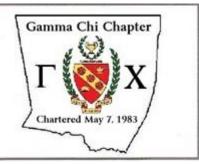
Gamma Chi Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Greetings Gamma Chi Sisters!

I hope 2021 is becoming a hopeful time for you all, despite the challenges you are facing—and overcoming. At the beginning of this new year, we are doing more than ever and being stretched in sometimes uncomfortable yet potentially beneficial ways.

Unexpected change is coming to my life on April 1 as my college bookstore is being leased by a corporation. Early state of NC retirement and starting over in a corporate setting would never have occurred to me a couple of years ago. I'll admit to a healthy bit of trepidation but am looking forward to a new start and learning new processes. Probably like you, I could not have imagined the twists and turns that have occurred since our last face-to-face meeting together in March 2020. Back then (hard to believe just a year ago), Zoom was a PBS television show that I remembered watching as a child; these days, it's the way I spend some part of nearly every weekday connecting with others.

Our January meeting via Zoom worked out well, though, and we invite you to our March meeting utilizing the same format. You can connect via the link found in this newsletter or via phone. Kat Noland, our Region III Director, will be joining us for part of the meeting to share DKG news. You will really enjoy her energy and enthusiasm. We will also hear information about and vote on recipients for our grantin-aid awards.

Finally, please remember that our NC DKG Convention is coming up virtually from April 23-25. I hope you will consider "attending" this Celebration of NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future since it will provide many opportunities to attend informative workshop sessions and time to "meet" and network with other NC DKG sisters without ever leaving the comforts of home. Are you craving renewed energy? I have the answer. Relax with friends in a special Saturday afternoon "spa" session at the convention. "Rejuvenating the Leader Within for Inspiring the Leader in Others," presented by the NC DKG Leadership Development Committee, will take place from noon to 5:30 p.m. and will be limited to an intimate number to enhance participation.

Looking forward to sharing time with everyone on Saturday, March 13 at 10 a.m.

In sisterhood, Evelyn Hall

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ZOOM MEETING NOTICE



Saturday, March 13, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Location: in the comfort of your own home!

Join our Zoom Meeting

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

If no built in microphone, 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, March 12th)



WHAT TO EXPECT AT THIS MEETING:

- Inspiration by Mary Catherine Harris
- Presentation of grant-in-aid nominees
- Gamma Chi business
- A visit by our Region III Director Kat Noland

SUCCESSFUL ZOOM MEETING!

Thanks so much to everyone attending our January 16th Zoom meeting. It was so good to come together in fellowship once more. The meeting was very successful with the installation of our officers for the biennium, recognition of our milestone members and completion of necessary chapter business.

Also, thanks to Jenny O'Meara for facilitating the meeting. The meeting went very smoothly with the meeting starting on time and being concluded in less than one hour. What an efficient use of time! Hopefully we will have more attendees at the upcoming meeting. Members who had never used Zoom before found it easy to use.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Kay Beaver's mother, Louise Barrett, on reaching her 100th birthday!
- Diane Colin on being named Bright Ideas Tar Heel Teacher of the Week by the Halifax Electric Membership Corporation for out-standing work in the classroom and as a Bright Ideas education grant winner.





TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer

At the January meeting, the 2020-2021 budgets were approved. Since then, the following contributions have been made:

Fund	In Honor Of
DKG World Fellowship	Ruth Jones
DKG Emergency Fund	Evelyn Hall
DKG Scholarship Fund	Linda Hall
NC DKG Headquarters	Leslie Black
NC DKG Scholarship	Mary Catherine Harris
NC DKG Leadership Fund	Jenny O'Meara
NC DKG Ed. Foundation	Shirley White
American Cancer Society	Diana Bobbitt

DUES PAYMENT PLAN

by Shirley White, Treasurer

Dues for the 2021-2022 fiscal year will be due no later than June 30. The amount should remain \$85.00 for active members and \$45.00 for reserve members. Any questions can be directed to our treasurer, Shirley White. For those who do not care to take advantage of the payment plan, the entire amount of dues will be due on May 30th in order to give me time to process the payments and complete the paper work.

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

1st payment - \$30.00 mailed to me by March 30th

2nd payment - \$30.00 mailed to me by April 30th

Final payment - \$25.00 mailed to me by May 30th

The payments may be made out to Gamma Chi-DKG and should be sent to Shirley at 1957 US Highway 1 N, Norlina, NC 27563. Your cooperation and timely payment of dues will make my job so much easier!

