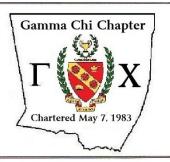
# Gamma Chi Newsletter

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



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# FROM THE PRESIDENT/EDITOR/WEBMASTER

I hope that you have gotten off to a good start in 2014. If we take advantage of them, I think 2014 will offer us some outstanding opportunities to grow personally and professionally. First on our list of opportunities will be the Eta State Convention on April 25-27 in Greenville. We had six members to attend last year, and I think each one of them will tell you what a great time they had—genuine spiritual fellowship with like-minded women, pride in our chapter at its awards, and useful workshops. This year we will not have too far to travel. Later in the summer, the International Convention will be held in Indianapolis on July 28 through August 1. That is an experience that each member should try at least once. I certainly hope that you will avail yourselves of these opportunities.

I would like to commend all the members who contributed to the Scholarship Fund and World Fellowships at the last meeting. For the fourth year in a row Gamma Chi's contributions to World Fellowships *exceeded* our budgeted goal of \$100.00. I am so proud of all the members who contributed.

Our March meeting is fast approaching and we have so much to anticipate. This important meeting will see the election of outstanding women educators as new members whom we will welcome in May. The election of our officers will start us in preparing for the new biennium. We will eagerly look forward to our program on women's health presented by Elizabeth Moseley, our member Danylu Hundley's daughter. We will also be taking up a contribution for *Schools for Africa*, our International project.

Please make plans to join your sisters at the Robinson Ferry Restaurant for delightful fellowship. We will have room enough to conduct our meeting raffle. The proceeds will be used by our spelling bee team to purchase misspelled words. I am sure we will have a delicious meal awaiting us. As we come together in fellowship, I feel sure that you will join me in "sharing our vision and supporting our society."

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### GAMMA CHI WEBSITE ADDRESS www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi

#### **MEETING NOTICE**

Thursday, March 6, 2014 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 **Catfish**, **Barbeque** or **Chicken Cordon Bleu**. Cost: \$15.00 (includes tax and gratuity; make checks payable to Robinson Ferry or please try to have the correct change). Use the Odom entrance—two steps up to get to the banquet room.

Cut-Off Date: Sunday, March 2

# Program Speaker: Elizabeth Moseley The ABCs of Women's Health Issues

The Telephone Network should call members for a meal count. (The Warrenton Group will need to bring items for the raffle. Proceeds will be used to supply the Warren Education Fund Spelling Bee Team with funds to purchase misspelled words.)

#### **BRING TO THE MEETING:**

- Money to buy \$1 raffle tickets (proceeds aid our Spelling Bee Team to compete successfully at WEF Spelling Bee)
- Contribution for 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 Vaughan Elementary School; Brooke Comer is responsible
- New and/or gently used resource materials or teacher supplies; these supplies will be distributed to beginning teachers in Warren County; Danylu Hundley & Sylvia Alston are responsible

## **CONDOLENCES TO:**



Mildred Stewart Johnson on the loss of her husband, Charlie Johnson. Please keep Mildred Stewart and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

- **Q Lou Ann Bender** on the birth of her granddaughter, Laurin Alexis Bender, to son Jonathan and his wife Jill. Laurin was born on January 14 weighing 10 lb. 5 oz. and was 22 ½ inches long.
- Rebecca Bolton and husband Allen on the birth of their son, Sinn Jackson Bolton, born December 7 weighing 6 lb. 13 oz. and was 19 ¼ inches long.
- Brooke Comer, Guidance Counselor at Vaughan Elementary School, on being honored during the Board of Education Meeting on January 14, 2014 as Warren County Schools' Stellar Performer.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the December meeting, \$125.00 was raised for our World Fellowship donation. Members contributed \$779.00 to the Scholarship Fund and the Blankenship family gave \$1,000.00 in memory of their mother, Nancy Blankenship. The meeting's raffle

yielded \$70.00 of which \$50.00 was donated to Citizens Against Violence in honor of our speakers. Our



\$50.00 was donated to Citizens Against Violence in honor of our speakers. Our Afghan project yielded \$18.00.

#### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**



Now is the time to be thinking of nominating new members. We continue to lose members due to death and resignation. Do not limit yourself to just classroom teachers. Think of administrators, instructional assistants and/or college level educators.

