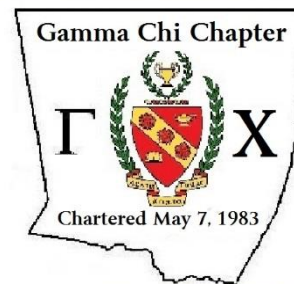


Gamma Chi Newsletter

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



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Fall to Gamma Chi Sisters! As I write this, the mornings feel like early fall and the days are still hot like summer.

I am so looking forward to my second biennium as president of Gamma Chi. Ladies, we have work to do to grow our chapter! Nancy and I have already been looking at the Chapter Achievement Award. We want to be in the **superior** category when we go to Wilmington for the State Convention in April. That is right ladies, it will be in **Wilmington** and we have been told that the **azaleas** will still be pretty. So mark your calendars for the last weekend in April to attend the state convention in Wilmington, NC!!! Also, it would be wonderful if someone from our chapter would be able to present at a breakout session at the convention. Please think about what you can share with others in Delta Kappa Gamma.

Remember, at our October meeting we will be giving out awards for member excellence, perfect attendance, and years of service in increments of five years. Please come and support your fellow sisters. Also, at our October meeting, in lieu of a full program, each committee chair will meet with her committee to plan activities for the upcoming year.

I hope to see all of you October 6 at Enterprise Baptist Church in Littleton.

In sisterhood,

Debra W. Clayton

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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, October 6, 2016
Enterprise Baptist Church

Cost: \$11.50

(Make checks payable to **A Catered Affair**)

Cut-Off Date: **Sunday, October 2nd**

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. **Elizabeth Moseley: Reach Out & Read**

7:10 p.m. Business Meeting & Committees Will Meet

The Telephone Network should call members for a meal count.

(Littleton Group will need to bring items for the raffle.)

BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ New Teacher Bag items that you signed up to bring (or send)
- ☞ Dues; recommended amount: \$85.00 for active members and \$40.00 for reserve members. If unable to attend, please make your check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and mail your check for dues to Shirley White, Treasurer, 1957 US Hwy 1 N, Norlina, NC 27563. **Shirley needs your payment no later than October 22.**
- ☞ Money to buy \$1 raffle tickets (proceeds aid our contribution to the NC DKG Educational Foundation & local libraries)
- ☞ Box Tops and Labels for Education; they will benefit our elementary schools and the middle school.
- ☞ For a beginning art teacher: any extra bubble wrap (with the quarter size bubbles), construction paper, brown packing paper and/or calendars with pretty pictures

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- 🌸 **Aimee Anderson** on passing her National Counselor Exam in June
- 🌸 **Lou Ann Bender** on the birth of her grandson, William Richard Bartholomew on July 28 to daughter Jan-Marie and husband Eric.
- 🌸 **Brooke Callahan** on her marriage to Robbie Callahan on July 16
- 🌸 **Jill Coleman** on completing her Master of Library Science degree from NC Central University in May
- 🌸 **Maryanne Henry** on her upcoming wedding to Chad Edwards on October 8
- 🌸 **Laura Kearney** on the marriage of her daughter Emily to Nicholas Pulliam on May 21, and the birth of her granddaughter Adelyn Macon Kearney on June 3 to son Jordan and wife Mary Beth. Adelyn "Addie" weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. and was 17 in. long
- 🌸 **Paige Lamberson** on her retirement
- 🌸 **Lynne Lassiter** on her appointment as vice chairwoman of the Warren County Board of Education
- 🌸 **Renee Mizelle** on her new position as WCS Reading Coordinator
- 🌸 **Jenny O'Meara** on receiving her MSA from NC State in May and her new position as Assistant Principal at North Edgecombe HS
- 🌸 **Erin Simons** on being named N.C. Center for the Advancement of Teaching Richard L. Thompson Honored Educator Scholar for 2015-16
- 🌸 **Jennifer Wilker** on being named Assistant Principal at WCMS



CONDOLENCES TO:



Sylvia Alston on the loss of her brother and **Josephine Myrick** on the loss of her son, Kirby Shearin ;

Anna Brickey on the loss of her father-in-law, Cecil Brickey;

Mary Brodie Jones on the loss of her sister, Ann Bignall Jones; and

Renee Mizelle on the loss of her brother-in-law, James (Jimmy) Elliotte Harris, Jr.

Please keep Sylvia, Josephine, Anna, Mary Brodie, Renee and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

REACH OUT AND READ



Immediately following our meal, Elizabeth Moseley who is our member Danylu Hundley's daughter will be giving a brief presentation on a program at the Warren County Health Department entitled *Reach Out and Read*. The mission of Reach Out and Read is to give young children a foundation for success by incorporating books into pediatric care and encouraging families to read aloud together.