AWARDS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Awards Committee Member

For those who missed the January meeting, the following members were honored for their years of service to DKG:

Name	Years of Service
Shirley White	50 Years
Brenda Holloman	40 Years
Sylvia Alston	35 Years
Brenda Fuller	35 Years
Paula Aycock	30 Years
Jill Coleman	20 Years
Loree Harris	20 Years
Karen Paynter	15 Years
Donna Liles	10 Years
Sheila Robertson	5 Years

They have received their certificates in the mail. Their pins have been ordered and received. The pins will be presented to

them at the next in-person meeting.

Nominees for the NC DKG Founders Award, NC DKG Golden Key Award and the NC DKG Rising Star Award were voted on. Their nomination applications have been submitted. The following is a brief summation of each nominee's qualifications.

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. Gamma Chi's nominee is **Dr. Mandy Cohen**. As Secretary of the NC Department of Health and Human Services, she and her team tirelessly work to improve the health, safety, and the well-being of all North Carolinians. She leads the COVID-19 response for North Carolina.



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. Gamma Chi's nominee is Dr. Sylvia Alston. Sylvia has served DKG faithfully for over 35 years. During that time, she has worked tirelessly to promote its mission and purposes. As chair of the Awards Committee, she works diligently to recognize many of our members for their outstanding accomplishments. She initiated the Rookie of the Year award that has really encouraged some of our stellar new members. Prior to retiring and moving to Littleton, she was inducted into Gamma Mu Chapter in 1985. She was very active in that chapter serving as president and in other offices. She also attended state conventions and a Southeast Regional Conference. She is devoted to her family, her church, her chapter, her neighbors and her community. She is a dedicated, committed, hardworking and energetic leader. She helps people through religious, civic and charitable organizations. She treasures her membership in DKG, always attends meetings and enjoys the camaraderie of her Gamma Chi Sisters. She is one of our most dedicated members.

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. Gamma Chi's nominee is *Jennifer O'Meara*. Jenny is a member of the



Gamma Chi Communications and Marketing Committee. She has served on the awards and world fellowship committees. Jenny has facilitated two programs at Gamma Chi meetings: one, to promote the Schools for Africa Project, on her time in the Peace Corps as an education volunteer in Burkina Faso, West Africa, and one on Human Centered Design Thinking to develop strategies for recruiting new members to the Gamma Chi Chapter. Since the pandemic, she has facilitated our Zoom chapter meetings. Jenny attended the 2017 Eta State North Carolina Leadership Development Seminar and the 2019 Eta State NC Convention. She presented a workshop at the 2019 convention entitled "Innovation and Design Thinking: What the Buzzwords Really Mean." All her preparation has honed her leadership skills and trained her not only to serve her local chapter, but at the state level and beyond. She has the willingness and potential to grow as an excellent leader.

COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Marketing Chair



The January/February issue of *DKG News* is online. Go to http://www.dkg.org, scroll down to Publications and then click on the *DKG News* icon to see it. *This is a digital-only issue and will not be mailed to members*. Members no longer receive this publication by mail. It is released every other month. When it is available online, you will be notified.

Please check out the Gamma Chi website by clicking http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/. Under the calendar on the home page, check to see who is having a birthday. Also, important DKG events are listed in the calendar for the entire year.

Our committee would like to encourage everyone, especially committee chairs, to submit news and/or articles to Nancy Tunstall for publication in the next Gamma Chi News-letter. The next deadline for the submission of news and/or articles is April 5.

2021 NC DKG CONVENTION TO BE VIRTUAL FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 23-25, 2021

Out of an abundance of caution for its members, the 2021 NC DKG Convention will be a virtual event but will retain as much of a face-to-face atmosphere as possible.

NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan has announced that the 2021 convention will build on the success and learning experience of the Fall Executive Board virtual event that was open to all members and included workshops, presentations, a business session, and recorded and live vignettes. The virtual aspect of the convention will allow more members to participate and an expanded offering of workshops.

The theme for the convention will be *Celebrating NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future*. Workshop presentation applications are being taken now via a Google form, and registration for the convention beginning on Friday evening, April 23, is now available.

