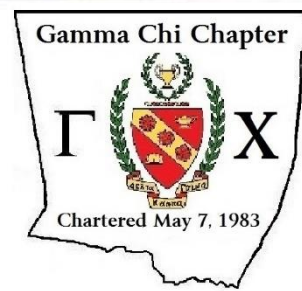




# Gamma Chi Newsletter

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! October/November/December 2023



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I rode on some backroads today, I was reminded of what a beautiful area we live in. The area was filled with round curves and up and down gentle slopes. The leaves on the maples, hickory and sourwoods treated me to brilliant colors of the season—yellows, oranges and reds. The sun caused the colors to be even more spectacular. The fall colors reminded me that we will soon celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas!

As the Christmas season approaches, I think about the wonderful group of professional ladies in our Gamma Chi Chapter. I want to share some of the things I observe when we are at meetings. There are those of you who are truly happy to see each other. There are those of you who may see a member come in and you greet them making them feel welcome. I observe you talking to each other about the latest happenings either in your school family or personal family. I see true kindness and admiration. There is a sense of appreciation that each of you show to one another. Just like trees with many beautiful colors, I see brilliance, enthusiasm and ladies of many talents. I hope that you will examine this newsletter and look closely for deadlines and opportunities that could help you with professional development and/or projects in your classroom. Please know that I am willing to assist with anything for which you want to apply. You deserve to be granted some of the funds that are the legacy of Delta Kappa Gamma. You must apply!

Our Christmas meeting is going to be quite different from our normal meetings. While there will be serious business that we must conduct, it will be brief. Look closely at the instructions for what and how items are to be brought to the meeting. It will be more fun if we all follow the instructions. As the busy season

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## MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Wise Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
1840 US Highway 1 N, Norlina, NC 27563

6:00 p.m. Gathering

6:15 p.m. Dinner

6:45 Special Christmas Music

7:00 Dirty Santa/Chinese Christmas Gift Exchange

7:15 p.m. Business Meeting

Cost: \$15.00 (exact change or make check payable to Wise Baptist Church; Memo line should read DKG Meal)

Meal Cut-Off Date: **Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

**To reserve a meal, please respond to your Evite as soon as possible and no later than November 29<sup>th</sup>!**

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

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

## BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ Dirty Santa present (no more than \$10.00—see page 2)
- ☞ Pre-school children's book(s) to donate to Sugar N Spice Preschool in Henderson, NC
- ☞ 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 5

## 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 or National Board. Due to Scholarship Chair [Betsy Clark](#) by January 18, 2024.

### 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, 2024.

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begins, I hope you will come with the idea of relaxing and laughing. We want to spread the joy of the season to you at Gamma Chi. The planning committee that met this summer has come up with a wonderful non-program that I hope all will enjoy.

This will certainly be a meeting that you will not want to miss!



In sisterhood,  
*Sylvia Alston*  
Dr. Sylvia Alston




## DIRTY SANTA/CHINESE CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE



Who's up for some fun!!!? We are going to try something new to liven up our December meeting. Each attendee is asked to bring a gift valued at no more than \$10.00. Please wrap your gift attractively to entice members to pick it, but don't put your name on it. What will you end up with—a treat or a trick?

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

 **Laura Kearney** on the birth of her grandson, Ethan Hayes Kearney, to her son Jordan and wife Brandie Kearney. Ethan was born on August 21, 2023, weighing 8 pounds and was 20 ¼ inches long. He has a sister Addie who is 7.



## 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:

**Loree Harris** on the loss of her sister-in-law, Audrey Harris Johnston, and **Michele Stallings** on the loss of her father-in-law, Robert Palmer Stallings. Please keep Loree, Michele and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



## GAMMA CHI MEMBERS' ENTRIES ACCEPTED INTO THE FALL DKG GALLERY OF FINE ARTS



*Niagara Falls at Night*

The Arts & Humanities Jury of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has accepted Sheila Robertson's entry of *Niagara Falls at Night* and Nancy Tunstall's entries of *Easter in June* and *Hurricane Ian Passes By* into the Fall 2023 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters.

The new Fall 2023 Gallery will be available for viewing online on



*Easter in June*



*Hurricane Ian Passes By*

November 15. Their work will stay up in the Gallery for six months, after which it will be archived for two years.

Sheila's and 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.

The *Niagara Falls at Night* photo was taken while Sheila and

her husband were celebrating their 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by finally visiting Niagara Falls. It took her 38 years to get him there!

