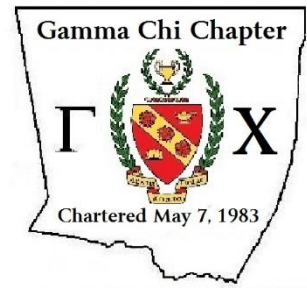


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Region III, Warren County



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy spring, Gamma Chi sisters! Even though winter is still lurking around, according to the calendar, it is spring time!!

This is my last message to you as your president. The last four years have been a real learning experience for me. Your support has been monumental. Sometimes it was a phone call, an email, or a compliment or suggestion after a meeting. Please continue to give your support to Evelyn as your new president. It takes everyone in the chapter working together to have a viable chapter, just as it takes a village to raise a child.

Attending conventions, conferences, and Executive Board meetings enabled me to meet and network with other DKG sisters. This was a valuable experience. The convention later this month will be the last one at which I represent Gamma Chi as its president. After that at our May meeting, I will pass the gavel to Evelyn, who is going to be an amazing president. Please plan to attend that meeting to support our new incoming officers as well as our new initiates. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, May 8, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

You are always my sisters, forever my friends!

In sisterhood,

Debra W. Clayton

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MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

114 Popular Mount Road, Norlina, NC 27563



Dinner will consist of Caesar salad, baked herb seasoned chicken tenders, roast beef with gravy, English peas, boiled potatoes, buttered dinner rolls, strawberry shortcake and sweet tea. Cost: \$14.00

(Make checks payable to Gamma Chi/DKG and write Meal in the memo line or please try to have the correct change.)

Cut-Off Date: Monday, April 30th (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. Grants Presentation

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:15 p.m. Business Meeting

8:00 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.)

Please respond to your Evite as soon as possible and no later than April 30th!

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

BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ Money to buy \$1 raffle tickets
- ☞ 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 the 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

CELEBRATE!

Gamma Chi will be 35 years old on May 7. Now would be a good time for you to review Gamma Chi's history by clicking [here](#).

In addition to our birthday, we will celebrate the initiation of new members, presenting grants, sharing our chapter's triumphs at convention and the installation of new officers.

Please plan to be present to help our chapter celebrate! As part of the celebration, we will plan to have a group picture taken to go in our new 2018-2020 Gamma Chi Chapter brochure.



MEET OUR FUTURE NEW MEMBERS

We have much to look forward to as we plan to initiate four new members at the May meeting. Treasurer Shirley White and members Ashley Barnette, Jenny O'Meara, Charis Shattuck and Nancy Tunstall provided orientation for these women on March 19. 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!



Lisa Bender is a 9th and 11th Grade English teacher at Warren Early College High School. She will be a member of the St. Paul's group. Her birthday is March 30.



Katrinka Brewer is the principal at Mariam Boyd Elementary School. She will be a member of the St. Paul's group. Her birthday is August 5.



Shirley Cava is a 7th grade Language Arts teacher at Mary Potter Middle School. She will be a member of the St. Paul's group. Her birthday is May 18.



Gail Coleman is a retired teacher who is a part-time tutor at Mariam Boyd Elementary School. She will be a member of the St. Paul's group. Her birthday is May 24.



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!!!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Jenny O'Meara Coffman** on her marriage to Michael Coffman on April 7
- Nancy Tunstall** on completing the 76-page 2018 Eta State NC Convention program book



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the March meeting, \$55.00 was collected from the meeting raffle; this will be used to help our local libraries and the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Schools for Africa donations amounted to \$100.00, exactly meeting our goal.

Sold afghan raffle tickets brought in \$108.00, bringing the total so far to \$356.00. We will need \$144.00 more to be turned in at our May meeting to reach the goal of \$500.00 being raised by the afghan raffle each year.

At the May meeting when paying by check, please write **separate checks** with the **correct amount** for the meal, afghan raffle, etc. It will make the bookkeeping so much easier!