Region XI, which was preparing to host members in Asheville this spring, has switched its focus to a virtual event, but planning is continuing on schedule to provide a full convention.

Beginning Tuesday, April 20:

The virtual platform will allow the convention to reach more members and will kick off on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Each day that week will feature virtual "tours," recorded showcases, zooms, and activities around the state that all members can enjoy at any time. These will continue through the weekend and be available later as well.

Celebrating NC DKG Past on Friday, April 23:

The actual convention, for which members will need to register, will begin on Friday evening. That event will feature the presentation of the Founders Award.

Celebrating the NC DKG Present on Saturday, April 24:

Saturday will kick off at 9:00 a.m. with the Executive Board Meeting. All registered members are invited to participate, but voting will be limited to Executive Board members. Workshops, live and pre-recorded, will be in the afternoon, and the evening session will celebrate the accomplishments of chapters and members, featuring DKG Membership Director Trish Woodley.

Celebrating the NC DKG Future on Sunday, April 25:

Sunday's activities will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the annual meeting of the NC DKG Educational Foundation, followed by the general session featuring the installation of the newly-elected 2021-2023 NC DKG officers and the passing of the gavel.

Workshop Presentations:

Members wishing to present a workshop on Saturday afternoon are invited to fill out the Google form found online by clicking here.

Submission deadline is Monday, March 15, 2021. Presenters will be responsible for setting up their own meeting link or recording their own session and sending the links to Tobey Worthington by April 1. Workshops will be assigned a 50-minute slot between noon and 4:50 p.m. on Saturday, April 24. Convention Registration:

Registration for members is now open and will be \$25, which will help cover the cost of the virtual platforms, materials, and postage. The first 350 registrants will receive an iconic NC DKG 2020 convention bag. Those who register after April 2 are not guaranteed convention materials (activity packets, convention bling and more) but will receive links to participate in convention general sessions, business meetings, workshops, voting on officers, and voting on amendments to the NC DKG *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*. Registration ends at noon, April 19. The form can be found by clicking here.

SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE FOR CONVENTION



DKG Membership Director Patricia "Trish" Woodley will be NC DKG's Society Representative at the spring convention. Trish joined the DKG staff in 2018. She will be our speaker on Saturday evening and do a session or two on Saturday. She will bring energy to a membership focus.

CONVENTION PROJECT IS KNICKERS FOR NEW LIFE, A SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA PROJECT

Knickers for New Life has been chosen by Region XI as the 2021 NC DKG Convention Project. Knickers for New Life (KFNL) partners with schools in Uganda to keep girls in school by providing knickers (underwear), sanitary supplies, separate latrines, hand



wash stations, and mosque-to-repellant soap. Thousands of girls miss a week of school a month because of the lack of these basic sanitary supplies. The results are life-long.

Choosing KFNL as the convention project celebrates the 10th anniversary of DKG's partnership with Schools for Africa. Only \$35 will meet the needs of a girl in a Ugandan school for a year, and 100% of the donations to KFNL will go to the non-profit ministry. Learn more at knickersfornewlife.org.

Donations to the convention project can be made in the Virtual Marketplace during the convention. Join Region XI to make this a successful project!

New This Convention: Virtual Marketplace

In place of a vendor area at an in-person convention, the 2021 NC DKG convention will feature a Virtual Marketplace.

The Virtual Marketplace will allow members and guests to donate to the convention project and the "Pass the House" to support Headquarters, bid on "Leadership Baskets" and an NC DKG Educational Foundation auction item, and shop chapter fundraising products.

Chapters wishing to participate in the Virtual Marketplace should fill out the vendor form by clicking here.

The Virtual Marketplace will be open April 23 until April 30.



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See **Delta Chi GROW!**"Speed Dating" activity* to
Embrace **Generational Diversity**



See **Delta Tau, Beta Iota, and others GROW! Research** tool used to poll the membership.
Chapter decisions driven by **data**



See Gamma Chi, Gamma Delta, and Alpha Eta GROW! Trina Paynter, Maggie Murphy, and Samantha Jo Wilson fulfilled Opportunities for Leadership being recognized in their field

See Gamma lota GROW!
"Making Lemonade out of Lemons"

Well-defined Zoom program by Amy Marler

NC DKG members continually strive to "make lemonade out of lemons" (thanks, Amy) in these unusual times. Journeys and destinations have been literally minimized but members are figuratively sailing through these uncharted territories with a smile—a masked smile, but it is there.