Reach Out and Read is a nonprofit organization that trains and supports medical providers who give books to children and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud at well-child exams.

Elizabeth will provide information on how we can assist with this worth-while literacy program. For more information about Reach Out and Read, please visit their website at:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the May meeting, \$83.00 was collected from the meeting raffle which was used to help our local libraries.

The sale of afghan raffle tickets yielded \$363.00 bringing the total so far to \$723.00. This is the most that we have ever raised in one year—thanks to the diligence of our members.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer (Form 15) was completed and sent in prior to the July 15 deadline to the Eta State NC Treasurer Ruth Jones for compilation before being sent to International Headquarters. Also, the 990-N ePostcard was completed, filed and accepted by the IRS.

All bills for the 2015-2016 year were paid with a balance of \$1,020.27 left in the checking account. One scholarship and three grants-in-aid were paid leaving a balance of \$3,538.88 in the savings account. The financial records were audited, and the records were found to be in good order.

The 2016-2017 proposed budgets, attached along with the newsletter, will be presented for approval at our October 6 meeting. Dues are expected to remain at the same amount of \$85.00 for active members, \$40.00 for reserve members and \$10.00 for initiates' fees. Please pay your dues at our October meeting. Checks should be made

payable to Gamma Chi Chapter. If unable to attend the meeting, please send your dues to Shirley White, 1957 US Hwy 1 N, Norlina, NC 27563. Dues are needed by October 22.



OUR \$40 DKG DUES STRETCH A LONG WAY!

A large chunk of our dues, \$40.00, is sent to the DKG International headquarters. Have you ever wondered for what purposes it is used?

Members should take great pride in how much their international dues of \$40.00 accomplishes to further the purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

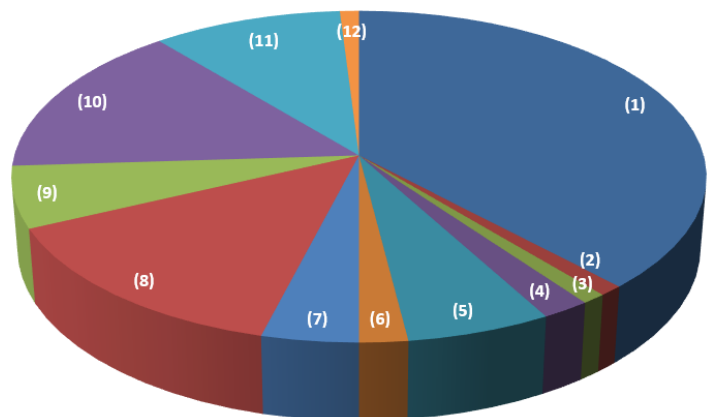
When you were initiated as a member of DKG, you became a part of the chapter, state organization and international levels of the Society. The dues you pay have significance at all three levels.

At the chapter level, the finance committee prepares and presents a budget for the chapter that is voted on in October.

At the state organization level, the finance committee prepares the budget for presentation to the state executive board for approval. The state organization executive board consists of representatives of all chapters in the state organization. President Debra Clayton is our representative.

At the international level, the finance committee prepares a two-year budget for review by the international administrative board. When the international executive board meets at international convention, they discuss and vote on the budget as adjusted after members take action at the convention. Our Eta State NC President Sheila Groves is our representative.

The graph shows how your dues of \$40.00 was used to support the work of the Society during 2014-15.



- (1) Member Services - \$15.20
- (2) Marketing - \$0.40
- (3) Forums - \$0.40
- (4) Society Materials - \$0.80
- (5) Staff Benefits - \$2.40
- (6) Technology - \$0.80
- (7) Committee Members - \$1.60
- (8) Conferences/Conventions - \$5.60
- (9) Society Leadership - \$2.40
- (10) Publications - \$6.00
- (11) Society Operating Expenses - \$4.00
- (12) Contingency for Society Work - \$0.40

Section 1 Note that 38% of your dues are spent on membership services. This includes the salaries of the staff that

respond to the needs of our members every day. It also includes the costs of a toll-free number for our members, 90% of the cost of GoToMeetings (electronic meetings to save travel), our Non-Government Organization (NGO) with the United Nations work on behalf of members, discounted credit card fees, work of the expansion committee and other membership needs.

Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 show that a portion of your dues went to support the U.S., European and Latin American forums, produce and ship Society materials, provide Staff benefits and fund marketing efforts of the Society.

Sections 6 and 10 highlight the important role your dues play in maintaining communication between DKG International and its membership through the publication of the *DKG News*, the new *Collegial Magazine* and the maintenance of the DKG website.

