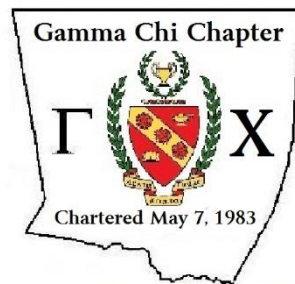


# Gamma Chi Newsletter

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



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year Gamma Chi Sisters!!! 2015 will be a busy year! March Madness is upon us not only in basketball but also in Gamma Chi! As you are aware, we will commence 2015 by meeting March 5<sup>th</sup> at Robinson Ferry Restaurant in Warrenton (yum, yum!!!). If you have not made your pledge for the 100 Challenge which will advance the work of the Eta State Educational Foundation, supporting education and educators, you will have the opportunity to do so at that meeting. Let's not forget our afghan ticket money! Remember to sell or purchase your tickets to help promote our scholarship fund. Also, at that meeting we will hear from our scholarship committee with their recommendations for our scholarship and grant-in-aid recipients, and we will elect potential new members. Additionally Mary Catherine Harris will present a program on her trip to Zambia. How exciting to have one of our sisters to present a program! I know that everyone will want to come out and support Mary Catherine and the other endeavors that we have going on at that meeting.

Do not forget that the state convention will be in April in Chapel Hill. Let's celebrate Gamma Chi at the convention by committing to attend.

See you in March!

In sisterhood,

Debra W. Clayton

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## MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, March 5, 2015

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner Meeting

Robinson Ferry Restaurant

Please be prepared to let your telephone network contact know your choice of **River Rub Chicken** (two boneless chicken breasts marinated, seasoned & chargrilled), **Grilled Salmon** (deliciously seasoned and grilled) or **Tangy Glazed Pork Loin** (bone-in pork loin roasted and glazed with a honey Dijon-horseradish sauce). Cost: \$20.00 (includes dessert, tax and gratuity; make checks payable to Robinson Ferry or please try to have the correct amount). Use the Odom entrance—two steps up to get to the banquet room which is on the right after entering the building.

**Cut-Off Date: Monday, February 23**

Program Speaker:

**Mary Catherine Harris**

**Zooming in on Zambia: Lessons Learned**

The Telephone Network should call members for a meal count. (The Warrenton Group will need to bring items for the raffle.)

## BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ Money to buy \$1 raffle tickets
- ☞ Contribution for the International project, **Schools for Africa**; to receive a tax deduction, make your check to U.S. Fund for UNICEF and put Schools for Africa in the Memo line
- ☞ If you would like to pick up some afghan tickets for sale, they will be available at the March meeting. Ticket money is due at the May meeting, but if you would like to turn it in early, you may do so at the March meeting. The drawing for the afghan will be held at the May meeting. At that time all sold ticket stubs, unsold tickets and money will be due.
- ☞ Box Tops and Labels for Education; will benefit the elementary schools and the middle school.
- ☞ If you would like to support the convention project, please bring a gift card or needed item—see article on p. 3.

## BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

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



## TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the December meeting, \$60.00 was collected from the meeting raffle and \$50.00 of it was used to provide a donation to the Eta State Pauline Longest Leadership Fund in honor of Eta State President Pat Taylor who was our guest.

Members were very generous in their contributions. World Fellowship donations totaled \$130.00; \$1,529.00 was given as honorariums and/or memorials for the Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund (\$1,000.00 was given by the Blankenship family); \$162.00 was raised by the Afghan raffle; \$75.00 was donated to International Funds; \$25.00 was donated to Eta State Scholarships; and Eta State President Pat Taylor donated \$25.00 for Schools for Africa in honor of the Gamma Chi Chapter due to the members who covered their bingo cards as Pat informed them of DKG events.

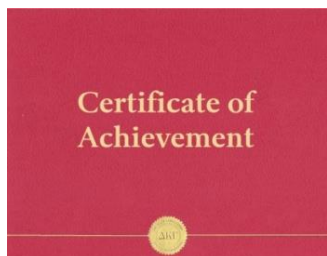
Donations for International funds were sent in honor or memory of the following women: World Fellowship Fund in honor of Pat Taylor (Eta State President and speaker at the meeting), Emergency Fund in honor of Melba Johnston, Educational Foundation Fund in honor of Edith Allen, Scholarship Fund in memory of Nancy Blankenship, International Speaker Fund in honor of Nell White and the Golden Gift Fund in honor of Jean White.

Gamma Chi members certainly supported our chapter's efforts towards reaching the superior level of chapter achievement. With the contributions received at this meeting, sixty points were added to the total points that our chapter needs.



## CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD UPDATE

Our chapter has done an outstanding job in meeting the goals listed on the Chapter Achievement Award form. Our form has been turned in and we have achieved a total of 520 points which qualifies us for the Superior Achievement Level and hopefully the Presidential Award (given to the five chapters scoring the most points and reaching the Superior level)! To view the completed form, go to our website and click Forms. Please consider attending the Eta State Convention to support our chapter as we receive this prestigious award.



## HOSPITALITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS REPORT

by Paula Aycock, Hospitality and Social Affairs Chairman

Meal costs are to be paid at each meeting upon arrival. Members who are unable to attend after making a commitment to come must inform the Hospitality Chair Paula Aycock, at [paycock1020@yahoo.com](mailto:paycock1020@yahoo.com), 252-213-1760 (c) or 252-456-3766 (h) by the cut-off date of **Monday, February 23<sup>rd</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 (they could get you a carry-out meal if so desired). **The money is needed the night of the meeting so the caterer can be paid in full.** Thank you in advance.



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Membership Chairman

First, let me commend the members who turned in recommendation forms for potential new members. These potential new members will be presented and voted on at our March meeting and will then be given an orientation session before they make a decision on whether to join DKG or not. Please be present to hear about these potential members and to vote on their recommendations.

So far we have received 21 biographical sketches. Thanks goes out to those who have helped our committee to meet the goal of having a biographical sketch of each of our members. Please click <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/members.html> to read the bio sketches. We are hoping to hear from the rest of you in the near future.

President Pat's Message

## SHARING OUR PASSIONS



If we are passionate about mentoring future leaders, the result of sharing our passion for leadership may result in future leaders who wish to have the same passion that we have shared. If our passion is our membership in the Society, the result of sharing our passion may be that non-members will see and know more about the Society and may want to become a part of the network of key women educators worldwide.

The month of February is an opportune time to share our love and passion for Delta Kappa Gamma, in the form of actions, with non-members and with members in Eta State and on each level of the Society. We can, as our international president, Lyn Schmid says, "Pick a passion!" *Pick a passion and share it! One person's passion may be another person's stepping-stone to success! Together, we are stronger!*

Read the entire message at:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/Presidents%20page.htm>.

## THE 100 CHALLENGE

Launching A Dream



Excitement mounts as Eta State moves closer to realizing its dream of The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. Members all across the state are filling out their pledge cards. At our last meeting, 14 members turned in their pledge cards with \$150.00 as the total amount pledged.

Your last chance to fill out a pledge card will be at our next meeting. If you do not have the one from your brochure, there will be pledge cards available at the meeting. **Remember:** The donations represented by challenge pledges are to be collected only after the IRS grants 501(c)(3) status to the Foundation and after ratification of the Enabling Act by the Eta State membership, anticipated at the 2015 Eta State Convention. Your donation will be tax deductible. Chapter presidents are asked to collect the pledge cards and send them to their Regional Director by March 15.



## ETA STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE



"Dare to Lead" will be the theme. The convention will be held at the Chapel Hill Sheraton. A highlight of the convention will be our International Representative, Becky Sadowski who is our Southeast Regional Director. She is from Xi State (Tennessee).

Members are encouraged to attend. Friday night will be of much importance to Gamma Chi as we will receive the Superior Chapter Achievement Award, the Newspaper Excellence Award and the Website Excellence Award. Please be there to cheer for our chapter! Deadline for early registration is **April 3**.

Saturday morning will be used to conduct Eta State business. Saturday afternoon will have a variety of interesting workshops. Finally the Presidents Banquet will be held Saturday night.

Sunday will begin with the Ceremony of Remembrance which will include the remembrance of Sue Skinner followed by the Celebration Brunch.

Gamma Chi Chapter already has two hotel rooms reserved so start thinking about packing your bags and getting ready to have a great time fellowshiping with your sisters from across the state at this upcoming convention!

**Go ahead and complete the registration form found at:**

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2015ConventionRegistrationform.pdf>. Remember that you may apply for a Professional Development Grant to cover your expenses.

### 2015 CONVENTION PROJECT ANNOUNCED



The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford (MHCO), located in Oxford, NC, will benefit from the generosity of Eta State members this year. The Convention Arrangements Committee has announced that donations to the

home will be the convention project.

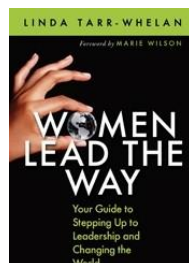
MHCO's goal is to help children who need a stable, caring and loving home. There are currently 53 residents, ranging from 3 years to college age.