The *Easter in June* photo was taken at the invitation of Shirley White. Each year Shirley plants the leftover Easter lily bulbs after Easter. This year they were in full bloom in June.

The *Hurricane Ian Passes By* was taken in late September of 2022 while Nancy was vacationing in Myrtle Beach, SC. The hurricane came ashore just south of Myrtle Beach as a category 1 hurricane. She decided to ride out the hurricane and took this picture as the hurricane passed by.

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

The next submission window will begin on January 15, 2024, through February 15, 2024. 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, right, and NC DKG Minutes Review/Approval Committee Member Nancy Tunstall, attended the Fall Executive Board meeting held on Saturday, September 16, at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro. They heard



reports from various officers and committee chairs, and among other items of business, saw the approval of the NC DKG revised budgets and appointment of the new *NC Data* editor, Ann Carol Stokes, who produces a monthly newsletter for chapter presidents and editors.

Nikki Steckroth, Region III Convention Chair, issued an invitation to the 2024 NC DKG Convention. She met with Region III chapter presidents after the meeting to start the planning process. Some interesting changes will be made. The Friday night Opening General Meeting will be replaced with a Celebration Event featuring a buffet, bingo (with a DKG slant), recruitment discussions, marketplace shopping, music, and dancing. All the awards will be presented on Sunday at the Awards Brunch. Gamma Chi will be in charge of the Silent Auction Baskets, the same responsibility that Gamma Chi had the last time that Region III hosted the convention in 2012. Each Region III chapter will be asked to provide a basket. Proceeds raised from the auction will benefit the Pauline Longest Leadership Fund that is now a part of the NC DKG Educational Foundation. More information will be forthcoming.

### ONLY 6 MONTHS 'TIL CONVENTION 2024!



Make sure the dates are on your calendar! Secure a roommate! Start planning your "After 5 Attire" for the Saturday night

banquet! And *don't* forget your dancing shoes! It's not too early to start daydreaming about the fun you will have at the *NC DKG State Convention*!

Exciting changes and new activities were announced at Fall Executive Board meeting. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities for those who want to enhance their Convention experience. Volunteer Coordinator [Dr. Carol Maidon](#) would love to hear that you are interested!

Want to do something right now? Glad you asked! You heard about the Dance Party planned for Friday night that is sure to get attendees on their feet and movin' to the beat! We need a playlist! What is *your* favorite song that gets *you* up and dancing? Send the title and artist to 2024 Convention Chair [Nikki Steckroth](#) who will track suggestions. Perhaps we'll have an NC DKG Official Dance song! (Steckroth suggests "We Are Family" by Sister Sledge. You may recall that the second line is, "I've got all my sisters with me!")

Are you feeling the fun yet? Don't forget to clear your calendar for April 26-28, Convention 2024!



**MAKE AN EDUCATOR SMILE!**



Educators make a tremendous impact in our schools, in our communities, and in our lives. They should

be acknowledged and celebrated.

The Foundation wants to celebrate our talented, dedicated, and resourceful, NC educators through a statewide *"Make an Educator Smile!"* project.

We are asking you to participate and recognize educators with a contribution of \$10 each to the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Your donations will help to support the Foundation's Grants Program.

Through your generosity, we made forty educators smile during the 2022-2023 year through the awarding of grant funds. Educators were able to implement classroom projects and attend professional development.

Please participate in the statewide *"Make an Educator Smile!"* project and support the Educational Foundation too!

Complete the donation form found [here](#) and send your contributions to Betty Marshall, Foundation Treasurer, 1112 Anchor Court, Raleigh NC 27615 or make your donation on the Foundation website [Donate page](#).

Send *"Make an Educator Smile!"* certificates found [here](#) to the educators you choose! Duplicate as many times as needed! Let our educators know they are **Celebrated!**

**BONUS:** Your Celebrated educator will be entered into a monthly drawing for an Amazon gift card. Monthly gift card winners will be recognized on the [Foundation website](#).

### ANNOUNCING SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

#### DR. MICHELLE TUCK THOMAS



With much pleasure, President Hilda Parlér announces that Dr. Michelle Tuck Thomas has agreed to serve as NC DKG second vice president as of September 26, 2023.

The position's vacancy was announced by President Hilda at the September 16 Fall Executive Board meeting in Greensboro. The resignation of Carolyn J. Lane as first vice president means Janie Webb, NC DKG's second vice president, moves up to serve as first vice president per our NC DKG *Standing Rules and Bylaws*.