Sections 7 and 9 show that \$4.00 of your dues supports the work of Society leadership and committees as they conduct the work of the Society on behalf of its members

Section 8 shows that 14% of your dues are allocated to conventions/conferences. The Society pays some expenses for state presidents to attend training at regional conferences and represent their state organization at international conventions. Some expenses are also paid for state organization webmasters, educational excellence chairs, membership chairs and new executive secretaries and treasurers to attend training at regional conferences.

Section 11 shows that 10% of your dues are allocated to operating expenses for your Society headquarters building

Last but not least, *Section 12* shows that a portion of your dues is allocated to the work of the Society. Through the generosity of members, the Society has established the DKG Supporting Corporation and maintains several funds to conduct the work of the Society.

Cutting expenses, controlling spending and reducing contracted costs are ongoing concerns. We continually review expenses with a goal to remain fiscally sound and to provide financial support for our purposes in today's world as we advance key women educators for life.

Taken from the DKG Finance Committee's Powerpoint presentation Your Dues Goes a Long Way.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

by Mary Catherine Harris, Historian



The history for the 2014-2016 biennium of the Gamma Chi chapter has been written, edited and added to our online second volume of history at http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/pdf_files/History-2.pdf. It includes up-to-date member, scholarship and grant listings. All information is current. *Check it out!*

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Aimee Anderson, Corresponding Secretary

Being new in this position, I would like to solicit your help. In order to be able to send appropriate cards of get well, sympathy or congratulations to our members, please inform me of any member who needs a card. You are welcome to email me

at aimeeanderson@hotmail.com or to call or text me at 919-514-9640

I look forward to hearing from you, and thanks in advance for your assistance.

AFGHAN COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Danylu Hundley, Afghan Chair

This is the meeting when we will launch our annual Gamma Chi Afghan Raffle campaign in support of our Scholarship and Grant Fund. Many thanks to Josephine Myrick, Sylvia Alston's mother, who makes the afghans and to our members who have "accepted the challenge" to promote the Afghan initiative by raising \$3,059.00 since the inception of the raffle in late 2011. Due to your efforts, we have been able to award five additional grants-in-aid so far. Please plan to pick up your raffle tickets at the meeting. They will be printed in batches of six. The afghan will be raffled off at our May meeting. Harriet Banzet was our lucky winner last May. Sold tickets and money may be turned in at the December and/or March meetings and *must* be turned in at the May meeting along with unsold tickets. Tickets will sell for \$3.00. If you prefer not to sell them, please buy them for yourself or loved ones—you may win!



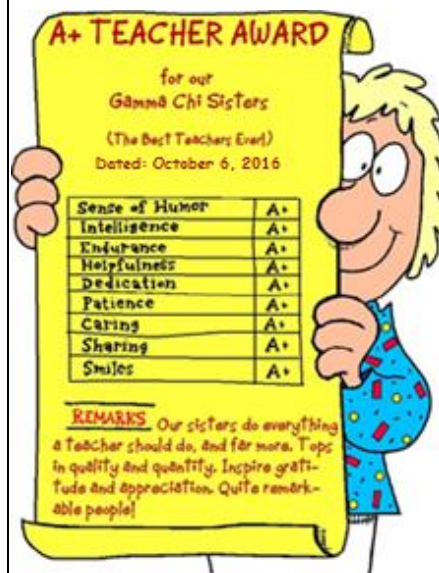
AWARDS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Dr. Sylvia Alston, Awards Committee Chair

At the October 6 meeting, the Awards Committee will certainly be fulfilling the second DKG Purpose: "To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education." We will be presenting nine Member Excellence Awards, twelve Perfect Attendance Awards and eleven Member Milestone Awards. Please be there to honor these women.

Attached with this newsletter you will find the new 2016-17 Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award Form. Please take a look at it and note that activities will begin at the October 6 meeting.

Finally, the Awards Committee will be recommending nominees for you to vote on for the Eta State NC Golden Key Award for Region III, Founders Award and Rising Star Award. For more information on these awards, please read Eta State NC President Sheila Groves' article about them found on page 5. Our own Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White are former recipients of the Golden Key Award and Debra Clayton received the Rising Star Award last April at the state convention. We would like to see



some of our members receive these awards next year at the convention. If you have any suggestions for these awards, please let Sylvia Alston know as soon as possible.

BEGINNING TEACHER SUPPORT COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Norma Retzlaff, Beginning Teacher Support Chair



Last year's goodie bags before delivery

Many thanks to everyone for their generosity in signing up for items for the New Teacher Bag Project. If you haven't signed up yet, just click on this link: [SignUpGenius](#). Please remember to bring or send these items to the October meeting.

Also, please be thinking of ways that we can support our new teachers throughout the year. Any suggestions will be appreciated.