Questions to ponder as you find ways to "make lemonade out of lemons": What makes for a tasty "lemonade"? Is it the same for everyone? How do we determine the right recipe? *Speed dating - Two rows (retired members and the active educators) lined up facing each other, introduced themselves and had one minute to talk. When the bell rang, one row moved down a person.





WELCOME OUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR REGION III



Our 2020-2022 regional director for Region III, Kat Noland, will be joining us during our meeting. She is a member of the Gamma Theta Chapter in Wake County, and she has served as president for



the past two bienniums. As a fourth grade teacher in Wake County, Kat serves as a mentor and is a member of NCAE. She received recognition as a finalist for the Wake County Public School System Teacher of the Year in 2018. She resides in Cary with her husband and two children and enjoys photography and serving her community through her church when she is not teaching.

DELTA DOLLARS UPDATE

NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan announced that \$3,445.37 was collected to support Louisiana DKG members impacted by multiple hurricanes in 2020. Thank you for your generosity!



PROFESSIONAL AWARDS SURVEY

Every NC DKG member is asked to share her professional achievements through the Professional Awards Survey. This is a way for the Awards Committee to document and recognize members for their professional and educational achievements, such as Teacher or Principal of the Year, National Board Certification, or longevity of 50/+ years. Members are asked to focus on awards received and not committees or boards served on or community or church awards received. The committee's goal is for each member to complete the survey by March 1, 2021. The survey is found at https://bit.ly/NCDKGPAA.

HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY!



UNICEF USA and DKG are celebrating 10 years of partnership in 2020. Our shared vision for children has resulted in \$450,000 in contributions for Schools for Africa. See what these investments have pro-

vided by watching Whitney Simon, Manager of Global Cause Partnership for UNICEF, who presented a session in July 2020 at our DKG Virtual Event.

This inspiring and informative session, DKG and UNICEF, is available on the DKG website under 2020 Virtual Event. This is a must see to be shared with members and chapters.

Taken from the **DKGSI** blog posted: December 4, 2020.

UPDATE ON SALE OF DKG HEADQUARTERS

International President Becky Sadowski recently shared an update on the progress related to the sale of DKG's head-quarters building. In a written statement, she said, "Some of you may remember that the decision to move forward with this step was announced in 2019. There are many phases included in this process. We believe transparency is very important, and we also want to make every effort to ensure that our members are not given misinformation." (continued on next page)

More specific detail about the work being done was shared in a letter with state organization presidents, such as meetings taking place and considerations related to the building's present listing on the National Historic Register. The process continues to evolve as the sale of the 60+-year-old building, with rising property taxes and wiring challenges, goes through these first steps.

President Sadowski stressed the importance of accuracy in discussions and postings on social media. She said, "We want you to be informed and have access to accurate information throughout this process." She encouraged state or-



ganization presidents to contact her with questions. Likewise, our state chapter members are encouraged to contact NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan with questions or if you would like to read the entire letter for more details about the process.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"We are a box of crayons, each of us unique, but when we get together, the picture is complete." From *The Crayon Box That Talked* by Shane DeRolf.

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)

<u>V</u>oices of <u>I</u>nfluence <u>E</u>mpowering North Carolina <u>W</u>omen Educators

DATES TO REMEMBER—DKG INTERNATIONAL

March 1	Deadline to submit to the Bulletin: Journal
May 1	Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet
	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 Bulletin: Journal
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

DATES TO REMEMBER—NC DKG

Professional Awards Survey due: all NC DKG

March 1

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	members are asked to complete this survey
March 1	Deadline to submit Chapter Achievement
	form, Rising Star & Golden Key nominations,
	and Communications Excellence form
March 15	NC DKG Virtual Convention workshop pro-
	posals due
April 23-25	NC DKG Virtual Convention
May 1	Deadline to submit to the NC DKG News
April 29-May 1,	2022 NC DKG Convention, Asheville, NC
April 28-30 202	NC DKG Convention, Greenville, NC

DATES TO REMEMBER—GAMMA CHI

March 13	Gamma Chi Zoom Meeting, 10:00 a.m.		
April 5	Deadline to submit to the Gamma Chi		
	Newsletter		
May 1	Gamma Chi Zoom Meeting, 10:00 a.m.		

