

Gamma Chi Newsletter

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



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome, sisters, to 2021. We made it, and I am more hopeful than ever that this year is going to bring blessings to us all, despite (or because of) change. Please take some time to review our newsletter because there is much information to share. We are embracing technology for our upcoming meeting by stepping into a virtual Zoom environment. Please don't worry if you haven't had much experience with this way to communicate because we are going to be learning together. We'd like to send a shout-out to Jenny O'Meara for setting up our meeting and facilitating it for us on January 16. Feel free to come in your pajamas and bring your coffee.

Even though 2021 is upon us, I have a homework assignment for you to close out 2020. If you haven't already, please visit the Facebook page of Aycock Elementary School. You will find inspiring videos of story time and their very own Festival of Lights. I am so proud of our current and reserve Gamma Chi sisters from Aycock and celebrate their dedication to their students. I promise that you will watch more than once!

Until we meet, please continue to take care and be safe. I'm looking forward to "zooming" with everyone soon.

In sisterhood,

Evelyn Hall

[Evelyn Hall](#)

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Saturday, January 16, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Location: in the comfort of your own home!

Join our Zoom Meeting

<https://ecps.zoom.us/j/85924050856>

Call in

Dial +1 929 205 6099

When prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 859 2405 0856
and follow directions.

(Note: Phone needed only if your computer doesn't have a microphone; calls are long distance. No evite will be sent, but an email with the link will be sent as a reminder on Friday, January 15th)

Jenny O'Meara begins the meeting with a brief how to best use Zoom tutorial for those unfamiliar with Zoom.



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Diane Colin** on being the recipient of a Bright Ideas education grant awarded by Halifax EMC. She will receive \$1,858 for her project, "Don't Stop the Music," to be used at Vaughan Elementary School.
- Jenny O'Meara** on her Hummingbird Stories podcast. See page 2 for more details.
- Trina Paynter** on being a finalist for a National Center for Learning Disabilities' Everyday Champion Award. Nominations and awards recognize people for their dedication to success of students with learning and attention issues during the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly with remote learning. To read the entire article published in *The Warren Record*, click [here](#).





SUCCESSFUL PODCAST!

The introduction tells the story of a raging fire ravaging a forest. All the animals fled to the edge of a stream feeling powerless to do anything except for one small hummingbird who plunged into

the stream and scooped as much water as it could into its beak. It flew back to the fire to spray water on it—going back and forth again and again. The other animals watched in disbelief and awe. They told the hummingbird that it was too small and its wings would catch fire. Never ceasing its efforts, the hummingbird told them, “I’m doing what I can. I’m doing something.”

The following explanation of the podcasts is taken from the website: “Children deserve great childhoods. This is a story of those who believe the same. We explore how schools and communities work together to create transformative experiences with young people, work to bend the system, and chase the question: What will it take for every child in North Carolina to not only have a sound basic education, but to have catalytic experiences that drive them to step boldly into the futures they deserve and create a better world?”

Two principals, Donnell Cannon and Jenny O'Meara, interview school designers, community organizers, learning engineers, and education activists to learn what we should be thinking about when it comes to reimagining the future and the steps we can take today to create better schools, better childhoods, and better people tomorrow.”

The podcasts can be found by clicking [here](#). Please find time to listen to some of these inspiring podcasts. They are well worth your time. Kudos to Jenny and Donnell for taking the time to do these interviews!

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



The 2020-2021 proposed budgets, found at the end of the newsletter, will be presented for approval at our January 16 meeting.

Thank you, Gamma Chi Sisters, for generously donating to our scholarship fund. Received from members through honorariums and memorials was \$740.00 plus \$2,000 from the Blankenship family. Remember, donations may be made at any time throughout the year. It is a wonderful way to remember someone dear to you.

