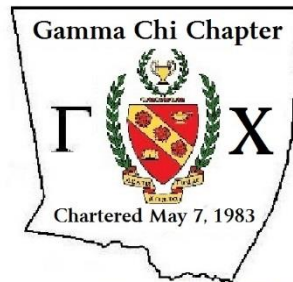


Gamma Chi Newsletter

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Region III, Warren County



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to my Gamma Chi Sisters!!

Where has the fall gone?? It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just a week away! I am sure that each of you can make a list of the things for which you are thankful.

Two weeks after Thanksgiving will be our December meeting. Connie Savell, Eta State NC president, will be our guest for the evening. Connie is also a very good friend of mine. She is delightful! I hope all of you will bring some holiday spirit to our December meeting at Norlina United Methodist Church on Thursday, December 7.

Also at that meeting we will have our annual Scholarship Drive. At that time you can make a donation to our scholarship fund in memory or in honor of someone. It does not have to be a Gamma Chi member—it can be anyone. Loree Harris will also be collecting contributions for World Fellowship.

Finally, remember if you reserve a meal, you are responsible for the payment even if you do not come. Gamma Chi cannot afford to pay for meals for people who reserve a meal and then are unable to come. Also, if you invite someone to a meeting, you are responsible for the meal payment for that person.

I look forward to seeing you at our December meeting. Remember to wear your name badge to get points on your Member Excellence form!! Happy Thanksgiving!!

In sisterhood,

Debra W. Clayton

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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Norlina United Methodist Church

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Program featuring

Eta State NC President Connie Savell

7:15 p.m. Business Meeting

Cost: \$12.00 (make check payable to Michelle Tielking)

Cut-Off Date: **Sunday, December 3rd**

Please respond to your Evite as soon

as possible and no later than December 3!

(Norlina Group will need to bring items for the raffle.)

BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ Children's book(s) to donate to the "Reach Out and Read" program at Warren County Health Department
- ☞ Money to buy \$1 raffle tickets (proceeds aid local libraries and NC DKG Educational Foundation)
- ☞ 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 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

List all volunteer hours (don't forget the time spent obtaining items for the New Teachers Bags).

Member Prospect Cards

May be turned in at any meeting. Must be turned in by the March meeting since prospects will be voted on at that meeting.

Gamma Chi Chapter Scholarship Application Form

For our members attending graduate school. Due to Scholarship Chair [Jill Coleman](#) by February 1, 2018.

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 [Jill Coleman](#) by February 1, 2018.

OUR DECEMBER MEETING SPEAKER



We are very fortunate to have a visit to our chapter from our Eta State NC President Connie Savell for our December meeting.

Connie Savell has been a member of DKG since 1980. At the state level, she has served as first vice-president, second vice-president, recording secretary, Planning Committee chairman, Rules Committee chairman, and Leadership Development Committee member.

At the chapter level, Connie has been a leader in Beta Epsilon where she served as president and first vice-president. She is currently a member of Delta Tau, the chapter she founded. She has also served as their president.

Her professional educational service includes NCAE as president of the Kings Mountain Association of Educators, on the Board of Directors NCAE and President of Cleveland County Retired School Personnel. Connie was elected to the Cleveland County School Board for the 2007-2009 term.

She is a choir member in her church and a past member of the Cleveland County Arts in Education Committee. From 1998-2003 she served on the Board of Trustees of Erskine College. She is also chair of the DAR Good Citizen Committee.

Please welcome this vivacious lady to our chapter and make a special effort to attend this meeting.

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!!!**



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- 🌸 **Connie King** on the birth of her granddaughter, Evangeline Abigail Scott, to daughter Jennifer and husband, Bobby. Evangeline was born on September 23 weighing 6 lb. 8 oz. and was 18 in. long. She has a brother, Henry and sister, Vivian.
- 🌸 **Tracey Neal** on being selected WCS Principal of the Year
- 🌸 **Shirley White** on the birth of her great-grandson, Henry Warren Alexander, to granddaughter Elizabeth and her husband, Mark. Henry was born on October 29 weighing 7 lb. 12 oz. and was 21 in. long. The great aunt is **Debra Clayton**.

