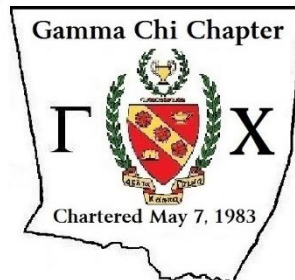




Gamma Chi Newsletter

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



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The Ever-Widening Circle of Delta Kappa Gamma!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we enter this very busy season of Thanksgiving, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and New Year's Eve, it is always a time to reflect the blessings and things for which we are thankful. One of my blessings is serving you in an organization that is known worldwide for women professional excellence. Gamma Chi represents excellence in DKG, and it is due to the wonderful membership of professional educators who are active day-to-day in our schools and those who continue to support professional educators in so many ways. In the words of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, "A good teacher is like a candle—it consumes itself to light the way for others." As dedicated Gamma Chi members your attendance, involvement, and talents continue to light the way for others. For all you do, I am grateful and thankful. I consider you to be one of my Thanksgiving blessings.

Our Region III Regional Director Tiffany Long will be at the meeting. This is going to be a very interesting meeting, and I hope you will join us. It will be a celebration of service projects in which we are all involved. See the rest of the newsletter for more about Tiffany and our projects.

I want to reach out to each of you to look around and invite other professional educators to our meeting, to learn about our chapter and to possibly join us. Remember the qualifications now include trainers with degrees in municipal, government entities, industry, manufacturing and financial settings as well as educators in the private, public and charter schools. Our December 1st Christmas meeting would be a great time to invite them to a meeting to learn more about us. I know that the Norlina Group has been busy planning a great meal and setting for us.

As I close, may I take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope you will be blessed in 2023. Without you, our organization cannot be the candle that lights the way!

In sisterhood,

Dr. Sylvia Alston

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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, December 1, 2022
Norlina United Methodist Church

6:00 p.m. Gathering

6:15 p.m. Dinner (DKG Convention Slideshow)

6:45 p.m. Program featuring

Region III Regional Director Tiffany Long

7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Cost: \$15.00 (exact change or make check payable to NUMC Circle #4); Meal Cut-Off Date: **Tuesday, November 22nd**

To reserve a meal, please respond to your Evite as soon as possible and no later than November 22nd!

(Note: you do not have to purchase dinner to attend the meeting. That is your choice.)

(Norlina Group members will need to bring items for the raffle and preschool books for table decorations.)

BRING TO THE MEETING:

- Pre-school children's book(s) to donate to the state licensed daycare centers of The Learning Garden of Norlina, New Beginnings Childcare of Warrenton, and Noah's Ark Preschool of Norlina. (Please provide not just Christmas books, but also winter themed books too.)
- 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-DKG and send it to Shirley White, 1957 US Hwy 1 N, Norlina, NC 27563 (form is at the end of the newsletter and on our [website](#)—print as many as needed)
- World Fellowship contribution (\$3 recommended)
- Angel tree voluntary donation, if desired; see page 3

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.

Member Prospect Cards

May be turned in at any meeting.

Gamma Chi Chapter Scholarship Application

For our members attending graduate school. Due to Scholarship Chair [Betsy Clark](#) by January 18, 2023.

Gamma Chi Chapter Grant-in-Aid Application

Please encourage a female who is graduating high school, an enrolled college student, or a non-certified employee of Warren County Schools desiring or working toward a degree in education to apply; also due to [Betsy Clark](#) by January 18, 2023.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- 🌸 **Sallye Duncan** on the birth of her grandson, Jack Cooper Anderson, to her daughter Sara and husband Trevor Anderson. Jack was born on August 17, 2022, weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz., and was 19 ¾ in. long.
- 🌸 **Donna Liles** on the birth of her grandson, Wyatt Blue Liles, to her son Zach Liles and wife Ashley. Wyatt was born on September 14, 2022, weighing 5 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19 inches long. His big brother Cohen is 23 months old.
- 🌸 **Nancy Tunstall** on acceptance of her entries into the 2022 Fall Fine Arts Gallery. See page 2 for more details.



BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

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

CONDOLENCES TO:

Dr. Janis Meek on the loss of her aunt, Virginia Gupton Bolton. Please keep Janis and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



GUEST SPEAKER FOR DECEMBER:

OUR NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR REGION III



Our 2022-2024 regional director for Region III is Tiffany Long. She is a member of the Gamma Eta Chapter in Wake County, and she has been a member for five years.

