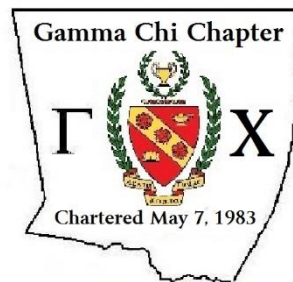


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Region III, Warren County



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings to my Gamma Chi sisters! As I write this, Thanksgiving is right around the corner and Christmas is fast approaching. It is definitely the hustle and bustle time of the year. Even though we are all busy with our families and jobs, I hope that you will be able to take time to fellowship with your Gamma Chi sisters next month.

For the upcoming December meeting, Diane Colin, one of our newest members, will be spearheading our program with other musical talent from our chapter. This is a program you will not want to miss!

Also, as you prepare for the season of giving and receiving, remember that the December meeting is the time to make your scholarship fund contributions. It is a very good opportunity to make a donation in honor or in memory of a Gamma Chi sister. We have lost three since the end of July—Jeffrey Evans, Melba Johnston, and Edwina Rooker. Also, remember your World Fellowship contribution.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and I look forward to seeing you December 3, at the Norlina United Methodist Church.

In sisterhood,

Debra W. Clayton

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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, December 3, 2015

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:10 p.m. Program featuring our member

Diane Colin - Special Music Presentation

7:30 p.m. Business Meeting

Norlina United Methodist Church

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

Cut-Off Date: **Sunday, November 29th**

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 Fund contribution; if unable to attend, make check payable to Gamma Chi and send it to Shirley White, Treasurer, 1957 US 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 middle school and elementary schools in Warren County)
- ☞ THAT Gamma Chi Yearly Volunteer Hours Early-Career Teachers Form (found at the end of the newsletter)

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

List all volunteer hours (don't forget the time spent obtaining 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 [Nancy Tunstall](#) by February 1, 2016.

Gamma Chi Chapter Scholarship Application Form

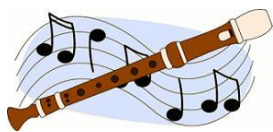
For our members attending graduate school. Due to Scholarship Chair [Aimee Anderson](#) by February 1, 2016.

Gamma Chi Chapter Grant-in-Aid Application Form

Please encourage a worthy female senior or adult who is/will seek a degree in education to apply; also due to [Aimee Anderson](#) by February 1, 2016.

MUSIC/FINE ARTS PROGRAM

We are very fortunate to have one of our members, Diane Colin, who has a very musical background. To find out more about Diane's musical background, please read her biographical sketch found by clicking [here](#).



Diane plans to give a brief history of the woodwinds musical family beginning with simple recorders. The recorder dates back to the Renaissance period. The recorder was originally called the Flauto in Italy. Today the recorder is considered a child's instrument because it is easy to play. Diane will play a Renaissance piece on her recorder,

She will also demonstrate her Native American cedar flute which she loves to play. It has a beautiful, rich tone. She will share with us how each culture has some sort of "flute." Finally she will segue into the traditional silver flute and tell a bit about its history along with a couple of short pieces to show its versatility.

Diane will conclude with a couple of Christmas pieces and lead a short "sing-a-long" of a couple of traditional (sacred) and couple of contemporary Christmas songs.

Please be present for this wonderful, musical program!



MEMORIAL SERVICE



The memorial service in memory of our beloved Gamma Chi sisters, Jeffrey Evans, Melba Johnston and Edwina Rooker, will be held at our May meeting. Our chapter has received condolences from Eta State and DKG International.

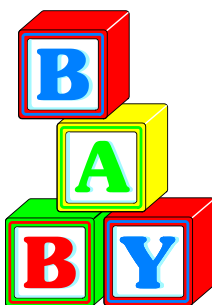
CONGRATULATIONS TO:

🌸 **Cyrstal Brantley** on the birth of her first grandchild, Chloe Jean Macklin, to daughter Blair Brantley and Rodney Macklin. Chloe was born on April 14, 2015 weighing 7 lb. 1 oz. and was 19 in. long.

🌸 **Loree Harris** on the birth of her grandson, Tucker Lee Harris, to son Jonathan Harris and Kelly Hunt. Tucker was born on July 28 weighing 6 lb. 10 oz. and was 19 3/4 in. long.

