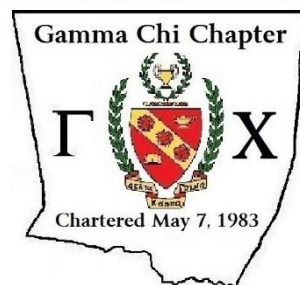




# Gamma Chi Newsletter

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



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GROW WITH GAMMA CHI!

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Happy New Year Gamma Chi Sisters!*

I hope 2022 is already a special time for you. At the beginning of this new year, we are all tasked to reflect on the past and look forward to new beginnings. I know the past few months have been anxious ones as we continue to battle the Omicron virus variant. None-

theless, I am feeling energized and looking forward to a strong year of fellowship and service with our Gamma Chi members. I'm certain the remainder of 2022 will provide several exciting opportunities for all of us to learn and grow. Please take some time during our upcoming meeting to welcome and get to know Rachel Smith. You may have met Rachel at our last meeting. She has accepted our invitation to join us as our newest sister. Welcome, Rachel!

Our March meeting will feature a presentation about available Warren County Memorial Library services and activities. The Library has had to pivot and adjust to changing circumstances as have so many other local organizations and agencies. It has done so with improvements and additional services for patrons in mind. We'll explore some of them at our meeting.

Finally, do not forget that our NC DKG Convention is coming up April 29-May 1 in Asheville. Please consider attending this Convention since it will be fully in-person and will provide many opportunities to attend informative workshop sessions and time to meet and network with other NC DKG sisters. You may also want to spend part of your summer in New Orleans. The DKG International Convention will take place July 12-16. Mark your calendars now for these upcoming events and complete the required registration forms. Links are available within this newsletter. Looking forward to seeing everyone on March 3 at Littleton Baptist Church!

In sisterhood,

*Evelyn Hall*

[Evelyn Hall](#)



## MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, March 3, 2022

6:00 p.m. Gathering

6:15 p.m. Dinner



Littleton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
104 Mosby Ave., Littleton, NC 27850

Cost: \$15.00

(Make checks payable to *Sylvia Alston*)

Cut-Off Date: **Sunday, February 27**

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

6:45 p.m. Program:

**Exploring Services Offered by**

**The Warren County Memorial Library**

7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

**Please respond to your Evite as soon**

**as possible and no later than February 27!**

(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 4 for more information
- ☞ If you would like to pick up some \$3.00 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.
- ☞ If you would like to support the convention project, **MANNA FoodBank**, please bring a check made out to MANNA FoodBank—see page 4 for details.



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

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- 🌸 **Lisa Bender** on being named the Warren County Schools' Teacher of the Year. Lisa is an English teacher at Warren Early College High School.
- 🌸 **Katrinka Brewer** on the birth of her grandson, Charles Chamberlain Townes III, to step-daughter Rebekah Townes and husband Charlie. Charles was born on November 29, 2021, weighing 8 lbs. 11 oz., and was 20 3/4 in. long.
- 🌸 **Brooke Callahan** and her husband Robbie on the birth of their son, Hudson Lane Callahan. Hudson was born on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, weighing 7 lb. 7 oz. and was 19 1/4 in. long.
- 🌸 **Debra Clayton** on the birth of her granddaughter, Gracie Anne King, to son Christopher King and wife, Megan. Gracie Anne was born on December 1, 2021, weighing 7 lb. 7 oz. and was 19 in. long. Her big brother is Owen Daniel King. **Shirley White** is their great-grandmother.
- 🌸 **Diane Colin** on once again receiving a Halifax EMC grant to purchase music equipment for her students at Vaughan Elementary School. (See article below.)