You can find more information about the home by going to <http://www.mhc-oxford.org/index.html>. Stories from the residents on each page will warm your heart. A list of needed supplies and possible donation items can be found at <http://www.mhc-oxford.org/needslist/NeedsList.pdf>. In addition to the items listed, they would ask that you consider purchasing gift cards from the following stores and restaurants, which are local and convenient and which contribute directly to the lives and needs of the children—anytime of year and with the assurance that your

donation is giving to a specific purpose via this card. Increments of any amount are welcome and encouraged. Gift cards may be purchased from Walmart, Food Lion, McDonald's, Wendy's, Target, Burger King, Cracker Barrel, Taco Bell, KFC, Lowe's, Pizza Hut, Bojangles, Belk, JCPenney, or Subway.

Please bring your donation to the March meeting and it will be taken to the convention. The Convention Arrangements Committee appreciates your support of this worthwhile project to support children in the community

### "LEADERSHIP MATTERS" PRE-CONFERENCE



The convention Pre-Conference entitled "Leadership Matters... Especially for Women," presented by Jo Ann Norris, will take place Friday morning, April 24, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Participants are urged to purchase and read the book *Women Lead the Way* by Linda Tarr-Whelan prior to the convention. The book can be ordered online or as an e-book.

The registration form for this Pre-Conference is now posted on Eta State website's convention page at:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2015ConventionPreconference.pdf>. There are only 35 seats so register early!

### LEADERSHIP SEMINAR PLANNED FOR SUMMER

The four-day Leadership Seminar, "Cultivating Women Educators for Leadership," will be held at William Peace University, June 17 - 20, 2015.

Each chapter is being asked to recognize members (and potential members) who exhibit leadership, to encourage these women to participate in the seminar. The cost of the event will be approximately \$250.00. If interested, please apply for a Gamma Chi Professional Development Grant to help defray the cost.

The four foci will be communication skills, physical health, fiscal health, and professional growth. Breakout sessions will be offered in the first three foci, with topics which appeal/apply to educators at various stages of work/life. The Leadership Development Committee, sponsors of the seminar, plans to offer certificate renewal credit. In addition to growing in knowledge, past participants have realized genuine spiritual fellowship and long lasting friendships.



**William Peace University, in downtown Raleigh,  
will host the Leadership Seminar.**

(Note from Nancy Tunstall: Having attended the last Leadership Seminar, I can wholeheartedly endorse attending. Not only were the speakers outstanding, but the comradery was wonderful, the meals were delicious and facilities were great.)



Schools for Africa (SFA) became the Society's first official international project in 2010. To date, DKG has donated \$222,608 to this worthy project. Currently the project works with 13 countries in sub-Saharan Africa including Angola, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Guinea Bissau, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa and Zimbabwe. The SFA mission involves providing access to quality basic education for children, focusing on girls, orphans and other vulnerable youngsters. UNICEF works through this project with governments, local authorities, communities and other partners to:

- Foster community participation in school management
- Build and improve classroom buildings and equipment
- Create safe and protective environments where children can learn and play (CFS, Child-Friendly School programs)
- Provide access to clean water and separate sanitation facilities for boys and girls in schools
- Supply exercise books, pens, proper furniture and other school and sports materials
- Train teachers to provide children with quality education and basic life skills
- Educate children about proper hygiene and HIV prevention: this knowledge is passed on to siblings, parents, and the community at large
- Provide other interventions, including but not limited to health check-ups, immunization and scholarships
- Insure a stimulating start in life to children below age five.

According to UNICEF's most recent annual report on the Schools for Africa project, major gains have been made in:

- Early childhood development
- Access and retention to quality primary basic education
- HIV prevention in schools
- Education in emergencies.

The March meeting is our annual designated meeting to collect monies for this worthy project. ***You can make a difference!*** Please donate generously to help transform families, communities—and perhaps countries. Your gift of education is the chance of a better life. For a tax deductible donation, make your check to U.S. Fund for UNICEF.

### **LEADING FROM ANY CHAIR, BEING—'TRULY PRESENT'**

*Taken from DKG News, Jan/Feb 2015*

Can all DKG members lead? Where do they lead? At church, in the classroom, at home, in the community; in sports and theaters, hospitals and businesses. In short, everywhere!

What would it look like if members used their leadership skills in the chapter?

