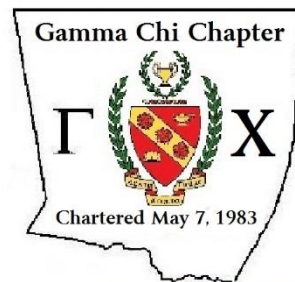


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Region III, Warren County



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, Gamma Chi Sisters!! The year is just whizzing by! I honestly do not know where January went!! Like others of you, I had a few days off of work due to the snow. Even though it was beautiful, I certainly hope we have seen all of it for one winter!

This year we will try a change in venue. We will meet at the Warrenton Church of God. At our meeting Nancy will have the program, *Everything You Need to Know about DKG*. She will be sharing a wealth of information with us. As you know, Nancy publishes our newsletter four times a year. Our chapter has been recognized at the Eta State NC Convention for our newsletter. It is a tremendous job, and Nancy puts a lot of time and effort into it. Please take the time to read your newsletter. It is a wonderful way to stay informed. If you read this newsletter, you will see on page 2 that Evelyn Hall was selected to participate in the 2018 Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, Texas. She is the first person from our chapter to receive this honor. Please congratulate Evelyn!

We have our own March madness with lots of things to remember, as Nancy listed in the newsletter—another reason to read the newsletter!!! Remember your afghan ticket money! Sell or purchase your tickets to help promote our Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Committee will present the scholarship and grant-in-aid recipient recommendations at our meeting.

Lastly, do not forget that the state convention will be in April in Charlotte. It is a wonderful opportunity to collaborate and network with many other Delta Kappa Gamma sisters.

See you March 1 at the Warrenton Church of God!

In sisterhood,

Debra W. Clayton

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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, March 1, 2018
6:00 p.m. Social Hour
(Fruit Salad Appetizer)
6:30 p.m. Dinner Meeting
Warrenton Church of God
512 S Main St., Warrenton, NC

Cost: \$15.95

(Make checks payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and write Meal in the memo line or please try to have the correct change.)

The meal will consist of baked chicken, pork BBQ, coleslaw, green beans, baked macaroni & cheese, rolls, lemon pound cake, coconut cake and beverage (lemonade or tea). (Note: you do not have to purchase dinner to attend the meeting. That is your choice. The program should begin shortly after 7:00 p.m.)

Cut-Off Date: Wednesday, February 21st

Presentation by:

Nancy Tunstall

Everything You Need to Know about DKG

Please respond to your Evite as soon

as possible and no later than February 21st!

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

BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ Money to buy \$1 raffle tickets
- ☞ Prospect Cards to nominate worthy key women educators
- ☞ Contribution for the International project, ***Schools for Africa***; to receive a tax deduction, make your check to U.S. Fund for UNICEF and on the memo line put: SFA, DKG – NC Gamma Chi Chapter; see page 5 for more information
- ☞ If you would like to pick up some afghan tickets for sale, they will be available at the March meeting. Many thanks to those who have already picked up tickets. 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; they will benefit the elementary schools and the middle school.
- ☞ If you would like to support the convention project, ***Helping Hands for Hurricane Matthew Aftermath***, please bring a gift card or donation—see article on p. 4 for details.

Our Chapter Achievement form has been completed. Click [here](#) to see the results.

OUR MARCH MEETING SPEAKER



We are very fortunate to have one of our own, Nancy Tunstall, presenting *Everything You Need to Know about DKG* at our March meeting. Topics covered will include the honor of membership, mission, vision, and purposes; why we were founded; benefits of membership; membership review; programs, projects, communications, events, insignia, traditions and change; the Educational Foundation; and the DKG Supporting Foundation.

Nancy received her BS degree magna cum laude with honors in mathematics from Wake Forest University where she also received her MA in math education. She attended under a graduate school fellowship.

In 1974 she began her career as a high school math teacher for four years at Norlina High School before moving to Vance-Granville Community College where she spent twenty-six years, first as a math instructor, then as a computer/information systems instructor and finally as the Coordinator of the Warren Campus when it opened in 1988 in Warrenton. During that time she continued to teach in the math, computer and office administration curriculums as needed until her retirement in 2004. While at the Warren Campus, she served on several boards and received various honors.

