foundation is on the way to becoming a reality. When it is approved, the state will be able to receive funds which will be tax deductible for the donor. Other items discussed were membership and how each chapter needed to focus on the 3 R's: Recruit, Retain and Reinstate. Eta State President Pat Taylor urged all chapters to pursue Eta State's 2013-2015 state project of mentoring members, M&Ms. To that end, members were asked to fill out an M&Ms questionnaire before they left, if possible. They were rewarded with a bag of M&Ms. Danylu Hundley and Sylvia Alston have agreed to be team leaders to help analyze these questionnaires and make recommendations at our next meeting of ways that we can assist our members and beginning teachers. As Regional Director, Nancy visited two Wake County chapters last week: Gamma Iota on September 24<sup>th</sup> and Gamma Omicron on September 28<sup>th</sup>. She stated that it was wonderful to fellowship with sisters in our neighboring counties. Nancy has been very busy!

### Committee Reports

**Awards:** Chair Janis Meek honored our members with multiples of five years of DKG membership. They are: Mary Austell, 25 years; Kay Beaver and Connie King, 20 years; Emmy Coleman, 15 years; Melanie Burnette, Katy Jones and Chris Skinner, 10 years; and Kristen Boyd and Raegan Ross, 5 years of membership. Our members have a combined total of 1,171 years of membership in DKG. Anyone interested in purchasing a member pin denoting your years of membership, please contact Shirley White by October 31<sup>st</sup>. The price is \$27.50 plus shipping. Next, we recognized our ten Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award recipients who accumulated 150 or more points on their form. They are: Sylvia Alston, Mary Austell, Harriet Banzet, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Connie King, Janis Meek, Mary Brodie Raiford, Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White. Finally, the fourteen members who had perfect attendance at the 2012-2013 meetings were recognized: Sylvia Alston, Paula Aycock, Debra Clayton, Elaine Coleman, Jeffrey Evans, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Mary Ann Johnson, Connie King, Janis Meek, Lynn Meyers, Mary Brodie Raiford, Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White. Janis distributed and encouraged everyone to work on their Member Excellence Award form for this year.

**Beginning Teacher Support:** Chair Mary Austell thanked everyone for the items brought to fill our new teacher bags. She reported 26 new teachers in the county this year. These bags will be assembled on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and delivered to the teachers that day. She also reminded us about the THAT (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) form. Each member should record their volunteer hours and monetary support for beginning teachers on this form and submit it at our December meeting.

**Membership Committee:** In the absence of Chair Patricia Williamson, Melanie Burnette gave this report. The committee made motions to accept the resignations of Joyce Walker and Maggie Shupe. The motions carried. The committee also made motions to accept the requests for reserve status for Harriett Faulkner and Brenda Fuller. The motions carried. Melanie read an e-mail from Pat Riethmeier who is transferring her membership to Pi Chapter in St. Louis. No vote is necessary for a transfer. Nancy reminded us that Pat's contact information is in our recent newsletter. Melanie reminded us to complete our biographical sketch and turn in to Nancy. She will format it and put it online so that we can get to know each other better. It will also serve as your tribute when the time comes. Melanie reported that our membership has decreased this year due to a member's death and the resignation and/or transfer of members so we need to be vigilantly looking for new members. New Tech and Early College High Schools have no Gamma Chi members so our focus for new members should be there. Recommendations for new members may be submitted to the Membership Committee before February 1, 2014. There were forms available at the meeting or you may complete an interactive form by going to the International website, [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). Members were reminded that they earn points toward their Member Excellence Award by recommending candidates for membership. Nancy added that it is very important to look for worthy candidates. DKG urges its chapters to have diversity in its membership.

**Scholarship Committee:** Chair Mary Ann Johnson reported that the Executive Board recommends that we make changes to the wording of the Professional Development Grant application. The Scholarship Committee made a motion that under the Information Section of the Professional Development Grant application where #1 now reads: "*An award of up to \$250.00 will be given,*" we add the sentence, "*Although a member may apply more than once, each member will be limited to a lifetime total of \$250.00 through this grant*" and that we delete #4 that reads "*This is a one-time grant opportunity.*" The motion carried. Edwina Rooker has asked for financial help in taking a creative writing course that critiques her writing. She has completed the application and requests \$65.00 for this class. Having received approval from the Finance Committee, the Scholarship Committee made a motion that we give Edwina Rooker a Professional Development Grant for \$65.00 to take this course. The motion carried. The Gamma Chi Scholarship and Grant-in-Aid forms have been updated and are also online with a deadline of February 1<sup>st</sup>. We will vote on the recipients at the March meeting, and they will be invited to the May meeting to receive their scholarship and/or grant-in-aid. Members should apply for the scholarship as well as the Eta State and International scholarships which are also due on February 1<sup>st</sup>. You do not have to be a doctoral student to apply for an International scholarship. The International form can be found on the DKG website and the State form can be found on the Eta State website. The Gamma Chi NBCT Grant and Professional Development Grant applications are online at our website. Members can apply for them at any time.