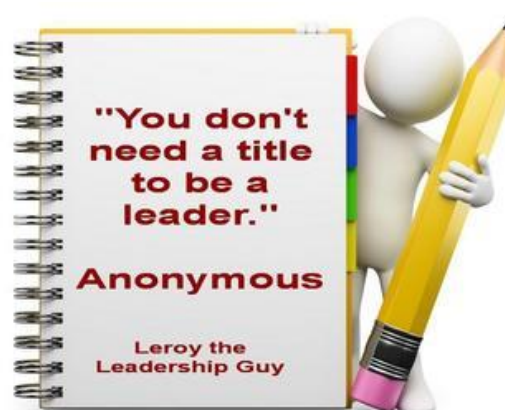
*Excellent attendance! Endless ideas for programs! Positive conversations! Educators begging to join!*

Can members lead from any chair in the organization? Yes, leaders are everywhere, no podium or title needed! A leader can be sitting quietly on the edge of any chair, listening passionately and with commitment, fully prepared to lead. The leader is any one of us.

Being "truly present" in chapters is more than attending; it is watching, learning and being willing to take our turn to serve the Society with our skills when it is time.

**"Yes, leaders  
are everywhere,  
no podium or  
title needed. . .  
The leader is  
any one of us."**

### **LEROY (Leadership Experiences Relevant to Others and Yourself)**



### **WHAT'S IN A NUMBER?**

*Taken from DKG News, Jan/Feb 2015*



### **17 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN 23 WORLD FELLOWSHIPS**

*Taken from DKG News, Jan/Feb 2015*



Thank you!!! Because of your donations, women from Africa, Asia, Central and South America, Europe and the Middle East have received \$4,000 each in 2014-2015 World Fellowship grants for graduate study at universities in Canada and the United States. Recipients' home countries, fields of study and universities show the vast impact DKG and the International World Fellowship Program have on education.



## TECH TIP

### Online tools sync and capture everything

*Evernote* is a web-based note taking tool that is also available as an app for tablets and smartphones. *Evernote* captures anything from recording audio to photos, from website pages to scanned documents and allows the user to find things quickly. Basic accounts are free. Save ideas, record audio, grab websites and add images to note-taking quickly and easily. Sync notes and notebooks across all devices. Search within *Evernote* by keyword, tags or scanned images and files. *Evernote* offers addins to help make all note-taking and idea generation easier. For the iPad, users may also add *Evernote Peek* to help create study materials from notes or *Penultimate* for sketching and scribbling handwritten notes to store within an *Evernote* notebook. Found at: <https://evernote.com> (Taken from *Presidents' Page*, Jan/Feb, 2013.)



**EVERNOTE**

## MYSTERY MEMBER



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. Her first teaching experience was as a Missionary Journeyman Teacher with the Southern Baptist Convention teaching mathematics and home economics in Jos, Nigeria at Hillcrest School, an International School with American Curriculum, for a two year period. Who is she?

If you do not know who the member is, you can find the answer by reading our members' biographies located at <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/members.html>. By reading the biographies, you will discover who the mystery member is.

The name of our mystery member will be revealed at the meeting.

### Check them out often!

#### GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:

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

#### ETA STATE WEBSITE:

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

#### DKG WEBSITE:

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

## DKG VISION STATEMENT

*Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education Worldwide*

## ETA STATE VISION (VIEW)

*Voices of Influence Empowering  
North Carolina Women Educators*

## 2014-16 INTERNATIONAL THEME

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

## 2013-15 ETA STATE THEME

*"Together We Are Stronger  
Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!"*

## 2014-2016 GAMMA CHI THEME

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1	Deadline for Golden Key Award nominations
March 5	3 <sup>rd</sup> Gamma Chi Meeting, Robinson Ferry Restaurant, Warrenton
March 15	Pledge cards for the 100 Challenge are due
April 3	Early Bird registration deadline for Eta State Convention and for the Pre-Conference
April 10	<i>Eta State News</i> deadline
April 13	<i>Gamma Chi Newsletter</i> deadline
April 24-26	Eta State Convention, Chapel Hill Sheraton, Chapel Hill (Region V)
May 1	Lucile Cornet Award for Professional Development Application due
May 7	4 <sup>th</sup> Gamma Chi Meeting, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway
June 15	Early Bird registration deadline for the Southeast Regional Conference
June 17-20	Eta State Leadership Development Seminar, William Peace University, Raleigh
July 15-18	Southeast Regional Conference, Westin Harbor Resort, Savannah, Georgia
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April 22-24	Eta State Convention, Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX)
July 5-9	DKG International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR CONVENTION PROGRAM

*Region III*

*Warren County*

# Gamma Chi Chapter

*2013, 2014 Presidential Chapter*

*Achievement Award Winner*

## Honors Its Leaders

*"Teachers as Leaders"*



*Nancy Tunstall*

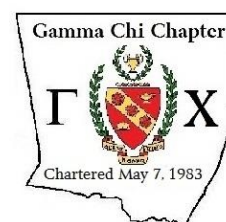
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## GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – DECEMBER 4, 2014

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Norlina United Methodist Church on Thursday, December 4, 2014. A Social Hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. was followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m., catered by women of the church. Prior to the meal, President Debra Clayton welcomed everyone and recognized Loree Harris, who offered the blessing.