Tiffany began her career in administration this year by serving as an assistant principal at Smithfield Selma High School. She enjoys working with students to promote their academic success. Last year she was an intern at Neuse River Middle School where she learned how to navigate middle school in a pandemic and support teachers with online learning/teaching. Two years ago, she left the classroom after acceptance into NC Principal Fellows Cohort 26 to help serve students. Previously she taught English at Broughton High School for 5 years.

Tiffany accepted membership into DKG to give back to her community. She believes in the mission and vision of DKG and wants to support teachers. As a service leader, she tries to be compassionate and have high expectations for all students.

Please be present to welcome Tiffany to our meeting.

THANK YOU FROM OUR SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

At our September meeting, we heard a presentation by Dr. Dutchess Maye, the owner and CEO of an education consulting firm. She inspires those who participate in her sessions to "Rock Your Day Every Day." Her vibrant personality entertained the members as she presented ideas on approaching emotional events in our lives.



Dr. Maye emphasized that we can make conscious, logical choices that enable us to rock the day rather than be rocked by the day, such as choosing joy over anger. Members received a mood and emotional ruler based on work of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence's RULER Method. The acronym RULER stands for: R – Recognizing emotions in self and others, U – Understanding triggers and effects, L – Labeling emotions accurately, E – Expressing emotions aptly, and R – Regulating emotions effectively.

Dutchess expressed her thanks for allowing her to visit our chapter via an email. She stated, "Thanks for the invitation, a lovely meal, wonderful gifts, and a sisterhood that demonstrates not only excellence in DKG but also warmth, kindness, and a welcoming spirit. I enjoyed Gamma Chi. May you guys have an awesome year and exceed your own expectations for your strategic plan!"

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

The Arts & Humanities Jury of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has accepted Nancy Tunstall's entries of *Perfect Pose* and *Celebrating Thanksgiving* into the Fall 2022

DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters.

The new Fall 2022 Gallery will be available for viewing online on November 15. Her work will stay up in the Gallery for 6 months, after which it will be archived for two years.

Nancy's entries are under the category Visual Arts, subcategory Photography. The judging criteria rubric looked at the theme, composition, and technique of the entries.



Perfect Pose



Celebrating Thanksgiving

The *Perfect Pose* photo was taken while visiting Egypt when her husband got to ride on a camel. He was given a head covering to wear that was perfect for the picture. Now that he is deceased, she treasures the picture even more.

The *Celebrating Thanksgiving* photo was taken while on a cruise. She was swept away by the talents of the chefs to help make Thanksgiving away from home a joyous occasion. She was able to take this picture before the cake was cut.

After the pictures are posted, they may viewed by clicking <https://gallery.dkg.org/index.php/photography/>.

The next submission window will begin on January 15, 2023, through February 15, 2023. Submission procedures and judging rubrics may be found by clicking [here](#) (you must be logged into the DKG website to view this page). There are many

categories and subcategories. Start preparing your entry now!

TWO GAMMA CHI MEMBERS ATTEND NC DKG FALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING



Our members, President Dr. Sylvia Alston, 2nd from the left, and NC DKG Nominations Committee Chair Evelyn Hall, 3rd from the left, attended the Fall Executive Board meeting held on Saturday, September 24, at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro. They heard reports from various committees and officers (including a Nominations report given by Evelyn), notice of the release of the application for NC DKG News editor, updates on the Google Workspace trial and the Leadership Development Seminar. Sylvia made motion for the 2024 convention to be held in Durham, NC, when Region III will be the hostesses.

After lunch, chapter presidents met in regions. Our Region III presidents and Evelyn are pictured above.

ANGEL TREE: HELPING SOCIAL SERVICES HELP CHILDREN SUFFERING ABUSE & NEGLECT



We have received a letter from the Warren County Department of Social Services requesting our help with their Angel Tree program. It is designed to help needy families receive Christmas. They greatly appreciate all gift cards, monetary funds, toys, hats, coats, gloves, and anything that can be donated. They work with the entire family and therefore are able to accept donations for all ages including adults.

Gifts may be wrapped or unwrapped. If wrapped, please state age and sex. Gifts for older children are really needed—most people choose the younger children. Walmart gift cards are accepted or any gift card. Any donations brought to the meeting will be delivered to Social Services.