American Education Week is fast approaching, and it will soon be time for our annual bag stuffing. Everyone is invited to join our committee members for the New Teacher Bag Stuffing at 10:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Mariam Boyd Elementary School on Thursday, October 13. The delivery of the goodie bags to the schools will be made during American Education Week from November 14-18.

Don't forget to keep up with your volunteer hours. The THAT form can be found [here](#) and is due at December 3 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Publicity Chair



The July/August issue of *DKG News* is online. Go to <http://www.dkg.org>, scroll down to Publications and then click on its icon to see it. **This is a digital-only issue and will not be mailed to members.** Headlining the news is the new DKG Educational Foundation website and a recap of the International Convention in Nashville. Recipients are listed for the various Cornet awards. You will notice that four women from North Carolina received a total of \$5,363.00 for their Individual Professional Development. Also, two North Carolina women received a total of \$10,020.95 in project grants. Members are encouraged to apply for these awards. You just might receive a grant! You should have just received the Sep/Oct edition.

A special thanks to our members who volunteered to be ebuddies with non-email members. They are already either delivering in person or mailing the *Gamma Chi Newsletter* and the *Eta State News* to their ebuddy. They are: Elaine Coleman for Edith Allen and Mary Catherine Harris for Nell White.



Please check out our website by clicking [here](#). We have recently received our new Compliance Seal which will enable us to be linked to the DKG International website for the 2016-2018 biennium.

Finally, we would like to encourage anyone, especially committee chairs, to submit articles to Editor Nancy Tunstall for publication in the next *Gamma Chi Newsletter*. The deadline for the submission of articles for the next edition is November 7.

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 **Sunday, October 2nd**. 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.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

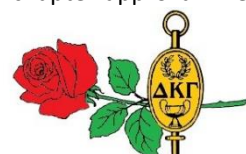
by Jennifer Wilker, Membership Chair

Thanks to those who either turned in their biographical sketch or turned in their information for their bio sketch recently. The committee would like to encourage all members who have not done so, to please get that information to Nancy Tunstall at nancytunstall@gmail.com. *Hint:* Receive 10 points on your Member Excellence Award form by turning it in by our 2nd meeting on December 1.

Now is the time to be considering outstanding women for membership. To be considered for membership, a candidate:

- must be a woman employed in educational work or retired from an educational position,
- exhibit professional qualifications, leadership potential and personal qualities,
- must be willing to accept the responsibility of attendance in chapter meetings and want to participate in chapter projects, and
- must meet the obligation of paying dues each year.

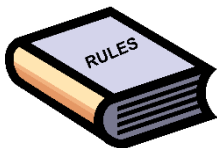
Prospect Cards to identify these prospective new members will be available at each meeting and can be found online by clicking [here](#). The card may be submitted anytime to Membership Committee members or Chair Jennifer Wilker at ipaynter82@yahoo.com, and the prospects will be presented at the March meeting for chapter approval. Please don't delay in filling out a card!



CHAPTER RULES COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Loree Harris, Chapter Rules Chair

Eta State NC Rules Committee Chair Emily Lucas has reviewed our revised chapter rules. She commented, "I have reviewed the rules for Gamma Chi and they look great." However, there is one statement that we need to insert at the beginning of Article III Membership according to the DKG Constitution.



It reads, "**Membership is by invitation and in accordance with the Constitution, Article III and the International Standing Rules, Section 3. The chapter has full authority for the administration of membership and records of membership are kept by the treasurer.**"

We will need to approve this amendment to our chapter rules at our October 6 meeting. If approved, our chapter will meet the requirements of having our chapter rules reviewed and approved. Not only will our rules be in excellent shape, but we will also earn points towards our chapter achievement award!

When the newsletter is emailed to you, you will receive an attachment containing the Gamma Chi Chapter Rules, and you see the above statement in red at its proper location. If you don't already have a Gamma Chi folder on your hard drive, please create one and save our chapter rules for later reference. Thank you!



Thank You



BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

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

OUR CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT FORM

by Nancy Tunstall, Gamma Chi Past President

Since I was president when the Eta State NC Chapter Achievement Form was first introduced, I've become very familiar with it. Its purpose is two-fold. First, it assists chapters in defining and collecting information about their status in accomplishing chapter activities and responsibilities such as chapter representation at various events, chapter communications, community projects, chapter strategic plan, chapter attendance, scholarships and awards presented, and contributions to and support of international and state activities/projects. Secondly, it acknowledges, recognizes and appreciates those chapters who meet the criteria at various levels of achievement.