Dr. Thomas has been a member of NC DKG for 9 years and is a member of Beta Kappa chapter in Region V. She is chapter president and served as the regional director in Region V during the 2020-2022 biennium. She also served on the NC DKG Planning Committee.

She will also sit as a member on The NC DKG Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

Please welcome Dr. Michelle Tuck Thomas to the NC DKG Executive Committee as second vice president!

### TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the September meeting, \$96.00 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 \$153.00 for the afghan raffle, \$50.00 memorial for the Scholarship Fund and \$205 for the New Teacher Bag Project. Also, meal costs of \$540.00 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. Also, Contribution Forms will be available at the meeting. 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 September/October issue of *DKG News* is now available online for members. The September/October 2023 issue of *DKG News* contains information from the presentation made by DKG President Debbie LeBlanc and DKG Executive Secretary Nita Scott to the International Conferences this past summer critical to the growth of the Society. Also included is information about the upcoming DKG Convention next summer to be held in National Harbor, Maryland; information about the one-week DKG Ignite Leadership Management Seminar next summer; and a recap of the International Conferences held last summer. To view the publication, you must first login to the [DKG website](#) and then click [here](#).

Please check out the updated Gamma Chi website by clicking <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/>. View the home page and look under the calendar to see who is having a birthday. 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 her copy by email should request a copy from [Nancy Tunstall](#).

Our committee would like to encourage everyone, especially committee chairs, to submit news and/or articles to [Nancy Tunstall](#), editor, for publication in the next *Gamma Chi Newsletter*. The submission deadline for the next newsletter will be **February 9**.

### 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 evite must inform Communications & Marketing Chair [Nancy Tunstall](#) by the cut-off date of **Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**. When this is not done, members will be expected to pay for the meal. Please send your payment by an attending member or have a friend pay for your meal (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.



### NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Ashley Barnette, Nominations Committee 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 click [here](#) to go to our forms page and then click on the 2024-2026 Recommendation Form for Nominations. 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 Betsy Clark, Scholarship Chair



Please take time to look at the **Dates to Remember** on pages 5-6 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 application forms can be found on our website by clicking [here](#) or at the end of this newsletter. 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. Since 1960 1,055 women in 122 countries have received awards totaling \$3,739,250.

DKG is impacting education worldwide through World Fellowship. For more information about the World Fellowship Fund and the application process, you can click 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 the meeting, please send your suggested minimum of a \$3 contribution to Shirley White at 1957 US Highway 1 N, Norlina, NC 27563. Our chapter goal is \$100.00, 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



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 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.)

### ANGEL TREE: HELPING SOCIAL SERVICES HELP CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



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, unwrapped toys/clothing, hats, coats, gloves, puzzles, 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 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 15, 2023. If you have any questions about this request, please call Social Services at 252-257-5002.

### MYSTERY MEMBER

by Nancy Tunstall, Editor

Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *Her career ranged from teacher to administrator. In DKG she has held many offices. She is very active in her community. Her interests range from wine tasting to tea ceremonies. Who is*

she? The name of our mystery member will be revealed at the meeting. Please complete your biographical sketch for an opportunity to be our Mystery Member. Contact [Nancy Tunstall](#) for information about completing your biographical sketch.

### DKG MISSION STATEMENT

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

### 2023-2025 NC DKG THEME

**Recruit! Retain! Recognize!  
NC DKG Forever Strong!**

### 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](#)

### DATES TO REMEMBER—NC DKG

#### 2024

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, Beginning Teacher and Communications Excellence forms due
April 26-28	NC DKG Convention, Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham, NC (Region III host)
May 1	Deadline to submit to the NC DKG News





### **DATES TO REMEMBER—DKG INTERNATIONAL**

- December 1 Deadline to submit application for DKG Ignite
- December 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*

#### **2024**

- 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 Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadline: November 1)
- May 11 DKG's Founders Day (DKG will be 95!)
- May 15 New chapter officers report due
- May 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*
- July 9-13 DKG International Convention, Gaylord National, National Harbor, Maryland

### **DATES TO REMEMBER—GAMMA CHI**

- December 7 **2nd Gamma Chi Meeting**, Wise Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (Norlina Group hostesses)

