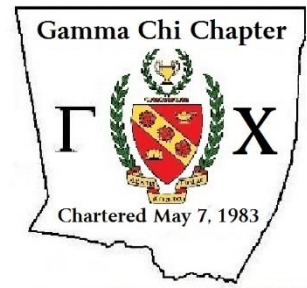


# Gamma Chi Newsletter

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



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope that each of you had a good summer and start to fall. I am eagerly anticipating the beginning of our new biennium together.

This has been an eventful summer. Mary Austell, Betsy Clark, Shirley White, and I attended the leaders' training workshop in June where we received a plethora of information from our state leaders. I participated in the Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar at the University of Texas at Austin July 1-14. This once-in-a-lifetime experience is one that I will never forget. Our very own Nancy Tunstall was named North Carolina's Star of the Southeast at the 2018 International Convention in Austin during July. The officers, related personnel and committee chairs attended our Planning Committee meeting in August where we mapped out the upcoming biennium. Finally, in late August our Executive Board met and discussed various issues and recommendations. My thanks to Betsy Clark who presided in my absence. (I was hospitalized in August for a pulmonary embolism but am slowly improving.)

Our Gamma Chi theme for this biennium is **"Let's SPARKLE—From the Inside Out"**. We are expanding upon Eta State President Connie Savell's **"Let's SPARKLE"** theme, with an emphasis on self-care and wellness. Much like we are reminded when flying to safely secure our own oxygen masks before assisting others, we must take good care of ourselves in preparation for service to those around us.

In addition to our topic of wellness, our first meeting will also be a time to celebrate and recognize members for achievement—Member Excellence, Milestones, Perfect Attendance, Retirees, etc.

I look forward to serving as your president, and I am counting on your help and ideas to make this an exciting and successful biennium. I also look forward to seeing each of you at our October meeting. Please note the change of location to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Continue to **"sparkle,"** and see you soon.

In sisterhood,  
*Evelyn Hall*

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## MEETING NOTICE



Thursday, October 4, 2018

5:45 p.m. Gathering

6:00 p.m. Dinner

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

114 Popular Mount Road, Norlina, NC 27563

Dinner will consist of salad, honey-lime grilled drumsticks, string beans, sweet potato casserole, rolls, dessert and sweet tea.

Cost: \$15.00

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

**Cut-Off Date: Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> (must pay for meal after that date regardless of attendance)**

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

6:30 p.m. Wellness Program

6:45 p.m. Business Meeting

*Award recipients will need to remain after the meeting to have their pictures taken*

***Please respond to your Evite as soon as possible and no later than September 19<sup>th</sup>!***

(Warrenton 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) or you may make a donation
- ☞ **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 in order to complete her report in a timely manner.**
- ☞ **Money** to buy \$1 raffle tickets (proceeds aid our contribution to the NC DKG Educational Foundation & local libraries)
- ☞ **Box Tops for Education**; they will benefit our elementary schools and the middle school.
- ☞ **Buttons** for Sheila Robertson's art classes



## 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!!!**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

-  **Diane Colin** on her retirement as 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher from Vaughan Elementary School
-  **Evelyn Hall** on completing her two weeks of study at the Leadership Management Seminar at the University of Texas in Austin
-  **Donna Liles** on her retirement as Special Education Specialist from Warren County Schools
-  **Tracey Neal** on being appointed principal of Warren County Middle School
-  **Nancy Tunstall** on being the recipient of the Star of the Southeast at the DKG International Convention



### EVELYN HALL COMPLETES LEADER TRAINING!

President Evelyn Hall, a Golden Gift recipient, is one of thirty outstanding Delta Kappa Gamma members to complete the 2018 Leadership Management Seminar. The two-week program was held at the McCombs School of Business, The University of Texas at Austin, July 1 - 13, 2018. Also attending from North Carolina was Tobey Worthington of Mu Chapter (Edgecombe & Nash Counties). They and the other attendees became the "Sisters of Synergy" creating a whole greater than the sum of the parts.



The two-week DKG Leadership Management Seminar is offered in even years to develop the leadership, communication, and management skills of members. Valued in excess of **\$8,000**, the program, materials, travel, lodging and most group meals are paid by the DKG International Golden Gift Fund.

Members designed their graduation ceremony. The "Sisters of Synergy" were introduced individually and entered the room grouped by their Society regions. The graduates embraced a mission to share their leadership skills within DKG, their educational settings, and the community. These leaders will impact education worldwide!

The University of Texas (UT) at Austin's Platinum Executive Education program presents the Leadership Management Seminar for DKG. In November 2013, the McCombs School of Business attained Number 15 in the Bloomberg Businessweek's ranking of the top 20 executive education programs for custom programs and 7th among universities in the United States.

Gamma Chi Chapter is so proud of Evelyn for receiving this honor and for taking the initiative to apply. This was the opportunity of a life-time! Our chapter supported her in this endeavor and was glad to pay her \$675 acceptance fee.

### NORTH CAROLINA'S STAR OF THE SOUTHEAST— NANCY TUNSTALL

by *Connie Savell*, Eta State NC President



During the Southeast Regional Breakfast of each International Convention, beginning in 2010, states recognize one member with The Star of the Southeast Award. Each president in the southeast region selects a member who has given distinctive service to her chapter, state organization, and community; who often

serves behind the scene, rather than in the spotlight; and who has not served on the International Executive Board or on an international committee. North Carolina is proud to recognize Nancy Tunstall as the 2018 Star of the Southeast.

