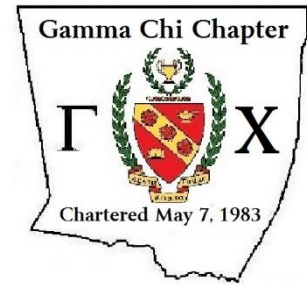


Gamma Chi Newsletter

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Eta State, North Carolina
Region III, Warren County



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Committed, dedicated, talented! Those are the words that I will be using at the Eta State NC Convention in Winston Salem to describe the members of Gamma Chi. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful group of women educators to carry out the mission of Delta Kappa Gamma. Think about your own personal commitment and dedication to Gamma Chi. Also think about the talent that you bring to the chapter. Do you... sing? Play an instrument? Create stained glass? Sew? Quilt? Garden? Cook? Write?

At our May meeting we will be initiating six new members. How exciting!! We will be adding new talent to our organization. The officers will be installed for the next biennium—what a commitment! Also you will have the opportunity to sign up to serve on a committee(s) for the next biennium. That takes commitment and dedication! Between now and May 5, think about your role in Gamma Chi.

Also, remember that we will have our memorial service for our departed sisters this past year, and we will award our scholarship and grants-in-aid. See you in May at St. Paul's.

In sisterhood,

Debra W. Clayton

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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, May 5, 2016

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

114 Popular Mount Road, Norlina, NC 27563

Hors d'oeuvres will be served prior to dinner. Dinner will consist of a buffet including pork loin with cranberry sauce, gourmet chicken salad, spinach salad, seasoned green beans, small red potatoes with melted butter & parsley, marinated carrots, orange fluff salad, dinner rolls, and a variety of homemade desserts; choice of iced tea, coffee and water. Cost: \$15.00 (make checks to St. Paul's LWML)

Cut-Off Date: Thursday, April 28th (must pay for meal after that date regardless of attendance)

5:30 p.m. Social Hour

6:00 p.m. Initiation Ceremony

6:15 p.m. Scholarship & Grants-in-Aid Presentation

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:15 p.m. Celebration of Life Service

7:30 p.m. Business Meeting

8:30 p.m. Installation of Officers

Thanks to the Membership and Nominations Committees for their hard work. (Note: You do not have to purchase dinner to attend the meeting. That is your choice.)

The Telephone Network should call members for a meal count.

(St. Paul's Group will need to bring items for the raffle.)

BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ Money to buy \$1 raffle tickets (proceeds aid local libraries)
- ☞ Turn in your money, stubs and unsold tickets for the afghan raffle. Drawing will be held. You do not have to be present to win. You can still purchase tickets up to the time of the drawing. Tickets are priced at \$3.00 each.
- ☞ Box Tops and Labels for Education; they will benefit our elementary schools and the middle school
- ☞ Completed Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award form; at the end of the newsletter or click [here](#) for the form



GAMMA CHI WELCOMES BONNIE SIEGNER



Gamma Chi welcomes our Region III Regional Director Bonnie Siegner to our meeting. Not only is she a regional director, but she is also chapter president of Gamma Omicron, a chapter in Wake County. She is a retired teacher for the visually impaired. She is very active in DKG having served as a regional director back in 1994-96 and on various state committees chairing the Membership Committee. She will be helping us with the installation of our officers.

MEET OUR FUTURE NEW MEMBERS

We have much to look forward to as we plan to initiate six new members at the May meeting. President Debra Clayton, Treasurer Shirley White and Membership Chair Nancy Tunstall provided orientation sessions for these women from March 21 through April 7. Listed below are pictures of our new members and their professional information along with their groups and birthdays so you can start to familiarize yourselves with our soon-to-be new members and bid them welcome!



Cicelia Aguilar is a 6th and 7th Grade Science Teacher at Northside K-8 School. She will be a member of the Warrenton group. Her birthday is February 10.



Patricia Hargrove is a K-5 EC Teacher at Mariam Boyd Elementary School. She will be a member of the Warrenton group. Her birthday is September 29.



