Gamma Chi Newsletter

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Region III, Warren County

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Enriching the lives of educators through friendship, support and opportunity, and supporting Gamma Chi and its purposes with GRIT (Grace, Responsibility, Integrity, & Tenacity).

Message From The President



Holiday Greetings Gamma Chi Sisters!

Can you believe that another year is coming to a close? Before going any further, I have to thank our Warrenton team for hosting a wonderful September meeting. The fellowship hall looked like fall even though the outdoor temperature felt like 100 and the air conditioning was struggling to keep up. Our speaker, Sonya Kiser, definitely exemplified GRIT, and she is certainly a pearl. I have a note from her to share with you at our meeting.

The meal was amazing as always—I love fried chicken! Our business meeting was a time for the Awards Committee to honor our members for their time and support. All of the recipients have our well-deserved respect and admiration (as well as nifty pins and certificates). As a member of the Beginning Teacher Support Committee, I want to thank everyone for their donations to our project of providing goodies for the new teachers in our county. We can accomplish amazing things together.

Our NC DKG Executive Board meeting in September was full of changes enacted at the International convention this summer. Thankfully, our chapter has very few minor adjustments to make in order to remain in compliance. I thank Nancy for all of her hard work in keeping our chapter rules up-to-date. One surprising announcement from our state president was that the location of our annual spring convention has been changed. We will now be meeting in Chapel Hill. I hope that some of you will express an interest in attending part, or all of the convention, since we are so close. There will be more details to follow.

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Meeting Notice

Tuesday, December 1, 2026
Wise Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
1840 US Highway 1 N, Norlina, NC 27563
5:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. Gathering
6:15 p.m. Dinner (with background CD Christmas music)
6:45 Program: ***Christmas Music by Steve Young***
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: **Tuesday, November 17th**
To reserve a meal, please respond to your Evite as soon as possible and no later than November 17th!
(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:

- Nice Santa present (no more than $10.00—see page 2)
- Children's book(s)—see page 2; distributed by Santa at the Warren County Santa House, Courthouse Square
- 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 Debra Clayton, 573 Ridgeway-Warrenton Rd, 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)

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 may 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 19, 2026.

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. Due to Betsy Clark by January 19, 2026.

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In closing, I want to wish each of you the very best of holiday seasons. When you reflect on this last year, I want you to remember how wonderful you are and how blessed we all are.

You have enriched the lives of educators through friendship, support, and opportunity, and supported Gamma Chi and its purposes with GRIT.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

In sisterhood,

Sheila Robertson

CONGRATULATIONS TO
SARA COUNCIL ON COMPLETING
HER DOCTORATE OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

Nice Santa Christmas Gift Exchange



Who's up for some fun!!!? Each attendee is asked to bring a gift valued at no more than $10.00. Please wrap your gift attractively, but don't put your name on it. We are looking forward to our "DKG Elves" passing out Christmas presents to help get our season off to a exceptional start. You won't want to miss this fun-filled event. Let's start the Christmas giving early!



Don't Forget to Bring Your Children's Book(s)



Last Christmas we donated books that were distributed by Santa at the Warren County Santa House, Courthouse Square. More books were needed than what we collected at our December meeting. We have been collecting books at each meeting and this will be the last opportunity for you to bring some books this year.

Not only do we need pre-school books, but we also need books for older children. The books don't need to be Christmas books, and books for any age through about 5th grade are perfect!

Please remember to bring a book(s) to our December meeting. A good source of books is Ollie's in Henderson. Also, bringing books can increase your score as you work towards your Member Excellence award for this year. To view the Member Excellence award form, click here.

Thank you in advance.

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!!!***



Treasurer's Report

by Debra Clayton, Treasurer



At the September meeting, $61.00 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 $108.00 for the afghan raffle, $170.00 for the New Teacher Bag Project, and $75.00 for the Scholarship Fund. Also, meal costs of $375.00 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 8 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!



Communications & Marketing Committee's Report

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Marketing Committee Chair



The November/December issue of DKG NEWS will soon be available. To access the issue, you will need to log in to the DKG website and then click Publications. You will then be able to click on *DKG News*.

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. Anyone 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 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 evite must inform Communications & Marketing Chair Nancy Tunstall by the cut-off date of ***Tuesday, November 17th***. 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

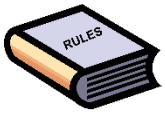


Please take time to look at the **Dates to Remember** on page 5 to see the deadlines for various scholarships and grants. Also, if you know of a colleague or someone who is pursuing a degree in education, please tell her about our grant-in-aid for non-members. This includes non-certified employees of 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 19 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 awards to aid members in pursuing professional and personal development and to provide grants to non-member educators.* Reminder: you can earn points on your Member Excellence form by contributing to our Scholarship Fund and/or applying for a scholarship.