Look at our chapter profile at the end of the newsletter to see who would balance our chapter. Feel free to bring a prospective member to a regular meeting. Guests are always welcome. The Recommendation for Membership (Form 11) can be found on our website under Forms. Fill it out, save it, attach it to an e-mail and send it to Membership Chair Patricia Williamson at <a href="williamsonp@mac.com">williamsonp@mac.com</a>. Every member should at some point recommend someone for membership! Remember, someone recommended you.

#### **MENTORING MEMBERS (M&Ms) TEAM REPORT**

by Dr. Sylvia Alston & Danylu Hundley, M&M Team Leaders



The team would like for you to bring new and/or gently used resource materials or teacher supplies to the next meeting for distribution to our beginning teachers in Warren County.

Note cards, addresses, etc. have been delivered to our reserve member Melba Johnston, and she is excited about supporting our members who are still

working as she writes notes of encouragement and care.

Please consider inviting a reserve member to ride with you to the meeting. Going to Robinson Ferry Restaurant will be a nice outing for them.

The team also recommends that if you need a ride to the meeting, let your telephone network person know. She can give you the names of some members in your area who are going and perhaps you can carpool. Remember the "golden rule" and DKD for DKG (Doing Kind Deeds for Delta Kappa Gamma).

#### **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 525 points which qualifies us for the Superior Achievement Level and probably 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.

#### **AFGHAN COMMITTEE REPORT**

by Danylu Hundley, Afghan Committee Chair

If you have not done so, please, plan to pick up your raffle tickets at the meeting. They will be printed in batches of six. The afghan will be raffled off at our May meeting. Sold tickets stubs and money may be turned in at the March meeting and *must* be turned in at the May meeting along with unsold tickets. Tickets will sell for \$3.00. If you prefer not to sell them, please buy them for yourself or friends.

As you know, Josie Myrick, Sylvia Alston's mother, generously donates her time and talents in crocheting the afghan.



Yarn is furnished to Josie by Sylvia. Not only does Josie make the afghan for our chapter to raffle, but she also makes one for Gamma Mu, Sylvia's former chapter. She has made an afghan each year for that chapter for many years. Josie Myrick has done this year's afghan already. With the yarn furnished, she will crochet the afghan for both Gamma Chi and Gamma Mu for 2015. Hopefully, both chapters will have much success with the afghan raffle to raise funds for the scholarships for new teachers.

With generous contributions and funds raised from the Afghan Raffle, the chapter now has the following financial aids available:

- Scholarships for members pursuing graduate degrees valued at \$500.00
- Grants-in-Aid for nonmembers pursuing a degree in education valued at \$500.00
- NBCT Grants for members pursuing certification or recertification valued at \$500.00
- Professional Development Grants for members or prospective members valued at up to \$250.00

Members are encouraged to take advantage of the scholarships, NBCT grants and professional development grants.

#### **DISCOVER WEB 2.0 APPS & WEBSITES**



Web 2.0 refers to the read, write, interactive world of the Internet. With free tools over the Web, creating content of all kinds is easier than ever. In this issue we will look at **SignUpGenius** found at www.signupgenius.com.

What is SignUpGenius? If you are a group leader and find yourself organizing volunteers, meals, service projects, or events, SignUpGenius can make your life a lot simpler! Now

you can coordinate it all online—FREE! Our chapter successfully used SignUpGenius to coordinate the items for the New Teacher Bags. It eliminated duplication and helped us to have exactly what was needed for the bags. All you have to do is follow four steps.

**Step 1 - Build Your Free Sign:** Choose a professional theme and enter the dates/times/items and slots you need

Step 2 - Invite Your Group Members: Use email invites, or send people the link yourself. Make your sign up public or private.

*Step 3 - People Sign Up Online:* Your members can sign up 24-7, and SignUpGenius will notify you by email when someone signs up.

Step 4 - SignUpGenius Sends Email Reminders: You can customize when reminders are sent. Members can receive them by email or text.

#### **ADVERTISEMENT FOR CONVENTION PROGRAM**



# ETA STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE



"Dare to be Courageous" will be the theme. A highlight of the convention will be the celebration of Eta State's 80th year as a part of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Region II and a special ad hoc committee are planning some fun activities and special events with our birthday in mind.

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 5*.

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 Betsy Brown followed by the Celebration Brunch celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

Go ahead and complete the registration form found at: <a href="http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2014ConvRegistration.pd">http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2014ConvRegistration.pd</a>
f. Remember that you may apply for a Professional Development Grant to cover your expenses.