DUES PAYMENT PLAN

by Shirley White, Treasurer

Gamma Chi members who prefer to make payments on their dues rather than pay the full amount at our October meeting will need to begin payments after July 1. Our fiscal year ends on June 30, and our books must be closed out at that time. Our new year begins on July 1.

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

1st payment - \$20.00 by July 5th (must be after July 1)

2nd payment - \$20.00 by August 5th

3rd payment - \$20.00 by September 5th

Final payment - \$25.00 at the meeting on October 4th

For those who do not care to take advantage of the payment plan, the entire amount of dues, \$85.00, will be due on October 4th at the first 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.

CHAPTER RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

by Loree Harris, Chair

The Chapter Rules Committee has worked to revise the Gamma Chi Chapter Rules to be consistent with current practices of the chapter. The most pressing need is the deletion of the Telephone Network Committee since we are now using Evite. Using Evite totally eliminates the function of that committee. Simply adding a few more duties to the Communications & Publicity Committee takes care of it.



The second change is to do away with the World Fellowship Committee and replace it with a World Fellowship Representative who would be listed under Related Personnel. This will line us up with Eta State NC, which has a World Fellowship Representative. One person

is all we need to encourage members to contribute to World Fellowship at our December meetings.

Finally, the committee suggests changing the name of the Music Committee to Music/Fine Arts Committee. The committee could then encourage members to share their creative arts with the DKG Fine Arts Gallery.

The Rules Committee has presented the revisions to the Gamma Chi Executive Board and received its approval. Along with this newsletter, you will receive a copy of the Gamma Chi Chapter Rules showing the revisions with parts being deleted ~~in red-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.

HOSPITALITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS REPORT

by Paula Aycock, Chair

Meal costs are to be paid at each meeting upon arrival. Members who are unable to attend after making a commitment to purchase the meal must inform the Telephone Network Chair Nancy Tunstall, at nancytunstall@gmail.com or 252-456-2051 (h) by the cut-off date of **Monday, April 30th**. 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.** Also, you are welcome to bring potential members as guests, but you will be responsible for paying for their meal. Thank you in advance.



GAMMA CHI MEMORIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Elaine Coleman, Chair

Fortunately, we have no memorials for this year, but we have given the Warren County Memorial Library \$50 for the Children's Section. We are in the process of purchasing the most current Newberry Award and Caldecott Award winning books. These awards honor the most outstanding author and/or illustrator of children's literature.



CONVENTION PROJECT RESPONSE

Gamma Chi members responded with open hearts to the request to help Region VI with its chosen 2018 Eta State NC Convention project, **Hurricane Matthew Aftermath**. Your helping hands will aid children and their families recovering from the devastation they are still feeling over a year later. Find out more by clicking [here](#).

At the March meeting, Gamma Chi members contributed \$80.00 in checks and gift cards to support this project. Our members attending the convention will be contributing even more to this worthy cause. Thank you for your generosity!

SUMMER LEADERS' TRAINING

The dates for the 2018 Summer Leaders' Training for new chapter leaders have been set: Friday, June 22, in Greensboro; Saturday, June 23, at Barton College in Wilson; and Tuesday, June 26, at Christmont in Black Mountain. The training will be for the

incoming president, Educational Excellence Committee chair (our first vice-president), Membership chair, and treasurer. The closest one for our members will be at Barton College.

It is extremely important that new leaders pick one of these dates to attend training. Gamma Chi Chapter will pay the expense of attending the meeting.