## CONDOLENCES TO:

- 🌸 **Laura Kearney** on the loss of her mother, Emily Burrows
  - 🌸 **Debra Clayton** on the loss of aunt, Lucy Holtzmann; she was also **Shirley White's** sister-in-law
  - 🌸 **Karen Paynter** on the loss of her father, Arnold Philip Holtzmann, Jr.; he was also **Shirley White's** brother and **Debra Clayton's** uncle
  - 🌸 **Trina Paynter** on the loss of her mother, Eunice Bender Tucker
- Please keep Laura, Karen, Trina, Shirley, Debra and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



## GAMMA CHI MEMBER RECEIVES GRANT



Diane Colin received a grant from Halifax EMC for the full amount of \$1,805.00 for more instrument kits for kindergarten and students who are new to Vaughan Elementary School. The funds will also go toward the purchase of another set of small drums easily held for young children who love to

march and beat on a drum! Funds will provide for the purchase of recorders for all fourth and fifth graders for the winter semester.

This is the third year in a row that Diane has been awarded this grant for the music program and students at Vaughan. Julia Alsbrook, representative of Halifax EMC, delivered the check and a congratulations balloon to Diane's classroom. She shared that Halifax EMC was so happy to continue to support the music program for Vaughan students. Halifax EMC is now familiar with the good work Diane does on the students' behalf, and they are happy to continue to fund this particular program. Diane states, "I am still in awe and very grateful!"

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER



Rachel Smith attended our December meeting as Sheila Robertson's guest. She was presented for membership and approved by our chapter. Rachel viewed an orientation session and decided to join our chapter. She is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Mariam Boyd Elementary School.

We have much to look forward to as we welcome Rachel to our chapter at our March meeting. We hope all of our members will be present and join us in genuine spiritual fellowship!

## BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

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



## 2022-2024 GAMMA CHI OFFICER NOMINEES PRESENTED

The Nominations Committee is very excited to present the nominations for the 2022-2024 Gamma Chi offices of president, first vice president, second vice president, recording secretary and corresponding secretary. The recommendations submitted display the dedication and passion these nominees all share for Gamma Chi through the work and service they have given. It is a great honor to present these nominees as our slate of officers to be voted on by our membership at the March meeting!

### Gamma Chi President Nominee: Dr. Sylvia



**Alston.** Dr. Sylvia Alston has been a member of DKG since 1985. She joined Gamma Mu in Wilson County, later transferring to Gamma Chi after her retirement. During this time, she has served as president, first vice president and second vice president. She has chaired and served on many committees. She is currently chairing the Awards Committee. In that capacity she has recognized many of our members. She is our nominee for the NC DKG Golden Key Award. She brings to this position many years of experience and dedication.

### Gamma Chi First Vice President Nominee:

**Sheila Robertson.** Although Sheila Robertson has only been a DKG member since 2016, she has involved herself in the activities of the chapter. Her talent helped to create the Gamma Chi centerpiece for the 2019 International Conference. She has also had several entries in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts. She is currently serving on the Music/Fine Arts and Beginning Teacher Support Committees and has been very involved with the New Teacher Bag project. She was named Gamma Chi Rookie of the Year in 2019.



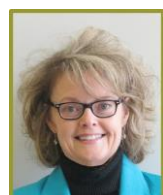
### Gamma Chi Second Vice President

**Nominee: Aimee Cooper.** Aimee Cooper has been a member of DKG since 2014. She immediately took a leadership role as chair of the Scholarship Committee. She is currently chairing the Membership Committee. She has served as the chapter's corresponding secre-



tary. Among other things, she has attended NC DKG Conventions. She is currently serving on the NC DKG Personnel Committee.

**Gamma Chi Recording Secretary Nominee: Betsy Clark.** Betsy Clark joined DKG in 2017 and hit the ground running! She soon took on the position as Gamma Chi's first vice president, and 2018 was named as Gamma Chi's Rookie of the Year. She is currently chairing the Scholarship and the Educational Excellence Committees. She is our nominee for the NC DKG Rising Star Award.