CONDOLENCES TO:



Our Deepest Sympathy

Karen Paynter, Jennifer Wilker and **Brooke Callahan** on the loss of Sarah Jo Hayes (Sarah Jo was Karen's sister-in-law and Jennifer's & Brooke's aunt); **Harriet Banzet** on the loss of her cousin, Howard Daniel Folk, Jr.; **Diane Reavis** on the loss of her

mother, Jeanette A. Walker; **Maryanne Henry Edwards** on the loss of her grandmother, Nellie Bolton Hilliard; and **Sallye Duncan** on the loss of her brother, C. Coleman Perkinson, Jr. Please keep Karen, Jennifer, Brooke, Harriet, Diane, Maryanne, Sallye and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the October meeting, \$48.00 was collected from the meeting raffle; this will be used to help our local libraries and the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Sold afghan tickets brought in \$54.00. Also, \$120.00 was given to the Scholarship Fund.

Thank you, Gamma Chi Sisters, for paying your dues in a timely fashion which enabled me to promptly submit the Report of Dues and Fees to our Eta State NC Treasurer.

At the present, we have forty-seven active and thirteen

reserve members for a total of sixty members. The budgets have been adjusted to reflect these numbers.

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 purchase the meal must inform the Telephone Network Chair Nancy Tunstall, at nancytunstall@gmail.com or 252-456-2051 (h) by the cut-off date of **Sunday, December 3rd**. 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.** Also, you are welcome to bring potential members as guests, but you will be responsible for paying for their meal. Thank you in advance.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Jennifer Wilker, 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 Society International. 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."* Member Prospect Cards are included at the end of this newsletter. Please fill out one or more cards and bring them with you to the meeting and turn them in to me. If you do not bring the card(s) to this meeting, please bring them to our March meeting. Our committee will present potential members for the chapter to vote on at the March meeting for initiation at the May meeting.

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](mailto:NancyTunstall). *Hint:* Receive 10 points on your Member Excellence Award form by turning it in by our 2nd meeting on December 7.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Evelyn Hall, 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 2018-2020 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 Jill Coleman, Scholarship Chair



Please take time to look at the **Dates to Remember** on page 6 to see the deadlines for various scholarships and grants, and find the link to the application form. Also, if you know of a colleague or someone 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 the February 1 deadline to review applications for our Gamma Chi Scholarship(s) and Gamma Chi Grant(s)-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 if you have not already done so. 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-in-aid) 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: IMPACTING EDUCATION WORLDWIDE

by Loree Harris, World Fellowship Chairman

World Fellowship provides monetary awards to women from around the world to study in the United States and Canada. In the next week or two, International will be announcing the 2018-2019 World Fellowship recipients. Let's hope one of them will be attending a fine NC university.



In an attempt to better acquaint you with World Fellowship recipients, the DKG World Fellowship Committee shared this excerpt from the personal narrative they received during the application process. This narrative is a powerful example of the challenges many of these women encounter as they pursue their educational dreams and aspirations. Here is the story of Bethanie, from Haiti, a 2017-2018 award recipient.



"My mother committed suicide when I was 10 years old, leaving behind my dad, my 5 siblings, and me. Tormented by the fear to see his daughters raped and his sons enroll in street gangs, my father made the sacrifice of sending my siblings and me to stay with relatives and friends throughout the country. I ended up in Petion-Ville, where I lived with my cousin. There, I completed my elementary and secondary education. Despite all the home chores that I had to do, I was lucky enough to be a quick learner and earn good grades. After admission to my 4th year in high school, my cousin announced that she could no longer help pay my school tuitions. I did not know what was going to happen, but I knew that I did not want to drop out of school. Through prayers and the generosity of others, I received donations in the form of books, uniforms, shoes, and other supplies needed to go to school like all my friends. And while I did not have any idea about how the school tuition was going to be paid for, I ran after my dream to stay in my former high school. I attended school the first trimester with the complicity of my classmates and teachers, who helped me hide under the desk and in the class cabinet every time the accountant tried to chase me out and send me home. All of those experiences have reinforced my commitment to overcome

poverty and to bring about social and economic changes in my country."