While teaching full-time, our Star served on the Board of Directors for two local organizations and continues to maintain databases for three nonprofits. In 2011 her county honored her with the Women of Achievement in Education Award.

A member of DKG since 1999, our star has served two terms as chapter president and is currently serving as newsletter editor, webmaster, and parliamentarian. She was appointed a state regional director and committee chair. In 2012 she received NC's Golden Key Award. She has presented at numerous state conventions and attended International events.

Our Star is a go-to person for proofreading and creating digital documents. For three years she has compiled an attractive and informative convention booklet. Her expertise and dedication to perfection make this a user friendly program guide and special keepsake. North Carolina is delighted to honor Nancy Tunstall as our Star of the Southeast.

### BUTTONS ANYONE?

Please help to support our sister, Sheila Robertson, as she has several cute projects planned for her art classes this year using buttons. She is collecting buttons now. Let's bombard her with buttons at our October meeting! Thank you for helping!



### TREASURER'S REPORT

by *Shirley White*, Treasurer



At the May meeting, \$40.00 was collected from the meeting raffle; this will be used to help our local libraries and the NC DKG Educational Foundation.

Sold afghan raffle tickets brought in \$282.00, bringing the total so far to \$642.00. Congratulations to our members for exceeding our goal of \$500.00 to be raised by the afghan raffle each year.

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 2017-2018 year were paid, with a balance of \$1,734.50 left in the checking account. Three grants-in-aid and three professional development grants were paid leaving a balance of \$4,062.67 in the savings account. The financial records were audited, and the records were found to be in good order.

At the October meeting when paying by check, please write **separate checks** with the **correct amount** for the meal, dues, beginning teacher items, etc. It will make the bookkeeping so much easier!





## HISTORIAN'S REPORT

by Mary Catherine Harris, Historian



The history for the 2016-2018 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](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!*

## AFGHAN COMMITTEE'S REPORT

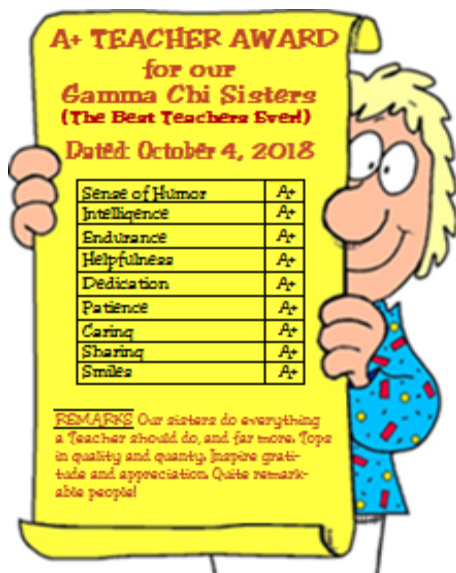
by Danylu Hundley, Afghan Chair

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, Sylvia who provides the yarn, and to our members who have "accepted the challenge" to promote the Afghan initiative by raising \$4,388.00 since the inception of the raffle in late 2011. Due to your efforts, we have been able to award seven 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. Evelyn Hall 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 4 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 to this newsletter you will find the new 2018-19 Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award Form. Please take a look at it and note that activities will begin at the October 4 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 and the Eta State NC Rising Star Award. Our own Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White and Mary Austell are recipients of the Golden Key Award, and Debra Clayton and Ashley Barnette have received the Rising Star Award. We would like to see some of our members receive these awards next year at the state convention

## BEGINNING TEACHER SUPPORT COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Norma Retzlaff, Beginning Teacher Support Chair



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 3:00 p.m. at Mariam Boyd Elementary School (check in the office for the room) on Tuesday, October 30, and Tuesday, November 6. The delivery of the goodie bags to the schools will be made during American Education Week from November 12-16.

Don't forget to keep up with your volunteer hours including time spent obtaining items for the New Teacher Bag Project, helping to stuff the bags and/or delivering the bags. Also, include time spent volunteering at the schools and/or mentoring the new teachers. The THAT form can be found [here](#) and is due at December 6 meeting.

## COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Publicity Chair



FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

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The September/October 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.** During the May, 2018 DKG Administrative Board meeting, members approved that **all issues of the DKG News will be published online only.** Members will no longer receive this publication by mail. It is released every other month. When it is available online, you will be notified.

Just a reminder, the *Eta State News* is also an online publication. As with the *DKG News*, you will be notified whenever it becomes available.



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 2018-2020 biennium.

Our committee would like to encourage everyone, especially committee chairs, to submit news and/or articles to Editor Nancy Tunstall ([nancytunstall@gmail.com](mailto:nancytunstall@gmail.com)) for publication in the next *Gamma Chi Newsletter*. The deadline for the submission of news and/or articles for the next edition is November 12.

### HOSPITALITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS REPORT

by Paula Aycock, Chair

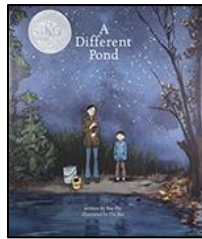
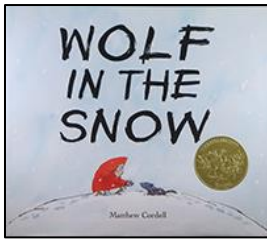
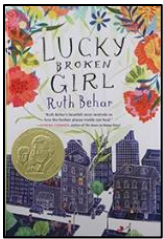
Meal costs are to be paid at each meeting upon arrival. Members who are unable to attend after responding “yes” to their evite must inform Communications & Publicity Chair Nancy Tunstall at [nancytunstall@gmail.com](mailto:nancytunstall@gmail.com) or 252-456-2051 (h) by the cut-off date of **Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**. When this is not done, members will be expected to pay for the meal. Please send your payment by an attending member or have a friend pay for your meal (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 prospective members as guests, but you will be responsible for paying for their meal. Thank you in advance.



### MEMORIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Elaine Coleman, Chair

Fortunately, we had no members to pass during the last meeting year; however, Gamma Chi has proudly placed the following award-winning books for children in the Warren County Memorial Library. They are:



### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Mary Austell, Membership Chair

Thanks to those who either turned in their biographical sketch or turned in their information for their bio sketch. 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](mailto:nancytunstall@gmail.com). *Hint:* Receive 10 points on your Member Excellence Award form by turning it in by our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on December 6.

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 Mary Austell at [maustell@hotmail.com](mailto:maustell@hotmail.com), and the prospects will be presented at the March meeting for chapter approval. Please don't delay in filling out a card!

### 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 four achievement levels: Honorable Mention below 350; 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 has achieved the Presidential Award in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2018. We barely missed it in 2016 due to increasing the points needed from 500 to 600. We got back on track in 2017. We definitely want to receive it in 2019.



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 (consider going reserve if you have extenuating circumstances)
- **Attend meetings**—60% attendance earns us 15 points; 40%, 10 points; and 20%, 5 points (we usually have 60%)
- **Encourage members who have resigned to reinstate**—each reinstated member earns us 5 points with no maximum
- **Publish in the DKG Bulletin Journal** (5 points), **on an educational website** (5 points), **in a professional journal** (5 points), and/or **in the DKG Collegial Exchange magazine** (5 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 workshop at the state convention** (10 points) and/or **be a facilitator for a workshop** (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)
- **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 our chapter to reach this goal.

### GAMMA CHI LEADERS RECEIVE TRAINING



(from left) Evelyn Hall, Mary Austell, Shirley White & Betsy Clark

Four members of the Warren County Gamma Chi Chapter received training for the upcoming 2018-2020 biennium which began on July 1, 2018. President Evelyn Hall, First Vice-President Betsy Clark, Membership Committee Chair Mary Austell and Treasurer Shirley White attended a day-long session on the campus of Barton College in Wilson on June 23.

Connie Savell, Eta State NC president, and other state officials conducted the training sessions. Hall received tips on preparing for chapter meetings and setting long and short term goals for the new biennium. Austell learned of international's recruitment procedures along with retention strategies and tips for reinstating former members. White received instruction on the procedure for filing the IRS 990-N report. She was recognized for having the most longevity state-wide as a treasurer with 35 years. Clark, as chair of the Educational Excellence Committee, received tips for promoting leadership, personal growth, programs, projects and fine arts. An emphasis will be placed on the Wellness Initiative.

### A LEADERSHIP QUEST: DISCOVERING HOW YOU SPARKLE

by Tonya Welch, Leadership Development Chair

The Eta State Leadership Development Committee is proud to introduce WILMA (Women Inspiring Leadership, Mentorship and Achievement). WILMA will be leading us on our quest to discover how you *sparkle* March 22-23, 2019 at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro. We will be exploring our

leadership strengths using Gallup strategies led by Certified Gallup Coach Nancy Cox.

WILMA is a representation of the Eta State NC leaders who have influenced my leadership during my years in DKG. Linda Little believed that our group had a leader in every chair so WILMA has a beautiful chair in which to sit. Pat Taylor dared us to be courageous and dragons are very fierce and courageous. Sheila Groves inspired us to ignite our imagination and WILMA breathes fire. Connie Savell has encouraged us to SPARKLE and WILMA has a glittery coat. All of these qualities led me to choose WILMA as our 2017-2019 Leadership Development Committee Mascot.



The registration form is now available at the following link: <https://bit.ly/2v2OMKT>. We are limited to a total of 32 participants so please register as early as possible.

(Note: taken from the *Eta State News*, Fall 2018, page 7; please consider taken advantage of this opportunity)

### COULD YOU USE \$500?



The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation is offering six grants

valued at up to \$500 for two categories of proposals. The deadline for applications is **September 30** so you need to hurry and submit your proposal.

The first category is **Continuing Education for Professional/Personal Growth**. These grants are awarded to individuals or to projects offering professional or personal growth for women educators pursuing career advancement or personal growth through such educational activities as attendance at conferences or seminars, participation in independent study, educational travel, etc. These grants will be available to active or retired educators who give evidence of how the proposed experience will be used for educational purposes in a classroom, school, or community setting.

The second category is **Advancement of Learning and/or Literacy in a Classroom, School, or Community Setting**. This Learning/Literacy Project Grant, which may be initiated by Delta Kappa Gamma chapters or individual educators, covers a broad range of possibilities, as it focuses directly on meeting an immediate need that will enhance learning or literacy for students in classroom, school, or community settings.