#### **2024**

- January 18 Deadline for scholarship applications to Gamma Chi; also, deadline for grant-in-aid applications to Gamma Chi
- February 9 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- March 7 **3rd Gamma Chi Meeting**, Littleton Baptist Church. Littleton (Littleton Group hostesses)
- April 23 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- May 7 Gamma Chi's Founders Day (we'll be 41!)
- May 16 **4th Gamma Chi Meeting**, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway (St. Paul's Group hostesses)
- May 16 Dues due to Shirley White (\$85 Active, \$45 Reserve)



## **GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, hosted by the Warrenton Group, met at Warrenton Church of God Fellowship Hall on September 7, 2023. Members socialized and took care of various financial responsibilities prior to the delicious meal. Hilda Cordell catered a dinner of pulled pork, fried chicken, potato salad, tossed salad, green beans, rolls, cheesecake, lemon cake, and iced tea. Members gave her an appreciative round of applause for the delicious repast.

Following dinner President Sylvia Alston introduced the meeting's program presenter, Dr. Teresa Cowan. Dr. Cowan is a retired middle school science and math teacher. As a DKG member she has held numerous offices in the Alpha Phi Chapter in Region XI, is a past NC DKG president, and since 2022 has served as DKG Southeast Regional Director, representing the 11-state area on the Administrative Board. Dr. Cowan spoke enthusiastically about personal engagement in Delta Kappa Gamma, drawing context from DKG International President Debbie LeBlanc's emphasis at the International Conference held in Phoenix this year – "Moving Forward with Vitality, Relevance, and Sustainability in Our Changing World". Vitality brings energy, strength, creativity, and benefits to the organization, paving the way for growth. Relevance promotes growth and innovations that appeal to educators in this day and age. Sustainability results from relationships and engagements that ensure the continuation of the organization. She challenged the group with, "If Gamma Chi ceased to exist tomorrow, would anybody know; would anybody care?" Presented by President Alston, Gamma Chi honored Dr. Cowan with a donation to the NC DKG Educational Foundation, a red rose floral bouquet, and a Gamma Chi bag.

President Alston called the meeting to order. Recording Secretary Betsy Clark stated that the 33 members present constituted a quorum. There were two guests in attendance. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Treasurer Shirley White reported a checking account balance of \$4,643.92 and a savings account balance of \$2,650.37. The report was approved.

Corresponding Secretary Evelyn Hall had sent thinking of you cards to Sharon West for personal illness and Aimee Cooper for illness of her father and sympathy cards to Kathy Stewart on the death of her husband, Norma Retzlaff on the death her husband, and Sallye Duncan on the death of her sister-in-law. Shirley White read a note of appreciation from Kathy Stewart.

President Alston recognized July, August, and September birthdays with a gift of a scrub puff, hand-crocheted by her mother, Honorary Member Josephine Myrick. She also announced that the Mystery Member is Lou Ann Bender and that two of our grant-in-aid recipients from 2021 and 2022, Robin Edwards and Haley Stroud, hit the ground running and are in their classrooms.

Recording Secretary Betsy Clark reported the actions taken at the July 15 meeting of the Executive Board and Planning Committee. The purchase of DKG pins for active members with 25 or more years of service and a Dirty Santa/Chinese Christmas gift exchange (no more than \$10) at the December meeting were approved. Also approved were increasing two grants-in-aid to \$1,000 each, increasing the scholarship or National Board certification award to \$1,000 and raising the Afghan fund goal to \$1,000 annually. The proposed budgets for checking and savings account for 2023-2024 received approval.

Dr. Alston's President's Report encouraged members to be aware of deadlines and dates. The next NC DKG Educational Foundation Grant deadline is September 30, 2023, with the next deadline January 31, 2024. September 15 is the deadline for submissions to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts. November 1 is the deadline for DKGIEF Cornet Individual Professional Development and DKGIEF Cornet Seminar Professional Development applications. She announced the Dirty Santa activity for the December 7 Gamma Chi meeting. The gift must cost no more than \$10. She also reminded members to plan to attend and be involved in the NC DKG Convention in Durham on April 26 – 28, 2024.

Afghan Committee Chairman Danylu Hundley reported that \$153 was turned in for tickets and commented on the push to increase the annual goal to \$1,000.