Sheila Robertson is a K-5 Art Teacher at Mariam Boyd Elementary School/Northside K-8 School. She will be a member of the Warrenton group. Her birthday is August 30.



Charis Shattuck is a 5th Grade Math, ELA, Social Studies Teacher at Mariam Boyd Elementary School. She will be a member of the Warrenton group. Her birthday is July 5.






Kristin Speakman is a 5th Grade Teacher at Vaughan Elementary School. She will be a member of the St. Paul's group. Her birthday is October 25.



Carleen Stephenson-Gordon is a 5th Grade ELA Teacher at Northside K-8 School. She will be a member of the Littleton group. Her birthday is January 16.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

-  **Debra Clayton** on being selected by Eta State NC President Sheila Groves to present the flag of the United States at the Opening Session of the convention to be held on Friday, April 22
-  **Charlene Spence** on her new position as the New Teacher Support Coach for the middle grade at Northside K-8 School and WCMS; she also mentors a 2nd year EC Teacher
-  **Nancy Tunstall** on completing the 76-page 2016 Eta State NC Convention program book

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

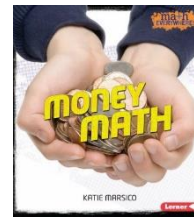
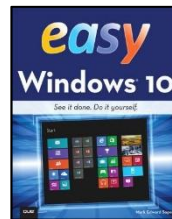
The Celebration of Life service in memory of our beloved Gamma Chi sisters, Jeffrey Evans, Melba Johnston, Edwina Rooker and Louise Twitty, will be held at our May meeting. Please be in attendance as we remember these remarkable sisters.



GAMMA CHI MEMORIALS REPORT

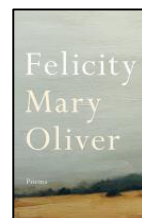
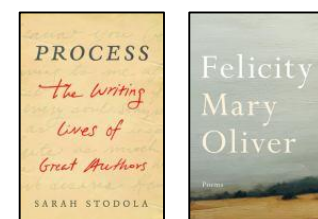
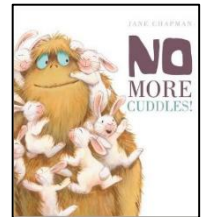
by Elaine Coleman, Gamma Chi Memorials Chair

The Gamma Chi Memorials committee has chosen the following books as memorials for our dearly departed sisters.



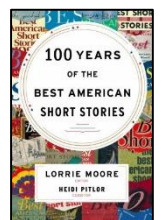
For **Jeffrey Evans**, we have chosen *Easy Windows 10* by Mark Edward Soper and *Money Math* by Katie Marsico.

For **Melba Johnston**, we have chosen *The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art* by Barb Rosenstock; illustrated by Mary GrandPre' and *No More Cuddles* by Jane Chapman.



For **Edwina Rooker**, we have chosen *Process: The Writing Lives of Great Authors* by Sarah Stodola and *Felicity: Poems* by Mary Oliver.

For **Louise Twitty** who was a Gamma Chi member for many years, we have chosen *100 Years of the Best American Short Stories* edited by Lorrie Moore and Heidi Pitlor.



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the March meeting, \$70.00 was collected from the meeting raffle which was used to help our local libraries.

A total of \$100.00 was collected for Schools for Africa. The sale of afghan raffle tickets yielded \$144.00 bringing the total so far to \$324.00. We will need \$176.00 to be turned in at our May meeting to reach the goal of \$500.00 being raised by the afghan raffle each year.



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 making a commitment to come must inform the Telephone Network Chair Nancy

Tunstall, at nancytunstall@gmail.com or 252-456-2051 (h) by the cut-off date of **Thursday, April 28th**. When this is not done, members will be expected to pay for the meal. Please send your payment by an attending member or have a friend pay for your meal. They could get you a carry-out meal if so desired. **The money is needed the night of the meeting so the caterer can be paid in full.** Thank you in advance.

CHAPTER RULES REPORT

by Loree Harris, Chapter Rules Chair

The Chapter Rules Committee has worked to revise the Gamma Chi Chapter Rules to be consistent with current practices of the chapter and to reflect changes in Eta State North Carolina and The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.