They would appreciate our continued support, and they will be accepting donations now through December 9, 2022. If you have any questions about this request, please call Social Services at 252-257-5002.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the September meeting, \$70.00 was collected from the meeting raffle; this will be used to help our local libraries and the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Other monies received were \$180.00 for the afghan raffle, and \$180 for the New Teacher Bag Project. Also, meal costs were collected since the caterer had already received payment.

Please remember that December is our usual time for honorariums and memorials for our Scholarship Fund. You will need to complete the Contribution Form found on page 9 and bring it with you, along with your check or cash. You can mail it

to me if you are unable to attend the meeting. Please do not send cash through the mail. Thank you!

At the December meeting when paying by check, please write separate checks with the correct amount for the meal, Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund, etc. It will make the bookkeeping so much easier!



COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Marketing Committee Chair



The November/December issue of DKG News is online. Go to <http://www.dkg.org>, click on Publications and then click on DKG News to see it or just click [here](#). **Remember you must sign in to view it.** Featured in the newsletter are the three sites for next summer's conferences—Detroit, Phoenix, and Tampere (Finland). The theme for the three will be *Moving Forward with Vitality, Relevance, and Sustainability in Our Changing World*.

Please check out the Gamma Chi website by clicking <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/>. View the home page to see who is having a birthday under the calendar. Also, important DKG events are listed in the calendar for the entire year. The updated Gamma Chi Yearbook has been posted. Because of the personal information, the picture directory is not posted. Anybody not receiving their picture directory by email should request a copy.

Our committee would like to encourage everyone, especially committee chairs, to submit news and/or articles to [Nancy Tunstall](#) for publication in the next *Gamma Chi Newsletter*. The submission deadline for the next newsletter will be **February 6**.

HOSPITALITY & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Debra Clayton, Hospitality and Social Affairs Committee Chair



Meal costs are to be paid at each meeting upon arrival. Members who are unable to attend after responding "yes" to their invite must inform Communications & Marketing Chair [Nancy Tunstall](#) by the cut-off date of **Tuesday, November 22nd**. 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 (she 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 prospective members as guests, but you will be responsible for paying for their meals. Thank you in advance.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Betsy Clark, Scholarship Chair

Please take time to look at the **Dates to Remember** on page 6 to see the deadlines for various scholarships and grants. 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. This includes non-certified employees of Warren County Schools who may wish to



begin an education degree program. Our applications forms can be found on our website by clicking [here](#). Our committee will be meeting soon after the January 18 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

by Loree Harris, World Fellowship Representative

World Fellowship provides monetary awards to women from around the world to study in the United States and Canada. Impressive numbers tell the story.

DKG is impacting education worldwide through World Fellowship. Find the names and schools of the current scholars in the brochure on the link on the [Brochures/Flyers page](#).

Gamma Chi Sisters can be a part of this. Please give 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 we can do better than that. Thank you in advance for your contribution and for continuing this story!

In an attempt to better acquaint you with World Fellowship, please read the following article.

DKGIEF: WORLD FELLOWSHIP

WORLD FELLOWSHIP FUND



www.dkg.org

Contributions to World Fellowship, one of the nine funds managed by the DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF), change lives.

A World Fellowship recipient from Ukraine said that DKG support for women gives her a sense of empowerment because DKG members have encouraged her with their words and financial support. "I've been very touched by this endless support, and I honestly feel like they are helping me to mentally survive these dark times away from home."

A World Fellowship recipient from Kazakhstan said, "I hope to return to my country and apply my knowledge to make the lives of kids with special needs better. I am grateful to DKG for this life-changing opportunity."

The World Fellowship Fund, established in 1960, has provided awards totaling \$3,739,250 for 1,029 women from 122

countries to pursue graduate studies in Canada and the United States. Twenty-five women in 23 countries received awards in 2021-2022 totaling \$83,500.

The amounts and numbers of World Fellowship awards depend on contributions to the fund. Your donation helps other women become future leaders around the world. Your gift to the World Fellowship Fund through DKGIEF supports the dreams of countless women and impacts countless others.

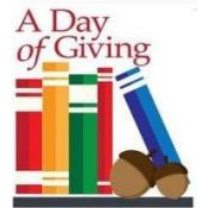
(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), May 5, 2022.)

NC DKG EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

DAY OF GIVING IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Again this year, the NC DKG Educational Foundation will sponsor **A Day of Giving**. They encourage every member to donate **\$5.00** on this day.