**Gamma Chi Corresponding Secretary Nominee: Evelyn Hall.** Evelyn Hall became a DKG member in 2014. She is currently serving as Gamma Chi's president. In 2018 as a Golden Gift recipient, she was privileged to be selected as one of 30 to attend the DKG Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, Texas, held once every two years. She serves as the NC DKG Nominations chair, and she has attended many state conventions.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

*by Shirley White, Treasurer*



At the December meeting, \$75.00 was collected from the meeting raffle; this will be used to help our local libraries and the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Other money received was \$165.00 for the Afghan raffle and \$136.00 for the World Fellowship. The Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund received \$2,000.00 from the Blankenship family, \$1,331.00 from members in honor of Shirley White, and another \$175.00 from members, for a total of \$3,506.00.

Please remember that March is our usual time to collect for Schools for Africa. You can mail a check to me if you are unable to attend the meeting. Please do not send cash through the mail. Thank you!

Again, I am truly humbled by all the accolades you bestowed on me at our last meeting. I will always treasure our friendship and sisterhood.

### **DUES PAYMENT PLAN**

*by Shirley White, Treasurer*

Dues for the 2022-2023 fiscal year will be due no later than June 30. Our last meeting before the deadline is May 5. 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 3 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 3<sup>rd</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> payment - \$30.00 mailed to me by April 5<sup>th</sup>

Final payment - \$25.00 at the meeting on May 5<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 5<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 [shirleylenawhite@gmail.com](mailto:shirleylenawhite@gmail.com). The April payment may 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! Also, if you are a reserve member, the dues should remain at \$45.00.

### **CHILDREN'S BOOKS DISTRIBUTED**

Twenty-six very-age-appropriate books were distributed to The Church of the Holy Innocents' Preschool by Danylu Hundley. They were very appreciative of our donation.

### **COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

*by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Marketing Committee Chair*



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*Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*

The January/February issue of *DKG News* is online. There is so much information in this 24-page issue including write-ups on the candidates for international leadership positions in 2022-2024 (such as our own Dr. Teresa Cowan, nominee for the Southeast Regional Director), World Fellowship recipients, and information about the up-coming International Convention to be held July 12-16 in New Orleans. Go to <http://www.dkg.org>, scroll down to Publications and then click on its icon to see it or just click [here](#). **Remember you must sign in to view it.** Members will no longer receive this publication by mail. It is released every other month.

Please check out the Gamma Chi website by clicking <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/>. Check out the home page and look under the calendar to see who is having a birthday. Also, important DKG events are listed in the calendar for the entire year. The updated Gamma Chi Yearbook and Chapter Rules have been posted. Because of the personal information, the picture directory is not posted. Anybody not receiving their copy by email should request a copy.

Our committee would like to encourage everyone, especially committee chairs, to submit news and/or articles to [Nancy Tunstall](#), editor, for publication in the next *Gamma Chi Newsletter*. The submission deadline for the next newsletter will be **April 11**.

### **HOSPITALITY & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

*by Debra Clayton, Hospitality and Social Affairs Committee Chair*



Meal costs are to be paid at each meeting upon arrival. Members who are unable to attend after responding "yes" to their invite must inform Communications & Marketing Chair [Nancy Tunstall](#) by the cut-off date of **Sunday, February 27<sup>th</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.





**NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER  
FOR THE NC DKG CONVENTION**



Registration is open for the 2022 NC DKG Convention scheduled for April 29-May 1 in Asheville. We have already reserved three rooms with double beds at the Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort, pictured at the right. Registration for the

convention is being done online using the Google Form found by clicking [here](#). The form is very simple to fill out. Your Registration Invoice will then be sent to the email address that you provided. You will need to print out a copy of it.

***Here are the directions for those who plan to attend the convention:***

- Fill out the Google registration form and submit it. (Note: we are in Region III. The registration fee is \$35.00 plus whatever food options you prefer. Each member has already contributed to the Headquarters Fund (if you wish to make a further contribution, you may do so at the convention), and we will take up checks or cash to support the convention project at our March meeting. Click the Mail Check option.)
- Bring your printed Registration Invoice to the March meeting.
- Give it to Shirley White so that she can write one check to cover the registrations.
- The first six members to do so will be ensured a room. We will use Gamma Chi Professional Development grants to cover the expense.