#### **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

by Connie King, Nominations Committee Chair

The Nominations Committee presents the following slate of officers for the Gamma Chi Chapter for the 2014-2016 biennium:

President: *Debra Clayton*First Vice President: *Patricia Williamson*Second Vice President: *Loree Harris*Recording Secretary: *Mary Catherine Harris*Corresponding Secretary: *Sallye Duncan*These positions will be voted on at the upcoming meeting.

#### **SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA**



Schools for Africa became the Society's first official international project in 2010. Currently the project works with 13 countries in sub-Saharan Africa including Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali, Ethiopia, Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone and Madagascar. 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
- Non-formal 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.

### TOP TEN REASONS TO CELEBRATE ETA STATE IN 2014

President Pat's Message (Pat Taylor, Eta State President)



Eta State has much to look forward to in 2014 and President Pat outlines some of them in her "top ten reasons Eta State members will want to celebrate 2014." Included in her top ten are our 80th Birthday Celebration; opportunities, workshops, awards, and our international guest at the convention; continued progress to establish an Eta State Educational Foundation; and new officers

training. Her Number One reason Eta State members will want to celebrate 2014 is "because it is another year of quality fellowship and networking with Delta Kappa Gamma sisters in sisterhood, faith, and support of one another as leaders in education! Have a wonderful New Year in Eta State!"

Read President Pat's complete message for January on the Eta State website at:

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

#### **MYSTERY MEMBER**



As members are starting to turn in their biographies, we are finding out some interesting facts about our members.

This newsletter's mystery member went in search of employment after graduating from college and made a wrong turn in Essex. Because of this wrong turn she ended up teaching in Warren County for thirty-two years. Who is she?

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

If you know the answer, you will have an opportunity to write down the mystery member's name and your name on a slip of paper and put it in a basket upon arrival at the meeting. During the meeting, someone's slip of paper will be drawn and if she correctly identified the mystery member, she will win a bag of M&Ms which will remind us of our new project: *Mentoring Members*.

Please be working on your biography and submit it to Webmaster Nancy Tunstall for editing and to be placed online. We want to know all about you!

#### **MEAL PAYMENT**



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 Telephone Committee Chair Kristen Boyd, at 252-915-9579 (c) or <a href="mailto:krboyd@vcs.k12.nc.us">krboyd@vcs.k12.nc.us</a>, or Hospitality Chair Paula Aycock, at 252-213-1760

(c) or 252-456-3766 (h) or paycock1020@yahoo.com, by the cut-off date of Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</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.

# GENERATIONAL DIFFERENCES WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?

(The following information is taken from Birkman International, Inc.)

Just as effective use of gender and ethnic diversity initiatives can boost the productivity and effectiveness of an organization, preparing members to appreciate generational differences can benefit chapter teams. Organizations that understand how to address generational differences successfully and leverage each generation's strengths will be better able to keep members motivated and productive.

**Traditionals** (born before 1945) grew up in a time of crisis in the aftermath of the Great Depression and during World War II. Dealing with economic hardships made them disciplined and self-sacrificing, and their reward was living the American Dream and enjoying a lifetime of steadily rising affluence. Typically disciplined, loyal team players who work within the system, they are respectful of authority, patient and follow the rules. Obviously, they have a vast knowledge legacy to share and embody a traditional work ethic.

**Baby Boomers** (born 1945 to 1964) are the largest generation in the United States and typically grew up amid economic prosperity, suburban affluence and strong nuclear families with stay-at-home moms. They tend to be optimistic, ambitious, cooperative, and focus on their personal accomplishments. They believe in working long-hours and expect the younger generations to adopt this approach. They have ruled the workplace for years and are comfortable with the culture they created.

**Generation X** (born 1965 to 1980) grew up as "latchkey" kids in a world of divorce and working moms. This led to independence, resilience, adaptability and an "I don't need someone looking over my shoulder" attitude. They seek more work-life balance and like fun in their lives.

**Generation Y** (born since 1981) were raised at the most child-centric time in our history. Due to the great deal of attention and high expectations from parents, they are confident and may appear cocky. They're good multi-taskers, having juggled sports, school, and social interests growing up.

How do we involve our younger members? Is it in a different way from our Traditionals and Baby Boomers? Unlocking the secrets that keep members of different generations motivated and engaged is essential to retaining them as members. Understanding the differences and needs of the younger members of a chapter is, therefore, key to their retention.

Recent discussions regarding the digital-only distribution of *Eta State News* demonstrated how generational differences play a significant role in how members look at transitions.