Currently there are three achievement levels: Distinctive requires 350+ points; Excellent, 475+ points; and Superior, 600 points. Additionally, the Presidential Chapter Achievement Award is given to up to five chapters who score at least at the superior level and earn the highest number of points. These awards are presented at the annual Eta State NC Convention in April. Points are accumulated from March 1 to the next March 1 with the form being submitted by March 1 each year. Gamma Chi achieved the Presidential Award in 2013, 2014 and 2015. Up until then, only 500 points were necessary for the superior level. Last September, the form was changed upping the requirement to 600 points to receive the Superior level.

Last year we only managed to earn 535 points. We received the excellent level recognition which is good, but this year our goal will be to once again reach the superior level.

To reach that goal, we will need every member's help. Here are some ways you can help:

- Do not resign—we will receive 10 points for having a net increase in membership—that didn't happen last year
- Attend meetings—60% attendance earns us 20 points; 50%, 15 points; 40%, 10 points; and 30%, 5 points (we usually have 60%)
- Publish in the DKG *Bulletin* (5 points), on an educational website (5 points), in a professional journal (5 points), and/or in the DKG *Collegial Exchange* magazine (10 points)
- Communicate with state/local officials (10 points; must send examples—if you email, send me a blind carbon copy as proof—this would be a good time to contact your legislator about your concerns in regard to education in the state)
- Apply for a state and/or international scholarship (5 points)
- Submit an application for a NC DKG Educational Foundation Grant (5 points—due September 30)
- Present a program to another chapter (5 points)
- Contribute to an International fund (tax deductible) such as the International Educational Foundation, Emergency Fund, Leadership Management Fund, International Speaker Fund and/or Scholarship Fund (5 points each)
- Contribute to an Eta State NC fund such as the Leadership Fund and/or Scholarship Fund (15 points each)

If we all pull together, I think we can make it. Please let me know of any publications and/or applications you make. A copy of this year's form is on our website for your perusal, and can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Thanks in advance for your assistance in helping the chapter to reach this goal.

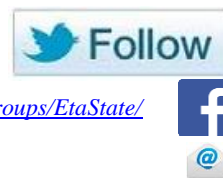


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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

Eta State NC appreciates the time, the talent, and the dedication of those who work to improve the lives of students and women through educational excellence, leadership opportunities, and community service. The state organization will celebrate the contributions of some of these outstanding women at the 2017 convention in Wilmington. Consider recommending someone from your chapter or community for one of these Eta State NC awards. Applications are available on the state web site.

The Founders Award recognizes a NC woman who has made outstanding contributions to the improvement of human life through education, research, and/or service. She may or may not be a member of DKG but her actions are far reaching and support our vision.

The Golden Key Award honors members who have made significant contributions to DKG at the chapter level, often behind the scenes without glory or personal gain.

The Rising Star Award will be given again this year to women in their early years of DKG membership, nine years or less. These members demonstrate strong potential for successful leadership at the chapter and state levels and beyond. Do you know someone who deserves this recognition?



NEW BIENNIUM, NEW FACES



Carolyn Pittman



Barbara Whiting



Becky Sadowski



Linda Navorska

As we begin the 2016-2018 biennium, we usually see new leadership at the international and local levels. We are fortunate that Debra Clayton is continuing as our chapter president. We do have a new DKG International president. *Carolyn Pittman* of Arkansas is the new president of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She was elected and installed at the convention in early July in Nashville. Pittman, the Society's most recent International Achievement Award winner, has served as first vice-president, Southeast Regional Director, and member-at-large on the Administrative Board. She has chaired several International Committees, including her current position as chair of the Educators Award Committee.

Elected to serve with Pittman were *Barbara Whiting* of Minnesota, who was the International representative to our Eta State NC Convention in April, as first vice-president, and *Becky Sadowski* of Tennessee, who was the International representative at our state convention in 2015, as second vice-president. *Linda Navorska* of South Carolina was elected as Southeast Regional Director. Those of us who attend the 2017 Southeast Regional Conference next July in Myrtle Beach will have an opportunity to meet her.

As a note of interest, the state organizations of DKG operate on an odd year biennium. Our Eta State NC President Sheila Groves will remain state president until June 30, 2017. Elections will be held at the state convention next April for state officers for the 2017-2019 biennium for the state. By having even/odd bienniums, DKG does not have a total change in leadership at any given time. However, the regional directors do follow the even biennium. Therefore, we do have a new Region III regional director for Warren, Vance, Wake, Franklin and Johnston Counties. Her name is *Cheryl Wright*, and we hope to have a visit from her at our October 5, 2017 meeting. Cheryl is a member of Gamma Tau Chapter in Franklin County. She is the Media Coordinator at Selma Middle School in Johnston County.