AWARDS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Dr. Sylvia Alston, Awards Committee Chair

The Awards Committee will be recommending nominees for you to vote on at the January 16th meeting for the following NC DKG Awards: Golden Key Award for Region III, Rising Star Award and Founders Award—all to be given at the NC DKG Convention this spring. The Golden Key and Rising Star are annual awards, but the Founders Award is only given in odd years. Our own Nancy Tunstall (2012), Shirley White (2014), Mary Austell (2017) and Mary Catherine Harris (2020) are recipients of the Golden Key Award. Debra Clayton (2016), Ashley Barnette (2017) and Evelyn Hall (2019) received the Rising Star Award. And last, but not least, Dr. Janis Meek received the prestigious Founders Award in 2017. We would like to see some of our members once again receive these awards at the convention.

NC DKG appreciates the time, the talent, and the dedication of those who work to improve the lives of students and women through educational excellence, leadership opportunities, and community service. The state organization will celebrate the contributions of some of these outstanding women at the 2021 convention in Asheville.

The Founders Award recognizes a NC woman who has made outstanding contributions to the improvement of human life through education, research, and/or service. She may or may not be a member of DKG but her actions are far reaching and support our vision.



The Golden Key Award honors members who have made significant contributions to DKG at the chapter level, often behind the scenes without glory or personal gain.

The Rising Star Award will be given to women in their early years of DKG membership, seven years or less. These members demonstrate strong potential for successful leadership at the chapter and state levels and beyond.



Also at the upcoming meeting, our committee will be recognizing milestone members with service ranging from five to fifty years! Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and disruption of our meetings, we will not be recognizing perfect attendance or member excellence awards. Hopefully, we can resume these awards for the 2021-2022 year starting next July 1.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Aimee Cooper, Membership Chair

Please take a moment to look around not just at your school, but in any area where instruction is being performed, and observe the outstanding educators who would truly be an asset to our chapter and to DKG. To be considered for membership, a candidate:

- must be a woman employed in educational work or retired from an educational position,
- must exhibit professional qualifications, leadership potential and personal qualities,
- must be willing to accept the responsibility of attendance in chapter meetings and want to participate in chapter projects, and
- must meet the obligation of paying dues each year.

Member Prospect Cards are easy to fill out and are included at the end of this newsletter and on our website by clicking [here](#). The card(s) may be submitted anytime to Membership Committee members or Chair Aimee Cooper at aimeeanderson@hotmail.com, and the prospects will be presented at the following meeting for chapter approval. Please don't delay in filling out a card!



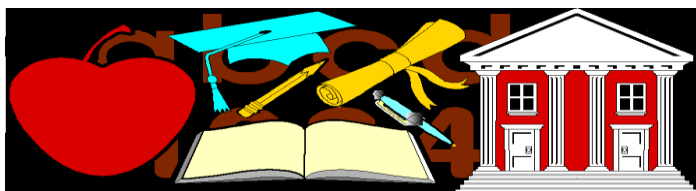
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Betsy Clark, Scholarship Chair



Please take time to look at the **Dates to Remember** on page 4 to see the deadlines for various scholarships and grants. Also, if you know of a senior at any of our high schools, a colleague or someone who is pursuing a degree in education, please tell her about our grant-in-aid for non-members. This includes non-certified employees of Warren County Schools who may wish to begin an education degree program. Our committee will be meeting soon after the January 20 deadline to review applications for our Gamma Chi Scholarship(s) and Gamma Chi Grant(s)-in-Aid.

By being members of Delta Kappa Gamma, we are charged with carrying out Purpose 5: *To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships (grants-in-aid) to non-member women educators.*