We hope that you will be among the members who attend the convention!

**INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT TO ATTEND STATE CONVENTION**



International President Rebecca (Becky) Sadowski will be the Society Representative at the April 2022 NC DKG Convention in Asheville.

Sadowski joined DKG in 1989 and has served in leadership positions at all levels of the Society. Her service includes Tennessee State Organization President, Southeast Regional Director, and International First and Second Vice President. She chaired the International Membership and Leadership Development Committees and participated as a member of the Golden Gift Fund Committee.

Sadowski retired as chair of the department of education at Lambuth University in Jackson, Tennessee.

**Convention Project Supports Local Food Bank**

Food insecurity is growing. A local food bank that is a member of Feeding America is the 2022 NC DKG Convention project.

The Mountain Area Nutritional Needs Alliance (MANNA), a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit



organization, works to end food insecurity for students and families in Western North Carolina (WNC).

Every \$1 donated to MANNA helps provide four meals for people across WNC. Chapters and/or members are invited to support the convention project with donations. Checks and money orders may be written to MANNA FoodBank with reference to the 2022 NC DKG Convention Project. Bring checks to the convention or mail to MANNA FoodBank at 627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville, NC 28805. To make a secure, online donation, visit the MANNA donation page, choose "Designate My Donation," select "Other Info," and then enter NC DKG State Convention Project.

Visit the [MANNA FoodBank website](#) for more information.

**SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA**



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) adopted Schools for Africa as our first official international project in 2010. Schools for Africa

is a partnership between UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and the Hamburg Society. Schools for Africa helps the most disadvantaged children in Africa to get a quality education, focusing on girls, orphans, and other vulnerable youngsters.

Since 2010 DKG members have donated approximately \$445,134.90. In 2019-2020 alone we have donated \$32,047.65.

Currently the project works with 21 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, including: Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. Schools for Africa has reached more than 30 million children.

According to UNICEF's most recent annual report on the Schools for Africa (SFA) project, found on our DKG website, significant 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

Upon her return from a UNICEF-US Fund Site Visit to Ethiopia in 2019, Immediate Past International President Cathy Daugherty commented: "I was never so proud of DKG as I was touring the schools and medical facilities that DKG contributions made possible in this country. Children and women of all ages were reaping the benefits of DKG members' generosity, making a difference worldwide!" (Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), January 7, 2022.)



Photo by Cathy Daugherty

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.

### MAKING PERSONAL GROWTH A PRIORITY IN YOUR CHAPTER'S EEC WORK

It's a new year, and in our Delta Kappa Gamma chapter and state organization work, we are all trying to plan relevant programs and individual activities that will help us meet all the Seven Purposes of DKG International. So much of our work is in outreach and professional work, but let's not forget the power of profound work in personal growth as well. Here are some ideas for activities—both for groups and for individuals—to support this important aspect of Educational Excellence:



1. **Try innovative and unusual journaling.** My chapter had a mother-daughter team (both of whom are members) present on ways to liven up journal writing. Consider collecting a keepsake from a recent event, pasting it in the journal, and then writing about the event, the person, the feelings. Or try a sketch journal, where before you write you sketch the pretty place, the person, or a symbol and then write about what you have drawn.
2. **Treat yourself to a dose of nature.** Even in the winter months, a little dose of sunshine can make us feel better. Even sitting by a window and enjoying the warmth or the clouds can help us feel better. A quick five-minute walk outside can clear cobwebs and help us appreciate the wonderful warmth once we return indoors. Do this individually or even as a way to start or end meetings.
3. **Take time to read, including reading that simply and purely entertains.** It's always fun to talk about a good book with others. In my state, 11 of us are doing a book study on the DKG International Book Award winner and discussing it virtually. But why not also consider asking another member to name the best book she's read in recent years, reading it, and then informally sharing later?
4. **Splurge with a personal treat of a candle bath with great smells and soft music.** Or a hot shower, maybe after your quick step into nature? Light some scented candles, put some nice-smelling Epsom salts in the water, and listen to instrumental music for 15 minutes. Let your mind relax along with your body. Treat yourself!
5. **Reach out and do something nice for someone else.** In DKG we are stars at doing community service. The pandemic may challenge us on doing this successfully, but remember that even small, incremental kindnesses can literally lift up another person. Recently, as I was going through airport security, I was asked to lower my mask for identification. I smiled hugely at the agent and said, "I'll bet

you don't get enough smiles! Thank you for your work to keep us safe." The agent literally beamed!