Our chapter members without email are probably in the Traditionals age group and the ones accepting it without question and wondering what took us so long are the Generation X and Generation Y. Most of our chapter leaders probably fall in the Baby Boomers and how they view this new change will guide their chapters.

Each generation should be valued for their strengths. Younger members might enjoy sharing their digital editions with older members, even explaining how to access it online, while the older members can convey changes they've seen in technology since they started teaching. Accepting change might not be easy but generations have done it. Think of the change our Founders made!

#### THE TRAGEDY OF EASTER ISLAND

by Nancy Tunstall



As you can see, our itinerary took us to Easter Island. I would like to give you a bit of history to let you know about what a tragic past Easter Island has suffered. Around 400 A.D. approximately 100 Polynesians made landfall at Easter Island (called Rapa Nui by the indigenous people) led by a Polynesian chief by the name of Hota Matu. They were lost, but found the island (15 miles long and 8 miles wide—at its widest) such a lush tropical paradise full of vegetation, palm trees, numerous seabirds and good fishing that they decided to stay there. From the 100 settlers the population grew to around 10,000 by the 1600s. They developed their own written language (the only Polynesians to do so) and their worship of the sun and their ancestors. They developed stone carving and began to carve statues of their ancestors called moai or the living faces of their ancestors. They were carved from the hardened volcanic ash rock from the side of one of the three craters of extinct volcanoes that formed the island. The moai have exaggerated large heads, bodies and no legs. The impressive monoliths average around 13 feet tall and weigh 14 tons although some are smaller and later ones were designed to be as tall as 60 feet and weighing 400 tons. About 890 of them have been found.

Unfortunately, competing tribes kept building larger and larger moai. By the 1600s, they had deforested the island of all trees using them to move the moai from the quarry to where they were mounted on platforms. By deforesting the island, they could no longer build canoes to fish, birds no longer came to the island and soil erosion caused the farming to be poor. The tribes developed stone head spears and went to war with each other over what little food that could be found and the population decreased to about 4,000. They again became peaceful and were doing fairly well. They had developed a competition called the birdman cult. Once a year chiefs sent their strongest young men to the cliffs of Orongo where they dived off the cliffs, swam through shark infested waters to the

largest islet about one mile offshore, secured the first egg laid by the few remaining birds (wrens), swam back to the cliff and climbed the cliff returning the egg to his chief. The first one to deliver his egg to his chief was honored for a year and that chief was in charge of fairly distributing what food there was for that year until the next contest. Then the first westerners, Dutchmen, arrive on Easter day, 1722 hence the name Easter Island. They stayed only one day but they left syphilis behind which ravaged the population and when Captain James Cook arrived less than 60 years later, he found a sickly people who had toppled their moai (the ancestors had deserted them) and the population was down to about 2,000. The death blow came in 1862 when slavers from Peru came and took many islanders. When the surviving few were returned in 1877, they brought with them smallpox which decimated the population down

to 111 indigenous people. Chile has taken Easter Island as a territory and it is now a protected national park. Archeologists have erected many of the moai and they have discovered that the sunken eye sockets of the moai once had eyes. The whites were made of white coral and the pupils were made of obsidian. Also all of them had a topknot called a pukao on their heads made of a red stone that either represented elaborate hairdos or red feather head dressing worn by chiefs. All of the moai face inland to watch over their people except for seven which legend says represents explorers sent out to find new land



Ko Te Riku with reconstructed eyes

for them as conditions started deteriorating. Archeologists note that the seven are aligned to the sun at the equinoxes and may have been used as a calendar.

#### **BIRTHDAY PRESENTS**

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



March 6	3 <sup>rd</sup> Gamma Chi Meeting, Robertson Ferry Restaurant,
	Warrenton
April 5	Deadline for early registration for the Eta State
	Convention; registration form at:
	http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/2014ConvRegist
	<u>ration.pdf</u>
April 8	Gamma Chi Newsletter deadline
April 10	Eta State News deadline
April 25-27	Eta State Convention, Greenville Hilton, Greenville
	(Region II)
May 1	4 <sup>th</sup> Gamma Chi Meeting, St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
	Ridgeway
May 1	Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award form due
June 20	Eta State Officer training in Goldsboro for incoming
	president, treasurer, EEC chair, and Membership chair
July 10	Eta State News deadline
July 28-Aug.1	International Convention, JW Marriott, Indianapolis,
	Indiana
	Indiana

**DATES TO REMEMBER** 

#### GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – DECEMBER 5, 2013

The Gamma Chi Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Thursday, December 5, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Norlina United Methodist Church in Norlina, North Carolina. Nancy Tunstall, president, welcomed those present. She recognized Loree Harris, who offered a blessing, after which members and guests enjoyed a meal prepared by women of the church.