🌸 **Connie King** on the birth of her granddaughter, Vivian Aubrey Scott, to daughter Jennifer and husband Bobby. Vivian was born on July 5 weighing 7 lb. 9 oz. and was 21 in. long. Vivian has a brother, Henry.

🌸 **Jamie Pernell** and her husband Brandon on the birth of their son, Lawson James Pernell. He was born on September 19 weighing 9 lbs 9 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long. Lawson has a brother, Layton.



CONDOLENCES TO:

Anna Brickey on the loss of her husband, Alan Brickey, and **Nancy Tunstall** on the loss of her brother, Nathan Alberty. Please keep Anna, Nancy and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

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!!!**



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the October meeting, \$52.00 was collected from the meeting raffle which was 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-three active and nine reserve members for a total of sixty-two members. The budgets have been adjusted to reflect these numbers. Since our May initiation, we have lost eight members due to deaths and resignations. Please help us build our membership back up.

AFGHAN COMMITTEE REPORT

by Danylu Hundley, Afghan Chair

This is the meeting when we will launch our annual Gamma Chi Afghan Raffle campaign in support of our Scholarship and Grant Fund. Many thanks to Josephine Myrick, Sylvia Alston's mother, who makes the afghans and to our members who have "accepted the challenge" to promote the Afghan initiative by raising \$2,336.00 since the inception of the raffle in late 2011. Due to your efforts, we have been able to award four 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. Martha Ann Overby was our lucky winner last May. Sold tickets and money may be turned in at the March meeting and *must* be turned in at the May meeting along with unsold tickets. Tickets will sell for \$3.00. If you prefer not to sell them, please buy them for yourself or loved ones—you may win!



AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dr. Janis Meek, Awards Committee Chair



Through our Member Excellence program, you helped to make Gamma Chi a "Superior" Chapter in Eta State again last year. We achieved 520 points (only needed 500 points) on our Chapter Achievement Form last year.

The form has been modified this year with several activities added, but the points required to reach each level have also increased. Now to be labeled "Superior," a chapter must achieve 600+ points. "Excellent" requires 475+ points and "Distinctive" requires 350+ points. To see the new Chapter Achievement form for 2015-2016, you can go to our website at:
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<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/forms.html>.

Right now it looks like we will be able to achieve 555 points which is enough to be recognized as an “Excellent” chapter for the 2015-2016 year. Some of the things that we can start working on that will help us reach the “Superior” level for the 2016-2017 award are:

- Improve our meeting attendance from 45-50% to 60%,
- Have a 2016 Convention Workshop Presenter(s); forms available at <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/2016WorkshopForm.pdf>,
- Submit applications for DKG and State Scholarships and/or Professional Development Grants,
- Have a net increase in membership during that year,
- Contribute to various DKG and State funds, and
- Recognize more individual members for excellence.

We need each member to consider the importance of keeping track of your DKG work on your 2015-16 Member Excellence Form. If you have misplaced your form, it can be found at http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/pdf_files/member-excellence-award.pdf. 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 2014-15, we recognized seven members for excellence. Let's set a goal to double that number this year.

Another way to earn up to 25 points is to contribute to DKG International funds. If you wish to contribute to DKG International funds, remember that these contributions are tax-deductible. The International funds are the Educational Foundation Fund, Emergency Fund, Golden Gift Fund, International Speakers Fund and Scholarship Fund. Descriptions of these funds can be found at the bottom of your Member Excellence form. Please give your check to Shirley White, Treasurer, by February 1 and make the check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma. Specify on the Memo line the fund to which you are contributing. Any amount would be appreciated.

Let's all pull together to make sure our “**SUPER-CHAPTER**” continues to be recognized at a high level!

BEGINNING TEACHER SUPPORT REPORT

by Mary Austell, Beginning Teacher Support Chair

American Education Week is fast approaching and it will soon be time for our annual bag stuffing. Everyone is invited to join our committee members for the New Teacher Bags Stuffing at 10:00 a.m. at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Warrenton on Monday, November 16. The delivery of the goodie bags to the schools will be made immediately thereafter.



Also, please be thinking of ways that we can support our new teachers throughout the year. Any suggestions will be appreciated.

Don't forget to keep up with your volunteer hours. The THAT form can be found [here](#) and is due on December 3.