Chapter Rules Committee's Report

by Norma Retzlaff, Chapter Rules Committee Chair



The Chapter Rules Committee has been working to align our chapter rules with the new *International Bylaws* passed last July at the International Convention in Colorado.

We are mandated to align our rules with changes made at the international level so there is no vote necessary. A copy of our updated chapter rules with the alignment shown in yellow highlighting will be emailed to you in the near future.

Note the Change!
Save the Date!



The 2027 NC DKG Convention will be held at the Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel located near downtown Chapel Hill. The convention was held at that hotel eleven years ago and it was great, so grab your pearls and get packing for a great weekend of camaraderie, fellowship, and business with your NC sisters.

There will be more information coming soon.

Could You Use $500 or $1,000?

THE NC/DKG EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Board of the NC DKG Educational Foundation continues to work diligently to fulfill its purpose of supporting learning and literacy projects and the professional development of NC educators. The deadline for the Foundation grants is ***January 31, 2027***. Grants of up to $500 will be awarded in early spring. For more information about these grants and an application, click here.

Lead, Lift, Inspire



Be sure you get caught up on the episodes of "Lead, Lift, Inspire," the NC DKG Sisterhood Podcast hosted by Dr. Tracie Metz. The first season's eight episodes feature some of our own NC DKG sisters as well as other educators and education partners as they share best practices, strategies, and insights regarding our role as educators today. Episodes can be found here and are available via a number of platforms such as Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Podcast Index, and others.

What on Earth is World Fellowship?



Did you know that the World Fellowship Committee began in 1946? Yes, four German women were the first to receive funds to further their studies and visited Sweden for eight weeks in 1948! Next, in 1952 a DKG-UNESCO alliance was formed and provided special help for Korean women. Next, between 1958 and 1960, an agreement was made with the Institute of International Education (IIE) to provide dossiers from which a Society committee could select recipients for study in the US. Then a program was set up to involve approved Canadian universities. Finally, in 1972 the World Fellowship Committee became a standing committee.

Since 1960 to date, DKG has awarded $3,729,250 to 1,029 women in 122 countries. Contributions have been $4,158,947.75, through June 20, 2021. You can be sure your donation to World Fellowship will be put to good use! Not only will the women who receive these awards benefit but also those whose lives are touched by them in their homeland.

*(Taken from the **DKGSI Blog**, April 11, 2022.)*

Get Ready to Show Off Your Talent!

The Arts & Humanities Jury of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) will be accepting entries from January 15 through February 15 into the Spring 2027 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters.

The Fall 2026 Gallery works should soon be available for viewing here. The works will stay up in the Gallery for six months, after which they will be archived. Several of our members have had their work on display in the past.



There are four categories for submission. They are:

- ***Visual*** including photography, 2D art, 3D art, AI art, and digital art
- ***Video*** including dramatics, film making, dance and one-act play
- ***Writing*** including essay, poetry and short story
- ***Music*** including original composition and oratory

Documents to help you with your submission are found here. Rubrics listed will give you the guidelines. It is easy to submit. Any of our members who have submitted their work will be glad to assist you. These members include Brooke Callahan, Aimee Cooper, Sheila Robertson and Nancy Tunstall.

(Just as a side note, submitting an item earns our chapter points on our Order of the Rose form. Please let Nancy Tunstall know if you do submit. Thanks!)

Applications Open for DKG Scholarships



Scholarship applications are available beginning July 1 for members pursuing advanced degrees and are due by February 1, 2027. Begin planning now since applications call for transcripts, letters of recommendation, status of program documentation, and the completed application form.

As many as 31 scholarships are awarded each year to members pursuing advanced degrees. Check the DKG website for more information.

DKGIEF: Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award



The Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award provides funds for professional development. Applications are accepted twice each year. Read more about the history of the Cornetet Award on the DKGIEF web page.

Things to Know About the Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award (CIPD):

1. CIPD awards are available for *any employed educator*, DKG member or non-member.
2. CIPD awards give individual educators the opportunity to participate in professional development activities through approved professional development providers such as colleges, universities, and professional organizations other than The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.
3. CIPD awards are available to fund attendance at conferences, seminars, lecture series, online courses, workshops, and other non-degree programs.
4. CIPD awards may fund travel, lodging, meals, pay for substitutes, registration fees, etc.
5. CIPD applications are submitted electronically on or before May 1 for activities occurring between July-December.
6. CIPD applications are submitted electronically on or before November 1 for activities occurring between January-June.
7. CIPD professional development *must occur after* the funds are awarded.