Following dinner, the president introduced the speakers for the program, Dana Watkins and Anna Cervantes, who shared information about the local Citizens Against Domestic Violence. In appreciation, President Tunstall presented a donation to Citizens Against Domestic Violence in honor of the speakers.

President Nancy Tunstall called the meeting to order. Thirty-five members were present, along with three guests.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Treasurer Shirley White reported a savings balance of \$3,035.85 and a checkbook balance of \$1,813.07. She noted a total membership of 63 members, 51 Active and 12 Reserve, in Gamma Chi Chapter. She reported that dues to Eta State and DKG International had been paid in the amount of \$3,104.20. The treasurer's report was accepted and filed.

Corresponding Secretary Sallye Duncan reported regrets from Harriet Banzet, Connie King, Renee Mizell, and Sharon West. She had sent cards to Mildred Stewart Johnson and Jeffrey Evans and received a thank you card from the family of recently deceased member Betsy Brown.

Several members were recognized by the president: Maryanne Henry, on completing certification for the Targeted Reading Intervention Program; Shirley White, on her outstanding service as treasurer of Gamma Chi; and members with birthdays in November, December, and January. The president also recognized the Mystery Member, Martha Overby. She encouraged all members to submit their biographies, from which information is taken for the Mystery Member. Nancy Tunstall also recognized her guest, Evelyn Hall, Health Science Admissions Coordinator at Vance-Granville Community College.

Nancy Tunstall gave the President's Report. Nancy recently visited Vance County's Xi Chapter and gave a presentation about Schools for Africa. She will attend the annual Holiday Brunch sponsored by the Wake County Coordinating Council for the eight chapters in Wake County. She noted that it appeared that Gamma Chi Chapter could reach 520 points on the Chapter Achievement form and be recognized with the Superior Level of Achievement. She encouraged each member to do her part. She stated that we are still lacking tax-deductible contributions to some DKG funds and Eta State funds and encouraged donations. She gave a reminder of the theme for the convention, "Dare to Be Courageous," and noted that the convention will include celebration of Eta State's 80<sup>th</sup> year as part of DKG. She encouraged members to attend.

Nancy Tunstall made a motion that Gamma Chi pay for one and one-half rooms and the registration fee for the president-elect and the first vice-president-elect for the convention. Sylvia Alston seconded the motion and the motion carried. The president suggested that other members interested in attending the convention and desiring assistance fill out a Gamma Chi Professional Development Grant form and submit to Mary Ann Johnson prior to the March meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

**Membership:** Chair Patricia Williamson encouraged members to submit a Recommendation for Membership form to her by February 1. President Tunstall encouraged members to strive for diversity in recommending new members and to be attentive to preventing a decline in membership.

Scholarship: Chair Mary Ann Johnson reported that Edwina Rooker had completed a Gamma Chi Professional Development Grant application requesting \$65 tuition for a creative writing course. The Scholarship Committee made a motion to grant the request by Edwina Rooker for \$65 to take the course. The motion carried. Mary Ann Johnson also reported that Gamma Chi Scholarship and Grant-in-Aid forms had been updated and were online with the deadline of February 1. Members would vote on recipients at the March meeting and the recipients would be invited to the May meeting to receive the awards. Members were encouraged to apply for the Eta State and International scholarships, which are due also on February 1. International forms are on the DKG website and the State form is on the Eta State website. The Gamma Chi NBCT Grant and the Professional Development Grant applications are on the Gamma Chi website, and members may apply at any time. Members were also encouraged to contribute to the Scholarship Fund. Nancy Tunstall read a note from Nancy Blankenship's children which had accompanied a \$1,000 donation to the Scholarship Fund.

World Fellowship: Chair Loree Harris reported that \$114.00 was raised for World Fellowship.

**Afghan:** Chair Danylu Hundley encouraged members to take raffle tickets for the afghan. She noted that \$1,350 had been collected over the past two years.

**Mentoring Members:** Team Leader Sylvia Alston presented a motion from the committee that the Chapter provide additional support for beginning teachers by asking members to bring new or gently used teacher items to each meeting, provide a child-care service at the three meetings that take place at churches where there are facilities for child-care, and to allow our reserve member, Melba Johnston, to write notes of encouragement to members who are still employed as professional educators. The motion carried.