The committee has presented the revisions to the Gamma Chi Executive Board and received their approval. Along with this newsletter, you will receive a copy of the Gamma Chi Chapter Rules showing the revisions with parts being deleted in ~~strikeout~~ and parts being added in **red**. Please read through the revised rules very carefully. For discussion purposes, please print out a copy to bring with you to the meeting. The revisions will be voted on at the May meeting.

CONVENTION PROJECT RESPONSE



Gamma Chi members responded with open hearts to the request to help Region IX with its chosen convention project to collaborate with Dreams and Kitestrings of Wilkes County. The mission of this local organization is *to provide women and children the wings to soar by giving financial assistance to help achieve their educational, athletic, and career aspirations.* Find out more by clicking [here](#).

Gamma Chi members attending the convention will take with them sixteen books, a \$25.00 Barnes & Noble gift card and \$25.00 in checks to support this project.



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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Your chapter needs leaders,
How about you?

You might think you don't have enough time or knowledge to be in a leadership role. But, you may already be doing many things that identify you as a leader. You may be a leader if...

- You are passionate and energized by the work you do
- You are a patient listener and others come to you for advice
- You are willing to learn and try new ideas
- You enjoy networking, developing relationships, and encouraging others

Leaders are confident, positive, and thoughtful. They use their time wisely and delegate effectively. Leaders impact the future. Are you the leader DKG is looking for?

sheila



HEADS UP FROM THE ETA STATE NC EDUCATIONAL LAW & POLICY COMMITTEE

by Susan Phipps, Educational Law & Policy Chair

The General Assembly in Raleigh is contemplating major changes to the NC Teachers and State Employees Retirement Plan. Under consideration is the discontinuation of the Defined-Benefits Retirement System and the introduction of a Defined-Contributions System. The difference is stark and has implications for North Carolina's ability to attract high quality educators and other workers to our state in the future.

The current Defined-Benefits System has state employees contributing 6% of their salaries and the state contributing another 9.15% for retirement. These funds are invested and monitored by the state treasurer and results in a guaranteed pension based on a standard formula of service time and money invested. The Defined-Contribution System, on the other hand, has no guaranteed benefits and all the risks and benefits of any investment are shouldered by the employee instead of the state. Retirement benefits will fluctuate with market ebbs and flows. (During the stock market crash of 2008 this retirement system would have been very debilitating for retirees.) Money invested by an employee would also be subject to management fees.

Please do all you can do to head this idea off before it can get any traction. Contact your Senator and Representative to urge their support for a Defined-Benefits Retirement System. Our representatives are Nathan Baskerville for Vance and Warren Counties at Nathan.Baskerville@ncleg.net and Michael Wray for Halifax County at MichaelWray@ncleg.net. Our senator is Angela R. Bryant for Halifax, Vance and Warren Counties at Angela.Bryant@ncleg.net. Committee meetings happen before the 2016 session begins on April 25, so **NOW** is the time to act! **Use your home email, not school email.**



CONDOLENCES TO:

Renee Mizelle on the loss of her mother-in-law, Mae Mizelle. Please keep Renee and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

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



EDUCATIONAL LAW & POLICY SURVEY

The Educational Law and Policy Committee is requesting the input of all members in prioritizing 2016 legislative issues for the committee's focus and work this year and next. This will guide the Educational Law & Policy Committee when meeting with lawmakers in Raleigh.

We will be completing the survey at our May meeting. To be thinking about your responses, you will be asked to rank the following seven issues from 1 to 7 with "1" being your top issue and "7," your least important issue. Beside any/each issue, please share ideas you may have to guide our work. The seven issues are

- Teacher Pay
- A to F Grading of Schools
- Reduction of Testing/Assessment
- Removal of Core Curriculum
- Increase in per pupil expenditure
- Teacher Evaluation
- Educator Benefit Package (healthcare, retirement, etc.)

You will receive the survey at the May meeting. Please complete the survey and turn it in before leaving. Thanks!