ETA STATE NC EDUCATIONAL LAW & POLICY COMMITTEE PREPARES FOR A BUSY SPRING

by Susan Phipps, Eta State NC ELP Committee Chair

First, the committee urges all chapter members to complete the Legislative Opinion Survey. Members can complete the survey online at <https://goo.gl/forms/hZlRoeOO7hR7vmXA3> or go to Eta State's website (<https://www.ncdkg.org/>) and under "Leadership" click Educational Law and Policy Committee. Scroll down to the survey at the bottom of page. Surveys should be completed and submitted by **April 23**. Thanks! (*You received an email on April 2 requesting that you complete the survey. If you haven't done so, please take a few minutes and complete it now.*)

Next, the EL&P Committee urges members to mark their calendars for upcoming activities and to prepare to communicate with their representatives in the NC General Assembly. On Saturday afternoon, April 28, EL&P will present a legislative workshop at the Eta State NC Convention focusing on the latest education legislation.

Also, there will be 3 days designated as "Legislative Days" when DKG members will be visiting the legislature in Raleigh to share our educational expertise and educational opinions with lawmakers. Choose the day that best fits your schedule and meet ELP hostesses in the front lobby at the base of the red carpet staircase at 9:00 a.m. Dates include: June 6, June 13 and June 20. Why not pull together an interested chapter group and organize a road trip?

Eta State NC members are reminded that they may speak to their representatives in the name of Delta Kappa Gamma on issues from the Legislative Priorities Survey. Other issues must be presented as personal opinions. On the national level, it is unfortunate that the 2018 federal budget was passed after our Legislative Priorities Survey was created. Therefore, we cannot speak on behalf of DKG to our Congressional Representatives and Senators about the national budget ramifications for children. There are many parts of the budget that adversely affect children, such as cuts to Medicaid, nutrition assistance programs, Head Start early childhood programs, affordable housing programs, home heating assistance, disability benefits, and more. Hopefully, members will let their personal opinions be known on many of these issues.

CHAPTERS CAN HELP WITH TEE IT UP FOR TEACHERS!



The NC DKG Educational Foundation is excited about the summer fundraiser, *Tee It Up for Teachers*, and about the ways chapters can help!

The event, at the Boone Golf Club, June 11, needs everyone's support. You and your chapter can help by contributing items to goody bags for golfers. The Foundation will collect them or gift cards to help purchase items at the convention. Suggested items and regions are: Individual size

chips – Regions 1 & 3; small packages of crackers – Regions 5 & 9; energy bars – Regions 7, 10 & 11; small golf items like tees, ball markers, divot tool, etc. – Regions 2, 4, 8. Chapters may want to attach a “donated by” label with chapter name and location.

Even if you aren’t playing golf, you can still be part of this event by donating items or volunteering your time. Registration for golfers and sponsor opportunities are available on the Foundation website, www.ncdkgef.org, or by contacting [Judy Carlson](#), [Barbara Leonard](#), or [Sheila Groves](#).

Thank you so much for supporting NC teachers and students.
Tee It Up for Teachers!

PREPARING FOR STATE CONVENTION



The six Gamma Chi members planning to attend the 2018 Eta State NC Convention should enjoy one of the best conventions ever! Preparations have been made, and Charlotte beckons. Those planning to attend the convention are Aimee Anderson, Ashley Barnette, Debra Clayton, Evelyn Hall, Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White. This is as many members as we have ever had to attend a state convention! We are on track to come home with numerous awards. A report on the convention will be shared at the May meeting. No doubt that we will truly carry out the convention’s theme, *“Let’s SPARKLE!”*

MYSTERY MEMBER



Here is the hint for this newsletter’s mystery member. *As the oldest of three children, she learned about work ethic and responsibility for younger siblings at a young age. She began her career as a teacher in Warren County, but later made the difficult decision to leave the classroom to pursue other callings and try to make a larger impact. Then she followed freelance work at elementary, community college, and university settings. She retired as a state consultant with the NC Department of Public Instruction. Throughout her career she has made many contributions to the quality of life through education, research, publications, and service.* Who is she?

If you do not know who the member is, you can find the answer by reading our members’ biographies by clicking [here](#). The name of our mystery member will be revealed at the meeting.

TECH TIP—WHAT IS A BROWSER?

Browsing the Internet is a common, daily occurrence for most people. Have you ever considered why they call it browsing? It is because you use an internet browser, also known as a Web browser.

