# Gamma Chi Newsletter

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

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#### Happy New Year Gamma Chi Sisters!

I hope 2019 is already a special time for you. I'm sure it will provide several exciting opportunities for us all to learn and grow.

Our March meeting will feature a presentation by members Debra Clayton and Patricia Williamson entitled: *Dominican Republic Trip and Global Education*. I am eager to learn more about their summer travels and the people they met in the Caribbean. I have been thinking recently of the gifts that traveling bring to us. I'm also reminded of the quote by Jonah Lehrer: "So let's not pretend that travel is always fun, or that we endure the jet lag for pleasure . . . . We travel because we need to, because distance and difference are the secret tonic of creativity. When we get home, home is still the same. But something in our mind has been changed, and that changes everything."

Speaking of travel—our Eta State NC Convention is coming up May 3-5 in Hickory. Please consider attending this 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Convention where we anticipate several of our members (14 past and present sisters were nominated) will be recognized and celebrated for their significant contributions and impacts on the lives of others at the local, state, and national levels. In addition, our very own Jenny O'Meara and Nancy Tunstall will be presenting workshops during one of our Saturday workshop sessions.

Finally, June brings the DKG International Conference—Arts and Humanities—to NC, with an opportunity for us to travel to Asheville and enjoy summertime in our mountains. Ladies, Get Your [Glue] Gun! Remember that each NC chapter is asked to provide a decorative table centerpiece with items representing our area of the state for the International Conference. Please share your ideas and talents to help Gamma Chi create a unique and meaningful display that will be sold at the conference's conclusion with proceeds benefiting Eta State projects.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on March 7 at Littleton Baptist Church.

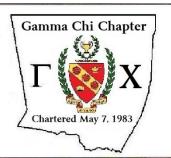
In sisterhood, Evelyn Hall Evelyn Hall



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## February/March/April 2019

MEETING NOTICE Thursday, March 7, 2019 5:45 p.m. Gathering 6:00 p.m. Dinner



Littleton Baptist Church 104 Mosby Ave., Littleton, NC 27850 Cost: \$13.00

(Make checks payable to *Robert Harris*) Cut-Off Date: Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

(Note: you do not have to purchase dinner to attend the meeting. That is your choice.)

6:30 p.m. Program:

Dominican Republic Trip and Global Education Presenters: Debra Clayton and Patricia Williamson 6:45 p.m. Business Meeting Please respond to your Evite as soon

as possible and no later than March 2!

(The Littleton 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 3 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 for Education; they will benefit the elementary schools and the middle school.
- If you would like to support the convention project, Fund\$ for Florence, please bring a gift card or donation—see page 3 for details.

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#### 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:**

- Katrinka Brewer on being selected as Warren County Schools' Principal of the Year. She is principal of Mariam Boyd Elementary School.
- Shirley Cava on the birth of her grandson, Lucas James Nugen, to daughter Julia and husband, Stephen. Lucas was born December 5 weighing 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 inches long. He has a sister, Mariella, and a brother, Stephen.



- Mary Catherine Harris on her daughter Karen Moseley's promotion to president of the Health Enhancement Research Organization (HERO), a national nonprofit organization. The organization focuses on identifying and sharing best practices in the field of workplace health and well-being of workers, their spouses, dependents and retirees. To see her article, click here.
- Nancy Tunstall and her husband Ed on winning first place in their division at the North American Bridge Championships in Honolulu, Hawaii.

#### **CONDOLENCES TO:**



**Paula Aycock** on the loss of her sister-in-law, Patsy Ann Aycock; **Gail Coleman** on the loss of her sister-inlaw, Diane Coleman Traylor; and **Loree Harris** on the loss of her sister-in-law, Ann Harris Collins Bolton. Please keep Paula, Gail, Loree, and their families in

your thoughts and prayers.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the December meeting, \$77.00 was collected from the meeting raffle; this will be used to help our local libraries and the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Other monies received were: \$122.00 for World Fellowship plus \$6.00 given earlier for a total

of \$128.00, \$175.00 for the afghan raffle plus \$72.00 given earlier for a total of \$247.00 (we need at least \$500.00) and \$2,388.00 for Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund (\$2,000.00 given by the Blankenship family).