LEROY (Leadership Experiences Relevant to Others and Yourself)

"Dare to Lead"
Find the hidden leaders, those who share the belief that what they do matters!
See you at the Eta State Convention!

LEROY the Leadership Guy

THE NC DKG EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

RAFFLE

at the Eta State NC Convention, April 22-24, 2016 in Winston-Salem, NC

Raffle items include:

- Tickets for 2 to the Biltmore Estate
- A Beautiful Waterford Crystal Vase
- Holiday, hand-quilted Candle Mats
- Lodging and meals for 6 at Olde Beau
- A week at a secluded mountain cabin
- Two tickets to two different May NASCAR Races in Charlotte

For more information, photos, pricing, and details, view the raffle brochure at <http://www.ncdkgef.org/uploads/5/1/2/7/51272791/edfobrochur.pdf>

Most items can be mailed to winners, so tickets can be purchased by everyone, including those not attending the convention. Give your money to a member attending the convention or contact Board Chair Dr. Judith Carlson at judithb125@gmail.com for more information.



LOOK FOR RAFFLE TABLE AT CONVENTION

Did you get the brochure about all the wonderful items up for raffle through the Foundation this year? You can find it on the website by clicking [here](#).

The brochure details the raffle items—hand-quilted candle mats, a week at a mountain cabin, two tickets to two different NASCAR races in Charlotte, a Waterford Irish crystal vase, lodging for 6 at Olde Beau, and two tickets to the Biltmore House.

The raffle table will be open noon to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, outside the ballroom. The winners will be announced at the Sunday brunch. Tickets are \$10 each, three for \$25, seven for \$50 or 15 for \$100 for all items but the candle mats. They are priced at one for \$20 or three for \$50.

Proceeds from the raffle will be used to support chapter, school and community projects and activities through the grants process.



Pictured above, Olde Beau and the mountain cabin are just a couple of the wonderful items up for raffle for the NC DKG Educational Foundation.

**DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
THIS SUMMER IN NASHVILLE**



Join Eta State members and others from around the world at the international convention July 5-9, 2016 in Nashville, Tennessee. Registration is open and hotel rooms are filling up at the beautiful Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center.

In addition to convention sessions and workshops, convention tours will add to the week. Click [here](#) to go to the DKG international convention page.

You have until June 5 to complete early bird registration. After that date registration increases by \$88. Our chapter will be represented by at least one member—Nancy Tunstall has registered for the convention.

Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, Eta State Executive Secretary, asks you to let her know if you plan to attend. She will have a sign-up sheet available at the Eta State Convention or you can email her at:

etaexecsecretary@gmail.com.

TECH TIP



Prezi is a cloud-based presentation software. The product employs a zooming user interface (ZUI), which allows users to zoom in and out of their presentation media.

Prezi is used in primary education and higher education. It can be used by teachers and students to collaborate on presentations with multiple users able to access and edit the same presentation, and to allow students to construct and present their knowledge in different learning styles. The product is also being used in e-learning and edutainment.

To learn more about Prezi, visit <https://prezi.com/>.

MYSTERY MEMBER



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *She has received acclaim for her teaching, first as Rookie of the Year in 2010 and then as Teacher of the Year in 2012. She enjoys refurbishing old antiques, consignment shopping, camping and being at the lake. Who is she?*

If you do not know who the member is, you can find the answer by reading our members' biographies at <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/members.html>. The name of our mystery member will be revealed at the meeting.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 22-24 Eta State Convention, Winston-Salem Marriott, Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX)
- May 1 Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional Development Application due;
<http://www.dkgef.org/awards.html>
- May 5 4th Gamma Chi Meeting, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway
- May 7 33rd Anniversary of the founding of the Gamma Chi Chapter of Eta State NC of DKG
- May 11 87th Anniversary of the founding of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
- May 15 Deadline for submissions to the *Bulletin: Journal*
- June 5 Deadline for Early Bird registration for 2016 International Convention
- July 5-9 DKG International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN
- July 10 Deadline to submit news for the *Eta State News*
- August 1 Deadline for articles for *Collegial Exchange*
- Sept. 12 Deadline to submit news for the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- October 6 1st Gamma Chi Meeting, Littleton United Methodist Church, Littleton
- 2017
- April 28-30 Eta State NC Convention, The Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington, NC (Region IV)
- June 23-25 Eta State NC Leadership Seminar, Caraway Center, Asheboro, NC
- July 19-22 Southeast Regional Conference, Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC
- 2018
- July 16-20 DKG International Convention, JW Marriott Austin, Austin, TX