6. **Remember to take care of your body, especially giving it time to relax and de-stress.** Last spring my chapter was gifted with a speaker who took us through some simple chair yoga moves during our Zoom meeting. What a refreshing and relaxing time this was for us! Life is hard. Don't forget that life is good, too.
7. **Write a "tribute letter" to someone who has made a difference in your life.** After writing yet another eulogy for one of my departed friends, I realized that I wish I would have shared my tribute with her BEFORE she was gone. Now I write a "tribute letter" once a month to someone who is very much alive and who has had an impact on helping me become the person I am now. I mail the letter, with wonderful, positive results. Maybe as a chapter, try doing this as an activity and send out those powerful notes to the world. We all need these!
8. **Consider trying a new creative hobby or craft.** In our world of high tech, we have come to value the "high touch" ("hands on") activities even more. Try a new recipe, pull out that embroidery or knitting you used to do, paint a pretty picture, or do a sculpture using a bar of Ivory soap. There is much to be said for the feeling of accomplishment when we are creating something! Ask members to bring something they have created, or plan a group "craft" project for a meeting.

(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), January 13, 2022.)

### ATTEND THE DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Experience DKG at the International level by attending the 2022 Convention in New Orleans, July 12-16! The [Sheraton New Orleans](#) is the convention hotel. Early Bird registration prices are only good through **June 12**. All information needed to make hotel reservations and register can be found by clicking [here](#).



### MYSTERY MEMBER

by Nancy Tunstall, Editor



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *She has taught in Warren, Vance and Franklin Counties. She has retired, but is still teaching. As a DKG member, her college mentor inspired her, thus beginning her DKG journey. She has been taught by DKG members and has taught future DKG members. She has several close DKG friends, and several DKG members have been close friends of her children.*

Who is she? The name of our mystery member will be revealed at the meeting.





### 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*

### 2021-2023 NC DKG THEME

*Linking the Past, Present and Future*

### 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*

*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—DKG INTERNATIONAL

March 1 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*  
March 1 DKGIEF project applications due  
May 1 Deadline for DKGIEF Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadline: November 1)  
May 11 DKG's Founders Day (DKG will be 93!)  
May 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*  
June 12 Last day to register early for the DKG International Convention  
July 12-16 DKG International Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana

### DATES TO REMEMBER—NC DKG

March 1 Chapter Achievement, Golden Key, Rising Star, and Communications Excellence due  
April 29-May 1 NC DKG Convention, Asheville, NC  
May 1 Deadline to submit to the *NC DKG News*  
**2023**  
April 28-30 NC DKG Convention, Greenville, NC

### DATES TO REMEMBER—GAMMA CHI

March 3 **3rd Gamma Chi Meeting**, Littleton Baptist Church, Littleton (Littleton Group hostesses)  
April 11 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*  
May 5 **4th Gamma Chi Meeting**, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway (St. Paul's Group hostesses)  
May 5 Dues due to Shirley White (\$85 Active, \$45 Reserve)  
May 7 Gamma Chi's Founders Day (we'll be 39!)

Please submit events, celebrations, recognitions and news to:

Editor/Webmaster: [Nancy Tunstall](#)

*Wishing you a*



## GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – DECEMBER 7, 2021

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Norlina United Methodist Church on December 7, 2021 beginning with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. There were 27 members and 3 guests present. Beth Winstead led the program for the evening. The chapter also conducted a program led by Nancy Tunstall and President Evelyn Hall. This was called, "Celebrating Shirley White's 50+ Years of Membership in DKG," and served as the chapter's recognition of Shirley's 50+ years of service. President Hall then presented Shirley with a card stating that a donation in her honor would be made to the NC DKG Educational Foundation, a rose necklace, and a gift of \$1,110 to establish grants in Shirley's name for next spring.