#### **DUES PAYMENT PLAN**

by Shirley White, Treasurer

Due to an amendment to the International Constitution, dues for the 2019-2020 fiscal year will now be due no later than June 30. Our last meeting before the deadline is May 7. I would like to collect dues on that night.

Gamma Chi members who prefer to make payments on their dues rather than pay the full amount at our May meeting will need to begin payments at our March 7 meeting.

For making payments, the following plan should be followed (*there will be no reminders*):

1<sup>st</sup> payment - \$30.00 at the meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> payment - \$30.00 mailed to me by April 7<sup>th</sup> Final payment - \$25.00 at the meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> For those who do not care to take advantage of the payment plan, the entire amount of dues, \$85.00, will be due on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the fourth meeting. This is assuming that the dues will remain \$85.00. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the amount should remain \$85.00. Any questions can be directed to our treasurer, Shirley White, at <u>shirleylenawhite@gmail.com</u>. The April payment may be sent to Shirley at 1957 US Highway 1 N, Norlina, NC 27563.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY REPORT**

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Publicity Chair



The January/ February issue of *DKG News* is online. Click <u>here</u> to

see it (you must be signed in). You have a choice of a flipbook or a pdf version. I prefer the pdf version. Remember, the *DKG News* is no longer mailed and must be viewed online.

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

- The first DKG Collegiate Member is inducted
- Information about the themed International Conferences (be sure to read the article about Arts & Humanities International Conference in Asheville)
- The World Fellowship recipients

Hot off the press is the online spring edit-



ion of *Eta State News*. This edition is filled with convention information and nominees for Eta State NC state officers. Remember that it is no longer mailed and must be viewed online. To view it, click <u>here</u>. One of our members, Katrinka Brewer, is featured on page 11.

Finally, please submit articles and news to Editor <u>Nancy</u> <u>Tunstall</u> by April 8 for the next edition of the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*.

#### **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 responding "yes" to their evite must inform Communications & Marketing Chair Nancy Tunstall at <u>nancytunstall@gmail-</u>

<u>.com</u> or 252-456-2051 (h) by the cut-off date of **Saturday, 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 (she could get you a carry-out meal if so desired). *The money is needed the night of the meeting so the caterer can be paid in full.* Also, you are welcome to bring prospective members as guests, but you will be responsible for paying for their meals. Thank you in advance.

#### GAMMA CHI MEMBERS NOMINATED

The following members, past and present, were nominated for recognition on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the 85<sup>th</sup> Eta State NC Birthday Brunch: Edith Allen, Dr. Sylvia Alston, Mary Austell, Ashley Barnette, Nancy Blankenship, Debra Clayton, Evelyn Hall, Mary Catherine Harris, Melba Johnston, Dr. Janis Meek, Rachael Ricks, Sue Skinner, Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White. *Congratulations!* 

#### NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE ETA STATE NC CONVENTION



"Celebrating 85 Years! Share the SPARKLE!" will be the theme for the 2019 Eta State NC Convention to be held May 3-5 in Hickory at the Crowne Plaza Hickory. Be among the first

to register for this year's convention. The fillable registration form can now be filled out by clicking <u>here</u>. Early bird deadline is April 15, 2019. The registration fee will increase after that date. For those using a Professional Development Grant to pay for registration, please go ahead and fill out your registration form and print it. Bring it with you to the meeting and give it to Shirley White. She will write a check for all the registrations and send in the forms.

Banquet and brunch meal ticket deadline is April 15 (hotel deadline). Materials may not be available to persons who register after April 15 or on-site.

Contact Convention Registrar Marilyn Futrelle with any questions at <u>mfutrelle@bellsouth.net</u>.

#### INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT TO ATTEND ETA STATE NC CONVENTION



International President Cathy P. Daugherty of Virginia will be Eta State NC's Society Representative at the May 2019 convention in Hickory.

In expressing her excitement about coming to North Carolina, President Daugherty said, "What better way for me to celebrate the biennium as international

president than to serve as the Society Representative to my home state of North Carolina and my hometown of Hickory! My educational journey will come full circle with this visit in my current DKG role and in this location where I first decided to become an educator."