Since retiring she stays busier than ever. She maintains the database for three nonprofit organizations and enjoys her hobby of creating stained glass pieces. She is an active member of Jerusalem United Methodist Church. She enjoys reading, cruising and participating in bridge tournaments with her husband.

After joining DKG in 1999, Nancy has served two terms as chapter president. She has held various other offices and committee chair positions. She has been the editor of the newsletter since 2006 and the webmaster since 2011. As president, she instituted the Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award. She also started a system of recognition of members for their multiples of five-year milestones as members of DKG. At the 2012 Eta State NC Convention, she received the first ever Region III Golden Key Award for her dedication to DKG and the work she does behind the scenes to enable her chapter to fulfill the purposes of our great society. As Region III Director she had the opportunity to visit many chapters and get to know numerous fine women from across our region. She was appointed as a member of the Eta State NC Communications and Publicity Committee for the 2013-2015 biennium and chaired the committee from 2015-2017. For the last several years, she has designed and formatted the convention program book.

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!!!**



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- 🌸 **Brooke Callahan** on being selected as the school system's Stellar Performer by the Warren County Board of Education. She was honored at their January 23 meeting.
- 🌸 **Maria Smith** on the birth of her 1st grandchild, Noah Emerson Faucette, to daughter Angelica and husband, Blake. Noah was born on November 29 weighing 8 lb. 8 oz. and was 20 ½ in. long.
- 🌸 **Patricia Williamson** on being selected as the school system's Stellar Performer by the Warren County Board of Education. She was honored at their November 7 meeting.

EVELYN HALL IS SELECTED!

Congratulations to Evelyn Hall! The Golden Gift Fund Committee has announced that she has been selected as one of thirty (30) Delta Kappa Gamma members to participate in the 2018 Leadership Management Seminar. This two-week program will be held at the McCombs School of Business, The University of Texas at Austin, July 1 - 13, 2018. One other from NC will go.



The two-week DKG Leadership Management Seminar is offered in even years to develop the leadership, communication, and management skills of members. Valued in excess of **\$8,000**, the program, materials, travel, lodging and most group meals are paid by the DKG International Golden Gift Fund.

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

The Gamma Chi Chapter is so proud of Evelyn for receiving this honor and for taking the initiative to apply. This is the opportunity of a life-time! Our chapter supports her in this endeavor and is glad to pay her \$600 acceptance fee.



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the December meeting, \$65.00 was collected from the meeting raffle; this will be used to help our local libraries and the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Sold afghan raffle tickets brought in \$198.00. World Fellowship donations amounted to \$150.00. Eta State NC funds received \$20.00 and \$50.00 was given for DKG International funds.

Also, \$429.00 was received for the Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund through honorariums and memorials. Remember, honorariums and memorials may be made at any time throughout the year. It is a wonderful way to remember someone dear to you. This year the Blankenship family donated \$2,000.00 to the Scholarship Fund in memory of their mother, former member Nancy Peete Blankenship.



Thank You

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Publicity Chair



The January/February issue of *DKG News* is online. Click [here](#) to see it (must be signed in).

Print editions have already been mailed.

This edition contains some articles that are truly worth your attention. Among the many articles, you will read are

- Cathy Daugherty tops slate of 2018 DKG officials
- Information about all the other nominees
- Information and registration form for the July 16-20, 2018 International Convention in Austin, Texas
- Nita Scott takes over as executive director
- 2017-2018 World Fellowship recipients named
- Emergency Fund update.