DKG VISION STATEMENT

*Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*

ETA STATE VISION (VIEW)

*Voices of Influence Empowering
North Carolina Women Educators*

2014-2016 INTERNATIONAL THEME

*85 Years and Beyond:
Advancing Key Women Educators for Life*

2015-2017 ETA STATE THEME

"Create the Future—Imagine, Inspire, Ignite"

Check them out often!

GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:

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

ETA STATE WEBSITE:

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

DKG WEBSITE:

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

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – March 3, 2016

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Robinson Ferry Restaurant in Warrenton on Thursday, March 3, 2016. Gathering and socializing began at 6:00 p.m.

President Debra Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and recognized Shirley White, who offered a blessing before the meal, catered by Robinson Ferry. During the meal, the birthday basket was distributed to recognize members with birthdays in February, March, and April.

In the interest of time, the president began the business session as the meal was being completed. Recording Secretary Mary Catherine Harris reported attendance of 33 members and two guests. The minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting were approved.

Shirley White presented the treasurer's report, which showed a checking balance of \$2,014.96 and a savings balance of \$5,413.46. The report was filed for audit.

Nancy Tunstall reported for Corresponding Secretary Sallye Duncan, noting regrets for the meeting received from Jill Coleman, Paula Aycock, Sallye Duncan, and Renee Mizell. A sympathy card had been sent to Donna Liles on the death of her mother-in-law.

The Mystery Member was revealed to be Erin Simons. Congratulations were extended to Brooke Comer on her engagement to be married in July. Donna Liles was welcomed back into membership in Gamma Chi.

Shirley White reported that she had received a note of thanks from Connie King for the gift in her honor to the Delta Kappa Gamma Emergency Fund. Also, she had received a thank-you from Mary Alice Elkins, sister of Edwina Rooker, for the contribution to the Scholarship Fund in Edwina's memory.

The president reported on the recent meeting of the Eta State Finance Committee, of which she is a member.

Harriet Banzet introduced Noel Robertson, president of Preservation Warrenton, who presented an enlightening program on "Preserving the Past for the Future."

In the president's report, Debra Clayton reminded members of the upcoming Eta State Convention April 22-24 in Winston-Salem. Nancy Tunstall gave a preview of highlights of the convention. The president also noted that the International Delta Kappa Gamma Convention would take place July 5-9 in Nashville, TN.

The president encouraged members to sign up as mentors for new Gamma Chi members. She noted that the executive board would meet on the following Saturday. Committee reports were given:

- **Educational Excellence** – Reporting for Patricia Williamson, chair, Nancy Tunstall reminded members to place their donations in the Schools for Africa basket.
- **Membership** – On behalf of the committee, Nancy Tunstall, chair, made separate motions to invite the following persons to become members of Gamma Chi: Cicelia Aguilar, Ethel Alston, Leigh Clark, Lori Fleming, Patricia Hargrove, Sheila Robertson, Charis Shattuck, Kristin Speakman, Elizabeth Smyth and Carleen Stephenson-Gordon. Each motion was considered separately, and each motion passed.
- **Nominating Committee** – Sharon West presented the following slate of officers for the next biennium: president, Debra Clayton; first vice-president, Patricia Williamson; second vice-president, Loree Harris; recording secretary, Mary Catherine Harris; corresponding secretary, Aimee Anderson.

Shirley White reported that she had sent Valentine's Day cards to reserve members. Sylvia Alston announced that Aimee Anderson was running for the Warren County Board of Education.

With no unfinished business and no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Mary Catherine Harris

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

March 5, 2016

The Executive Board of Gamma Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at 10 a.m. at the home of Debra Clayton. Present were: President Debra Clayton, Harriet Banzet, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White. Absent were: Brooke Comer, Sallye Duncan, and Patricia Williamson.