The DKG World Fellowship Committee experienced a range of emotions as they read these narratives. They hope sharing these experiences will expand members' knowledge about the importance of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and how we are "Educating the World, One Woman at a Time."

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!

(The part about Bethanie was taken from the DKGSI Blog, October 4, 2017.)

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT: HOW ARE WE DOING?

The Chapter Achievement Awards are presented to chapters annually at the Eta State NC Convention. This initiative provides for acknowledgment, recognition, and appreciation in a tangible way for those chapters who meet the criteria at various levels of achievement. In 2013, 2014 and 2015 Gamma Chi was recognized at the highest level—Superior. Not only that, but we also received the Presidential Chapter Achievement Award by being among the top five Superior level chapters in the state. In 2016 we dropped back one level to Excellent due to a change in the form requiring 100 points more to reach the Superior level. Last year we again reached the Superior level. Not only that, but we again received the Presidential Award. We are determined to do it again in 2018. Reaching the Superior level requirement of 600+ points is not enough to ensure us of receiving the Presidential Award. Last year eight chapters reached the superior level, but only the five chapters having the most points received the Presidential Award. We are pretty sure of reaching 600 points, but that may not be enough to reach the Presidential Award status. How can we generate more points?



First, you need to look at the Chapter Achievement form to see what you may be able to do to help. To see the new Chapter Achievement form for 2017-2018, click [here](#). Here are a few things that would help (please notify Debra Clayton or Nancy Tunstall if you accomplish any of the things listed):

- Help get a former member to reinstate their membership.
- Submit applications for DKG and State Scholarships and/or Professional Development Grants; check **Dates to Remember** on page 6 in the newsletter for deadlines and links to applications,
- Contribute to various DKG and State funds; look at your Member Excellence form for more information about the various fund or click [here](#) to see the form,
- Communicate with state/local officials (must have examples)
- Submit an entry to an educational website or professional journal, and/or
- Submit an entry to the *DKG Bulletin – Journal* or *DKG Bulletin – Collegial Exchange Magazine*.

Sincere thanks goes out to some of our members who have already helped to add to our point count. They include:

- Aimee Anderson – applied for a NC DKG Educational Foundation grant (5 pts.)
- Ashley Barnette – serving on a state committee (5 pts.), attended state convention (5 pts.)

- Brooke Callahan – submitting an entry to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts (5 pts.)
- Debra Clayton – serving on a state committee (5 pts.), attending state convention as president (25 pts.), singing in the convention chorus (5 pts.), attending the Fall State Executive Board Meeting (10 pts.), attending Southeast Regional Conference (10 pts.), presented workshop at state convention (10 pts.)
- Evelyn Hall – attended state convention (5 pts.), attended Eta State Leadership Seminar (5 pts.)
- Janis Meek – attended state convention (5 pts.)
- Jenny O'Meara – attended Eta State NC Leadership Seminar (5 pts.)
- Erin Simons – attended Eta State Leadership Seminar (5 pts.)
- Nancy Tunstall – publishing chapter newsletters (20 pts.), producing chapter directory (5 pts.), attending state convention (5 pts.), attending Southeast Regional Conference (10 pts.)
- Shirley White – attending state convention (5 pts.), singing in the convention chorus (5 pts.), treasurer's reports (15 pts.), attending Southeast Regional Conference (10 pts.)