A browser is simply a software program that you use to access the internet and view web pages on your computer, smartphone, or tablet. It is the gateway to the Internet.

The original browser, Mosaic (1992), was not graphical. It was text-based. Browsers have come a long way since then. You now have powerful browsers that let you safely and quickly access your favorite websites.

Most browsers are available for free download. The four

most popular Internet browsers today include Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, and Apple Safari.

Each has its own strengths and weaknesses. Because some websites display better in one Internet browser or another, many people have at least two browsers available on their computer, smartphone, or tablet.

Choosing a Browser to Suit Your Needs: In most instances, you begin with the browser that came with your computer. Older Windows computers gave you Internet Explorer, while updates gave you Edge. If you use an Apple product, you started with Safari.



Microsoft Edge resembles Internet Explorer 11, so Windows users will feel comfortable with it. It fully integrates with Windows 10. For users who want and use extensions—which extend your Web browser with additional features, modify Web pages, and integrate your browser with the other services you use—Edge doesn’t allow for much customization. Syncing with your Android or iOS device isn’t straightforward. Microsoft has sandboxed Edge away from the operating system to limit security breaches that occurred with Internet Explorer. (Sandboxing is a computer security term referring to when a program is set aside from other programs in a separate environment so that if errors or security issues occur, those issues will not spread to other areas on the computer.)



Apple Safari is a Web browser available for the Macintosh operating system as well as the iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad. According to Apple, Safari has been designed based on the premise that the most useful browser is one that “gets out of your way and lets you simply enjoy the Web.” If you own several Apple products, synchronization of passwords, bookmarks, history, tabs and Reading List happen seamlessly through iCloud. Like Edge, Safari is sandboxed. In general, Safari runs a bit faster than other browsers on an Apple device.



Google Chrome has a robust set of features, with full Google Account integration, and a suite of mobile apps for every major platform. It does have privacy and security controls. By some accounts, Chrome is the gold standard for web browsers. Chrome’s integration of its products is second to none. It is especially useful for using Google Docs and the Google Drive.



Mozilla Firefox has been on a roller coaster of popularity over the years. Firefox is available for Linux, Mac, Windows, handheld devices, and in more than 70 different languages. Firefox is developed by the nonprofit, public-benefit organization Mozilla and thousands of volunteers worldwide. Since 1998, Mozilla has been working to help create and sustain an open and accessible Internet for all, and its focus is on individuals, not profits. Recent updates have once again pushed Firefox into the limelight of a preferred browser. It provides secure connections and browsing

protections.

Choosing: Start with the one that came with your computer or smart phone/tablet. If it does everything you want and need, go no further. If however, you are like most users, you will eventually have a reason to switch. Download the one or two that interest you. They are free.

Keep several browsers on your devices. Give other browsers a test run. You may find one that better fits your needs.

(taken from the DKGSI Blog, August 13, 2017.)



**DKG CONVENTION
JW MARRIOTT
AUSTIN, TEXAS
JULY 16-20, 2018**

It is time to make your plans for Austin and the International Convention this summer!

Hotel reservations may be made online or by calling 844-473-3959. The JW Marriott is the

convention hotel. Ask for the DKG Convention block. Convention registration opened February 1.

The convention schedule is posted online at http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/DKGMember/Events/2018_International_convention/Schedule.aspx. Registration opens at 7:00 am July 16 and the Opening Meeting Texas Night begins at 6:30 pm.

For convention information and updates, go to <http://www.dkg.org>, click on Events, 2018 Austin.



Connie Savell

Let's SPARKLE!

Goals:

- Encourage **S**avvy leadership
- Inspire **P**assionatE, meaningful programs and projects
- Analyze and **A**rticulate current educational issues
- Further **R**espect for diversity in membership
- Promote **K**nowledge through lifelong learning
- Establish and **L**aunch a member wellness initiative
- Advocate **E**xcellence in education

Stress is a fact of life, especially in our fast-pace, multidimensional lives. Excessive stress is dangerous to our heart health. Burning the candle at both ends and family responsibilities can cause our hearts to suffer. If you are too busy to spend time with friends and to do things you enjoy, it is time to evaluate personally and professionally!