For more information about these grants and an application, go to <http://www.ncdkgef.org/>, then click on Grants. **Former unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to reapply.**

Application materials must be submitted electronically – via email – to the Grants Review Committee Chair. Applications **must be received** no later than September 30. Applications received **after** the deadline will be considered in the **next** granting period. **Awards will be made by November 1. Grants must be completed by August 15 of the following year.**

(Just as a side note, applying for one of these grants earns our chapter points on our chapter achievement form. Please let Nancy Tunstall know if you do apply. Thanks!)

### 2018 INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

North Carolina member Dr. Gwen Simmons is the recipient of the 2018 International Achievement Award. She received the

recognition for her service to the Society during the Impacting Education Worldwide Luncheon at the 2018 International Convention. 2016-2018 International President Carolyn Pittman, presented the award.

Simmons has been international parliamentarian for two biennia. She is a North Carolina past state organization president and editor and has been recognized as a Woman of Distinction. At the international level she has presented numerous workshops, keynote addresses, and inspirational moments, and is an author for Society publications. She has been member and/or chair of the Membership Committee, the Constitution Committee, Constitution Revision Committee, the Constitution Interpretation Committee, Focus 2000, the International Executive Board, and the Administrative Board.

The Society annually gives the gold medallion and chain (Dr. Simons is wearing the medallion in the picture) known as the International Achievement Award to a leader who has merited recognition for her distinguished record of service to the Society at the international level. The medallion is worn only by members who have been voted that honor and privilege by the International Executive Board.



We NC DKG members are proud to claim her as one of our own!

### NEW BIENNIUM, NEW FACES



Cathy Daugherty



Becky Sadowski



Dr. Lace Brogden



Elaine Warwick

As we begin the 2018-2020 biennium, we usually see new leadership at the international and local levels. On July 1, Evelyn Hall began her term as our chapter president. We also have a new DKG International president. **Cathy P. Daugherty** of Virginia is the new president of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She was elected and installed at the convention in July in Austin, Texas. Daugherty, the Society's 2016 International Achievement Award winner, has served as first vice-president and Southeast Regional Director. She has chaired four International Committees, served on the DKG Educational Foundation Board, and as a NGO representative for DKG at the United Nations for the past seven years.

Elected to serve with Daugherty were **Becky Sadowski** of Tennessee, who was the International representative to our Eta State NC Convention in 2015, as first vice-president; and **Dr. Lace Marie Brogden** of Ontario, who was the International representative at our state convention in 2011, as second vice-president. **Elaine Warwick** of Tennessee was elected as Southeast Regional Director. Those of us who attend the 2019 Southeast Regional Conference next June in Asheville 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 Connie Savell will remain state president until June 30, 2019. Elections

will be held at the state convention next April for state officers for the 2019-2021 biennium for the state (nomination forms can be found [here](#)). 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 **Terry Anne Denny**, and we hope to have a visit from her this biennium. Terry Anne is a member of Alpha Omicron Chapter in Wake County. She lives in Garner where she is secretary of the NC Fossil Club and works part-time at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences in Special Exhibits. She has served Alpha Omicron as president and corresponding secretary. Terry finds the "interactions with colleagues in my chapter and across NC" as the best part of DKG.



### HEADQUARTERS' BRICK PROJECT A SUCCESS!



One hundred twenty bricks were ordered to pave the sidewalk at Eta State NC Headquarters in Asheboro and raise funds for the support of Headquarters! The Headquarters Committee thanks all who ordered.

Gamma Chi is pleased that two of the bricks will have "Gamma Chi" on them. One was bought by our chapter to honor the chapter and one was bought to honor Shirley White by her family and friends. We will look forward to visiting headquarters once the bricks are laid.

### ETA STATE NC MEMBERS SPARKLE AT INTERNATIONAL



Sheila Groves



Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon



Susan Kuenzel

Several Eta State NC leaders have been selected to serve on DKG International committees. **Sheila Groves** (Region VII, Beta Delta), Eta State NC immediate past president, will serve as chair of the DKG Constitution Committee. **Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon** (Region IX, Alpha Gamma), Eta State NC Executive Secretary, will continue on the Editorial Board. **Susan Kuenzel** (Region IX, Delta Chi), Eta Data editor, will chair the DKG Communications and Marketing (previously known as the Communications and Publicity) Committee.

Our state leaders continue to *sparkle* as they share their knowledge and talents with members throughout the Society. Congratulations on being recognized for your leadership abilities! (Note: taken from the *Eta State News*, Fall 2018, page 11)

### ETA STATE NC TO CELEBRATE 85TH BIRTHDAY IN 2019

by Connie Savell, Eta State NC President

In 2019, Eta State NC will observe our 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday. One way that we plan to celebrate is to recognize members who have made notable contributions to education or to DKG on the local,



state and national levels. Please review your chapter histories and membership records to locate those in your chapter who have made significant contributions and impacted numerous lives. Think outside the box and determine members in your chapter, past or present, who might deserve recognition.

State leaders are still developing plans to utilize the information you submit. More details will be shared at our Fall Executive Board meeting. Chapters will be asked to send a biography of no more than 150 words and a photograph of your member(s) to be recognized. Thank you for helping us to celebrate this milestone and our leading members. (Note: taken from the *Eta State News*, Fall 2018, page 8)



**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

Our Fall Executive Board meeting will be at Elon on September 15, 2018. This meeting is for chapter presidents, officers, past presidents, regional directors, and committee chairs so please make plans to represent your chapter at this important meeting! Tracy Collier of Tennessee will be sharing information from DKGNext. Regional Directors will meet with you in the afternoon.