**Communications and Publicity:** In the absence of Chair Trina Paytner, Kristen Boyd reported that the *Eta State News* is transitioning from print to digital. The next issue, the Winter edition, will be digital and online the first week of November. The link will be sent to the chapter president who will send an e-mail to members telling them the copy is available and giving them the link to use. There will only be two more print editions, Spring 2014 and Spring 2015. They will be printed since they contain information about the upcoming state convention and the registration form. The advantages of the digital online version of *Eta State News* are being in color, more room to cover chapter news and saving the state printing and mailing costs. The Summer and Fall editions of the online versions of *Eta State News* with pages marked containing references to Gamma Chi were passed around. Our e-buddies will make a copy of the *Eta State News* and either send or mail it to our members who do not have e-mail. We have e-buddies for all of our non e-mail members except Edith Allen. Mary Brodie Raiford volunteered to be Edith's e-buddy. Yearbook Editor Nancy Tunstall will send each member an updated Member Directory after October 31<sup>st</sup>, the last day to pay dues, at which time the membership for this year will be finalized. Finally, members, especially committee chairs, were encouraged to submit articles to Nancy Tunstall for publication in the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*. The cutoff for the next edition is November 12.

**Finance Committee:** In the absence of Chair Debra Clayton, Treasurer Shirley White gave the finance report. As recommended by the Executive Board, the Finance Committee made a motion that we adopt the proposed budgets and recommended dues. The motion carried.

**Spelling Bee Committee:** Chair Ginny Bernard reported that the Warren Education Fund Spelling Bee will be held on May 17, 2014. She urged members to apply for WEF grants and urge their coworkers to apply. She also urged members to support the spelling bee by encouraging other groups to participate in the spelling bee.

Shirley White reported that she called or visited with reserve members Edith Allen, Mildred Johnson, Sue Skinner, Louise Twitty, Nell White, Melba Johnston (who attended tonight's meeting) and Jean White. She also called Wallace Brown.

No new or unfinished business was presented.

Lynn Meyers conducted our raffle. Nancy Tunstall thanked the Littleton group for their efforts. The meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted by Jeffrey Evans, Recording Secretary*



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

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## Scholarship & Grant-in-Aid Contribution Form

In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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Please send acknowledgement to:

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Name

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Address

City, State, Zip

Lovingly given by:

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Name

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Address

City, State, Zip

Please make check payable to **Gamma Chi Chapter**  
and give or mail to:

Shirley White, Treasurer  
1957 US Hwy 1 North  
Norlina, NC 27563

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
THAT Program (Teachers Helping Another Teacher)**

**Gamma Chi Yearly Volunteer Hours and  
Monetary Support for Early-Career Teachers Form**

**Directions:** Please turn this form in to the Educational Excellence Committee Chair at each December meeting. Totals will be kept so that amounts may be reported at the end of the biennium. Be sure to include time and money spent on the New Teachers Bags Project. Thanks!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Retired: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Date (month/year)	Hours	Teacher's Name / School / and District	How you helped

Date (month/year)	Amount of Money	Use of Money



## Recommendation for Membership

### *Instructions:*

Please complete and return this form. For information about qualifications for membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, refer to sections on membership in the *Constitution* and the *International Standing Rules*.

Type of membership:

Name of person recommended:

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Country:

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

E-mail:

Current position title:

Employer:

Total years of professional educator:

Highest educational degree granted:

Year:

Field:

Professional accomplishments: Include items such as professional development presentations, campus or departmental leadership roles, published materials, offices in other organizations honors and/or awards. (A brief resume may be attached to this application.)

Community activities:

Endorsed by one or more members:

Chapter/State:

Required:

Optional:

Optional:

Signature:

Date:



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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**INFORMATION:**

1. A \$500 award will be given.
2. Applicant must be a member of the Gamma Chi Chapter pursuing a graduate degree in the field of education.
3. Application deadline is **Saturday, February 1, 2014.**
4. This scholarship is renewable each year that the recipient is actively pursuing a graduate degree in education, but recipient must re-apply.
5. Application should be turned in, mailed or e-mailed to:  
Mary Ann Johnson                      maj.650@gmail.com  
Scholarship Chair                      For more information, call:  
1454 Barker Rd.                      800-834-5263 (home)  
Ebony, VA 23845                      252-432-0741 (cell)
6. To receive the award, the recipient ***must provide*** her letter of acceptance, her student ID# and address of institution she is attending no later than **April 25, 2014.**
7. A recipient is expected to attend the Gamma Chi meeting on **May 1, 2014** to receive her award.

**APPLICATION:**

1. Personal Data:

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why do you want to pursue a graduate degree (use a separate sheet if necessary)?

3. Why are you applying for this scholarship?

4. List activities (school & non-school):

5. List honors (school & non-school):

6. List two references (one reference must be an educator):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_