Are you currently working as an educator? Consider applying for a Cornetet Award today. The next application deadline is November 1, 2026.

Are you interested in donating to the Cornetet Fund? Go to Cornetet Fund - Donate or to the the DKGIEF Donate page for various options to make a donation.

(Taken from the DKGSI Blog, September 21, 2023.)

Resource Spotlight - Communities



Do you know that there are at least 25 different interest communities that members can join in My DKG? Log in to DKG.org then click on MYDKG. From this page you can click on My Communities. "Click here to join a community" will take you to a list of communities. If you are interested in best practices using social media, there is a group for that. If you are interested in leading effective meetings, there is a group for that also. You might want to be part of increasing knowledge and awareness of global issues, join DKG Global Awareness. If you would like to create a new community, contact Membership & Marketing Manager Betty Wilkes at mem@dkg.org.

Whatever your passion, a world of possibilities, opportunities, and resources exist within The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Communities are one of the resources members can utilize as an opportunity to let your voice be heard and pursue passions.

(Taken from the DKGSI Blog, October 30, 2023.)

Mystery Member

by Nancy Tunstall, Editor



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *Originally from Winston-Salem, marriage brought her to Warrenton, the hometown of her husband. After joining DKG, she became recording secretary and has served on various committees. She was a math major. Prior to her teaching career, she was a computer programmer for IBM. Later she taught both math and computer/information technology.* 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

2025-2027 NC DKG Theme

Leading with GRIT:
Grace, Responsibility, Integrity, Tenacity

2026-2028 Gamma Chi Theme

Enriching the lives of educators through friendship, support, and opportunity, and supporting Gamma Chi and its purposes with GRIT (Grace, Responsibility, Integrity, & Tenacity)

DKG Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide

NC DKG Vision (VIEW) Statement

Voices of Influence Empowering
North Carolina Women Educators

Dates To Remember—DKG International

November 1	Deadline for DKGIEF Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadline: May 1)
November 1	Deadline for DKGIEF Cornetet Seminar Professional Development application
December 15	Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*
2027	
Jan. 15-Feb. 15	Submission period to submit your artistic works to the Spring 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 educational project appli-cations due
May 1	Deadline for DKGIEF Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadline: November 1)
May 11	DKG's Founders Day (DKG will be 98!)
May 15	Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*
2028	
July 4-8	DKG International Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2029	
June 25-28	DKG International Centennial Confer-ence, Austin, Texas

Dates To Remember—NC DKG

October 27	NC DKG Founders Day (NC DKG will be 92!)
November 1	Deadline to submit to the *NC DKG News*
December 15	Chapter directory due to regional director
2027	
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*
February 1	Golden Key and Rising Star forms due
March 1	ROSE, Beginning Teacher and Communi-cations Excellence forms due
April 23-25	NC DKG Convention, Chapel Hill, NC (Region V host)
May 1	Deadline to submit to the *NC DKG News*

Dates To Remember—Gamma Chi

December 1	**2nd Gamma Chi Meeting,** Wise Baptist Church, Wise (Norlina Group hostesses)
2027	
January 19	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 4	**3rd Gamma Chi Meeting,** Littleton Baptist Church, Littleton (Littleton Group host-esses)
April 17	Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
May 7	Gamma Chi's Founders Day (we'll be 44!)
May 13	**4th Gamma Chi Meeting,** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway (St. Paul's Group hostesses)
May 13	Dues due to Treasurer Debra Clayton ($85 Active, $45 Reserve)

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



Gamma Chi Chapter

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2026

The first meeting of the 2026-2028 biennium for the Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International began with a welcome by President Sheila Robertson. Prior to the meeting, pictures were taken for Milestone Awards, Member of Excellence Awards, and Perfect Attendance. Charter member Mary Catherine Harris provided the blessing, and President Robertson thanked the Warrenton group for hosting. Hilda Cordell was given a round of applause for the delicious meal provided.