Cheryl Wright

YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

by Nancy Tunstall, Gamma Chi Editor

I truly enjoy reading Eta State NC President Sheila Groves' messages in our *Eta State News* (if you haven't read the recent one, click [here](#) to see it). The following is part of her message from the Fall 2016 *ESN* edition, and I hope we will take it to heart:

"As we begin a new chapter biennium, let us work together as a team to realize the Purposes of our Society.

Are we ready to take the lead in supporting women, children, and excellence in education?

Born ready!

Are we ready to reach out to the community to collaborate with others to improve educational programs?

Born ready!

Are we ready to ignite the power of our *voices of influence* for positive legislation that prepares all students for success in school and in life?

Born ready!

Are we ready to *Create the Future*?

Born ready!"

As you come to and participate in our October meeting, I hope you will embrace your committee work and Gamma Chi projects. Throughout the biennium when asked are you ready to pitch in and help, I hope your reply will be, ***"Born ready!"***

TECH TIP



When you need to have a meeting, you can use **Doodle** to schedule it. You begin by selecting times when you are available and everyone else picks the times they are available. Thus, you can easily set the meeting time.

Doodle offers a wide selection of online solutions that radically simplify the process of scheduling appointments, ranging from the group event "poll" that doesn't require registration to the professional appearance with its own branding.

You can set up a Doodle account for free. Once registered, connect your calendar and keep track of all your polls. Another free account is Doodle Mobile. It enables you to use Doodle on the go. By using your mobile device, you can respond to a meeting poll, initiate a poll, and see all of your polls at a glance. In addition to the mobile Web app, Doodle also offers a native app for iPads and iPhones.

There are also paid versions of Doodle. The ad-free professional version of Doodle for individuals is called Premium Doodle Private, and the version for companies and organizations is called Premium Doodle Business.

For more information on Doodle, go to <http://doodle.com/>.

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LEROY The Leadership Guy

MYSTERY MEMBER



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *While operating her own business, she was approached by the Warren County High School principal to apply for a vacancy and was hired. Thus, her teaching career began! She has since moved up to an administrative position and is very active in DKG.* 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.

Check them out often!

GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:

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

ETA STATE WEBSITE:

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

DKG WEBSITE:

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

DKG VISION STATEMENT

***Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide***

ETA STATE VISION (VIEW)

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

2016-2018 INTERNATIONAL THEME

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

2015-2017 ETA STATE THEME

"Create the Future—Imagine, Inspire, Ignite"

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Sept. 30 | Deadline to apply for a NC DKG Educational Foundation Grant |
| October 6 | 1 st Gamma Chi Meeting, Enterprise Baptist Church, Littleton |
| October 13 | New Teacher Bag Stuffing at 10:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Mariam Boyd Elementary School; all members are invited |
| November 7 | Deadline to submit news for the <i>Gamma Chi Newsletter</i> |
| December 1 | 2 nd Gamma Chi Meeting, Norlina United Methodist Church, Norlina |
| 2017 | |
| January 3 | Deadline for applications for DKG Educational Foundations Projects |
| February 1 | Scholarship Applications due for Gamma Chi, Eta State NC and DKG International |
| February 1 | Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards |
| March 1 | Deadline for Chapter Achievement form submission |
| March 2 | 3 rd Gamma Chi Meeting, Robinson Ferry Restaurant, Warrenton |
| April 28-30 | Eta State NC Convention, The Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington, NC (Region IV) |
| May 4 | 4 th Gamma Chi Meeting, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway |
| June 23-25 | Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, NC |
| July 19-22 | Southeast Regional Conference, Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC |
| 2018 | |
| April 27-29 | Eta State NC Convention, Charlotte University Hilton, Charlotte, NC (Region VI) |
| July 16-20 | DKG International Convention, JW Marriott Austin, Austin, TX |

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Happy Halloween!



ETA STATE NC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall



Debra Clayton and I attended the annual fall Eta State NC Executive Board Meeting, held at Elon University in Elon, NC on September 10, 2016. Sheila Groves, Eta State NC president, and other state officials conducted the meeting.

Debra attended the meeting as our president and is a voting member of the board representing our chapter. I attended as chairman of the Eta State NC Communications and Publicity Committee, and I am a non-voting member.