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/

Please submit events, celebrations, recognitions and news to:

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GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – JANUARY 16, 2021

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met virtually using Zoom on Saturday, January 16th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The chapter was excited to meet after nearly a year without regularly scheduled meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. President Evelyn Hall convened the meeting with 19 members and no guests.

President Hall began the meeting by introducing Gamma Chi member, Jenny O'Meara. Jenny provided the chapter with a brief tutorial on Zoom, the virtual meeting software used for the meeting.

After the tutorial, Aimee Anderson was retired as corresponding secretary after serving two terms and officers for the next biennium were installed by the Nominations Committee Chair Ashley Barnette and the President Hall. Evelyn Hall was installed as the president, Betsy Clark as first vice-president, Diane Colin as second vice-president, Ashley Barnette as recording secretary, Lisa Bender as corresponding secretary, Shirley White as treasurer, and Nancy Tunstall as parliamentarian. The chapter applauded all newly installed officers. All are serving second terms with the exception of Lisa Bender.

Treasurer Shirley White gave the treasurer's report. At present the checking account balance is \$4,312.97 and the savings account balance is \$7,700.52.

Aimee Anderson gave her final report as corresponding secretary.

Nancy Tunstall read a note from the Blankenship family and reported that they had provided the chapter with \$2,000 to be added to the scholarship funds.

President Evelyn Hall called for recognitions from the chapter members. Not only did Diane Colin receive a Bright Ideas education grant for her school, but she was also named Bright Ideas Tar Heel Teacher of the Week by the Halifax Electric Membership Corporation for outstanding work in the classroom.

Danylu Hundley reported for the Afghan Committee. She has collected all monies for last year's afghan raffle, but since we are not meeting in-person, this year's afghan raffle will be delayed until next year due to the pandemic.

Awards Committee Chair Sylvia Alston announced the following milestone awards: Shirley White, 50 years; Brenda Holloman, 40 years; Sylvia Alston, 35 years; Brenda Fuller, 35 years; Paula Aycock, 30 years; Jill Coleman, 20 years; Loree Harris, 20 years; Karen Paynter, 15 years; Donna Liles, 10 years; and Sheila Robertson, 5 years. She made a motion that recipients with 30 or more years be presented with a special DKG milestone pin. The motion carried. Members with 25 or less years will continue to receive the same quality pin as in the past. Recipients will receive their pins at the next in-person meeting. Certificates will be mailed to them.

Nancy Tunstall, Awards Committee member, made a motion that the following nominees be selected for the 2021 NC DKG awards: Dr. Mandy Cohen for the Founders Award, Sylvia Alston for the Golden Key Award, and Jenny O'Meara for the Rising Star Award. The motion carried.

Finance Committee Chair Debra Clayton made a motion to accept the budget and recommended dues. The motion carried.

Membership Committee Chair Aimee Cooper made a motion to accept the resignation of Vivian Windley and grant reserve status to Lynne Lassiter and Karen Paynter. The motion carried.

President Hall as Planning Committee chair discussed the Gamma Chi Strategic Plan for 2020-2022 biennium This motion included the following five goals: to encourage members to actively attend meetings, to honor our members, to increase membership, to encourage members to assume leadership roles, and to preserve the rich history of the Gamma Chi Chapter. She made a motion that the strategic plan for the biennium be adopted. The motion carried.

No unfinished or new business was presented. President Hall closed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Ashley Barnette, Recording Secretary

Active members present: Dr. Sylvia Alston, Mary Austell, Ashley Barnette, Lisa Bender, Betsy Clark, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Aimee Cooper, Debra Clayton, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Mary Catherine Harris, Danylu Hundley, Katy Jones, Jenny O'Meara, Norma Retzlaff, Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White.

Reserve member present: Brenda Fuller.

Active members absent: : Kay Beaver, Ginny Bernard, Diana Bobbitt, Kristen Boyd, Crystal Brantley, Katrinka Brewer, Brooke Callahan, Shirley Cava, Elaine Coleman, Jill Coleman, Sallye Duncan, Loree Harris, Brenda Holloman, Laura Kearney, Donna Liles, Dr. Janis Meek, Renee Mizelle, Martha Ann Overby, Sheila Robertson, Pattie Rodwell, Chris Skinner, Michelle Stallings, Kathy Stewart and Patricia Williamson.

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