Program: President Robertson welcomed Sonya Kiser, NC DKG Region III Regional Director who presented the program for the evening. Ms. Kiser commended Gamma Chi's leadership and chapter newsletter. Her presentation included updates from the region, state, and international level as well as what is anticipated at the Fall Executive Board Meeting. The following points were highlighted within the program:

- The Fall Executive Board Meeting will discuss "who we are and how we do what we do." Upon completion, the Rules Committee will need to update our chapter rules to align with the state rules.
- There has been a decline in the number of chapters and members over the past 20 years. Ms. Kiser encouraged Gamma Chi to assess our current practices for increasing membership with true leaders.
- Ms. Kiser reminded members that the state goal is to increase membership by 100 by the centennial of DKG in 2029. She emphasized the following points:
    - Membership can include active, reserve, honorary, and collegiate membership (which is sponsored by the chapter)
    - Global memberships and affiliate memberships are also available at the international level
    - Think of those who are employed and paid to teach outside of a traditional school setting. She challenged the chapter to find these people and make them leaders in our chapter.
    - Mentor/TOY Program
    - Create a balance of working and retired members
    - Extend a hand of fellowship to people beyond our comfort zones
    - Don't be afraid of positive change! New members bring passion and enthusiasm we all need.
- Remember NC DKG President Janie Webb's GRIT—How does an oyster create a pearl? With GRIT! (an irritant) We must use our "grit" to create proteins for advocacy, action, and agents of change in our chapter and beyond. Pearls take time to create. We are a dedicated gritty oyster, but our pearls are being strung.
- Ms. Kiser is working on creating opportunities for cross regional activity

Ms. Kiser closed her remarks and presented all members with a pink pen to remind us to be proactive, positive, and professional. She noted October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Her closing words were, "If you need me, let me know. I want to help. I am yours in service."

Following the program, President Robertson presented Ms. Kiser with a Gamma Chi bag and a card of appreciation including a $50 donation to the NC DKG Educational Foundation in her honor.

Opening of Business Meeting: President Robertson officially called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM. Recording Secretary Melanie Burnette stated there was a quorum with 22 active members and one esteemed guest present. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Debra Clayton presented the Treasurer's Report with the following numbers as of June 30, 2026.

June 30, 2026	Checking	Savings
Income	$11,292.01	$9,051.58
Expenses	$5,408.93	$7,024.01*
Balance	$5,883.08	$2,027.57

**The $7,024.01 for expenses in savings was moved to checking to cover convention costs and grants/scholarships.*

August 31, 2026	Checking	Savings
Income	$6,098.08	$2,027.57
Expenses	$2,741.68	-----
Balance	$3,356.40	$2,027.91 (includes $0.34 interest)

Treasurer Clayton noted that one check has not cleared VGCC for a Grant-In-Aid recipient. Our balances are comparable with last year at this time. With no questions regarding the report, it was received and filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Corresponding Secretary Evelyn Hall reported get well cards were sent to Brenda Fuller, Martha Ann Overby, and Norma Retzlaff.

Recognitions: President Robertson recognized the following members:

- All members with July, August, and September birthdays received a hand sanitizer and tissues

- The Mystery Member for this meeting based on clues in the newsletter was Elaine Coleman.

President's Report: President Robertson called on Recording Secretary Melanie Burnette to provide a summary of the Executive Board and Planning Committee Meeting held July 15th. The following items were shared:

- The 2026-2028 Gamma Chi Chapter Strategic Plan was approved
- Meeting dates for this biennium were approved
- Chapter rules were amended to reflect birthday cards will no longer be sent to all members
- Easter and Christmas cards will no longer be sent to reserve members
- All current projects will be funded at the same level as the previous biennium.

Afghan Committee: Afghan Committee Chair Danylu Hundley noted that $108 was collected this evening for the Afghan campaign. The committee will continue the same process used last year.

Awards Committee: Awards Committee Chair Dr. Sylvia Alston facilitated the taking of pictures for Member of Excellence recipients, Milestone recipients, and Perfect Attendance. Volunteers were asked to deliver certificates to those unable to attend. Dr. Alston announced recipients for state awards. Danylu Hundley was nominated for the Golden Key Award, and Earlene Clanton was nominated for the Rising Star Award. Dr. Alston closed by encouraging all members to start working now to obtain the 150 points needed to qualify for the Member of Excellence Award next September. Additionally, an incentive is in place for perfect attendance. All members who attend all four meetings this year will have their name entered in a drawing for a free meal at the September 2027 meeting. Nancy Tunstall was this year's winner.

Beginning Teacher Support Committee: Beginning Teacher Support Chair Sheila Robertson shared the New Teacher Bag Project will continue. She encouraged members to attend the New Teacher Bag Stuffing Event. This date is yet to be determined and will be emailed to members.