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Publicity Chair

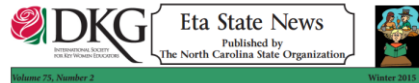
The November/December issue of *DKG News* is online. Click [here](#) to see it. Print editions have been delayed due to flooding at headquarters in Austin, Texas. Austin saw 14 inches

of rain in two hours on October 30 which resulted in ankle deep water flooding the boardroom and supply room on the first floor.



read about are:

- A new recruitment approach suggested by the DKG Membership Committee to “initiate a crop of new members to diversify, rejuvenate, and strengthen your chapter,”
- *DKGnext* – a group of seven women representing the y generation who met in Austin offering suggestions to create a culture to welcome more y generation members—one is from a NC chapter,
- Embracing the challenge of change by DKG President Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid,
- Smile when you purchase—using Amazon.com to earn money for the DKG Supporting Corporation that manages eight of the Society's funds (*it is painless, I use it!*), and
- Making members count, World Fellowship recipients, and the Fine Arts Gallery's fall exhibits.



Hot off the press is the online winter edition of *Eta State News*. Gamma Chi is mentioned on pages 3 and 12. To view it, click on the link:

<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNWinter20152016.pdf>.

Finally, please submit articles and news to Editor [Nancy Tunstall](#) by February 8 for the next edition of the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*.

HOSPITALITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS REPORT

by Paula Aycock, Hospitality and Social Affairs Chair



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 Telephone Network Chair Nancy Tunstall, at nancytunstall@gmail.com or 252-456-2051 (h) by the cut-off date of **Sunday, November 29th**. 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.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Membership Chair

Please take a moment to look around at your school and observe the outstanding educators who have not been invited to join DKG. According to our Purpose 2, we are supposed “*To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.*” One of the ways that we can carry out this purpose is to invite them to become a member of the prestigious organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma. According to our chapter rules, the requirement for active membership is, “*An active member shares in financing chapter activities, participates in chapter programs and projects, contributes to committee work and may hold an office. An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator or who has retired from an educational position.*” A re-
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commendation to membership form is included at the end of this newsletter or a Recommendation for Membership interactive Word form can be found online by clicking [here](#). Please take the form, fill it out (with the candidate's help) and bring it with you to the meeting and turn it in to me. If you do not bring the recommendation to the meeting, please send me a copy of it by February 1. Our committee will present potential members for the chapter to vote on at the March meeting for initiation at the May meeting.

Think outside of the box for new members. The latest issue of *DKG News* suggest that you recommend a “*professional educator from a variety of contexts: a grandchild's favorite teacher, a workshop presenter or trainer, a teacher-of-the year awardee, the band or chorus teacher at the local school, drama teacher, school administrator, private tutor, or athletic coach.*”

Thanks to those who either turned in their biographical sketch or turned in their information for their bio sketch. The committee would like to encourage all members who have not done so, to please get that information to [Nancy Tunstall](#). Hint: Receive 10 points on your Excellence Award form by turning it in by our 2nd meeting on December 3.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Melanie Burnette, Nominations Chair

The Nominations Committee's goals are to seek the best leadership and to encourage the nomination of outstanding leaders. To do this, we need your help. Please visit our website to find our 2016-2018 Recommendation Form for Nominations at: <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/forms.html> and then click on it. The elected offices are president, first vice president, second vice-president, recording secretary and corresponding secretary. Their duties are listed on this form.

Please consider placing your name in nomination for one of these positions. This is a great opportunity for you to build your leadership skills in the safe, supportive environment of the Society. We are working on a slate of officers to present to the membership for a vote at our March meeting. Please make our task easy by volunteering for a position. Thank you in advance.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Aimee Anderson, Scholarship Chair

Please take time to look at the **Dates to Remember** to see the deadlines for various scholarships and grants, and find the link to the application form. Also, if you know of a colleague who is pursuing a degree in education, please tell her about our grant-in-aid for non-members. Our committee will be meeting soon after February 1 deadline to review applications for our Gamma Chi Scholarship and Gamma Chi Grant-in-Aid. At the December meeting, I will be glad to take any applications that you have finished.