Please consider what you can do to help increase our point total. Let's all pull together to make sure our **"SUPER-CHAPTER"** continues to be recognized at the highest level!

GAMMA CHI MEMBER'S ENTRY ACCEPTED INTO THE DKG GALLERY OF FINE ARTS



The Arts & Humanities Jury of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has accepted Brooke Callahan's entry of *Serenity in Cancun* into the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art

and letters. The new Fall 2017 Gallery works are now available for viewing online. There is an article in the *DKG NEWS* publicizing the new works in the Gallery. Her work will stay up in the Gallery for six months, after which it will be archived.

Brooke's entry was under the category Visual Arts, subcategory Photography. The judging criteria rubric looked at the theme, composition and technique of the entry. Her entry can be viewed at <http://gallery.dkg.org/photography.html>.

The next submission window will be January 1 through February 1, 2018. Submission procedures and judging rubrics may be found at:

http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Committees/Boards/Jury/Arts_Humanities.aspx (you must be logged in to view this page). There are many categories and subcategories. Start preparing your entry now!

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD LEADERS: YOUR ONCE-EVERY-TWO-YEAR OPPORTUNITY

The two-week DKG Leadership Management Seminar is offered in even years to develop the leadership, communication, and management skills of members. Valued at **\$8,500**, the program, materials, travel, lodging and most group meals are paid by the DKG International Golden Gift Fund. Next year it will be held July 1-13, 2018 in Austin, Texas.

Instruction Ranks in Global Top 20. The University of Texas (UT) at Austin's Platinum Executive Education program presents the Leadership Management Seminar for DKG. In November 2013, the McCombs School of Business became Number 15 in the Bloomberg Businessweek's ranking of the top 20 executive education programs for custom programs and 7th among universities in the United States.

What's taught in the seminar? Dr. Jo W. Murphy, 2014-2016 Golden Gift Fund Committee chair, says, *"The Leadership Management Seminar is training that prepares our members to be leaders in any capacity. It is personal, comprehensive, and applicable to all areas of their lives. Participants leave with tools that enable and empower them to be successful leaders."* Society representatives meet with UT Austin Executive Education program planners to assess current needs and practices used in the work place. They look at how we can prepare members for educational advancements that address today's trends.

Who can apply? You are already qualified if you are a Society member. It's that simple. Golden Gift Fund Committee deadlines and other information are available on the website: <http://www.dkg.org/>.

What are we looking for? The Society is looking for those with leadership potential. Experience commensurate with length of Society membership will be considered.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2017. Click here for the [Leadership/Management Seminar application](#).

BREAKOUT SESSION PRESENTERS NEEDED

Have you been involved in an educational endeavor worthy of sharing? Are you looking for the right setting to share your professional insights? Do you have a personal interest that others may enjoy learning more about? If so, the Eta State NC Convention is the place for you.



One-hour sessions will be presented Saturday afternoon, April 28. The strands of focus are *DKG Society Business, Personal Growth, and Professional Growth*. Deadline for submissions is January 26, 2018.

Session proposal forms are posted online at: http://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2018_eta_state_nc_convention_breakout_session_form.10.6.17.pdf.

Return to Dr. Teresa Cowan at the address on the form.

A NEW LOOK FOR ETA STATE NEWS



This month members will get two links to the Winter edition of *Eta State News*. One will be the pdf file like usual and one will be a swf file.

Swf is an abbreviation for small web format, an Adobe Flash file format used for multimedia, vector graphics and ActionScript. In the case of *Eta State News*, the Flash format allows animation of the pages turning and allows a two-page view of the inside of the newsletter, plus searching options, thumbnail views, and an auto flip option.

To use the swf file, follow the link to [Flipbuilder](#), the online tool *Eta State News* Editor Carol Bostian used to convert the pdf file into an interactive media file. Click on the arrows or anywhere on the far sides of the pages to flip to the next page.