Highlights of the meeting included:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Eta State NC Treasurer Ruth Jones stressed the importance of timely dues collections. Dues need to be received by chapter treasurers in time for them to complete and submit Form 18 Dues and Fees Report to her by November 10. She reported that as of June 30, 2016, Eta State NC had 4,179 members, down from 4,350 members at the same time in 2015.
- **Webmaster's Report:** Eta State NC Webmaster Beth Winstead unveiled the new Eta State NC website. It has a new address of <http://www.ncdkg.org/>. On the home page, you will see revolving pictures with a list of news for that week. Please go to the website and check out the clean lines and sleek design of the new Eta State NC website!
- **Star of the Southeast Award Presentation:** Eta State NC President Sheila Groves presented *Eta Data* Editor Susan Kuenzel with this award. The award was actually presented at the DKG International Convention Southeast Regional Breakfast, but Susan was unable to attend due to her work with the NCAE National Board Certified Teachers Leadership Team. The point of this recognition is to showcase a woman who has served the Society well throughout the years, and Susan certainly has. Each month she gathers international and states news and condenses it for publication in the *Eta Data* newsletter sent to chapter presidents and editors. I use much of its information in our *Gamma Chi Newsletter*. She is a great lady, and she was very deserving of this award!
- **Awards Committee Report:** Eta State NC Awards Committee Chair Edris Glover announced that all of the Award forms were now posted on the new website at <http://www.ncdkg.org/forms.html>. The forms include the Chapter Achievement Award, Golden Key Award, Founders Award and the Rising Star Award.
- **Beginning Teacher Support Committee Report:** Eta State NC Beginning Teacher Support Committee Chair Dr. Sherry Willis reported that her committee has established the following theme for the new biennium, "*Fan the Flame!*" She went on to say that the committee knows that a love/passion for teaching and children was ignited within the hearts of many individuals which led them to become teachers. Whether it be a beginning teacher or a veteran teacher, it is important that these flames continue to grow and glow brightly. No one can afford to see those flames grow cold. It is their hope that chapters will work to "Fan the Flames" of care, enthusiasm and commitment that burn within the hearts of teachers by demonstrating much-needed support and encouragement. Suggestions submitted by various chapters for supporting beginning teachers can be found by clicking [here](#). Gamma Chi's suggestions are included in the list.
- **Educational Law & Policy Committee Report:** Eta State NC Educational Law & Policy Committee Chair Susan Phipps shared the results of the 2016 survey of members. The results, known as the White Paper of Legislative Priorities, can be found [here](#). Links to other important issues pertaining to the committee's work can be found [here](#).
- **Leadership Development Committee Report:** Eta State NC Leadership Development Committee Chair Linda Little announced the Leadership Launch. A Leadership Development Seminar will be offered for members next June to cultivate skills that will encourage members to realize their potential as leaders, inspire chapter leaders to adopt the "Leader in Every Chair" idea and enhance personal and professional growth. The brochure with more information can be found [here](#). Debra and I have application forms. Enrollment will be limited to 30 women. Our chapter wants one of them to be you! The chapter will pay your expenses. Please notify Debra ASAP of your interest.
- **Headquarters Committee Report:** Eta State NC Headquarters Committee Chair Patsyanna Barker announced a fund raiser for headquarters, Pave the Way for DKG Memories. Engraved paving bricks may be purchased in honor of or in memory of someone. These bricks will line the front walk at headquarters. For forms and information about the project, click [here](#).
- **Personnel Committee Report:** Eta State NC Personnel Committee Chair Suzi Cabe reported that *Eta State News* Editor Sue Roberts will be finishing up her six-year term as editor on June 30, 2017 and will not continue; therefore, there will be a vacancy for editor.



In other actions, Beta Chi Chapter of Wilmington was dissolved due to only having eight members. They felt that they could accomplish more by transferring to larger chapters in the vicinity. On a brighter note, Eta State NC will host the 2019 Southeastern Regional Convention. An invitation and slideshow was presented for the 2017 Eta State NC Convention in Wilmington. It was announced that one of the speakers will be Ann Ipock, an award-winning Southern humorist. As a side note, I received one of her books, *Life is Short, I Wish I Was Taller*, in a door prize drawing—I will let you know how it is!

After the meeting was adjourned, we heard from Dr. Judith Carlson, who is the board chair of the NC DKG Educational Foundation. In addition to mentioning the six grants that will be given in November in the Professional/Personal Growth category and the Learning/Literacy category, she emphasized their theme, *From a tiny acorn, grows a mighty oak*. They are working on a campaign to raise funds and will solicit from the community. Visit <http://www.ncdkgef.org> for more information.

After a delicious lunch, chapter presidents met with their regional director. Region III presidents met with Cheryl Wright. It was determined that providing skill packets for the Masonic Home in Oxford would be a Region III project. More details will be upcoming.

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – MAY 5, 2016

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ridgeway on Thursday, May 5, 2016. Gathering and socializing began at 5:30 p.m.

Seven new members were welcomed during an initiation ceremony: Cicelia Aguilar, Lori Fleming, Patricia Hargrove, Sheila Robertson, Charis Shattuck, Kristin Speakman, and Carleen Stephenson-Gordon. President Debra Clayton, with Ashley Barnette, Erin Simons and Nancy Tunstall, participated in the ceremony.