Ponder this to help relieve some stress:

- Have you spent time with someone you love?
- Have you treated yourself to a piece of dark chocolate?
- Have you called a friend to just talk?

DKG provides genuine spiritual fellowship, which is good for your heart health, so take time to participate on the chapter, state, and International levels.

Keep **Sparkling** and please take good care of yourself!

Connie

Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
2017-2019

DKG MISSION STATEMENT

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

DKG VISION STATEMENT

**Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide**

ETA STATE NC VISION (VIEW)

**Voices of Influence Empowering
North Carolina Women Educators**

2016-2018 INTERNATIONAL THEME

**DKG: Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide**

2017-2019 ETA STATE NC THEME

"Let's SPARKLE!"

Check them out often!

GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:

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

ETA STATE WEBSITE:

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

DKG WEBSITE:

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 27-29 Eta State NC Convention, Hilton Charlotte University Place, Charlotte, NC (Region VI hosts)
- May 1 Deadline to apply for a Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award; for more information, click [here](#)
- May 7 Gamma Chi Founders Day—Happy 35th Birthday!
- May 8 **4th Gamma Chi Meeting**, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway
- May 11 DKG Founders Day—Happy 89th Birthday!
- May 15 Initiate Fees are due
- May 15 Deadline for submissions to the *Bulletin: Journal*
- May 15 Form for Reporting 2018-20 Chapter Officers (Form 110) due to Eta State NC President and Executive Secretary and DKG International
- June 23 Summer Leaders' Training for our incoming president EEC and Membership chairs and treasurer; it will be held that Saturday at Barton College in Wilson
- July 16-20 DKG International Convention, JW Marriott, Austin, TX
- August 1 Deadline for articles for *Collegial Exchange*
- Aug.1-Sept.1 Submission period to submit your artistic works to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts
- September 17 Deadline to submit to the [Gamma Chi Newsletter](#)
- October 4 **1st Gamma Chi Meeting**, Littleton
- 2019**
- May 3-5 Eta State NC Convention, Hickory, NC
- June 27-29 Southeast Regional Conference, Crowne Plaza Tennis and Golf Resort, Asheville, NC

Please submit events, celebrations, recognitions and news to:
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GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – MARCH 1, 2018

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at the Warrenton Church of God on Thursday, March 1, 2018, beginning with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. President Debra Clayton convened the meeting. Mary Catherine Harris offered a blessing for the meal, which was catered by Honey's Kitchen.

During the meal, Gamma Chi sister Nancy Tunstall presented the program on "Sustaining Pride in Delta Kappa Gamma." She gave an informative overview of the organization's engagement in education from local to international levels.

The president called the business session to order.

Mary Catherine Harris, recording secretary, gave the attendance report, noting 23 members present. Two additional members attended briefly. The minutes of the December meeting were approved. Shirley White, treasurer, reported current balances of \$2,067.83 in checking and \$6,540.07 plus interest in savings. The report was accepted and filed. The treasurer noted contributions to various funds, honoring Gamma Chi sisters: Emergency Fund, Brooke Callahan; Golden Gift Fund, Evelyn Hall; International Speakers Fund, Debra Clayton; Scholarship Fund, Sylvia Alston; The DKG Educational Foundation, Ashley Barnette; and World Fellowship Fund, Loree Harris.

There was no report from the Corresponding Secretary. Updates were given on members unable to attend the meeting.

Members with February, March and April birthdays were recognized. Danylu Hundley was revealed to be the Mystery Member. Announcement was made of Jenny O'Meara's upcoming marriage and Erin Simons' recent engagement.