A **Day of Giving** celebrates the Educational Foundation and is a day for members to show our DKG pride and gratitude for the work of the Foundation and its impact on chapters and members in NC. Go to the website and click on the [Donation Page](#) tab.



CHANGES IN LICENSURE, COMPENSATION

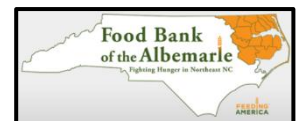


Happy Fall! You may have heard about the proposal to change teacher licensure and compensation pathways in NC. The commission working on the proposal plans to vote on a final version by October to send to the State Board of Education. The Legislature may vote on the plan as early as January 2023. If you would like to learn more, go to the ELP News & Resources folder on the NC DKG website at <https://bit.ly/NCDKG-ELP>. Check out the recent Ed Weekly article "How to Weigh In On Teacher Licensure and Pay Reform."

If you would like a member of the NC DKG Educational Law & Policy Committee to present at a chapter meeting, please contact [Dr. Malinda Pennington](#), chair of the Educational Law and Policy Committee.

SPRING CONVENTION PROJECT ANNOUNCED

The 2023 NC DKG Convention Project is collecting food and monetary funds for the Food Bank of the Albemarle located in Elizabeth City. The Food Bank of the Albemarle helps fight hunger and poverty in northeast NC, serving Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington counties.



The Food Bank is collecting canned items such as meats, proteins, vegetables, fruits and soups, as well as dry goods such as pasta, cereal, rice and dried beans. In addition to food items, toiletries, personal hygiene items, toilet tissue, and laundry soap are very much needed to help families. These are necessary essentials that they cannot obtain with food stamp benefits.

There will be a table set up at the convention for items to be donated. More information can be found at <https://afoodbank.org/>.

Other convention plans are also progressing for the NC DKG Convention at the Greenville Hilton in Greenville, NC, to be held April 28-30, 2023. Watch for the call for proposals to present workshops soon. Begin preparing sessions now! **Don't forget to mark your calendar for April 28-30, 2023!**



SCHOLARSHIPS—ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF DKG MEMBERSHIP



Did you know that as many as 30 scholarships are available for DKG members studying at the graduate level? Scholarships for the master's degree level are \$6,000 and for the doctorate level \$10,000. DKG awarded 9 Doctoral Scholarships and 4 Graduate Studies Scholarships for a total of \$114,000 in 2022. Requirements for the doctoral level are three years of active membership and for other graduate levels, one year of active membership. Applicants should show evidence of community service and excellence in scholarship. Other requirements can be viewed at [DKG International Educators Foundation](https://www.dkg.org).

To apply, a member should complete the [current application form](#) found on the DKG website, request appropriate transcripts, obtain status of program documentation, and secure letters of recommendation. She will then send the application and required materials as an e-mail attachment to Society Headquarters by **February 1**. Now is the time for members to begin preparing applications.

Not only are there scholarships offered at the international level, but NC DKG and Gamma Chi also offer them. DKG at all levels has made a difference to these recipients pursuing advanced degrees. This financial support also offers encouragement to the recipients who feel that someone is supporting their efforts to gain new knowledge and credentials.

The availability of scholarships can be used as a recruiting tool for new members. What an excellent opportunity to promote membership in DKG by sharing the scholarship opportunities for members! Our scholarships show that DKG really does offer meaningful support for women educators and opportunities for them. Members who already have advanced degrees also support other women educators with their DKG membership.

REMEMBER THE DKG EMERGENCY FUND



Several natural catastrophes have impacted the world in recent months, including wildfires, tornadoes, and Hurricane Ian. The DKG Emergency Fund helps members who have suffered a major loss due to a natural disaster and is supported solely by donations. *When DKG members, no matter their location, are confronted with destruction brought on by a force of nature, they know that help*

in the form of a \$500 USD check to assist in moving forward is available. It's a unique practice and a benefit of membership that has been in effect since 1948! [Follow this link on the DKG website to donate to the Emergency Fund or any of the other eight funds under DKGIEF.](#)

If you have been impacted by a natural disaster, fill out [Form 84](#) and contact [President Beth](#). Download the [Emergency Fund flyer](#) for more information and share it with others. A donation to the Emergency Fund would make a good chapter project and help other members in need.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPING FUTURE LEADERS

Who is responsible for developing future leaders in DKG? **YOU!**

Every member of DKG is responsible for cultivating future leaders for the Society.