Hot off the press is the online spring edition of *Eta State News*. This edition is filled with convention information, including the registration form. Remember that it is no longer mailed and must be viewed online. To view it, click on the link: <https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/esnspring2018.pdf>

Finally, please submit articles and news to Editor [Nancy Tunstall](#) by April 9 for the next edition of the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Publicity Chair



Thanks to all members who allowed their signature to be used in the letter to our legislators expressing our legislative concerns as noted in the 2017 white paper on legislative priorities found by clicking [here](#). Note: if you use a school email address, your name was not included in the letter. This letter was sent to Senator Angela Bryant, Representative Michael Wray and Representative Terry Garrison. As of this writing, the only response we have received is from Representative Terry Garrison. He writes, "Thank you for contacting me about the educational concerns of the Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Please know that I share your concerns. Further, I fully support all eight priorities determined for your organization and will urge my legislative colleagues to do the same as we consider legislation during the coming session(s). It is always good to hear from a friend and former colleague especially during this austere political climate."

Of more immediate concern is the need to let our legislators know that supporters of excellent public schools in North Carolina are very concerned by last year's unfunded mandate by the General Assembly that class sizes in K – 3rd grade classrooms be lowered. While lowering K – 3 class sizes is a worthy goal, it takes money to do that. The state did not provide such funding and additionally added that school systems could not use any of their state teacher allotment funds for art, music, world languages or physical education teachers. Local school systems also do not have the capital funds needed to provide the actual extra classrooms that lower class sizes will require. Local school systems are scrambling to find ways to do everything that is required, but it is doubtful that local governments will have sufficient additional funds to provide everything mandated by the state.

The Eta State NC Educational Law & Policy Committee urges all chapters to organize efforts to draw their legislators' attention to this conundrum faced by school systems across the entire state by emailing respective lawmakers, calling the offices of each and every legislator, visiting the General Assembly in Raleigh and meeting with Senators and Representatives, or signing the petition on this matter provided by the Public Schools

First NC organization. An Advocacy Day was planned for January 10.

I would ask that you keep abreast of the legislative changes that might affect education. You may keep up with legislation at the NC Association of School Administration by clicking <http://www.ncasa.net/> or at the Public Schools First NC by clicking <http://www.publicschoolsfirstnc.org/>. Also, the Raleigh News and Observer website can keep you well-informed at <http://www.newsobserver.com/>.

If you would like to keep up with events at the federal level, you may visit the U.S. Forum DKG website and read the U.S. Forum's newsletter entitled *U.S. Forum Connection*. It is found at <http://www.usforumdkg.org/us-forum-connection.html>. There is much going on in the world of education, and it is important for us to keep up with all that happens.

HOSPITALITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS REPORT

by Paula Aycock, Hospitality and Social Affairs Chair

Meal costs are to be paid at each meeting upon arrival. Members who are unable to attend after making a commitment to purchase the meal must inform the Telephone Network Chair Nancy Tunstall, at nancytunstall@gmail.com or 252-456-2051 (h) by the cut-off date of **Wednesday, February 21st**. When this is not done, members will be expected to pay for the meal. Please send your payment by an attending member or have a friend pay for your meal (they could get you a carry-out meal if so desired). **The money is needed the night of the meeting so the caterer can be paid in full.** Also, you are welcome to bring potential members as guests, but you will be responsible for paying for their meal. Thank you in advance.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Jennifer Wilker, Membership Chair



Please take a moment to look around at your school and observe the outstanding educators who would truly be an asset to our chapter and to DKG. According to our Purpose 2, we are supposed "To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education." One of the ways that we can carry out this purpose is to invite them to become members of the prestigious organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. According to our chapter rules, the requirement for active membership is, "An active member shares in financing chapter activities, participates in chapter programs and projects, contributes to committee work and may hold an office. An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator or who has retired from an educational position."

Member Prospect Cards are easy to fill out and are included at the end of this newsletter. Please fill out one or more cards then bring them with you to the meeting and turn them in to me. Our committee will present potential members for the chapter to vote on at the March meeting for initiation at the May meeting.



SUMMER LEADERS' TRAINING

The dates for the 2018 Summer Leaders' Training for new chapter leaders have been set: Friday June 22 in Greensboro; Saturday June 23 at Barton College in Wilson; and Tuesday, June 26 at Christmont in Black Mountain. The training will be for the incoming president, Educational Excellence Committee (our first vice-president) and Membership chairs, and treasurer. The closest one for our members will be at Barton College.

It is extremely important that new leaders pick one of these dates to attend training.