The president's report included the following:

- Reports submitted to Eta State NC are Necrology, Golden Key, Rising Star, and Communications Excellence.
- Plans are under way for the Eta State NC Convention in April in Charlotte, International Convention in July in Austin, TX, and the Southeast Regional Conference in June 2019 in Asheville.
- Nancy Tunstall designed an ad from Gamma Chi in the State Convention program book.
- The Blankenship family is planning a cookout on April 14 at their lake house for first-year Warren County teachers. Members were encouraged to attend and help provide dessert and assist with set-up.

Committee reports were as follows:

- Nancy Tunstall, reporting for Patricia Williamson, encouraged donations for Schools for Africa.
- In the absence of Jennifer Wilker, Tunstall reported for the Membership Committee and made a motion from the committee to accept the following educators into Gamma Chi: Lisa Bender, Kim Vincent, Katrinka Brewer, Pattie Rodwell, Shirley Cava, and Gail Coleman. All were accepted by vote of those present.
- In the absence of Jill Coleman, Scholarship chair, Shirley White and Betsy Clark reported. The committee recommended and the members approved renewing the grant-in-aid for Mila Alston and offering additional grants to Carthia Kornegay and Myasia Royster. Approval was given the committee's recommendation that \$75 be added to the \$600 previously approved to help with expenses for Evelyn Hall to attend the DKG Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, TX.
- Evelyn Hall, Nominations chair, presented the following proposed slate of officers for the next biennium: President, Evelyn Hall; 1st Vice-President, Betsy Clark; 2nd Vice-President, Diane Colin; Corresponding Secretary, Aimee Anderson; and Recording Secretary, Ashley Barnette. The motion from the Nominations Committee was passed.
- Danylu Hundley reported receipt of \$108 for the afghan raffle and reminded everyone to bring tickets and funds to the May meeting.
- Shirley White reported on a good visit with Reserve Member Nell White.

New Business items included:

Nancy Tunstall made a motion, seconded by Sylvia Alston, to pay Evelyn Hall's registration for the Eta State Convention. The motion passed.

Nancy Tunstall made a motion, seconded by Sylvia Alston, to pay for registration and gas for up to three additional members to attend the Eta State Convention, with funds to come from a Gamma Chi Professional Development Grant. The motion passed.

Members were reminded to let Nancy Tunstall know if they would like to place an order for ribbons and keypins.

Betsy Clark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Shirley White, following which the Warrenton Group conducted the raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Catherine Harris, recording secretary

Active members present: Sylvia Alston, Aimee Anderson, Mary Austell, Paula Aycock, Harriet Banzet, Ashley Barnette, Kay Beaver, Ginny Bernard, Crystal Brantley, Brooke Callahan, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Diane Colin, Evelyn Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Brenda Holloman, Danylu Hundley, Katy Jones, Lynne Lassiter, Jenny O'Meara, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White.

Active members absent: Diana Bobbitt, Kristen Boyd, Melanie Burnette, Elaine Coleman, Jill Coleman, Sallye Duncan, Patricia Hargrove, Laura Kearney, Donna Liles, Janis Meek, Renee Mizelle, Tracey Neal, Martha Ann Overby, Karen Paynter, Diane Reavis, Trina Paynter, Charis Shattuck, Erin Simons, Chris Skinner, Maria Smith, Jennifer Wilker, and Patricia Williamson.

2017-2018 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 5, 2017 and May 8, 2018. The goal is to earn 150 or more points. To receive recognition, submit your completed form to Sylvia Alston, Awards Committee Chair, on May 8, 2018 or shortly thereafter. Recognition will consist of presentation of a certificate and rose pin at the October 4 2018 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. 5, 2017; 2nd meeting on Dec. 7, 2017; 3rd meeting on March 1, 2018; and 4th meeting on May 8, 2018. (5 pts. each meeting, 20 pts. maximum)

___ 2. Attend one or more days of the 2018 Eta State Convention in Charlotte on Friday-Sunday, April 27-29, 2018. (10 pts.)