Consider the following to determine if **YOU** are doing your part to nurture future leaders for DKG.

- Have you nominated an outstanding educator for membership in the last two years?
- Have you searched out members who have a specific interest or skill in an area and encouraged them to share it with the members?
- Have you involved other members in the work of your chapter/state committee so they become familiar with the work of that committee and feel comfortable in becoming a future leader of that committee?
- Have you encouraged others to step into leadership roles, assuring that you will mentor them when they had questions or concerns?

Remember, **YOU** were invited to membership because someone recognized your leadership potential. Now is the time to "pay it forward" and help cultivate future leaders for our Society.

(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), October 19, 2021.)

ARE YOU LOOKING TO ENHANCE YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS?



While many of you are familiar with the leadership training that DKG offers through pre-conference training for

incoming state officers and The DKG Ignite: Leaders Empowering Leaders Program, did you know there is more? Yes, just by going to the [DKG.org](https://www.dkg.org) website, you will find information to help you to further develop your leadership skills. Once you are on the website, go to **Resources ⇒ Leadership Lab**. Here you will find hyperlinks to noted leadership experts like Susan Leahy, Mike Figliuolo, Sarah Sladek, and Amanda Gore. You will also find hyperlinks to webinars made by the international leadership development committee, parliamentary leadership information, advice for leaders on how to analyze problems from Gallup and their leadership blog, and self-publication insights from Gail Goolsby.

(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), March 16, 2021.)

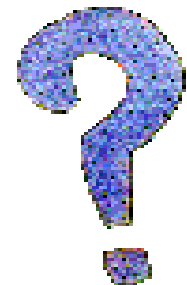
UPCOMING LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The NC DKG Leadership Committee is planning a mini-conference overnight event on March 25-26, 2023, at the

Caraway Conference Center in Sophia, NC. This opportunity is geared towards emerging chapter leaders and those interested in taking their skills to the state and international levels. ***This unique opportunity happens every other year, so plan to take advantage of it in 2023!*** Additional details will appear in *NC DKG News*.

MYSTERY MEMBER

by Nancy Tunstall, Editor



a lover of dogs.

Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. A Warren County native, she returned to Warren County to teach after she completed her college degree. She has been a faithful member of Gamma Chi for 31 years, and she graciously carries out her committee duties year after year. Her love of music is very important to her, and she is the music director of her church. She is

DKG MISSION STATEMENT

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education



2021-2023 NC DKG THEME

Linking the Past, Present and Future



2022-2024 GAMMA CHI THEME

The Ever Widening Circle of Delta Kappa Gamma!

DKG VISION STATEMENT

***Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide***

NC DKG VISION (VIEW)

***Voices of Influence Empowering
North Carolina Women Educators***

Check them out often!

GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:

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

NC DKG WEBSITE:

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

DKG WEBSITE:

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

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

Editor/Webmaster: [Nancy Tunstall](mailto:Nancy.Tunstall@ncdkg.org)

DATES TO REMEMBER—DKG INTERNATIONAL

December 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*

2023

Jan. 15-Feb. 15 Submission period to submit your artistic works to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts

February 1 Deadline for scholarship applications to DKG International; \$6,000 for master's, \$10,000 for doctor's

March 1 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*

March 1 DKGIEF project applications due

May 1 Deadline for DKGIEF Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadline: November 1)

May 11 DKG's Founders Day (DKG will be 94!)

May 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*

July 11-16 DKG Conference, Detroit, Michigan

July 18-22 DKG Conference, Phoenix, Arizona

July 26-29 DKG Conference, Tampere, Finland

2024 DKG International Convention, National Harbor, Maryland

DATES TO REMEMBER—NC DKG

2023

January 31 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants application due

February 1 Chapter president annual report due

February 1 NC DKG Scholarship application due

February 1 Deadline to submit to the *NC DKG News*

March 1 ROSE, Golden Key, Rising Star, and Communications Excellence forms due

April 28-30 NC DKG Convention, Greenville, NC

May 1 Deadline to submit to the *NC DKG News*

DATES TO REMEMBER—GAMMA CHI

December 1 **2nd Gamma Chi Meeting**, Norlina United Methodist Church, Norlina (Norlina Group hostesses)

2023

January 18 Deadline for scholarship applications to Gamma Chi; also, deadline for grant-in-aid applications to Gamma Chi

February 6 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*

March 1 Submission deadline for ROSE, Communications Excellence, Golden Key, and Rising Star forms

March 2 **3rd Gamma Chi Meeting**, Littleton Baptist Church. Littleton (Littleton Group hostesses)

April 24 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*

May 7 Gamma Chi's Founders Day (we'll be 40!)