Debra Clayton welcomed everyone and presided over the meeting.

Items discussed were:

- **Meeting Dates for 2016-2017** – The meeting dates will remain as in the past, the first Thursday in October, December, March, and May. Attendance will be monitored to determine if change is advisable.
- **Chapter Dues** – In anticipation of an increase in dues, it was suggested that members be provided information regarding international and state membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.
- **Chapter Rules** – Nancy Tunstall led a discussion of Chapter Rules and explained the suggested changes. Shirley White made a motion, seconded by Harriet Banzet, to recommend adoption of the Chapter Rules changes. The motion passed.
- **New Recruitment Plan** – Nancy Tunstall explained that the process for inviting new members will now consist of giving out Member Prospect Cards at the October meeting, with voting on new member prospects to take place in March. The prospective member would accept or decline the invitation following orientation. Anyone submitting a Prospect Card would be encouraged to attend orientation with the prospective members.
- **Meetings at Robinson Ferry** – Suggestion was made to negotiate meal cost with Robinson Ferry for the March meeting or consider a different location and caterer.
- **Attendance** – It was suggested that the minutes of chapter meetings list members present and members absent.
- **Committee Assignments** – At the May meeting, the president will seek input for committee assignments for the new biennium. In October, there will be no speaker in order to provide time for committees to meet.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Catherine Harris, recording secretary

2015-2016 GAMMA CHI MEMBER EXCELLENCE AWARD FORM

Use this form to keep a track of your attendance, participation, financial contributions, networking, and lifelong learning as a Gamma Chi member between October 1, 2015 and May 5, 2016. The goal is to earn 150 or more points. To receive recognition, submit your completed form to Janis Meek, Awards Committee Chair, on May 5, 2016 or shortly thereafter. Recognition will consist of presentation of a certificate and rose pin at the October 6, 2016 meeting and notification of the award to the member's supervisor. Members achieving this award will have their picture taken for a newspaper article and the Gamma Chi website.

Member's Attendance:

- ____ 1. Attend the following meetings: 1st meeting on Oct. 1, 2015; 2nd meeting on Dec. 3, 2015; 3rd meeting on March 3, 2016; and 4th meeting on May 5, 2016. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)
- ____ 2. Attend one or more days of the 2016 Eta State Convention in Winston-Salem on Friday-Sunday, April 22-24. (10 pts.)

Member's Participation:

- ____ 3. Wear your keypin to each of the regular meetings. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)
- ____ 4. Recommend a worthy candidate for membership using online form found at www.dkg.org. (5 pts.)
- ____ 5. Serve as an officer. (10 pts.)
- ____ 6. Serve as a committee chair. (10 pts.)
- ____ 7. Actively serve on a committee. (5 pts.) List committee: _____
- ____ 8. Present a program at a Gamma Chi meeting. (10 pts.)
List title and date of program: _____
- ____ 9. Present a session/program at an Eta State Convention or other DKG meeting outside of Gamma Chi. (20 pts.) List title, date, and location of session/program: _____
- ____ 10. Apply for a Delta Kappa Gamma award at state, national, or international level. (20 pts.)
List name of award: _____
- ____ 11. Submit your biographical sketch by December 3, 2015. (10 pts.)
- ____ 12. Bring an item for the raffle when it is your group's turn. (5 pts.)
- ____ 13. Participate when it is your group's turn to be hostesses for the meeting. (5 pts.)
- ____ 14. Bring an item(s) to the 1st meeting on Oct. 1, 2015 for New Teachers Bag project. (10 pts.)
- ____ 15. Bring a children's book(s) to the 2nd meeting Dec. 3, 2015 to be placed in local doctors' offices. (5 pts.)
- ____ 16. Bring Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education to each of the regular meetings. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)
- ____ 17. Apply for a scholarship: Gamma Chi Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2016), Eta State Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2016) and/or 2016 International Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2016). All forms are online—check our website. (5 pts. each, 15 pts. maximum)
- ____ 18. Apply for a Gamma Chi Professional Development grant at least one month prior to a regular meeting. (5 pts.)
- ____ 19. Turn in a THAT Program (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) Volunteer Hours Report by Dec. 3, 2015. Form is on our website. Continue keeping track of your volunteer hours for beginning teachers—you will be asked to turn in a form each year at the December meeting. (5 pts.)