HEADQUARTERS BRICK PROJECT EXTENDED

The Eta State NC Headquarters Committee is getting closer to meeting their goal of 100 bricks for the Pave the Way Project. The form and all information can be found on the [Forms](#) page of the state website. (Scroll down; it will be on the left.) The project has been extended until May 5, 2018. Help them meet their goal! Buy a brick today!





Connie Savell

Let's SPARKLE!

Goals:

- Encourage **S**avvy leadership
- Inspire **P**assion, meaningful programs and projects
- Analyze and **A**rticulate current educational issues
- Further **R**espect for diversity in membership
- Promote **K**nowledge through lifelong learning
- Establish and **L**aunch a member wellness initiative
- Advocate **E**xcellence in education

Let's Sparkle!

As we journey the next two years together, we have a challenge to maintain the integrity of DKG and face change to meet the needs of our diverse membership. Teachers need Delta Kappa Gamma to advocate daily for excellence in education and validate the exceptional work being done in our schools, community colleges, and universities! What is the "Wellness Initiative for 2017-2019?" One component of the first phase of the initiative is to focus on program topics that raise the level of awareness on taking better care of ourselves. Come to Elon to learn more about the initiative. Outside speakers or members could discuss and share on a topic such as:

- Nutrition
- Walking for a healthier you
- Stress management
- Sharing parks or walking tracks in your community • Why we need physical activity
- Safety in the home, playground, and parks If we take good care of ourselves we can *sparkle* from the inside out!

Connie

Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
2017-2019

WATER AWARENESS: PART OF WELLNESS INITIATIVE

Did you know that one in nine people worldwide does not have access to safe and clean drinking water?

With this knowledge as a driving force, Dr. Teresa Cowan, Eta State NC first vice-president and Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) chair, in coordination with Eta State NC President Connie P. Savell's wellness initiative goal, offers these suggestions for chapter involvement:

- Make a commitment to preservation, conservation and a healthy consumption of water. Check out this site for ideas:
<http://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/>
- Follow the Liters to 1 million! Watch the video at <http://lifestraw.com/follow-the-liters/> to learn how individuals, chapters and communities can get involved.
- Donate to the LifeStraw Safe Water Fund:
<http://lifestraw.com/engage/>
- Purchase gifts for self or others:
<https://lifestraw.eartheasy.com/>
- Start a chapter project to promote awareness locally and globally: <http://lifestraw.com/corporate-partnerships/>

EEC invites chapters to think globally and act locally. EEC and Eta State NC sisters are ever-working to fulfill the EEC focus:



venture into areas of leadership, grow personally and professionally, and be global!

Note: The Eta State Wellness Initiative and the EEC LifeStraw Project supports the DKG/UN Relationship which is enhanced through CTAUN (Committee on Teaching About the United Nations). Check out <http://www.teachun.org> for more details.

MYSTERY MEMBER



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *She spent her career as a teacher and school counselor. She has also been a faithful member of DKG for many years. She is a charter member and served as our first editor. She is our historian. She leads spiritual retreats.* 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 December meeting.

SLATE OF INTERNATIONAL NOMINEES ANNOUNCED



Cathy P. Daugherty of Virginia heads the slate of nominees for 2018-2020 officers for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Daugherty, the nominee for president, currently serves as chair of the International Constitution Committee, member of the Constitutional Interpretation Committee, and DKG/NGO representative. She received the 2016 DKG Achievement Award while she was international first vice president.

Nominated with her are Becky Sadowski, Tennessee, First Vice President; Dr. Lace Marie Brogden, Ontario, Second Vice President; and Elaine Warwick, Tennessee, Southeast Regional Director. Read about all of the nominees at:

<http://member.dkg.org/DKGMember/DKGMember/Nominees20182020.aspx>. You must be logged in to view the page.

Some of these nominees have a connection to North Carolina. Both Becky Sadowski and Dr. Lace Marie Brogden served as International Representatives at Eta State NC State Conventions in 2015 and 2011, respectively.