May 18 **4th Gamma Chi Meeting**, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway (St. Paul's Group hostesses)

May 18 Dues due to Shirley White (\$85 Active, \$45 Reserve)

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, hosted by the Warrenton Group, met at Frontier Warren on September 1, 2022. President Dr. Sylvia Alston welcomed the members and one guest. Mary Catherine Harris offered thanksgiving for the meeting and the meal before the ladies enjoyed a delicious buffet meal consisting of a tossed salad, herbed chicken, steamed vegetable medley, creamy mashed potatoes, buttered crescent rolls, cheesecake, pineapple cake and sweet tea, catered by Hilda Cordell.

The president called the meeting to order. Recording secretary, Betsy Clark, reported that 32 members were present, constituting a quorum. The minutes of the May 12, 2022, meeting were approved as printed in the chapter newsletter.

Evelyn Hall, corresponding secretary, reported sending three cards to members: Martha Overby following surgery, Brooke Callahan after the death of her husband's grandmother, and Michele Stallings on the death of her mother.

Shirley White presented the treasurer's report with the checking account balance on September 1, 2022, of \$4,227.94 and a savings account balance of \$3,236.87. The report was approved.

President Alston recognized July, August, and September birthdays with gifts of hand-crocheted dish clothes made by honorary member, Josephine Myrick. She also recognized Katy Jones, the chapter's mystery member. Reserve member Janis Meek received recognition as the grandmother of three young ladies who are teachers.

Betsy Clark reported the actions of the Executive Board and Planning Committee that met on July 30, 2022. The Gamma Chi Strategic Plan, 2022-23 meeting dates, a Gamma Chi Professional Development Grant to Aimee Cooper for a mental health conference, and the inclusion of Vance County candidates for grants-in-aid received approval.

The President's Report centered on the theme "The Ever-Widening Circle of Delta Kappa Gamma" (Eula Lee Carter). In utilizing this theme, members will engage in relevant and vibrant programs, efforts to reinstate members, visitations to reserve members and engaging them in activities, and expansion of membership prospects to include those who serve as trainers in fields outside education. President Alston celebrated Gamma Chi on its many recent achievements. These include five Golden Key Awards, four Rising Star Awards, and numerous communications and chapter awards on the state level.

President Alston called for reports from standing committee.

Afghan Committee: Chair Danylu Hundley reported that members are receiving the afghan raffle tickets and that the afghan is ready.

Awards Committee: Chair Ashley Barnette made two motions from the committee – Sheila Robertson for the North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Rising Star Award and Evelyn Hall for the North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Golden Key Award. Both were approved. She also announced an incentive for Perfect Attendance Awards. At the May 2023 meeting, names of those who attend the four 2022-2023 meetings will be entered in a drawing for a free meal at the September 2023 meeting. Sylvia Alston, Crystal Brantley, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Aimee Cooper, Evelyn Hall, Loree Harris, Jenny O'Meara, Sheila Robertson, Hailey Stroud, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White received Member Excellence Awards. Members receiving Perfect Attendance Awards were Sylvia Alston, Betsy Clark, Gail Coleman, Aimee Cooper, Sallye Duncan, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Rachel Smith, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White. Ten members received Five Year Milestone Awards. They are Harriett Banzet for 45 years; Janis Meek for 40 years; Elaine Coleman for 35 years; Lou Ann Bender for 30 years; Ginny Bernard for 20 years; Debra Clayton, Renee Mizelle, and Patricia Williamson for 15 years; Brooke Callahan for 10 years; and Betsy Clark for five years. Chapter Photographer Melanie Burnette photographed each group and the nominees for state awards.

Beginning Teacher Support Committee: Chair Norma Retzlaff thanked the membership for the generous gifts of items for the New Teacher Bag Project. The project will support sixty-five Warren County educators who have come onboard this calendar year. Norma will canvass her committee and decide whether

to pack bags on November 1 or November 7 at 3 p.m. in Sheila Robertson's room at Mariam Boyd Elementary School. The membership will receive notice of the date. All are invited to participate in packing bags. Beginning teachers will receive bags during American Education Week.

Communications and Publicity: Chair Nancy Tunstall provided new Gamma Chi brochures for each member. Various members agreed to distribute brochures for placement in teachers' lounges.