**Other:** Member updates included: Sue Skinner was at home; Harriett Falkner was doing well; Pat Riethmeier was adjusting well to her recent move. Reserve members who had received visits were Louise Twitty, Edith Allen, and Nell White. Mary Austell expressed appreciation for items brought to the October meeting for the new teacher bags and reminded members to turn in THAT forms. Nancy Tunstall reported progress on enlisting officers for the next biennium. Ginny Bernard asked for support for the Warren Education Fund.

There was no new or unfinished business.

Paula Aycock conducted the raffle. Nancy Tunstall expressed appreciation to the Norlina Group for hosting the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Catherine Harris for Jeffrey Evans, Recording Secretary

#### GAMMA CHI CHAPTER PROFILE

#### **General Chapter Information:**

Date of Chapter Charter: May 7, 1983

Members when chartered: 39 Members 10 years ago: 57 Members 5 years ago: 65 Members at date of profile: 63 Date of profile: January 18, 2014

#### **General Member Information:**

- 1. What factors prompted you to accept the invitation to member in DKG? (May choose more than one)
  - 45 the honor of membership
  - 7 professional development opportunities
  - 9 leadership development opportunities
  - 49 fellowship and networking with other key women educators
  - 9 scholarship and grant opportunities
  - <u>5</u> other (Supporting local education; support female educators; help promote education for young people in the area; opportunity to collaborate with other educators and give back to the community; to become involved in the education community)
- 2. What factors encourage you to remain a member of DKG? (May choose more than one)
  - 39 the honor of membership
  - 11 professional development opportunities
  - 7 leadership development opportunities
  - 56 fellowship and networking with other key women educators
  - 5 scholarship and grant opportunities
  - <u>6</u> other (Trying to help other educators; support female educators; help promote education for young people in the area; contribute to projects and scholarships; service to education; opportunity to collaborate with other educators and give back to the community)
- 3. Do/Did you have a Society mentor?
  - <u>21</u> Yes
  - 42 No
- 4. Are you a mentor for another member?
  - 3 Yes
  - 60 No
- 5. Have you ever recommended someone for membership in the Society?
  - 33 Yes
  - 30 No
- 6. Have you recommended someone for membership in the last five years?
  - 17 Yes
  - 46 No

#### Who are Our Members?

- 7. Membership Status:
  - 23 Active (employed)
  - 28 Active (retired)
  - 12 Reserve
- 8. Highest Degree Earned:
  - 0. Associate
  - 31 Bachelors
  - 27 Masters
  - 2 Specialist
  - <u>3</u> Doctorate
- 9. Years in Society:
  - 13 5 years or less
  - 10 6 10 years
  - 16 11 20 years
  - $11 \quad 21 30 \text{ years}$
  - 13 more than 30 years

- 10. Generational Information (Year of Birth)
  - <u>3</u> Born 1981 2000 (Generation Y)
  - 11 Born 1965 1980 (Generation X)
  - 28 Born 1946 1964 (Baby Boomers)
  - <u>21</u> Born 1922 1945 (Traditionals)
- 11. Ethnic/Cultural Background:
  - 62 Commission
    - 62 Caucasian
    - 1 Asian-American
- 12. Years in Education:
  - 1 5 years or less
  - 3 6 10 years
  - 8 11 15 years
  - $\frac{9}{16} 20$  years
  - 18 21 30 years
  - 23 more than 30 years

#### **Experience and Areas of Expertise:**

- 13. Position (or last held):
  - 10 Administrator
  - 33 Classroom Teacher
  - 4 Counselor
  - 0 Special Education
  - 4 Specialist
  - 1 Private Instructor
  - 6 Librarian
  - 1 Resource or Assistant
  - 0 Music/Art
  - 0 Sports Instructor/Coach
  - <u>4</u> College or University Instructor/Professor
  - <u>0</u> Corporate Trainer
  - <u>2</u> Other (ESL Tutor; Research Associate):
- 14. Educational Setting
  - 36 Pre-K/Elementary
  - 8 Junior High/Middle School
  - 13 High School
  - 3 Central Office/District
  - 2 Technical/Two-year degree programs
  - 4 College/University
  - 0 Corporate/Medical
  - <u>1</u> Private/one-on-one
  - 1 Other
- 15. Sector:
  - 58 Public
  - 8 Private
  - 1 Self-employed
  - 0 Corporate
  - 0 Other