The Eta State NC goals are the same for the rest of the biennium. The state Wellness Initiative continues to focus on exercise, eating right, and taking care of ourselves. Wellness is a very broad topic and chapters are encouraged to focus on a topic appealing to your members.

Eta State will be 85 years old in 2019! Help us grow Eta State North Carolina by inviting new members to join your chapter.

The *DKG NEWS* will be available online only starting with the July/August 2018 issue. Please share this with your members. Wishing you a **Sparkling Year** in DKG!

**Connie**

Connie Phifer Savell  
Eta State NC President  
2017-2019

### MYSTERY MEMBER

by Nancy Tunstall, Editor



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *She excelled in her college studies graduating summa cum laude and went on to receive a master's degree. After graduating she returned to Warren County and has remained at the same school for her entire career. She has been selected as a Stellar Performer at her school. In Gamma Chi she has served so well in her position that she has received an award for it. She serves as a deacon and youth leader at her church. 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—REMOVING BACKGROUNDS

by Nancy Tunstall, Editor

Have you ever had a picture that you really wanted the background removed before using it? One solution is to go to <https://clippingmagic.com/>. It will allow you to instantly remove image backgrounds online. You can try it for free but there's a fee to download the picture. The least expensive plan allows for up to 15 pictures downloaded per month for \$3.99 per month. Unused downloads can accumulate up to 75 pictures. There are more expensive plans allowing for more downloads.

It is a very simplistic program to use. You can immediately use it by following six steps:

1. **Upload image.**
2. **Mark foreground:** use the **green tool** to mark part of the foreground; stay well within the foreground, and don't mark too much.
3. **Mark background:** use the **red tool** to mark part of the background; stay well within the background, and don't mark too much.
4. **Inspect & Fix:** zoom in to inspect the result, and apply touchup marks as necessary; use the scalpel on troublesome edges; you can always **undo** unfortunate edits, or **Edit Clear** all marks and start over.
5. **Tweak the Result: (optional)** spice things up by adding finishing touches like drop shadows, color adjustments, cropping the result, and changing the background color.
6. **Download result.**

To give you an example of how it works, I was asked to produce a page featuring the new Eta State NC regional directors. The pictures I received had various backgrounds.

Our Region III Director Terry Anne Denny's picture had some people in her background. Here are the before and after pictures using the clippingmagic app to eliminate the background:



Before



After

#### 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**

**2018-2020 INTERNATIONAL THEME**

*DKG: Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education Worldwide*

**2017-2019 ETA STATE NC THEME**

*"Let's SPARKLE!"*

**2018-2020 GAMMA CHI THEME**

*"Let's SPARKLE—From the Inside Out!"*

*Check them out often!*

**GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:**

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

**ETA STATE NC WEBSITE:**

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

**DKG WEBSITE:**

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

**DATES TO REMEMBER—DKG INTERNATIONAL**

- October 1 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*
- November 1 Deadline for Lucile Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Award application
- December 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*
- 2019**
- January 3 Deadline for applications for the DKG Educational Foundation Projects
- February 1 Deadline for scholarship applications to DKG International; \$6,000 for master's, \$10,000 for doctor's
- February 1 Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadlines: May 1 and September 1)
- February 5 Deadline for DKG Fine Arts Gallery submissions
- March 1 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*
- May 1 Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadlines: February 1 and September 1)
- May 11 DKG's Founders Day (DKG will be 90!)
- May 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*
- June 21-24 Leading Effective Meetings Seminar, Crowne Plaza, Asheville
- June 27-29 Southeast Regional Conference, Crowne Plaza, Asheville

**DATES TO REMEMBER—ETA STATE NC**

- September 30 Deadline to submit NC DKG Educational Foundation proposal for a grant (up to \$500)
- October 10 Deadline to submit to the *Eta State News*
- October 27 Eta State NC's Founders Day (Eta State NC will be 84)
- November 15 Deadline for nominations for Eta State NC Officers for the 2019-2021 biennium
- December 1 Deadline for amendments to the *Eta State Bylaws* and/or the *Eta State Standing Rules*
- 2019**
- January 10 Deadline to submit to the *Eta State News*
- February 1 Deadline for scholarship applications to Eta State NC; \$1,000 for master's, \$4,000 for doctor's
- February 1 Deadline for Founders Award nomination
- March 1 Deadline to submit Chapter Achievement form, Rising Star and Golden Key nominations and Communications Excellence form
- March 22-23 Leadership Development Seminar, Asheboro
- April 10 Deadline to submit to the *Eta State News*
- May 3-5 Eta State NC Convention, Crowne Plaza Hickory, Hickory, NC (Region X)
- 2020**
- May 1-3 Eta State NC Convention, Embassy Suites Hotel, Greensboro, NC (Region VII)

**DATES TO REMEMBER—GAMMA CHI CHAPTER**

- October 4 **1<sup>st</sup> Gamma Chi Meeting**, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway; dues should be paid (Warrenton Group Hostesses)
- October 30 and November 6 New Teacher Bag Project – goodie bag stuffing at 3:00 p.m. each day at Mariam Boyd Elementary School (ask in the office for the room being used)
- November 12 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- December 6 **2<sup>nd</sup> Gamma Chi Meeting**, Norlina United Methodist Church, Norlina (Norlina Group hostesses)
- 2019**
- January 18 Deadline for scholarship applications to Gamma Chi; also, deadline for grant-in-aid applications to Gamma Chi
- February 11 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- March 7 **3<sup>rd</sup> Gamma Chi Meeting**, Littleton Baptist Church (Littleton Group hostesses)
- March 1 Our Chapter Achievement Form is due to Terry Anne Denny, our regional director for Region III
- April 8 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- May 7 **4<sup>th</sup> Gamma Chi Meeting**, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway (St. Paul's Group hostesses)
- May 7 Gamma Chi's Founders Day (We will be 36!)