Awards Committee Chairman Ashley Barnette presented the annual awards as follows. Milestone pins and certificates were awarded to Mary Austell (35 years); Kay Beaver and Connie King (30 years); Emmy Coleman (25 years); Melanie Burnette, Katy Jones, and Chris Skinner (20 years); Kristen Boyd (15 years); Tracy Neal (10 years); and Lisa Bender, Katrinka Brewer, and Gail Coleman (5 years). Receiving pins and certificates for Perfect Attendance were Dr. Sylvia Alston, Ginny Bernard, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Diane Colin, Robin Edwards, Linda Hall, Mary Catherine Harris, Danylu Hundley, Josie Myrick, Sheila Robertson, Rachel Smith, and Shirley White. Recognitions with pins and certificates for Member Excellence went to Dr. Sylvia Alston, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Mary Catherine Harris, Sheila Robertson, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White. The Awards Committee selected Norma Retzlaff to receive the Golden Key Award and Gail Coleman to receive the Rising Star Award. A motion was made to choose these two to be our nominees for the state awards of the same name to be given at the state convention in April. The motion was enthusiastically approved. President Alston encouraged members to fill out the Member Excellence check list, beginning now for an award next fall.

Beginning Teacher Support Chairman Norma Retzlaff reported that there are 30 beginning teachers in Warren County Schools with more to come. The committee will prepare 40 bags for distribution. October 25, October 31, and November 9 are possible dates for preparing the bags. Members will receive an email when the date is set. She also reported the gratitude from the teachers who came from the Philippines last year.

President Alston, speaking for the Membership Committee, commented on the importance of the member biographical profiles, completed earlier. She also presented a motion that the chapter accept the resignations of Shirley Cava and Erin Riggan. The motion passed.

Finance Committee Chair Debra Clayton presented budgets for 2023-2024. The membership approved a checking account budget of \$5,674.00 and a savings account budget of \$5,090.00.

The Scholarship report was included in an earlier report.

In other business, Dr. Teresa Cowan encouraged members to participate in Make an Educator Smile.

There was no old or new business addressed.

President Alston adjourned the meeting.

Jenny O'Meara and Warrenton group members conducted the raffle and distributed numerous gift bags to lucky ticket holders.

Respectively submitted,  
Betsy Clark, Recording Secretary

**Active Members Present:** Kirby Alston, Dr. Sylvia Alston, Ashley Barnett, Ginny Bernard, Diana Bobbitt, Crystal Brantley, Katrinka Brewer, Melanie Burnette, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Elaine Coleman, Gail Coleman, Jill Coleman, Sara Council, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Brenda Holloman, Danylu Hundley, Donna Liles, Renee Mizelle, Jenny O'Meara, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Pattie Rodwell, Rachel Smith, Kathy Stewart, Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White, and Patricia Williamson

**Active Members Absent:** Mary Austell, Kay Beaver, Lisa Bender, Brooke Callahan, Diane Colin, Aimee Cooper, Sallye Duncan, Shannon Fuller, Katy Jones, Laura Kearney, Tracy Neal, Chris Skinner, and Michele Stallings

**Collegiate Member Present:** Robin Edwards

**Honorary Member Present:** Josephine Myrick

**Guest Present:** Heather Sharp





INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**  
**GAMMA CHI CHAPTER**

**Scholarship & Grant-in-Aid Contribution Form**

**In Memory of:**

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Norlina, NC 27563



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

**GAMMA CHI CHAPTER**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**INFORMATION:**

1. A \$1,000 award will be given for use towards tuition/books or National Board Certification. The check will be mailed directly to the institution with which the recipient is pursuing an advanced degree or credential.
2. Applicant **must be** a member of the Gamma Chi Chapter pursuing a graduate degree in the field of education or working on National Board Certification.
3. Application deadline is **Thursday, January 18, 2024**.
4. This scholarship is renewable each year that the recipient is actively pursuing a graduate degree in education or working on National Board Certification, 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)  
clarbetsy32@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 or information on payment for National Board Certification no later than **April 22, 2024** 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 16, 2024** 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 or obtain National Board Certification (use a separate paper, if necessary)?

3. How will this \$1,000 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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**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

**GAMMA CHI CHAPTER**  
**GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION FORM**

**INFORMATION:**

1. A \$1,000 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 **Thursday, January 18, 2024**.
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. Applicant may be required to complete an interview component.
7. Application should be 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)  
clarbetsy32@gmail.com
8. 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 22, 2024** to Shirley White, Treasurer, 1957 US Highway 1 N, Norlina, NC 27563.
9. A recipient **is expected to attend** the Gamma Chi meeting on **May 16, 2024** 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.
10. 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 \$1,000 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## DKG Prospect Card

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