Membership Committee: Chair Aimee Cooper urged members to update biographical sketches and to invite guests to meetings as a prelude to invitations to join. A prospective member can be someone who trains and/or teaches outside the traditional education system. She presented a committee motion for resignation from Maryanne Edwards due to her distance from Warren County. The motion passed.

Finance Committee: Debra White reported that the budget for the 2022-23 checking account is based upon the current dues of \$85 for active members and \$45 for reserve members and \$10 per inductee. The checking account and savings account budgets appear in the chapter newsletter. The committee's motions to adopt passed.

Planning Committee: Chair Evelyn Hall presented the Gamma Chi Strategic Plan for the 2022-2024 biennium as listed in the chapter newsletter. Upon committee motion, members approved goals for the two-year period. The goals are:

- 1) To encourage our members to actively attend chapter meetings
- 2) To honor our members
- 3) To increase membership
- 4) To encourage members to assume leadership roles
- 5) To preserve the rich history of the Gamma Chi Chapter.

World Fellowship Representative Loree Harris reminded members to bring funds to support the World Fellowship Fund to the December meeting.

The group did not address reports on sick and reserve members, unfinished business, or new business.

President Alston introduced the evening's guest and speaker for the meeting. Dr. Dutchess Maye is owner and CEO of an education consulting firm and inspires those who participate in her sessions to "Rock Your Day Every Day." Her vibrant personality entertained the membership as she presented ideas on approaching emotional events in our lives. Dr. Maye emphasized that we can make conscious, logical choices that enable us to rock the day rather than be rocked by the day, such as choosing joy over anger. Members received a mood and emotional ruler based on work of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence's RULER Method. On behalf of Gamma Chi, President Alston presented Dr. Maye with a red rose, a Rock the Day hand-painted rock, and a card announcing a donation in her honor to the North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Pauline Longest Leadership Fund.

Respectively submitted,
Betsy Clark, Recording Secretary

Active Members Present: Kirby Alston, Sylvia Alston, Ashley Barnette, Kay Beaver, Ginny Bernard, Diana Bobbitt, Crystal Brantley, Melanie Burnette, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Elaine Coleman, Gail Coleman, Jill Coleman, Diane Colin, Aimee Cooper, Shannon Fuller, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Brenda Holloman, Danylu Hundley, Renee Mizelle, Jenny O'Meara, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Pattie Rodwell, Rachel Smith, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White.

Active Members Absent: Mary Austell, Lisa Bender, Kristen Boyd, Katrinka Brewer, Brooke Callahan, Sallye Duncan, Katy Jones, Laura Kearney, Donna Liles, Tracy Neal, Chris Skinner, Michele Stallings, Kathy Stewart, and Patricia Williamson.

Collegiate Member Present: Robin Edwards

Honorary Member Present: Josephine Myrick



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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 **Wednesday, January 18, 2023**.
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:
Betsy Clark, Scholarship Chair
129 Vaughan Gin Rd
Macon, NC 27551-8987
252-586-4585 (h) or 252-204-1820 (c)
vellabc@embargmail.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 21, 2023** to Shirley White, Treasurer, 1957 US Highway 1 N, Norlina, NC 27563.
7. A recipient **is expected to attend** the Gamma Chi meeting on **May 18, 2023** 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 paper, if necessary)?

3. How will this \$500 scholarship be beneficial to you?

4. List activities.

a. Professional

b. Community

5. List honors.

a. Professional

b. Community

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 female who is graduating high school, an enrolled college student, or a non-certified employee of Warren County Schools desiring or working toward a degree in education.
3. Application deadline is **Wednesday, January 18, 2023**.
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. Applicant must be a resident of Warren or Vance Counties or a non-certified employee of Warren County Schools.
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 18, 2023** to receive her award and have her picture taken for publication in local newspapers and on the Gamma Chi website. She and one person accompanying her, preferably her mother, will be treated to a celebratory 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. Complete a typed response on a separate paper. In a well-organized paragraph or essay, relate details that have led you to pursue a career in education. Include personal experiences, people who have been influential in your making of this decision, your specific goals as you pursue your studies and career path, and any other details that express your determination to become an educator.
3. How will this \$500 be beneficial in your pursuit of a degree in education?

7. List activities.
a. Professional

b. Community

8. List honors.
a. Professional

b. Community

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

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date _____

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