**OUR WEBSITE HAS BEEN UPDATED  
AND NEW PHOTOS HAVE BEEN  
ADDED TO THE PHOTO GALLERY!**

Please submit events, celebrations, recognitions and news to:  
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## GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – MAY 8, 2018

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, beginning with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. President Debra Clayton convened the meeting.

The president, with Ginny Bernard, Norma Retzlaff and Nancy Tunstall of the Membership Committee, conducted a ceremony of initiation for four new members: Lisa Bender, Katrinka Brewer, Shirley Cava and Gail Coleman. The ceremony concluded with the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

Scholarship Chair Jill Coleman led the presentation of several scholarships. With members of Nancy Blankenship's family, Catherine, Richard and Elaine Blankenship, and Lucy Wessinger, she presented Nancy Blankenship Grants-in-Aid to Mila Alston and Carthia Kornegay and the Nancy Blankenship Professional Development Grant to Evelyn Hall. With Josephine Myrick, Coleman presented the Josephine Myrick Grant-in-Aid to Myasia Royster. Coleman expressed appreciation to Mrs. Myrick for the gift of her handmade afghan which generated funds for the grant. Completing the presentations were Gamma Chi Professional Development Grants to Aimee Anderson and Ashley Barnette.

Charis Shattuck offered a blessing for the meal, which was catered by Honey's Kitchen.

Following a group photo of Gamma Chi members, the president called the business session to order.

Mary Catherine Harris, recording secretary, gave the attendance report, noting 32 members present, including four initiates and three reserve members. There were seven guests. The minutes of the March meeting were approved. Shirley White, treasurer, reported current balances of \$635.95 in checking and \$6,648.55 in savings.

Nancy Tunstall reported for Aimee Anderson, corresponding secretary, noting regrets from members unable to attend; cards of remembrance sent to Donna Liles, Paula Aycock and Harriet Banzet; notes of thanks from Harriet Banzet, and from Susan Phipps on behalf of the NC DKG Educational Foundation for a donation honoring Nancy Tunstall.

Recognitions included members with May, June and July birthdays; Dr. Janis Meek as the Mystery Member; charter members Harriet Banzet, Mary Catherine Harris, Janis Meek, and Shirley White in attendance and Brenda Holloman in absentia; congratulations to Jenny O'Meara on her recent marriage and to Nancy Tunstall on her design and completion of the Eta State NC Convention program book; and Evelyn Hall as winner of the afghan raffle.

The president's report included the following:

- Gamma Chi attendees to the Eta State NC Convention were the president, along with Aimee Anderson, Ashley Barnette, Evelyn Hall, Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White.
- Awards presented to the Gamma Chi Chapter at the state convention were the Presidential Chapter Achievement Award, the Communications Excellence Award and the Superior Chapter Achievement Award.

Reporting for Awards Chair Sylvia Alston, Nancy Tunstall reminded members to turn in their forms for Member Excellence Award.

Reporting for Chapter Rules Chair Loree Harris and acting on behalf of the committee, Nancy Tunstall made a motion to approve the revision to the Chapter Rules. The motion passed.

Reporting for Membership Chair Jennifer Wilker and acting on behalf of the committee, Nancy Tunstall made a motion to accept a request from Harriet Banzet to be granted reserve status. The motion passed.

There was no unfinished business.

President Clayton expressed appreciation for support during her four years as president. She encouraged support for Evelyn Hall as she becomes president for the next biennium.

Evelyn Hall expressed appreciation to Clayton for her leadership and asked everyone to look at committee opportunities and volunteer.

Charis Shattuck expressed thanks to retiring officers and led the installation of officers for the 2018-2020 biennium: president, Evelyn Hall; 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president, Betsy Clark; 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president, Diane Colin; recording secretary, Ashley Barnette; treasurer, Shirley White; and parliamentarian, Nancy Tunstall. Aimee Anderson, incoming corresponding secretary, was not present.

Past presidents in attendance were recognized: Dr. Janis Meek, Harriet Banzet, Mary Austell, and Nancy Tunstall.

Debra Clayton passed the gavel to newly installed President Evelyn Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m., following which the hosting group conducted the raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Catherine Harris, recording secretary

Active members present: Mary Austell, Harriet Banzet, Ashley Barnette, Ginny Bernard, Crystal Brantley, Brooke Callahan, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Jill Coleman, Diane Colin, Sallye Duncan, Evelyn Hall, Mary Catherine Harris, Danylu Hundley, Katy Jones, Laura Kearney, Janis Meek, Renee Mizelle, Diane Reavis, Norma Retzlaff, Charis Shattuck, Erin Simons, Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White, and Patricia Williamson.