Member's Participation:

___ 3. Wear your keypin to each of the regular meetings. (5 pts. each meeting, 20 pts. maximum)

___ 4. Recommend a worthy candidate for membership using a Prospect Card available at meetings or online. (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. each committee, up to 3; 15 pts. maximum) List the committee(s):

___ 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 or be nominated for a Delta Kappa Gamma award at the state or international level. (20 pts.)

List name of award: _____

___ 11. Submit your biographical sketch by December 7, 2017. (10 pts.) (Contact Nancy Tunstall for info and/or help)

___ 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. 5, 2017 for New Teacher Bag project. (10 pts.)

___ 15. Bring a children's book(s) to the 2nd meeting on Dec. 7, 2017. (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, 2018), Eta State NC Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2018) and/or 2018 International Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2018). 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. 7, 2017. 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.)

___ 20. Respond **promptly** to your Telephone Network Group Chair to let her know if you are attending a meeting or not. (5 pts. each meeting, maximum 20 pts.)

___ 21. Serve as an ebuddy to those members who do not have email or serve as a mentor to new members. (5 pts. each, 10 pt. maximum) Name(s) of your ebuddy _____ and/or Name(s) of your mentee _____

Member's Financial Contribution:

___ 22. Pay Membership Dues by 1st Meeting on Oct. 5, 2017. Dues must be paid by Oct. 31 or member is dropped. (20 pts.)

___ 23. Contribute at least \$10 to our Scholarship Fund. Should be made at the December meeting, but a contribution may be made at any time. Contribution form is on our website. (5 pts. for each multiple of \$10 contributed throughout the year, no maximum)

___ 24. Sell at least 6 Afghan Raffle tickets with money turned in by May 4, 2017. (10 pts. for each set of 6 tickets sold, no max.)

___ 25. Make a contribution to World Fellowship at the December meeting. (5 pts.)

___ 26. Make a contribution to Schools for Africa at the March meeting. (5 pts.)

___ 27. Make a contribution by February 1, 2018 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)

- ___ 28. Make a contribution to the Eta State NC Scholarship Fund by February 1, 2018. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write “Eta State NC Scholarship.” Give the check to Shirley White, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)
- ___ 29. Make a contribution to the Eta State NC Leadership Fund by February 1, 2018. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write “Eta State NC Leadership.” Give the check to Shirley White, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)
- ___ 30. Make a contribution to the NC DKG Educational Foundation by February 1, 2018. Make check payable to Gamma Chi or, since these fund donations are tax deductible, make payable to NC DKG Educational Foundation and on the Memo line write “NCDKGEF.” (5 pts.)

Member’s Networking and Lifelong Learning:

- ___ 31. Visit, call and/or write a reserve member. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)
List reserve member(s) contacted: _____
- ___ 32. Tell your colleagues about DKG and Gamma Chi Chapter along with its projects. (5 pts.)
- ___ 33. Check out from Nancy Tunstall and read *Our Heritage—Volume I, Volume II, and/or Volume III*. (5 pts. per volume, maximum 15 pts.)
- ___ 34. Visit and peruse our website at least four times at: www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi. (5 pts.)
- ___ 35. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG website at least four times. (5 pts.)
- ___ 36. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Eta State NC website at least four times. (5 pts.)
- ___ 37. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse Schools for Africa. (5 pts.)
- ___ 38. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Educational Foundation website. (5 pts.)
- ___ 39. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the NC DKG Educational Foundation website. (5 pts.)
- ___ 40. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the US FORUM website. (5 pts.)
- ___ 41. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- ___ 42. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Eta State Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- ___ 43. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Gamma Chi Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- ___ 44. Read the Chapter Rules found online at our website. (5 pts.)
- ___ 45. Read the Gamma Chi Chapter History 1983-2012 and/or 2012-Present found on our website. (5 pts., maximum 10 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 Cornet 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 NC 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).