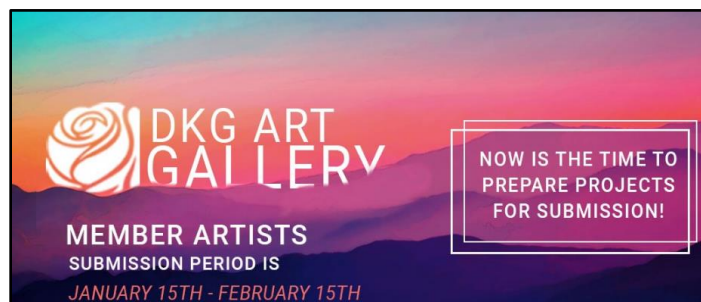
NEW ROUND OF GRANTS OFFERED



For the first time, the NC DKG Educational Foundation is offering a Spring cycle of grants! This new round is in addition to the grant opportunities due each year in September. The deadline for these new grants is **January 31, 2021**. Grants to be awarded include Continuing Education, Literacy/Learning Project, Groves-Little Early Career Educator, McCall Gifted Education or Fine Arts, Margaret Church Endowment, and Richards Endowment. Find the applications and more details at <https://www.ncdkgef.org/grants.html> (scroll down to Guidelines for All Grants).

The Foundation is approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Donations may be made anytime at <https://www.ncdkgef.org/donation-page.html>.

SHOW OFF YOUR TALENT NOW!



The Arts & Humanities Jury of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) will be accepting entries from January 15th through February 15th to the Spring 2021 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters. The Spring 2021 Gallery works will be available for viewing at www.dkg.org late this spring. The works will stay up in the Gallery for six months, after which they will be archived. Several of our members have had their work on display in the past.

To view the Fall 2020 Gallery, click [here](#). The following statement is taken from that online page: *"Art and love are the same thing: It's the process of seeing yourself in things that are not you."*—Chuck Klosterman.

There are four categories for submission. They are:

- **Visual** including photography, 2D Art and 3D Art
- **Video** including dramatics, film making, oratory and dance
- **Writing** including essay, playwriting, poetry and short story
- **Music** including original composition.

Documents and rubrics for all categories to help you with your submission are found [here](#). It is easy to submit. Any of our members who have submitted their work will be glad to assist you. These members include Brooke Callahan, Aimee Cooper, Sheila Robertson and Nancy Tunstall.

DKG MISSION STATEMENT

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

2020-2022 INTERNATIONAL THEME

*DKG: Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*

2019-2021 NC DKG THEME

Ready. Set. GROW!

2020-2022 GAMMA CHI THEME

GROW with Gamma Chi!

DKG VISION STATEMENT

*Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*

NC DKG VISION (VIEW)

*Voices of Influence Empowering
North Carolina Women Educators*

DATES TO REMEMBER—DKG INTERNATIONAL

January 3	Deadline for applications for the DKG Educational Foundation Projects
Jan. 15-Feb. 15	Submission period to submit your artistic works to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts
February 1	Deadline for scholarship applications to DKG International; \$6,000 for master's, \$10,000 for doctor's
February 1	Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadlines: May 1 and September 1)
March 1	Deadline to submit to the <i>Bulletin: Journal</i>
May 1	Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadlines: February 1 & September 1)
May 11	DKG's Founders Day (DKG will be 92!)
May 15	Deadline to submit to the <i>Bulletin: Journal</i>
July 7-10	International Conference, Portland, OR
July 21-24	International Conference, San Antonio, TX
2022	
July 12-16	DKG International Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana

Check them out often!

GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:

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

NC DKG WEBSITE:

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

DKG WEBSITE:

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

DATES TO REMEMBER—NC DKG

January 31	Deadline to submit an application for a grant from the NC DKG Educational Foundation
February 1	Deadline to submit to the <i>NC DKG News</i>
February 1	Deadline for scholarship applications to NC; \$1,000 for master's, \$4,000 for doctor's
February 1	Nominations for Founders Award due
February 1	Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Annual Report due
March 1	Deadline to submit Chapter Achievement form, Rising Star & Golden Key nominations, and Communications Excellence form
April 23-25	NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort, Asheville, NC
May 1	Deadline to submit to the <i>NC DKG News</i>

DATES TO REMEMBER—GAMMA CHI

January 16	Gamma Chi Zoom Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
January 20	Deadline to submit applications to Betsy Clark for a Gamma Chi Scholarship or a Gamma Chi Grant-in-Aid

Please submit events, celebrations, recognitions and news to:

Editor/Webmaster: Nancy Tunstall
Contact: nancytunstall@gmail.com / 252-456-2051 (h)



Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
2020-2021 Proposed Budget for Checking Account

Checking Account

Balance Brought Forward July 1, 2020

\$ 6,930.37

Estimated Receipts:

Dues:

International	44 @ \$40.00	Active	\$ 1,760.00
	13 @ \$20.00	Reserve	\$ 260.00
State	44 @ \$15.00	Active	\$ 660.00
	13 @ \$2.00	Reserve	\$ 26.00
Chapter	44 @ \$30.00	Active	\$ 1,320.00
	14 @ \$23.00	Reserve	\$ 299.00
Induction Fees	5 @ \$10.00		\$ 50.00
Pins and Ribbons	5 @ \$27.00		\$ 135.00
World Fellowship and other International Funds			\$ 125.00
NC DKG Funds			\$ 30.00
NC DKG Educational foundation			\$ 100.00
Schools for Africa			\$ 100.00
Meetings Raffles (4 @ \$50.00)			\$ 200.00

Total Estimated Receipts

\$ 5,065.00

Total Available for Budgeting

\$ 11,995.37

Estimated Expenses:

Dues and Fees

Dues:

International	44 @ \$40.00	Active	\$ 1,760.00
	13 @ \$20.00	Reserve	\$ 260.00
State	44 @ \$15.00	Active	\$ 660.00
	13 @ \$2.00	Reserve	\$ 26.00
Eta State Scholarship Fees	57 @ \$0.20		\$ 11.40
Gamma Chi Scholarship Fees	57 @ \$0.80		\$ 45.60
Induction fees	5 @ \$2.50		\$ 12.50

Total Dues and Fees Disbursed

\$ 2,775.50

Operating Expenses:

President's Expenses: Conventions, Workshops	\$ 800.00
Webpace Rental for One Year	\$ 36.00

Total Operating Expenses

\$ 836.00

Meeting Expenses:

Induction (Dinner, Roses)	\$ 110.00
Pins, Ribbons and Inductees' Fees (Recouped by initiates)	\$ 185.00
Memorial Service (Meals for family members)	\$ 60.00
Gifts and Flowers	\$ 200.00
Stationery and Supplies	\$ 75.00
Postage	\$ 50.00

Total Meeting Expenses

\$ 680.00

Special Expenses

Memorial Expenses (\$50 transferred to Scholarship Fund; Bud Vase to homes)	\$ 75.00
Brochures	\$ 200.00

Total Special Expenses

\$ 275.00

Contributions:

State Funds - Headquarters - 57 @ \$3.00; NC DKG Scholarship (\$15); Leadership Fund (\$15); NC DKG Educational Foundation (\$100) (Last three recouped by members)	\$ 301.00
International Funds - World Fellowship (\$100); Other International fund (\$25); (recouped by members)	\$ 125.00

Total Contributions

\$ 426.00

Special Projects

Warren County Memorial Library (recouped by raffle)	\$ 50.00
Littleton Library (recouped by raffle)	\$ 50.00
New Teacher Bag Project	\$ 100.00
American Cancer Society (Relay for Life)	\$ 50.00
Schools for Africa (Literacy) (recouped by members)	\$ 100.00
Recognitions (Pins for Member Excellence, Pins for Milestones, Perfect Attendance Pins, Birthday Gifts, etc.)	\$ 300.00
Advertisement in 2021 NC DKG Convention Program	\$ 150.00

Total Special Projects

\$ 800.00

Total Estimated Expenses

\$ 5,792.50

Estimated Balance June 30, 2021

\$ 6,202.87

Budget is based on \$85.00 per Active Member, \$45.00 per Reserve Member and \$10.00 per Initiate.

Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
2020-2021 Proposed Budget for Savings Account

Savings Account

Balance Brought Forward July 1, 2020 **\$ 4,395.74**

Estimated Income:

Scholarship/Grants - Honorariums/Memorials/Afghan Raffle \$ 4,000.00

Scholarship Fee 57 @ \$0.80 \$ 45.60

Total Estimated Income

\$ 4,045.60

Total Estimated Income for 2020-2021

\$ 8,441.34

Disbursements:

Scholarship 1 @ \$500.00 \$ 500.00

Grants-in-Aid 4 @ \$500.00 \$ 2,000.00

Professional Development Grants \$ 2,000.00

Grant-in-Aid Recipients' Meals plus Guests \$ 135.00

Presenters' Meals \$ 85.00

Total Disbursements

\$ 4,720.00

Estimated Balance June 30, 2021

\$ 3,721.34

**Gamma Chi Chapter Strategic Plan
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
2020-2022 Biennium**

Purposes

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.
4. To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
7. To inform the membership of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

Chapter Theme

GROW with Gamma Chi!

Planning Process and Measurement

The Gamma Chi Strategic Plan for the 2020-2022 biennium will be designed to implement the seven purposes and the mission of the Society. The Planning Committee will develop, review and monitor the plan. At the end of the biennium, the Planning Committee will determine all actions to be either **accomplished, in progress, incomplete** or **deleted**. Actions planned for and completed are reported **accomplished**. Those initiated but not fully implemented are reported **in progress**. Actions that require more time or a new direction are reported **incomplete**. Discontinued actions will be reported **deleted**.

Goals:

1. To encourage our members to actively attend meetings

Action 1.1: Continue to promote the Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award. (Awards Committee)

Action 1.2: Provide interesting and informative programs. (Planning Committee and EEC)

Action 1.3: At each meeting, continue to recognize the birthdays of members for that meeting. (President)

Action 1.4: Recognize members who have perfect attendance at all four meetings each year. (Awards Committee)

Action 1.5: Continue working on time management at meetings. (President)

Action 1.6: Provide mentoring of new member. (Experienced members)

2. To honor our members

Action 2.1: Continue to recognize members who have been members for multiples of five years. (Awards Committee)

Action 2.2: Continue to write biographical sketches suitable for use as tributes for each member. (Membership Committee)

Action 2.3: Recognize members who have perfect attendance at all four meetings each year. (Awards Committee)

3. To increase membership

Action 3.1: Encourage selection of diverse candidates for membership; for example consider age, ethnicity, variety of careers/education work, etc. (Membership Committee)

Action 3.2: Promote the benefits of membership: networking, scholarships for graduate study, professional development grants, spiritual fellowship, professional opportunities and leadership development. (Membership Committee, Scholarship Committee)

Action 3.3: Seek members for reinstatement by contacting former members. (Membership Committee)

Action 3.4: Encourage members to discuss membership responsibilities with prospective members prior to nominating them. (Membership Committee) (Members may invite a prospective member to be their guest at a meeting at the member's expense.)

4. To encourage members to assume leadership roles

Action 4.1: Solicit younger members to attend the Leadership Development Seminar to be held in odd-numbered years. (President)

Action 4.2: Provide financial assistance for those attending the Leadership Development Seminar. (Scholarship Committee—Gamma Chi Professional Development Grant)

Action 4.3: Encourage committee chairs to mentor and train younger committee members to move up to a leadership position. (Committee chairs)

Action 4.4: Encourage members to attend the NC DKG Convention, DKG International Convention and Regional Conferences. (President and Communications and Marketing Committee)

5. To preserve the rich history of the Gamma Chi Chapter

Action 5.1: Continue to make electronic copies of minutes, newsletters and any other important documents. (Communications and Marketing Committee)

Action 5.2: Continue to write a brief history of each biennium. (Historian)

Action 5.3: Continue to keep a scrapbook of newspaper articles, chapter certificates and anything else of relevance to members' and/or the chapter's accomplishments. (Historian)

Action 5.4: Maintain a historical record of scholarship and grant-in-aid recipients, amount given and the date of the award. (Scholarship Committee, Historian)

Action 5.5: Consolidate storage of archived materials, determine if any of these materials may be discarded and maintain a list of the items. (President and Executive Board)

DKG Prospect Card

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Employer _____

Position _____

Phone _____

Sponsor _____

DKG Prospect Card

Name _____

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