At our December meeting, please remember to bring a contribution for our Scholarship Fund (could be an honorarium or memorial). Also, please see Danylu Hundley and pick up your



afghan raffle tickets. By being members of Delta Kappa Gamma, we are charged with carrying out Purpose 5: *To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships (grants) to non-member women educators.* Reminder: you can earn points on your Member Excellence form by contributing to our Scholarship Fund and/or applying for a scholarship.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

by Loree Harris, World Fellowship Chairman

From Delta Kappa Gamma's initial award of \$2,500 in 1960, based on \$11,528 in contributions, the program has grown through the 2013–2014 academic year to impressive totals: 900 women in 120 countries have received awards totaling \$3,269,100 since 1960. Contributions totaled \$3,811,171.12 (through June 2014).

Contributions and bequests determine the number of World Fellowship Awards given each year by the committee.

Awards given for 2015-2016 are composed of 20 recipients from 19 different countries who received \$4,000 each to pursue post-graduate degrees from American or Canadian universities. Six talented women received \$1,000 extensions to previous awards for a total of \$86,000 to 25 women in 19 countries.

These impressive numbers tell the story, and Gamma Chi Sisters can continue to impact education worldwide. Please continue this story by giving generously at our December meeting. If you cannot attend, please send your suggested minimum of \$3 contribution to Shirley White. Our chapter goal is \$100, but our committee's goal is at least \$125. Thank you in advance for your contribution and for continuing this story!



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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

Member recruitment and retention are responsibilities we all share – something to be aware of year round, not just when the membership chairman asks for recommendations. So, dust off your Elevator Speech and be ready to share information when a teachable moment occurs. Share your pride in the work of DKG with other members and non-members. Enthusiastic, well-informed individuals project a positive image.

Your positive voice can...

-  build relationships and make connections,
-  communicate opportunities for leadership, personal growth, and professional development available through the Society,
-  generate enthusiasm for DKG programs and projects,
-  motivate others to join with you to make a difference in education.

Are you a positive voice for Delta Kappa Gamma?

ETA STATE CONVENTION THEME ANNOUNCED, BREAKOUT SESSIONS PRESENTERS WANTED



“Create the Future: Imagine” will be the theme for the 2016 Eta State Convention to be held April 22-24 in Winston-Salem. A video invitation to the convention was presented at the Executive Board meeting in Elon in early September.

Breakout session applications are now being accepted. The four strands for topics will be Technology,

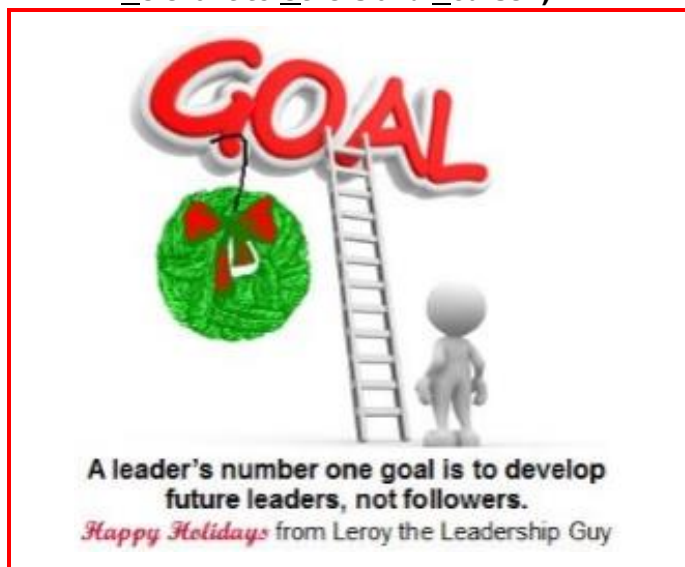
Teaching & Learning, Personal Growth, and DKG Society. A proposal form is posted on the Eta State website at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2016WorkshopForm.pdf> and should be submitted by January 25, 2016. For more information, contact Connie Savell at mcdpm59@gmail.com, (704)-477-0450, or 206 North Roxford Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Hotel registration for the Winston-Salem Marriott is also on the website convention page at:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2016Convention.html>.

Rooms are \$119, single or double, plus taxes. Deadline for the group rate is March 22, and as in the past, rooms will go fast so register early. It speeds the check-in process if you will put both names on the registration. There is a charge for parking in the city deck.