Our Eta State NC Immediate Past President Sheila Groves was endorsed by the Eta State NC Executive Board for the position of Southeast Regional Director. She was very gracious upon learning that Elaine Warwick was nominated for the position. Sheila stated:

"Thank you so much for supporting my application for Southeast Regional Director. Our International Nominations Committee selected another applicant to be nominated for this position. Even though the Constitution supports nominations from the floor at the 2018 International Convention, I will not choose that option. The Southeast will be in good hands in the coming biennium and I look forward to applying again in 2020! Thank you for your encouragement and most of all your friendship!!!"

Election of new officers and regional directors occurs at the International Conventions. The 2018 convention will be held in Austin, Texas, July 16-20.

TECH TIP—PREVENT EMAIL OVERLOAD

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Publicity Chairman



Are you overwhelmed by your emails? Although the abundance of emails can be stressful, much communication is still handled through emails. Do you have a plan for handling your emails? Here are some suggestions:

- **Schedule a time to work with your emails.** Allow time for responding, organizing, deleting, and anything else that may be needed. Stick to that schedule, preferable at least once a day, and attend to every new email in your inbox.
- **Read each email ONCE and make a decision.** Does it get stored or deleted? Do it! Complete each email before moving on.
- **Reply/Delete/Store.** Create a method to store important emails. Put important emails in folders that will organize by topic. Consider using a program such as Evernote (free), which will store important information and can be searched. Immediately after reading and replying (if needed), make the decision to delete or store. Although some people find it hard to delete any emails, remember that storing emails takes up valuable space. Be ruthless.
- **Unsubscribe, Unsubscribe, Unsubscribe!** A much used account can easily get out of control. Scroll to the bottom of these unwanted emails and choose to unsubscribe. It may take a week or more before it takes effect, but the wait will be worth it.
- **Reply to personal emails.** Do not let people remain in suspense, unsure of what is going on. Senders may be unsure if you even received their emails. They may also get offended when you don't even send a reply. Instead, send a bridge email that assures senders that you have received the email. A bridge email is a "canned" response, but a simple "Thank you" usually does the trick.

Hopefully these suggestions will help you get control of your emails.

(parts taken from the *DKGSI Blog*, August 29, 2017)

DKG VISION STATEMENT

*Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*

ETA STATE NC VISION (VIEW)

*Voices of Influence Empowering
North Carolina Women Educators*

2016-2018 INTERNATIONAL THEME

*DKG: Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*

2017-2019 ETA STATE NC THEME

"Let's Sparkle!"

Check them out often!

GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:

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

ETA STATE WEBSITE:

<http://www.ncdkg.org/>

DKG WEBSITE:

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1	Deadline to submit application for Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar (see article on p. 4)
December 7	2nd Gamma Chi Meeting , Norlina United Methodist Church, Norlina
2018	
January 3	Deadline for applications for the DKG Educational Foundation Projects
February 1	Deadline for scholarship applications to Gamma Chi , Eta State NC and DKG International ; also, deadline for grant-in-aid applications to Gamma Chi
February 1	Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadlines: May 1 and September 1)
February 1	Chapter President's Report and Chapter Necrology Report due
February 1	Deadline for DKG Fine Arts Gallery submissions (can only apply between January 1 and February 1)
February 5	Deadline to submit to the Gamma Chi Newsletter
March 1	3rd Gamma Chi Meeting
March 1	Our Chapter Achievement Form is due to Cheryl Wright, our regional director for Region III
March 1	Our nominees for the Golden Key Award and the Rising Star Award are due to the Awards Committee
April 27-29	Eta State NC Convention, Hilton Charlotte University Place, Charlotte, NC (Region VI hosts)
May 8	4th Gamma Chi Meeting
July 16-20	DKG International Convention, JW Marriott, Austin, TX

Please submit events, celebrations, recognitions and news to:
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and



The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Enterprise Baptist Church near Littleton on Thursday, October 5, 2017, beginning with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. President Debra Clayton convened the meeting, welcoming Region III Director Cheryl Wright and guest Dr. Cindy Lamm, member of the Roanoke Rapids chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and counselor at Warren County New Tech High School. Those assembled joined in singing “We Gather Around” as a blessing for the meal, catered by Robert Harris.