President Daugherty, a retired Latin instructor, has been a Society member since 1988. She received the 2016 DKG Achievement Award while she was international first vicepresident. She serves as Virginia's parliamentarian and chapter webmaster.

#### CONVENTION PROJECT ANNOUNCED: FUND\$ FOR FLORENCE



Hurricane Florence devastated many schools in eastern NC, and teachers are still trying to rebuild their classrooms and find necessary

instructional materials.

Fund\$ for Florence, the Eta State NC 2019 Convention Project, will help DKG members—teachers.

Bring gift cards and show your support of our members! Your help will aid children and their teachers recovering from the devastation they are still feeling since arrival of Florence.



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 benefits 5 million children in 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.

Schools for Africa is building and rehabilitating nearly 1,000 schools, training almost 100,000 teachers, providing school supplies, and ensuring that schools have safe drinking water, as well as separate bathrooms for boys and girls.

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.

#### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: ARTS & HUMANITIES JUNE 27-29, 2019



It is time to make your plans for Asheville and the International Conference this summer at the Asheville Crowne Plaza Tennis & Golf Report!

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide will experience this international

conference with an arts and humanities theme. Potential topics include: storytelling, music, books and writing.

Registration can be completed online at <u>https://www.dkg.</u> org/dkgcon se. Information can be found by clicking <u>here</u>. Because the conference hotel is located outside the city and has only one small restaurant, all conference meals are available for purchase on the registration form. Three of the meals are general sessions with speakers: Friday lunch, Saturday breakfast and Saturday dinner.

Hotel reservations will be available online soon.

Four Pre-Conference Tours will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019. One will be to the Biltmore Estate; another to the River

Arts District of Asheville; another will tour the Blue Ridge Parkway with various stops along the way; the last tour will be to the Omni Grove Park Inn, a famous hotel in Asheville. Its history will be shared, along with tours of artisan workshops nearby and lunch at the hotel. All tours will include lunch at a nice restaurant in the area. More information can be found online.

Eta State NC Volunteers are needed. Eta State NC Past President Sheila Groves is chair of the conference planning committee and Tobey Worthington, past Region I Director, is volunteer coordinator. They will need hordes of volunteers to make the conference a success. Volunteers will be needed to be airport and hotel lobby greeters; session facilitators; support for registration, first aid room, and properties room; podium decorators; and much more. Eta State NC regional directors are helping sign up volunteers so contact your chapter president or regional director if you are willing to help

#### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTERPIECES

All chapters in North Carolina are tasked with providing a

centerpiece that showcases our

area of NC for the International

Conference that will be held in

Asheville next June. We must use a

clear gallon jar and fill the jar with

items that represent our area of NC.



Centerpiece Example

We must also provide a piece of burlap approximately 18" x 18" and a wooden round on which the jar will be placed. Dr. Janis Meek and Sheila Robertson have agreed to head up this endeavor.

You need to be thinking about some possible items for the jar. Some suggestions so far include something representing the Ridgeway Cantaloupe Festival, the Lake Gaston/Kerr Lake water themes, trains/depots, quilting, sewing, and/or architecture.

#### **TECH TIP—NEED FREE GRAPHICS?**

Pixabay.com is an international website that provides over 1.6 million free, high guality images and videos. Users can find and contribute quality images and footage films free of copyrights. For uploading files and downloading full sized images, a free registration is required. By uploading files, the contributors waive their copyright and related image rights under Creative Commons, thus permitting free usage of their work. Consequently, anyone is allowed to use, modify and redistribute the images freely-even in commercial applications-without asking for permission and without accreditation.



Those of you who attended the Eta State NC Convention last year may

remember the cover of the program

book. I was able to find the graphic above at Pixabay. I then used the program Paint (an app that comes with Windows) to modify the graphic so that it appeared as the graphic at the right.



The great thing about Pixabay is that I did not have to worry about copyright violations. When you need a graphic, please visit the site and see how easy it is to find and download the perfect graphic for your application.