LEROY (Leadership Experiences Relevant to Others and Yourself)



THE A'S HAVE IT! DKG TRIVIA



DKG members make some common mistakes in pronunciation. The first common mistake is the pronunciation of our state name. Eta is the seventh letter of the Greek alphabet, and North Carolina was the seventh state to join DKG. It should be pronounced “a-ta” as if it begins with an “A.”

The last word in our DKG song, “aye,” should be pronounced “A”, not “I.” Remember, the “A’s” have it!



EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANT DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 20

The Educational Foundation stands ready to make dreams come true with \$1,000 in grants of \$250 each. Individuals or chapters may apply!

Act now to do something special...

- for an **early career teacher**,
- for **students**, through collaboration with a school or a community agency on an educational project,
- for **yourself** in the way of professional or personal growth.

Go to the NC DKG Educational Foundation found at <http://www.ncdkgef.org/>. Click on the Grants tab for information about available grants, sample ideas for projects, and application forms.

Send completed applications to the Grants Review Chair, Maxine McCall, at ncdkgefgrants@gmail.com.

Applications deadline: Received by November 20, 2015.



Honor and Remember Project Well Received: Members and others are donating to the Educational Foundation as a way to honor and remember friends, family and colleagues. Donation to the project will be listed on a special wall at the state convention in April. Donation forms are available on the [Foundation website's Giving tab](#) and at tax deductible.

Foundation Publishes Newsletter: The Foundation Board distributed its inaugural Creating Futures newsletter at the Fall Executive Board meeting at Elon in September. It's available for viewing online or downloading [here](#).

NC HAS FOUR CORNETET AWARD WINNERS

Eta State congratulates four NC teachers for winning Cornet Awards for Professional Development in the round of honorees announced recently. Watch for more information on them in the upcoming *Eta State News*. In the meantime, applications for the next round of Cornet Awards to be awarded in February, 2016, are available. These individual awards can fund participation in conferences, seminars, national certification, and workshops and other non-degree programs. Applications can be found [here](#). Remember that Eta State gives scholarships annually also and those applications are due February 1, 2016. Watch the Eta State website for the updated application under the Scholarship Committee link.



TECH TIP—BEST TEACHING TIPS!



If you are looking for exciting teaching tips such as lesson ideas, classroom strategies, book lists, videos, and more, you need to visit the daily blog by teachers found [here](#). No matter what you're interested in—bulletin board ideas, tips for using technology, or how to save money on classroom materials—these veteran teachers' wealth of experience and knowledge will leave you with innovative ideas for you or your teacher friends. Visit this site for inspiration and fresh ideas now!

DKG MEMBER PORTAL

Check out the members-only area of the DKG website. All members can access personal data and create a profile through the "My DKG" banner at the bottom of the home page found at <https://www.dkg.org/>. Use your member ID (found on your ID card or contact Shirley White at shirleylenawhite@gmail.com) for the username. The default password can be obtained from Nancy Tunstall at nancytunstall@gmail.com.

Also, use your member ID number to register for the upcoming Eta State Convention in Winston Salem from April 22-24. It is a great time to earn some CEU's if you are currently teaching. Saturday afternoon will be filled with many informative workshops.

MYSTERY MEMBER



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *She started her life in Pittsburg, PA where she had a love of music from an early age. She took flute and piano lessons for years. She began her career as an elementary teacher. After some years of musical study, she became the director of pre-school and early grades music at the Raleigh Conservatory of Music. Later she opened her own music studio where she taught mom & tot classes, group lessons for children up to age seven, plus piano, flute and voice to teens as well. She and her staff averaged 300 students per semester for 16 years until moving to Lake Gaston. 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.

DKG VISION STATEMENT

*Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*

ETA STATE VISION (VIEW)

*Voices of Influence Empowering
North Carolina Women Educators*

2014-2016 INTERNATIONAL THEME

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

2015-2017 ETA STATE THEME

"Create the Future—Imagine, Inspire, Ignite"