Following the meal, Cheryl Wright presented the program, commending Gamma Chi Chapter as the best chapter in Region III. She complimented Nancy Tunstall for her capable mentorship for the director’s role. Speaking about the Eta State Wellness Initiative, Wright encouraged the chapter to join others in the state in initiating a wellness program. She also explained that the state organization is promoting the Life Straw Program, which focuses on providing safe-drinking water in developing countries. She noted the goals of the state theme, “Let’s Sparkle.” The president expressed gratitude for the director’s visit, presenting her with a card stating that a donation in her honor had been made to the NC Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Fund.

The business session began with the president’s sharing a children’s book, *Up the Creek*, which demonstrates the benefit of teamwork. Sallye Duncan led the singing of “There Are Strong, Empowered Women Here Today.”

Mary Catherine Harris, recording secretary, gave the attendance report, noting 26 members and two guests. The minutes of the May meeting were approved. Shirley White, treasurer, reported current balances of \$1258.22 in checking and \$4413.47 in savings. The report was accepted and filed.

Aimee Anderson, corresponding secretary, reported that cards had been sent to Diane Colin, Harriett Faulkner, Karen Paynter, Jennifer Wilker, Brooke Callahan, Sharon West, and Charis Shattuck. Updates on members and attendance regrets were given.

Members with August, September, and October birthdays were recognized. Evelyn Hall was revealed to be the Mystery Member. Congratulations were extended to Loree Harris on the birth of her grandson and to Charis Shattuck on the birth of her daughter. Announcement was made of Renee Mizelle’s transfer to principal at Northside Elementary School, Jennifer Wilker to principal at Warren County New Tech High School, and Ashley Barnette to the Granville County school system.

Mary Catherine Harris directed attention to the Executive Board minutes which were included with the newsletter. Proposed budgets, use of Evite on trial basis for chapter meetings, and programs for chapter meetings were approved. The requested change of date for May 2018 meeting from Thursday, May 3, to Tuesday, May 8, was approved by the membership.

President Clayton reported the following:

- Clayton, along with Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White, attended the Southeast Conference. She also attended a meeting of the Eta State Executive Board at Elon. The Eta State Convention will take place in Charlotte the last weekend of April, and two rooms have been reserved for Gamma Chi.
- Gamma Chi Chapter is on track for meeting qualifications for the Chapter Achievement Award.
- Richard Blankenship has indicated that he and his wife, Elaine, would like to host a cookout for first-year teachers at their lake house at the end of the school year.
- Connie Savell, Eta State president, will attend the December meeting.

Sylvia Alston, Awards chair, presented the following awards: Member Excellence Awards for 2016-2017 to Sylvia Alston, Paula Aycock, Harriet Banzet, Ashley Barnette, Debra Clayton, Evelyn Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Danylu Hundley, Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White; Member Milestones for years of membership to Harriet Banzet – 40, Janis Meek – 35, Elaine Coleman – 30, Lou Ann Bender – 25, Diane Reavis – 20, Ginny Bernard – 15, Mary Brodie Raiford – 15, Debra Clayton – 10, Renee Mizelle – 10, Patricia Williamson – 10, and Brooke Callahan – 5; Perfect Attendance Awards for 2016-2017 to Sylvia Alston, Aimee Anderson,

Mary Austell, Paula Aycock, Harriet Banzet, Ashley Barnette, Brooke Callahan, Debra Clayton, Diane Colin, Evelyn Hall, Loree Harris, Danylu Hundley, Jenny O'Meara, Mary Brodie Raiford, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, and Charis Shattuck. Special awards were presented to: Evelyn Hall, Rising Star Award; Brooke Callahan, Sharp Shooter Award; and Mary Catherine Harris, Golden Key Award.