A WORLD FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT IN NC

North Carolina has a World Fellowship recipient from the Ukraine studying at NC State University, according to the International World Fellowship Committee.

The WF Committee encourages Eta State NC chapters and members "to provide a warm welcome to these Fulbright Scholars who have so well earned this recognition! A greeting card, postcard, email, phone call, little gift, any way that is comfortable for you as a way of communicating would be so very appreciated!" They continue, "It is difficult to transition to life in a new country; the appropriate behavior, customs, cuisine, foreign language, intense studies, and loneliness all factor into transcending this enormous challenge. Please show your support...let them know that there is someone out there who cares!"

The brochure from the World Fellowship Committee gives brief information on each of the recipients. For privacy reasons, please check the brochure for the name of the recipient studying here. If you are signed in to the DKG website, her name can be found in the brochure by clicking [here](#). If your chapter is willing to connect with the WF recipient studying in NC, email [President Connie](#) to get the student's contact information. Let's make her welcome.



NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE ETA STATE CONVENTION



"Let's SPARKLE"

will be the theme for the 2018 Eta State NC Convention to be held April 27-29 in Charlotte at the Hilton Charlotte University Place.

Be among the first to register for this year's convention. The interactive registration form can now be filled out by clicking [here](#). Early bird deadline is April 1, 2018. The registration fee will increase after that date.

Banquet and brunch meal ticket deadline is April 16 (hotel deadline). Materials may not be available to persons who register after March 26 or on-site.

Mail your registration form to Convention Treasurer Terry Norris by April 1, 2018.

Contact Convention Registrar Linda Truitt with any questions at ecmtruitt@gmail.com.

CONVENTION PROJECT ANNOUNCED

Helping Hands for Hurricane Matthew Aftermath



The chapters of Region VI have chosen Hurricane Matthew Aftermath as their Out-reach Project for the 2018 Eta State NC Convention.

Your helping hands will aid children and their families recovering from the devastation they are still feeling over a year later.

Doris Littlejohn, Convention Chair, explained about the project. "Citizens from Robeson County, part of Region VI, suffered the greatest devastation. Presently, most of the families have returned to their homes and have attempted to make their transition back to normalcy. Yet for others, the move back to their residences has been a very slow and grueling process. Some of the families moving back to their homes are experiencing difficulties and are trying to provide the basic necessities to survive. This project will assist displaced families in Robeson County with some of the relief they need. Items such as appliances, furniture, and bedding are big needs. Region VI will be working closely with United Way of Robeson County to make sure all children and their families obtain the items they need. Contributions are desired and will be appreciated."

How You Can Help with Convention Project: Donations to the Hurricane Matthew Aftermath project can be given in the form of a gift card, certified check, money order, or any other guaranteed currency monetary gift. The committee asks that no cash be given. Checks and money orders may be written to United Way of Robeson County with reference to the Eta State NC Convention Project. If there are any questions, Doris Littlejohn, Convention Chair, invites you to contact her at dalittlejohn1@bellsouth.net or leave a message at 910-276-8468.

SOME OTHER CONVENTION NOTES

by Nancy Tunstall

Gamma Chi would like for some of our members, especially our newer members, who have never experienced an Eta State NC Convention, to go this year. The registration cost is \$35. The banquet and Sunday brunch will add an additional \$79. If financial assistance is needed, click [here](#) to apply for a Gamma Chi Professional Development Grant. We already have three rooms reserved. It is definitely a worthwhile weekend! The networking alone could prove to be of great value to you, not to mention the genuine spiritual fellowship. Please contact Nancy Tunstall for more information if you are interested in going.



The **Rising Star** recognition at the convention this year will be given to deserving women from across the state to recognize and encourage key women educators in their early years of active membership in NC DKG. The Rising Star nominees will reflect strong potential for successful leadership at the chapter and state levels and beyond. Our own **Evelyn Hall** has been nominated for this recognition. We are very hopeful that she will be selected. Also, we hope that **Mary Catherine Harris** will receive the Golden Key Award.