2014-2016 GAMMA CHI THEME

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



and



DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 16 New Teacher Bags Stuffing at 10:00 a.m., Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish Hall; delivery to schools will be made thereafter
- November 20 NC DKG Educational Foundation grant applications due; form found at <http://www.ncdkef.org/grants.html>
- December 1 Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar Application due; click [here](#) for information about LMS; click [here](#) for an application
- December 3 2nd Gamma Chi Meeting, Norlina United Methodist Church, Norlina
- December 31 Deadline to submit a Recommendation Form for Nominations for Gamma Chi Chapter Elected Officers for 2016-2018 found at: <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/forms.html>
- 2016**
- January 3 Deadline for DKG Educational Foundation individual project application (up to \$10,000); found at: <http://www.dkef.org/resources.html>
- January 25 Deadline to submit an application to present a breakout session at the state convention; form found [here](#)
- February 1 Deadline for Lucile Cornet Award for Professional Development Application due for up to \$2,000; found at: <http://www.dkef.org/awards.html>
- February 1 Deadline for DKG Scholarship (up to \$10,000); found at: <https://www.dkg.org/content/2016-international-scholarship-application-form>
- February 1 Deadline for Eta State Scholarship; watch for more information soon at: <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/scholarship.htm>
- February 1 Deadline for Gamma Chi Scholarship (members) and Gamma Chi Grant-in-Aid (nonmembers); each \$500; at <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/forms.html>
- February 1 Deadline for turning in recommendations for new members; form found [here](#)
- February 8 Gamma Chi Newsletter deadline
- March 3 3rd Gamma Chi Meeting, Robinson Ferry Restaurant, Warrenton
- March 13-16 National Legislative Seminar, Arlington, VA; information about the forum can be found [here](#)
- April 22-24 Eta State Convention, Twin City Quarter, Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX)
- May 1 Lucile Cornet Award for Professional Development Application due; <http://www.dkef.org/awards.html>
- May 5 4th Gamma Chi Meeting, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway
- July 5-9 DKG International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN

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/>

Please submit articles to:

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GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – OCTOBER 1, 2015

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Littleton United Methodist Church in Littleton on Thursday, October 1, 2015. A social hour began at 6:00 p.m.

President Debra Clayton recognized Betty Anne Shearin, who offered a blessing before the meal catered by Robert Harris.

Following the meal, Debra Clayton called the business session to order. Recording Secretary Mary Catherine Harris reported attendance of 27 members. The minutes of the May 7, 2015 meeting were approved.

Shirley White presented the treasurer's report, which showed a checking balance of \$699.84 and a savings balance of \$3,503.88. The report was filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Sallye Duncan reported that she had sent sympathy cards to the families of Jeffrey Evans and Melba Johnston. She also reported on the regrets from members who were unable to attend the meeting.

The president recognized members with birthdays in August, September, and October. She congratulated Norma Retzlaff on her retirement and revealed Mary Brodie Raiford to be the Mystery Member. Other recognitions included congratulations to Jamie Pernell on the birth of her baby and to Erin Simons on being named Teacher of the Year. Condolences were expressed to Nancy Tunstall on the death of her brother.

Mary Catherine Harris read the report of the August 2, 2015 executive board meeting. Upon recommendation of the executive board, the chapter voted to eliminate the NBCT Grant and raise the Professional Development Grant to \$500.

Shirley White made a motion to continue to donate \$100 to the Warren Education Fund. Norma Retzlaff seconded the motion, which was passed.

The president asked members to consider the idea of mentoring new members as they join Gamma Chi. She noted it would be considered for action by the chapter at the December meeting.

During the President's Report, Debra Clayton reported that she had recently attended the Southeast Regional Conference and also the meeting of the Eta State Executive Board. She reported that the District Meeting would be rescheduled to February. The International Convention will take place in Nashville, Tennessee in 2016. The State Convention will be in Winston-Salem in 2016 and in Wilmington in 2017. The December meeting of Gamma Chi will take place at Norlina United Methodist Church.