Chapter Rules Committee: Committee Chair Norma Retzlaff noted the newsletter contained the proposed amendments recommended by the Executive Board and Planning Committee. The amendments include:

- Eliminate sending birthday cards to all members
- Eliminate sending Christmas and Easter cards to reserve members due to the continual increase in the cost of stamps.

The Rules Committee moved to amend the Gamma Chi Chapter Rules as stated in the newsletter. The motion passed.

Communications & Membership Committee: Communications & Marketing Committee Chair Nancy Tunstall shared that the updated yearbooks and picture directories were emailed. Members should save these documents for future reference. Brochures are also available at tonight's meeting to share with others about Gamma Chi, and more can be attained from Committee Chair Tunstall at any time. President Robertson will deliver brochures to the local library.

Finance Committee: Finance Committee Chair Nancy Tunstall shared that proposed budgets for checking and savings were shared in the newsletter. The Finance Committee moved to adopt the proposed budgets, and the motion carried.

Membership Committee: Membership Committee Member Nancy Tunstall encouraged all members to complete and/or update their biographical sketch. She offered to assist anyone with the process. She encouraged members to continue to search for worthy candidates for membership and to use the brochures provided for recruitment. The Membership Committee moved to accept the resignation of Diana Bobbitt. The motion passed.

Planning Committee: President Robertson, chair of the Planning Committee. moved to accept the Proposed Gamma Chi Strategic Plan as listed in the newsletter. The motion passed.

Scholarship Committee: Scholarship Committee Chair Betsy Clark shared the committee plans to continue funding at the current level, and contributions will be needed for this purpose. The forms are available if anyone needs one.

Closing: With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM. The Warrenton Group conducted the raffle, and $61.00 was collected. Additionally, 51 books were collected for distribution by Santa Claus in Warrenton in December.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie B. Burnette
Recording Secretary

Present: Kirby Alston, Dr. Sylvia Alston, Crystal Brantley, Melanie Burnette, Earlene Clanton, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Jill Coleman, Sara Council, Robin Edwards, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Brenda Holloman, Danylu Hundley, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Chris Skinner, Rachel Smith, Nancy Tunstall

Honorary: Josie Myrick

Reserve: Karen Paynter

Absent: Teresa Abbott, Ginny Bernard, Katrinka Brewer, Brooke Callahan, Elaine Coleman, Aimee Cooper, Sallye Duncan, Katy Jones, Laura Kearney, Renee Mizelle, Jenny O'Meara, Heather Sharp, and Patricia Williamson

Guest: Sonya Kiser

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:
Debra Clayton, Treasurer
573 Ridgeway-Warrenton Rd
Norlina, NC 27563

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
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 **Tuesday, January 19, 2027.**
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:
   Betsy Clark, Scholarship Chair
   129 Vaughan Gin Rd
   Macon, NC 27551-8987
   252-586-4585 (h) or 252-204-1820 (c)
   clarbetsy32@gmail.com
7. To receive the award, the recipient ***must provide*** her student ID# and address of financial aid office of the institution she is attending no later than **April 21, 2027** to Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Marketing Chair, at nancytunstall@gmail.com.
8. A recipient ***is expected to attend*** the Gamma Chi meeting on **May 13, 2027** 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:

1. 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

2. 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?

4. List activities.
   a. Professional b. Community

5. List honors.
   a. Professional b. Community

6. Include your fall transcript.

7. List two references (one must be an educator and neither of the references can be a family member):

   Name _____

   Address _____

   _____

   Telephone _____

   Name _____

   Address _____

   _____

   Telephone _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date _____

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

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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 **Tuesday, January 19, 2027.**
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*** no later than **April 21, 2027** her student ID# and address of the financial aid office of the institution she is attending to Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Marketing Chair, nancytunstall@gmail.com, or information on payment for National Board Certification to Debra Clayton, Treasurer, at msdebrac@gmail.com.
7. A recipient ***is expected to attend*** the Gamma Chi meeting on **May 13, 2027** to receive her award and have her picture taken for publication.

APPLICATION:

3. Personal Data:

   Name of Applicant _____

   Address _____

   _____

   Telephone _____ e-mail _____

4. 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?

8. List activities.
   a. Professional b. Community

9. List honors.
   a. Professional b. Community

10. List two references (one reference must be an educator and neither of the references can be a family member):

    Name _____

    Address _____

    _____

    Telephone _____

    Name _____

    Address _____

    _____

    Telephone _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date _____

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