The First General Meeting will begin on Friday evening, April 27 around 7:30. The highlight of that meeting will be the individual and chapter awards. Our chapter should be receiving the Superior Chapter Achievement Award, the Presidential Chapter Achievement (if we are among the top five Superior recipients) and the Communications Excellence Awards. Also, the Golden Key Awards will be presented.

The Second General Meeting will be Saturday morning with Eta State business conducted. Saturday afternoon will be chocked full of fun and interesting workshops. The banquet

honoring chapter presidents will be Saturday evening, along with Eta State NC Scholarship Awards presentations.

Finally, the convention will conclude Sunday morning with A Celebration of Life Ceremony for those members who passed during the previous year, the Birthday Brunch and the Rising Star recognitions.

So much will be going on at the convention—never a dull moment!!! Come be a part of the excitement. You will be glad that you did!

HEADQUARTERS BRICK PROJECT EXTENDED

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



Schools for Africa became the Society's first official international project in 2010. Members have donated, as of October 2016, over \$324,150 to the project. Currently the project works with 13 countries in sub-Saharan Africa including Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Sierra Leone and Guinea Bissau. 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.

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 and on the memo line put: SFA, DKG – NC Gamma Chi Chapter.

WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT

Our new Eta State NC President Connie Savell has promoted her wellness initiative goal. This goal includes water conservation.

At our last meeting, members approved a water conservation project by committing to the presservation, conservation and healthy consumption of water. Anyone who did not receive the handout on water conservations tips can see Nancy Tunstall for a copy of these tips or go to <https://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to->



[conserve/?view=list](#) to see an extensive list of suggestions for the conservation of water.

Hopefully, you have already been able to use some of these tips, and you may even be seeing a reduction in your water bill!

MYSTERY MEMBER



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *She received the Gamma Chi Grant-in-Aid all four years while working on her undergraduate degree. While in college she became the student teacher of the year—an indication of things to come. She began her career as a reading specialist. Later she was chosen to be a certified mentor. As time proceeded, she served in many positions, always doing an outstanding job. She eventually served as principal and was chosen as Principal of the Year. She has been a faithful member of Gamma Chi for many years. Several years ago, her new job began—being a grandmother which she thoroughly enjoys! Who is she?*

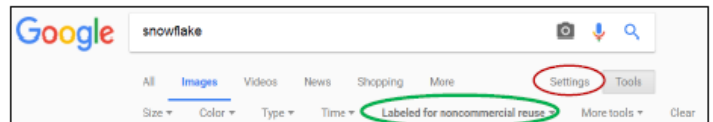
If you do not know who the member is, you can find the answer by reading our members' biographies by clicking [here](#). The name of our mystery member will be revealed at the meeting.

TECH TIP—Clip art for websites and newsletters



Googling for just the right graphic to call attention to your newsletter article? Even typing in "free" clip art does not mean the graphic is copyright free!

Try this helpful hint next time you use Google images: After you click on Images, go to the right and click on Settings (circled below in red) and then Advanced Search. Go all the way to the bottom and find "usage rights." Click on the drop down box and choose the second option "free to use or share" and click on Advanced Search. You should then see "Labeled for noncommercial reuse" in the options bar (circle in green). Any graphic you see now is copy-right free and you're good to go!



DKG CONVENTION JW MARRIOTT AUSTIN, TEXAS JULY 16-20, 2018

It is time to make your plans for Austin and the International Convention this summer!

Hotel reservations may be made online or by calling 844-473-3959. The JW Marriott is the convention hotel. Ask for the DKG Convention block. Convention registration opens February 1.

The Vendor and Exhibitor Application is online at http://www.dkg.org/DKGDocs/2018_Convention_App_Vendor.pdf and is due April 15, 2018.

The convention schedule is posted online at http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/DKGMember/Events/2018_International_convention/Schedule.aspx. Registration opens at

7:00 am July 16 and the Opening Meeting Texas Night begins at 6:30 pm.

For convention information and updates, go to <http://www.dkg.org>, click on Events, 2018 Austin.



Connie Savell

Let's SPARKLE!