The following committee reports were given:

- Awards Committee – Janis Meek recognized the following for Member Milestones: Sylvia Alston, 30 years; Sallye Duncan, 5 years; Brenda Holloman, 35 years; and Shirley White, 45 years. Not present but also recognized were Paula Aycock, 25 years; Brenda Fuller, 30 years; and Nell White, 35 years. Members receiving the Excellence Award were: Mary Austell, Harriet Banzet, Debra Clayton, Ann Kilian, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White. Not present but recognized was Loree Harris. Recognized for Perfect Attendance during the 2014-2015 year were: Sylvia Alston, Mary Austell, Harriet Banzet, Ashley Barnette, Ginny Bernard, Debra Clayton, Mary Catherine Harris, Diane Reavis, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White. Paula Aycock was recognized in absentia. On behalf of the Awards Committee, Janis recommended that Mary Austell be the Gamma Chi nominee for the Golden Key Award. The recommendation was passed.
- Beginning Teacher Support Committee – Mary Austell reported that there are 28 new teachers in the Warren County school system. She stated plans to remember the teachers during American Education Week in November and also at Christmas and Valentine's Day. She invited everyone to come together at the Emmanuel Episcopal Parish House on November 16, at 10:00 a.m. to pack bags for the teachers. She reminded members to complete their T.H.A.T. forms and bring to the December meeting.
- Membership Committee – Nancy Tunstall reported that Susan Lynch had resigned from membership in Gamma Chi Chapter. She made a motion from the committee to honor the request, which was passed. She reminded members to take membership forms for prospective members.
- Finance Committee – Shirley White presented the budget for 2015-2016 with a motion from the committee for adoption of the budget. The motion was passed.
- Educational Law and Policy Committee – Sylvia Alston reported on the Public Forum, which compiles a list of issues in education. She gave surveys for members to designate their ranking of issues, to be returned at the December meeting.

In reports on reserve members and those with sickness, Shirley White reported that she had spoken with Connie King, who has a new granddaughter. Also, Connie's husband, Russell, is doing well. Debra Clayton, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley had visited Nell White to take her certificate for 35 years of membership in Gamma Chi. Shirley also reported on visits to Edith Allen and Melba Johnston.

There was no unfinished business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m., on a motion by Nancy Tunstall, seconded by Shirley White. The raffle followed adjournment.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Catherine Harris, Recording Secretary



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER

Scholarship & Grant-in-Aid Contribution Form

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Please send acknowledgement to:

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Lovingly given by:

Name

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
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 spent on the New Teachers Bags Project. Thanks!

Name _____ Retired: Yes _____ No _____

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



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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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

INFORMATION:

1. A \$500 award will be given for use towards tuition or books. The check will be mailed directly to the institution that the recipient will be attending.
2. Applicant **must be** a member of the Gamma Chi Chapter pursuing a graduate degree in the field of education.
3. Application deadline is **Monday, February 1, 2016**.
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:
Aimee Anderson, Scholarship Chair
247 Michael's Quarry Rd
Norlina, NC 27563-9554
aimeeanderson@hotmail.com
919-514-9640 (c)
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, 2016** to Shirley White, Treasurer, 1957 US Hwy 1 N, Norlina, NC 27563.
7. A recipient **is expected to attend** the Gamma Chi meeting on **May 5, 2016** to receive her award and have her picture taken for publication.

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 _____



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GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION FORM

INFORMATION:

1. A \$500 award will be given for use towards tuition or books. The check will be mailed directly to the institution that the recipient will be attending.
2. Applicant **must be** a woman (graduating high school student or a college student) planning to or working toward a degree in education.
3. Application deadline is **Monday, February 1, 2016**.
4. This grant-in-aid is renewable each year that the recipient is actively pursuing a degree in education, but recipient must re-apply.
5. Preference is given to Warren County residents or individuals with parents or grandparents living in Warren County.
6. Application should be mailed or e-mailed to:
Aimee Anderson, Scholarship Chair
247 Michael's Quarry Rd
Norlina, NC 27563-9554
aimeeanderson@hotmail.com
919-514-9640 (c)
7. 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, 2016** to Shirley White, Treasurer, 1957 US Hwy 1 N, Norlina, NC 27563.
8. A recipient **is expected to attend** the Gamma Chi meeting on **May 5, 2016** to receive her award and have her picture taken for publication. She will also be treated to dinner.
9. After receiving your award, we request that you update us on your progress at the end of your school year.

APPLICATION:

3. Personal Data:

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Status (check one): _____ Graduating High School Student

_____ College Student

_____ Other (describe) _____

If you are a graduating high school student, check academic standing in class:

_____ Upper quarter _____ Second Quarter _____ Third Quarter _____ Fourth Quarter

4. Why do you want to become a teacher (use a separate sheet if necessary)?

3. Why are you applying for this grant-in-aid?

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

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

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

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date _____