Member's Financial Contribution:

- ____ 20. Pay Membership Dues by 1st Meeting on Oct. 1, 2015. Dues must be paid by Oct. 31 or member is dropped. (20 pts.)
- ____ 21. Contribute at least \$20 to our Scholarship Fund. Should be made at the December meeting, but a contribution may be made at any time. Sold raffle tickets may be counted. Form is on our website. (10 pts. for each multiple of \$20 contributed throughout the year, no maximum)
- ____ 22. Make a contribution to World Fellowship at the December meeting. (5 pts.)
- ____ 23. Make a contribution to Schools for Africa at the March meeting. (5 pts.)
- ____ 24. Make a contribution by February 1, 2016 to an International Fund—Educational Foundation Fund, Emergency Fund, Golden Gift Fund, International Speakers Fund or Scholarship Fund. You may make your check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter or, since these fund donations are tax deductible, make payable to DKG. In either case, specify on the Memo line of your check the fund to which you are contributing. Give your check to Shirley White, Treasurer. Checks will be mailed to International Headquarters as a batch to give our chapter credit. A brief description of each fund is provided at the end of this form. (5 pts. each, 25 pts. maximum)
- ____ 25. Make a contribution to the Eta State Scholarship Fund by February 1, 2016. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write "Eta State Scholarship." Give the check to Shirley White, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)

____ 26. Make a contribution to the Eta State Leadership Fund by February 1, 2016. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write "Eta State Leadership." Give the check to Shirley White, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)

Member's Networking and Lifelong Learning:

____ 27. Visit, call and/or write a reserve member. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)

List reserve member(s) contacted: _____

____ 28. Tell your colleagues about Gamma Chi and its projects. (5 pts.)

____ 29. Check out from Nancy Tunstall and read *Our Heritage—Volume I, Volume II, and/or Volume III*. (5 pts. per volume, maximum 15 pts.)

____ 30. Visit and peruse our website at least four times at: www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi. (5 pts.)

____ 31. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG website at least four times. (5 pts.)

____ 32. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Eta State website at least four times. (5 pts.)

____ 33. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse Schools for Africa. (5 pts.)

____ 34. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Educational Foundation website. (5 pts.)

____ 35. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the US FORUM website. (5 pts.)

____ 36. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG Facebook page. (5 pts.)

____ 37. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Eta State Facebook page. (5 pts.)

____ 38. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Gamma Chi Facebook page. (5 pts.)

____ 39. Read the Chapter Rules found in your yearbook or online at our website. (5 pts.)

____ 40. Read the Gamma Chi Chapter History found on our website. (5 pts.)

According to my calculations, I have earned _____ points.

Signature of Member _____

Descriptions of International Funds:

Educational Foundation Fund – any educator may apply for project grants. Projects must meet one or more of the following: (1) Support and encourage intercultural understanding, (2) Encourage standards of excellence in education, and (3) Assist and cooperate with schools, colleges, universities and other persons, organizations, trust funds or foundations in support, encouragement and improvement of education. Also Cornetet funds are available for professional development for individuals and for seminars.

Emergency Fund – members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wild fires and other natural disasters may be recommended by their chapter and state organization president to receive a \$500 Emergency Fund Award.

Golden Gift Fund – provides for a member to attend a two-week leadership/management training seminar held in early July at the Red McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin in even numbered years.

International Speakers Fund – the purpose of ISF is to facilitate exchange of Society speakers among member countries and help unite women educators of the world. The ISF committee considers requests for ISF speakers from state organizations twice annually. We have an IS at our Eta State Convention each spring.

Scholarship Fund – members may apply for a \$6,000 scholarship to assist them with their graduate studies (\$10,000 for doctoral studies—approved at the 2012 International Convention).