Scholarship chair Aimee Anderson led in the presentation of grants-in-aid and a scholarship: with Catherine, Richard, and Elaine Blankenship, the Nancy Blankenship Grant-in-Aid to Kelsie Clary, and a second Nancy Blankenship Grant-in-Aid to Mila Alston, presented to her mother in Mila's absence; with Josephine Myrick, the Josephine Myrick Grant-in-Aid to Brooke Sikes, who was unable to attend; and the Gamma Chi Scholarship to Ashley Barnette.

Loree Harris offered a blessing before the meal, which was catered by the Lutheran Women Missionary League of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Following the meal, Nancy Tunstall led a Celebration of Life Ceremony, remembering Jeffrey Evans, Melba Johnston, Edwina Rooker, and Louise Twitty.

Bonnie Siegner, Region III Director, conducted the installation of officers for the 2016-2018 biennium: president, Debra Clayton; first vice-president, Patricia Williamson; second vice-president, Loree Harris; recording secretary, Mary Catherine Harris; corresponding secretary, Aimee Anderson; treasurer, Shirley White; and parliamentarian, Harriet Banzet.

President Clayton called the business session to order and recognized Mary Catherine Harris for attendance check. Present were 42 members and 10 guests. The minutes of the March 3, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Diana Bobbitt, seconded by Sylvia Alston. Treasurer Shirley White reported a checking balance of \$1,191.34 and savings balance of \$5,557.74. The report was filed for audit. Sallye Duncan, corresponding secretary, reported notes of regret from Evelyn Hall, Janis Meek and Renee Mizelle.

The president recognized members with May, June and July birthdays. She congratulated Laura Kearney on the approaching marriage of her daughter and birth of her first grandchild and announced that Jill Coleman and her daughter Morgan Leigh would be graduating together later in May.

Mary Catherine Harris called attention to the minutes of the March 5, 2016 Executive Board meeting, included in the newsletter. Items discussed in the meeting were meeting dates for 2016-2017, chapter dues, Chapter Rules, new recruitment plan, meetings at Robinson Ferry, attendance and committee assignments.

In the president's report, President Clayton reported that she, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White had attended the Eta State NC Convention in Winston-Salem, April 22-24, 2016, during which Gamma Chi received the Excellent Chapter Achievement Award, the Newsletter Excellence Award and the Website Excellence Award. Nancy Tunstall conducted a workshop on newsletters and Paint. Also, she designed and edited the convention program booklet. Debra Clayton was one of twelve young women from around the state chosen to receive the new Rising Star Award. The president also reminded members of the payment of dues at the October meeting and asked that members sign up for committee work for the coming year.

In the drawing for the afghan, Harriet Banzet was declared the winner on a ticket sold by Crystal Brantley.

Loree Harris presented a motion from the Chapter Rules Committee that the revised Chapter Rules be accepted. The motion carried.

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, Aimee Anderson made a motion to grant Nancy Tunstall's request for a Gamma Chi Professional Development Grant in the amount of \$292.05 to help with the expense of attending the Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in the summer of 2016 in Nashville, Tennessee. The motion carried.

The president requested thoughts for Mary Brodie Raiford in the illness of her sister and Renee Mizelle in the loss of her mother-in-law.

The president announced that the Planning Committee would meet during the summer and that committees would have an opportunity to get together at the October meeting. She made a presentation of personal appreciation to Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Catherine Harris, recording secretary

Active members present: Cicelia Aguilar, Sylvia Alston, Aimee Anderson, Mary Austell, Paula Aycok, Harriet Banzet, Ashley Barnette, Kay Beaver, Ginny Bernard, Diana Bobbitt, Anna Brickey, Debra Clayton, Elaine Coleman, Jill Coleman, Diane Colin, Brooke Comer, Sallye Duncan, Lori Fleming, Evelyn Hall, Patricia Hargrove, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Brenda Holloman, Danylu Hundley, Laura Kearney, Ann Kilian, Martha Ann Overby, Diane Reavis, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Charis Shattuck, Betty Anne Shearin, Erin Simons, Kristin Speakman, Charlene Spence, Carleen Stephenson-Gordon, Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White, Jennifer Wilker, Patricia Williamson.

Reserve members present: Harriet Faulkner, Mary Ann Johnson

Active members absent: Lou Ann Bender, Rebecca Bolton, Kristen Boyd, Crystal Brantley, Melanie Burnette, Maryann Henry, Heidi Hogan, Katy Jones, Lynne Lassiter, Donna Liles, Janis Meek, Renee Mizelle, Tracey Neal, Jenny O'Meara, Karen Paynter, Trina Paynter, Jamie Pernell, Mary Brodie Raiford, Raegan Ross, Chris Skinner, Sharon West