#### **MYSTERY MEMBER**

by Nancy Tunstall, Editor



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. She grew up in the northwestern piedmont. She probably holds the record for having taught at the most schools, seven, although she had a very good reason for teaching at that many schools. She concluded her career as an administrator. She has been a member of DKG for 25 years. 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.



Happy New Year! A new year brings new opportunities to reevaluate our goals in DKG! In the first year of the biennium one goal was the Wellness Initiative and chapters were encouraged to participate in a water project to help others through the Life Straw Project. In October, Eta State NC Headquarters water pump stopped doing its job. This year we need a new well drilled and to purchase a new pump. You may be asking why we have a Headquarters? Eta State NC uses Headquarters for state committee meetings on a regular basis because of the distance across North Carolina. Water is very necessary! Try a day without it and you discover how often you need it. I would like to encourage your support for the well project at Headquarters. We are fortunate to have the resources in the Headquarters Fund to pay for this.

In the next several weeks there are lots of deadlines. Please remember the Chapter President's Report. This information is helpful in determining our goals for the next biennium. I hope that in 2019 all 98 chapters will invite and induct at least two new members. Teachers need DKG!



#### DKG MISSION STATEMENT

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

#### 2018-2020 INTERNATIONAL THEME

DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

#### 2017-2019 ETA STATE NC THEME

"Let's SPARKLE!"

#### 2018-2020 GAMMA CHI THEME

"Let's SPARKLE—From the Inside Out!

#### DKG VISION STATEMENT

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

#### ETA STATE NC VISION (VIEW)

<u>Voices of Influence Empowering</u> North Carolina <u>Women Educators</u>

#### DATES TO REMEMBER—DKG INTERNATIONAL

February 15 March 1	Deadline for DKG Fine Arts Gallery submissions Deadline to submit to the <i>Bulletin: Journal</i>
May 1	Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadlines: February 1 and September 1)
May 11	DKG's Founders Day (DKG will be 90!)
May 15	Deadline to submit to the Bulletin: Journal
June 21-24	Leading Effective Meetings Seminar, Crowne Plaza, Asheville
June 27-29	International Conference – Arts and Humanit- ies, Crowne Plaza, Asheville
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July 7-11	DKG International Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

#### DATES TO REMEMBER—ETA STATE NC

March 1	Deadline to submit Chapter Achievement form, Rising Star, Golden Key nominations and		
	Communications Excellence form		
March 22-23	Leadership Development Seminar, Asheboro		
April 10	Deadline to submit to the Eta State News		
April 10	Legislative Day in Raleigh		
April 15	Deadline for early bird registration for the Eta		
	State NC Convention		
May 3-5	Eta State NC Convention, Crowne Plaza		
	Hickory, Hickory, NC (Region X)		
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May 1-3	Eta State NC Convention, Embassy Suites		
	Hotel, Greensboro, NC (Region VII)		

DATES T	O REMEMBER—GAMMA CHI CHAPTER		
March 7	3 <sup>rd</sup> Gamma Chi Meeting, Littleton Baptist		
	Church, Littleton (Littleton Group hostesses)		
March 1	Our Chapter Achievement Form is due to Terry		
	Anne Denny, our regional director for Region III		
April 8	Deadline to submit to the Gamma Chi		
	Newsletter		
May 7	4 <sup>th</sup> Gamma Chi Meeting, St. Paul's Lutheran		
	Church, Ridgeway (St. Paul's Group hostesses)		
May 7	Gamma Chi's Founders Day (We will be 36!)		

#### Check them out often! GAMMA CHI WEBSITE: http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/ ETA STATE NC WEBSITE: http://www.ncdkg.org/ DKG WEBSITE: http://www.dkg.org/

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#### GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – DECEMBER 6, 2018

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Norlina United Methodist Church on Thursday, December 6, 2018, beginning with a social time at 5:45 p.m. President Evelyn Hall convened the meeting, with attendance of 29 members and two guests.

Mary Catherine Harris offered a blessing for the meal, catered by the Norlina United Methodist Women.

President Hall welcomed Region III Director Terry Denny, who presented a program on issues common to Delta Kappa Gamma chapters. She emphasized the importance of recruiting and retaining members, recognizing the range of differences among members, and supporting one another. Hall expressed appreciation to Denny, with presentation of a poinsettia and a donation in her honor to the Eta State Leadership Fund.