After the programs, President Evelyn Hall convened the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

Shirley White presented the treasurer's report. The checkbook balance was \$4,445.82. The savings account balance was \$4,744.93. The report was received to be filed for audit.

The corresponding secretary was not present, but Nancy Tunstall noted that she received correspondence from the Blankenship family. They gave a gift of \$2,000 towards grants-in-aid in the memory of their mother, Nancy Blankenship. Shannon Fuller sent an email to share that she would not be in attendance due to her family having COVID. Michelle Stallings has shared that her mother has serious health needs preventing her from attending. Trina Paynter's mother recently passed, and her family is going through a difficult time. No other correspondences were shared.

President Hall recognized members with birthdays from October through December. They received an air plant. Katrinka Brewer was recognized with a rose for her recent retirement. The mystery member from the newsletter was identified as Linda Hall.

Norma Retzlaff shared from the Beginning Teacher Support Committee. The items that chapter members donated were packed in goodie bags and delivered. Thirty-four bags were shared amongst new teachers at six schools. Six more bags will be packed for additional new teachers identified.

Aimee Cooper presented for the Membership Committee. Hailey Stroud and Mila Alston have been inducted as collegiate members. She requested that members consider teachers in the community who might be considered for membership. Sheila Robertson's guest, Rachel Smith, was at the meeting tonight because of an interest in membership. Aimee Cooper made the motion to present Rachel Smith for membership and Sheila Robertson seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and Rachel Smith was welcomed.

Ashley Barnette presented for the Nominations Committee. The committee is seeking volunteers to serve for the next biennium.

Betsy Clark presented for the Scholarship Committee. There have been no graduate study applications from members. There are grants-in-aid available for high school students and noncertified school staff. We have several college students who will be reapplying for the grants-in-aid.

Loree Harris presented for World Fellowship. The total collected was \$136.

Danylu Hundley presented for the Afghan Committee. She reported that the Afghan Committee has collected \$165 so far. She'll follow up again at the March meeting.

Several reports on members were shared. Brenda Fuller is doing well as she battles cancer. Brooke Callahan recently had a baby. Debra has a new granddaughter. Lisa Bender was selected as Warren County Schools Teacher of the Year.

There was no unfinished business. For new business, members discussed the upcoming NC DKG Convention. The chapter will be seeking donations for the convention project at the March meeting. Donations will go towards the MANNA FoodBank and ending Western NC Hunger. The chapter will reserve 3 rooms. Members can attend using chapter funds for professional development. Workshop proposals are due January 25, 2022. The convention will be in Asheville.

President Hall adjourned the meeting, and the Norlina Group conducted the raffle.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ashley Barnette, Recording Secretary

**Active members present:** Kirby Alston, Sylvia Alston, Mary Austell, Ashley Barnette, Crystal Brantley, Katrinka Brewer, Melanie Burnette, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Aimee Cooper, Sallye Duncan, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Danylu Hundley, Katy Jones, Jenny O'Meara, Martha Ann Overby, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Kathy Stewart, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White.

**Active and Collegiate members absent:** Mila Alston, Kay Beaver, Lisa Bender, Ginny Bernard, Diana Bobbitt, Kristen Boyd, Brooke Callahan, Elaine Coleman, Jill Coleman, Shannon Fuller, Brenda Holloman, Laura Kearney, Donna Liles, Janis Meek, Renee Mizelle, Tracy Neal, Pattie Rodwell, Chris Skinner, Michele Stallings, Hailey Stroud, and Patricia Williamson.

**Reserve member present:** Paula Aycock

**Guests:** Anne Briley, Rachel Smith, and Beth Winstead

## DKG Prospect Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

## DKG Prospect Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

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