Patricia Williamson introduced Pat Taylor, who used Bingo-style cards and music in her presentation of information from Eta State. On behalf of Gamma Chi, the president presented the speaker a token of appreciation in the form of a contribution in her honor to the State Leadership Fund and a scarf that she had made.

Karen Paynter and Sallye Duncan led the group in singing carols.

Debra Clayton called the business session to order. Recording Secretary Mary Catherine Harris reported attendance of 27 members and one guest. The minutes of the October 2, 2014 meeting were approved as printed and distributed with the newsletter. Shirley White, treasurer, presented her report, which showed a checking balance of \$2,055.06 and a savings balance of \$3,703.99. The report was filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Sallye Duncan read notes of regret from Jill Coleman and Laura Kearney, who were unable to attend the meeting. Debra Clayton reported that Janis Meek had also sent a notice of regret. Notes of sympathy had been sent to Laura Kearney, Katy Jones, and the Sue Skinner family.

Members with November, December, and January birthdays were recognized. The president expressed thanks to Shirley White for her diligence as treasurer of Gamma Chi and to Nancy Tunstall for her generosity in mentoring her in her presidency. Edwina Rooker was revealed as the Mystery Member. Nancy Tunstall was congratulated on the birth of her grandson.

During the President's Report, President Clayton asked members to consider supporting the new Eta State Educational Foundation through participating in the 100 Challenge, through which each region is challenged to get 100 pledges of \$10.00, due on March 15, 2015. The president stated that she anticipates Gamma Chi will meet requirements for the superior level of the Chapter Achievement Award.

President Taylor gave details of the State Convention to take place in Chapel Hill. She encouraged attendance at the Awards Ceremony and the Ceremony of Remembrance and also announced Professional Development opportunities. She encouraged the chapter to present a nominee for the Founders Award and ended her report by making a donation to Schools for Africa: \$2.00 for every Bingo card filled during the program.

The following committee reports were given:

- **Beginning Teacher Support Committee** – Mary Austell expressed thanks for the donations to the New Teacher Bags, for which the chapter was recognized at the November School Board Meeting. She reminded members to turn in their THAT reports. Mary Brodie Raiford and Jeffrey Evans were to send Christmas cards to new teachers and the Littleton group would send cards for Valentine's Day.
- **Finance Committee** – Tracey Neal called attention to the adjusted budget and stated that the committee recommends acceptance of the adjusted budget. The motion passed.
- **Membership Committee** – Nancy Tunstall reminded members to complete and submit their biographical sketches. She reminded that membership forms for prospective members are due on February 1. She also announced that requests for resignation had been received from Angela Vaughan and Louise Twitty. These requests were honored by vote of the members.
- **Scholarship Committee** – Shirley White reminded that forms are available online and are due February 1. She reported that Edwina Rooker had requested \$75.00 rather than \$65.00 for her Professional Grant. She made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Sylvia Alston. The motion passed. Shirley White announced that the children of Nancy Blankenship had again contributed \$1,000.00 to the fund in memory of their mother.
- **World Fellowship Committee** – Loree Harris reported that \$85.00 had been collected for World Fellowship. She encouraged members to reach the goal of \$125.00.
- **Rules Committee** – Loree Harris made the motion from the committee that the chapter approve an amendment to the Eta State Standing Rules that the Founders Award candidate must be a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society. The motion passed.
- **Afghan Committee** – Danylu Hundley commended members on their participation in the raffle.
- **Hospitality Committee** – Paula Aycock welcomed everyone on behalf of the committee.
- **Spelling Bee Committee** – Ginny Bernard announced the date of the Warren Education Fund Spelling Bee, March 20, 2015, and reported that the registration fee had been submitted.
- **Remembrance Committee** – Shirley White announced that the sending of birthday cards was continuing, along with Christmas cards to reserve members. She gave reports on Melba Johnston, Nell White, and Harriett Faulkner.

Pat Taylor expressed sadness at the recent death of Lynda Tamblyn, the Eta State Finance Committee chair. There was no unfinished business or new business. The president expressed appreciation to the Norlina group, who hosted the meeting and conducted the raffle. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Mary Catherine Harris, Recording Secretary*