Goals:

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

As Eta State President, I have visited 14 chapters and attended two regional activities last fall, learning about your involvement in schools and communities around our state. Collectively we are providing scholarships, grants, and money to support education and Eta State is **SPARKLING** by making a difference in many lives!

In reading chapter newsletters, I continue to learn more about chapters and the programs and projects you support. The reports I have read have given me a glimpse of the heartbeat of the chapters and given me some suggestions on how the state leadership can assist more effectively. I would like to encourage chapter presidents to complete the Chapter Report by February 1.

Things to think about.... potential new members, accepting leadership roles, planning for meetings, and attending state and International conventions in the New Year. As you review the past year, remember to embrace challenges with passion and determination because you are making a difference in your communities!

Connie

Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
2017-2019

LEROY (Leadership Experiences Relevant to Others and Yourself)

I have my registration form and hotel reservations made for the April 27-29, 2018 Eta State Convention. I hope you have completed your forms. My list of "hidden leaders" continues to grow and I am so excited to learn what you have been doing as a "Key Woman Educator." Let's share!



LEROY the Leadership Guy

DKG VISION STATEMENT

*Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*

ETA STATE NC VISION (VIEW)

*Voices of Influence Empowering
North Carolina Women Educators*

2016-2018 INTERNATIONAL THEME

*DKG: Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*

2017-2019 ETA STATE NC THEME

"Let's SPARKLE!"

Check them out often!

GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:

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

ETA STATE WEBSITE:

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

DKG WEBSITE:

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1	3rd Gamma Chi Meeting
March 1	Chapter Achievement Form due to Cheryl Wright, regional director for Region III
March 1	Nominees for the Golden Key Award and the Rising Star Award due to the Awards Committee
March 1	Application for the Communications Excellence Award due to the Communications & Publicity Committee
April 9	Deadline to submit to the Gamma Chi Newsletter
April 27-29	Eta State NC Convention, Hilton Charlotte University Place, Charlotte, NC (Region VI hosts)
May 1	Deadline to apply for a Lucile Cornet Individual Professional Development Award
May 7	Gamma Chi Founders Day—Happy 35 th Birthday!
May 8	4th Gamma Chi Meeting
May 11	DKG Founders Day—Happy 89 th Birthday!
May 15	Initiate Fees are due
June 23	Summer Leaders' Training for our incoming president EEC and Membership chairs and treasurer; it will be held that Saturday at Barton College in Wilson
July 16-20	DKG International Convention, JW Marriott, Austin, TX
2019	
June 27-29	Southeast Regional Conference, Crowne Plaza Tennis and Golf Resort, Asheville, NC
May 3-5	Eta State NC Convention, Hickory, NC

Please submit events, celebrations, recognitions and news to:
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GAMMA CHI CHAPTER OF WARREN COUNTY, REGION III AN AWARD WINNING CHAPTER



*Presidential Chapter
Achievement Award*

2013
2014
2015
2017



Golden Key Award



*Nancy Tunstall
2012*



*Shirley White
2014*



*Mary Austell
2017*



*Mary Catherine Harris
2018 Nominee*



*Rising Star
Award*



*Debra
Clayton
2016*



*Ashley
Barnette
2017*



*Evelyn Hall
2018
Nominee*

Founders Award



*Dr. Janis Meek
2017*



*Newsletter
Excellence Award
2008-2016*

*Website
Excellence Award
2012-2016*

*Communications
Excellence Award
2017*



GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – DECEMBER 7, 2017

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Norlina United Methodist Church on Thursday, December 7, 2017, beginning with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. President Debra Clayton convened the meeting, welcoming Eta State NC President Connie Savell. Charis Shattuck offered a blessing for the meal, catered by the Norlina United Methodist Women.

Following the meal, Connie Savell presented the program, commending Gamma Chi Chapter for participation on the state level. Promoting her theme, "Let's Sparkle," she shared her dream that each member will use her influence to spread stories of positive things in education. She encouraged care for self and for one another. On behalf of Gamma Chi, Clayton presented Savell with a card telling of a donation in her honor to the NC Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation, along with a poinsettia donated by Lassiter's Nursery.