Reporting for the Beginning Teacher Support Committee, Norma Retzlaff, chair, announced that 70 bags would be distributed to new teachers in the Warren County school system during American Education Week in November.

Jennifer Wilker, Membership chair, reported that Ann Kilian and Mary Brodie Raiford have requested to be moved to Reserve membership and that Mildred Stewart Johnson has submitted her resignation from Delta Kappa Gamma. The motion of the committee to accept these requests was passed.

Shirley White, representing the Finance Committee, submitted the proposed checking and savings budgets for 2017-2018, noting that the budgets will be revised to reflect the changes in membership. The budgets proposed by the committee was passed.

Nancy Tunstall, reporting for the Telephone Network Committee, stated that the Evite system of notification and response for attendance at the October meeting seemed to work well. The motion from the committee to continue the Evite system was passed.

Loree Harris, speaking for Danylu Hundley, reminded members to get tickets for the Afghan Project.

Loree Harris reminded members to be prepared to contribute to World Fellowship in December.

Evelyn Hall, Nominations chair, announced that Nomination Forms were available to submit suggestions for officers for the next biennium.

Mary Catherine Harris announced that Elaine and John Coleman would visit their daughter, Mary Parker, in Marathon, Florida, an area recovering from the recent hurricane, and would take any contributions of cash or gift cards to assist the recovery of residents in the area.

Shirley White gave an update on Nell White and Lou Ann Bender.

There was no unfinished business or new business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m., following which the Littleton Group conducted the raffle. The next meeting will take place at Norlina United Methodist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Catherine Harris, recording secretary

Active members present: Sylvia Alston, Aimee Anderson, Ashley Barnette, Kay Beaver, Ginny Bernard, Brooke Callahan, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Diane Colin, Sallye Duncan, Evelyn Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Brenda Holloman, Danylu Hundley, Laura Kearney, Lynne Lassiter, Janis Meek, Renee Mizelle, Norma Retzlaff, Charis Shattuck, Christina Skinner, Maria Smith, Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White, and Jennifer Wilker.

Active members absent: Cecilia Aguilar, Mary Austell, Paula Aycock, Harriet Banzet, Diana Bobbitt, Kristen Boyd, Crystal Brantley, Anna Brickey, Melanie Burnette, Elaine Coleman, Jill Coleman, Patricia Hargrove, LaTrenda Hawkins, Heidi Hogan, Katy Jones, Donna Liles, Tracey Neal, Jenny O'Meara, Martha Ann Overby, Karen Paynter, Trina Paynter, Jamie Pernell, Diane Reavis, Sheila Robertson, Liz Seitz, Erin Simons, Kristin Speakman, Charlene Spence, Martina Taylor-Fuller, Sharon West, and Patricia Williamson.



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

DKG Prospect Card

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Employer _____

Position _____

Phone _____

Sponsor _____

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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 **Thursday, February 1, 2018**.
4. This scholarship is renewable each year that the recipient is actively pursuing a graduate degree in education, but *recipient must re-apply each year*.
5. Application should be turned in, mailed or e-mailed to:
Jill Coleman, Scholarship Chair
2035 NC Hwy 58
Warrenton, NC 27589-9280
252-213-1846 (c) or 252-257-1318 (h)
jillhwcoleman@gmail.com
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, 2018** 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 8, 2018** 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 **Thursday, February 1, 2018**.
4. This grant-in-aid is renewable each year that the recipient is actively pursuing a degree in education, but *recipient must re-apply each year*.
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:
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8. A recipient **is expected to attend** the Gamma Chi meeting on **May 8, 2018** 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 _____