The business session opened with approval of the minutes of the October meeting. Treasurer Shirley White presented the treasurer's report, noting a checking balance of \$2,579.59 and a savings balance of \$3,880.17. The report was accepted and filed.

Correspondence reports included: announcement of regrets for the meeting by Corresponding Secretary Aimee Anderson; announcement by Nancy Tunstall of receipt of a \$2,000.00 check from Richard Blankenship in memory of Nancy Blankenship and a note of thanks from Marchetta Grant for the new teacher bag; and announcement by Renee Mizelle of thanks from the new teachers at Vaughan.

Recognitions included: presentation of a gold DKG bag to members with birthdays in November, December and January; presentation of a poinsettia to Shirley White, in appreciation for her dedication to the treasurer's work; announcement of Jenny O'Meara as the Mystery Member; and welcome to Vivien Windley and Linda Hall, who are transferring from Xi Chapter.

Reports of committees were as follows:

Awards Chair Sylvia Alston presented Vivien Windley with a 25-year award for membership in DKG. She noted that the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday of Eta State would be celebrated at the convention in 2019.

Beginning Teacher Support Chair Norma Retzlaff reported that bags had been delivered to teachers during American Education Week. She expressed thanks to the committee and conveyed thanks from the teachers and noted contributions to the bags from The Warren Record and the N.C. Welcome Center.

Finance Chair Debra Clayton brought a motion from the committee to adopt the adjusted budget. The motion passed.

Chapter Rules Chair Diane Colin presented a motion from the committee to adopt the Revised Gamma Chi Chapter Rules, as emailed to the members. The motion passed.

Membership Chair Mary Austell stressed the importance of submitting biographical sketches. She reminded that nominations for new members would take place in May, with induction in September, and noted that the chapter has lost eight members in this biennium. Austell presented a motion from the committee to accept requests for resignation from LaTrenda Hawkins (family situation), Diane Reavis (family situation), Reagan Ross (family situation), Charis Shattuck (moved), Maria Smith (moved), Mary Ann Johnston (doesn't drive/no transportation) and Jennifer Wilker (other responsibilities), effective November 1. The motion passed.

Scholarship Chair Betsy Clark encouraged members to contribute to the scholarship fund and to apply for aid, as well as encourage students to apply.

World Fellowship Chair Loree Harris reported a total of \$128 collected for the fund.

Afghan Raffle Chair Danylu Hundley thanked members for participation in the afghan raffle, reminding of the goal of \$500.00, to be used for a grant-in-aid.

Reports on reserve members included Harriett Faulkner and Connie King. Congratulations were extended to Katrinka Brewer, Warren County Principal of the Year.

There was no unfinished business.

Items of new business included mention of a spring cookout for new teachers at the Blankenship lake house. Aimee Anderson and Debra Clayton were asked to coordinate this event and to suggest a date. Sheila Robertson and Janis Meek were asked to consider ideas for a table decoration at the International Conference in Asheville in June 2019. Members were asked to complete the Educational Law & Policy Survey forms and leave with Shirley White.

Paula Aycock and the Norlina Group conducted the raffle for the NC DKG Educational Foundation and local libraries. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Catherine Harris for Ashley Barnette, recording secretary

Active members present: Sylvia Alston, Aimee Anderson, Mary Austell, Paula Aycock, Kay Beaver, Ginny Bernard, Crystal Brantley, Melanie Burnette, Brooke Callahan, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Sallye Duncan, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Danylu Hundley, Donna Liles, Janis Meek, Renee Mizelle, Jenny O'Meara, Martha Ann Overby, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White, and Vivien Windley.

Active members absent: Ashley Barnette, Lisa Bender, Diana Bobbitt, Kristen Boyd, Katrinka Brewer, Shirley Cava, Elaine Coleman, Jill Coleman, Patricia Hargrove, Brenda Holloman, Katy Jones, Laura Kearney, Lynne Lassiter, Tracey Neal, Karen Paynter, Trina Paynter, Erin Riggan, Chris Skinner, and Patricia Williamson.

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