Diane Colin and Sallye Duncan led the group in singing carols, and Danylu Hundley shared Christmas scrambles she had discovered among her mother's teaching materials.

The president called the business session to order.

Mary Catherine Harris, recording secretary, gave the attendance report, noting 31 members and one guest. The minutes of the October meeting were approved. Shirley White, treasurer, reported current balances of \$2,572.70 in checking and \$6,587.70 in savings. The report was accepted and filed.

In the absence of Corresponding Secretary Aimee Anderson, Nancy Tunstall reported that cards had been sent to Sallye Duncan and Diane Reavis, noted that Aimee Anderson had received a NC DKG Educational Foundation Grant, but had been unable to use it due to work responsibilities, and shared correspondence from Richard Blankenship and the NC DKG Education Foundation. Updates on members and attendance regrets were given.

Members with November, December and January birthdays were recognized. Mary Catherine Harris was revealed to be the Mystery Member.

The president's report included the following:

- Clayton presented the Golden Key Award pin to Mary Austell.
- Three rooms have been reserved for Gamma Chi for the Eta State NC Convention in Charlotte in April.
- The president encouraged the following: increased commitment to membership; support for NC DKG Education Foundation; and individual participation in Angel Tree project of Department of Social Services.

Committee reports were as follows:

- Sylvia Alston, Awards chair, presented the Rookie of the Year Award to Jennie O'Meara and recognized Harriet Banzet with a pin for 40 years of active membership.
- Norma Retzlaff reported that 72 New Teacher bags were delivered during American Education Week.
- Shirley White, reporting for Tracey Neal, Finance chair, presented the adjusted budget.
- Nancy Tunstall, reporting for Jennifer Wilker, Membership chair, reported a membership of 60 members: 47 Active and 13 Reserve. She noted four resignations: Anna Brickey, change of residence; Heidi Hogan, schedule conflict; Jamie Pernell, family responsibilities; and Sharon West, illness. Tunstall made a motion, on behalf of the Membership Committee, to accept the resignations. The motion carried. Tunstall also reminded of the vote on new initiates in March. She distributed membership prospect cards.
- Evelyn Hall, Nominations chair, encouraged members to consider nominations for the upcoming biennium.
- Jill Coleman, Scholarship chair, reminded that scholarship applications are due in February.
- Loree Harris, World Fellowship chair, announced collection of \$150 for World Fellowship.
- Sylvia Alston announced that \$180 had been collected for the Afghan project.

New Business items included:

Nancy Tunstall made a motion to pay the \$600 acceptance fee for Evelyn Hall, if accepted, to attend the two-week DKG Leadership Management Seminar at the University of Texas in Austin, funded by the DKG Golden Gift Fund. The acceptance fee would come from the Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund. The motion passed.

Nancy Tunstall called attention to the Water Conversation Project and made a motion for Gamma Chi to make a commitment to following the water conversation tips listed in the handout. The motion passed.

Danylu Hundley read a note of appreciation from Elizabeth Moseley for books donated for children at the Warren County Health Department.

Shirley White presented a poinsettia to Debra Clayton.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m., following which the Norlina Group conducted the raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Catherine Harris, recording secretary

Active members present: Sylvia Alston, Mary Austell, Paula Aycok, Harriet Banzet, Ashley Barnette, Ginny Bernard, Crystal Brantley, Brooke Callahan, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Jill Coleman, Diane Colin, Sallye Duncan, Evelyn Hall, Patricia Hargrove, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Danylu Hundley, Donna Liles, Janis Meek, Renee Mizelle, Jenny O'Meara, Martha Ann Overby, Karen Paynter, Diane Reavis, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Charis Shattuck, Maria Smith, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White.

Active members absent: Aimee Anderson, Kay Beaver, Diana Bobbitt, Kristen Boyd, Melanie Burnette, Elaine Coleman, Brenda Holloman, Katy Jones, Laura Kearney, Lynne Lassiter, Tracey Neal, Trina Paynter, Erin Simons, Chris Skinner, Jennifer Wilker, and Patricia Williamson.

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