Reserve members present: Harriet Faulkner, Brenda Fuller, and Ann Kilian

New Initiates present: Lisa Bender, Katrinka Brewer, Shirley Cava, and Gail Coleman

Active members absent: Sylvia Alston, Aimee Anderson, Paula Aycock, Kay Beaver, Diana Bobbitt, Kristen Boyd, Melanie Burnette, Elaine Coleman, Patricia Hargrove, Loree Harris, Brenda Holloman, Lynne Lassiter, Donna Liles, Tracey Neal, Jenny O'Meara, Martha Ann Overby, Karen Paynter, Trina Paynter, Sheila Robertson, Chris Skinner, Maria Smith, and Jennifer Wilker.

## GAMMA CHI CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES – AUGUST 18, 2018

The Executive Board of Gamma Chi Chapter met on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Present were: Aimee Anderson, Ashley Barnette, Betsy Clark, Diane Colin, Mary Catherine Harris, Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White. Absent were Brooke Callahan, Debra Clayton Evelyn Hall and Loree Harris.

Concern was expressed about the illness of President Evelyn Hall. First Vice-President Betsy Clark presided over the meeting. The Executive Board's first order of business was the selection of Shirley White as treasurer for this biennium.

Items discussed were:

- **Chapter Finances** – Shirley White stated that balances at the end of the fiscal year were: checking, \$1,734.50; savings, \$4,062.67. Shirley presented the proposed budgets for the checking account and savings account, anticipating no change in dues. Shirley discussed amendments made at the DKG International Convention last July that decreased the amounts of some fees enabling us to keep more at the chapter. Nancy Tunstall noted that another amendment eliminated the use of the word "initiation" and replaced it with "induction." Upon review of the savings budget, the number of professional development grants was not specified, but the amount was increased to \$2,000. With these changes made to the savings account budget, a motion was made and seconded to recommend both the proposed checking account and savings account budgets for approval by the chapter at the October meeting. Motion carried.
- **Gamma Chi Strategic Plan** – Nancy Tunstall for Evelyn Hall noted that Gamma Chi's theme for the 2018-2020 biennium is "Let's SPARKLE—From the Inside Out!" The proposed strategic plan is the same as the previous plan except for the addition of Goal 3, Action 3.4. A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the plan by the chapter at the October meeting. Motion carried.
- **Yearbook and Picture Directory** – Nancy Tunstall reported that the yearbook was ready and would be distributed prior to the meeting. She is still awaiting a few confirmation emails to ascertain if all the information is correct for the picture directory. It will be sent out after October 31 when the membership is finalized.
- **Change of meeting location and date** – The October meeting will be hosted by the Warrenton Group in order to make travel easier for Xi members who may wish to attend since their chapter has dissolved. The location of the meeting will be at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The Littleton group will host the March meeting. Since the state convention is May 3-5, 2019, the May meeting will be moved to Tuesday, May 7.
- **Programs for Chapter Meetings** – The Wellness Initiative will be incorporated into our meetings. Terry Denny, regional director, will be invited to the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The new 2019-2021 Eta State NC president will be invited to the December 2019 meeting. Other programs planned for the biennium include a report on the Dominican Republic trip and global education, reports from our sparkling schools, and a presentation from Warren County Memorial Library.
- **Chapter Achievement Form** – Nancy Tunstall led a discussion of this form, noting requirements which had been met and expectations for meeting others. The potential is strong for achieving Superior Achievement Level. She will have an article in the newsletter suggesting how members can help.

Nancy Tunstall discussed the upcoming Leadership Conference which will be held March 22-23 at the Caraway Conference Center in Sophia. She stated that we should encourage members to attend. She also mentioned that gold metallic bags with the chapter's theme on them would make nice birthday presents. Aimee Anderson inquired how often group pictures are taken. Recently they have been taken at the May meetings. Also, Aimee suggested having chapter t-shirts. That proposal will be investigated. The meeting was adjourned shortly after 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ashley Barnette, recording secretary

**Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
2018-2019 Proposed Budget for Checking Account**

<b>Checking Account</b>			
Balance Brought Forward July 1, 2018			\$ 1,734.50
<b>Estimated Receipts:</b>			
Dues:			
International	50 @ \$40.00	Active	\$ 2,000.00
	14 @ \$20.00	Reserve	\$ 280.00
State	50 @ \$15.00	Active	\$ 750.00
	14 @ \$2.00	Reserve	\$ 28.00
Chapter	50 @ \$30.00	Active	\$ 1,500.00
	14 @ \$18.00	Reserve	\$ 252.00
Induction Fees	5 @ \$10.00		\$ 50.00
Pins and Ribbons	5 @ \$27.00		\$ 135.00
World Fellowship and other International Funds			\$ 125.00
Eta State Funds			\$ 30.00
NC DKG Educational foundation			\$ 100.00
Schools for Africa			\$ 100.00
Meetings Raffles (4 @ \$50.00)			\$ 200.00
<b>Total Estimated Receipts</b>			<b>\$ 5,550.00</b>
<b>Total Available for Budgeting</b>			<b>\$ 7,284.50</b>
<b>Estimated Expenses:</b>			
Dues and Fees			
Dues:			
International	50 @ \$40.00	Active	\$ 2,000.00
	14 @ \$20.00	Reserve	\$ 280.00
State	50 @ \$15.00	Active	\$ 750.00
	14 @ \$2.00	Reserve	\$ 28.00
Eta State Scholarship Fees	64 @ \$0.20		\$ 12.80
Gamma Chi Scholarship Fees	64 @ \$0.80		\$ 51.20
Induction fees	5 @ \$2.50		\$ 12.50
<b>Total Dues and Fees Disbursed</b>			<b>\$ 3,134.50</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>			
President's Expenses: Conventions, Workshops			\$ 800.00
WebSpace Rental for One Year			\$ 36.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>			<b>\$ 836.00</b>
<b>Meeting Expenses:</b>			
Induction (Dinner, Roses)			\$ 110.00
Pins, Ribbons and Inductees' Fees (Recouped by initiates)			\$ 185.00
Memorial Service (Meals for family members)			\$ 60.00
Gifts and Flowers			\$ 200.00
Stationery and Supplies			\$ 75.00
Postage			\$ 50.00
<b>Total Meeting Expenses</b>			<b>\$ 680.00</b>
<b>Special Expenses</b>			
Memorial Expenses (\$50 transferred to Scholarship Fund; Bud Vase to homes)			\$ 75.00
Brochures			\$ 200.00
<b>Total Special Expenses</b>			<b>\$ 275.00</b>
<b>Contributions:</b>			
State Funds - Headquarters - 64 @ \$3.00; Eta State Scholarship (\$15); Leadership Fund (\$15); NC DKG Educational Foundation (\$100) (Last three recouped by members)			\$ 322.00
International Funds - World Fellowship (\$100); Other International fund (\$25); (recouped by members)			\$ 125.00
Warren Education Fund			\$ 100.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>			<b>\$ 547.00</b>
<b>Special Projects</b>			
Warren County Memorial Library (recouped by raffle)			\$ 50.00
Littleton Library (recouped by raffle)			\$ 50.00
New Teacher Bag Project			\$ 100.00
American Cancer Society (Relay for Life)			\$ 50.00
Schools for Africa (Literacy) (recouped by members)			\$ 100.00
Recognitions (Pins for Member Excellence, Pins for Milestones, Perfect Attendance Pins, Birthday Gifts, etc.)			\$ 300.00
Advertisement in 2019 Eta State NC Convention Program			\$ 150.00
<b>Total Special Projects</b>			<b>\$ 800.00</b>
<b>Total Estimated Expenses</b>			<b>\$ 6,272.50</b>
<b>Estimated Balance June 30, 2019</b>			<b>\$ 1,012.00</b>

Budget is based on \$85.00 per Active Member, \$40.00 per Reserve Member and \$10.00 per Initiate.





**GAMMA CHI CHAPTER STRATEGIC PLAN**  
**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**  
**2018-2020 BIENNIUM**

**Purposes**

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.
4. To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
7. To inform the membership of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

**Mission Statement**

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

**Vision Statement**

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

**Chapter Theme**

**Let's SPARKLE—From the Inside Out!**

**Planning Process and Measurement**

The Gamma Chi Strategic Plan for the 2018-2020 biennium will be designed to implement the seven purposes and the mission of the Society. The Planning Committee will develop, review and monitor the plan. At the end of the biennium, the Planning Committee will determine all actions to be either **accomplished, in progress, incomplete** or **deleted**. Actions planned for and completed are reported **accomplished**. Those initiated but not fully implemented are reported **in progress**. Actions that require more time or a new direction are reported **incomplete**. Discontinued actions will be reported **deleted**.

## Goals:

### 1. To encourage our members to actively attend meetings

**Action 1.1:** Continue to promote the Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award. (Awards Committee)

**Action 1.2:** Provide interesting and informative programs. (Planning Committee and EEC)

**Action 1.3:** At each meeting, continue to recognize the birthdays of members for that meeting. (President)

**Action 1.4:** Recognize members who have perfect attendance at all four meetings each year. (Awards Committee)

**Action 1.5:** Continue working on time management at meetings. (President)

**Action 1.6:** Provide mentoring of new member. (Experienced members)

### 2. To honor our members

**Action 2.1:** Continue to recognize members who have been members for multiples of five years. (Awards Committee)

**Action 2.2:** Continue to write biographical sketches suitable for use as tributes for each member. (Membership Committee)

**Action 2.3:** Recognize members who have perfect attendance at all four meetings each year. (Awards Committee)

### 3. To increase membership

**Action 3.1:** Encourage diversity in membership selection. (Membership Committee)

**Action 3.2:** Promote as a benefit of membership scholarships for graduate study and professional development grants. (Scholarship Committee)

**Action 3.3:** Seek members for reinstatement by contacting former members. (Membership Committee)

**Action 3.4:** Encourage members to discuss membership responsibilities with prospective members prior to nominating them. (Membership Committee) (Members may invite a prospective member to be their guest at a meeting at the member's expense.)

### 4. To encourage members to assume leadership roles

**Action 4.1:** Solicit younger members to attend the Leadership Development Seminar to be held in June of 2019. (President)

**Action 4.2:** Provide financial assistance for those attending the Leadership Development Seminar. (Scholarship Committee—Gamma Chi Professional Development Grant)

**Action 4.3:** Encourage committee chairs to mentor and train younger committee members to move up to a leadership position. (Committee chairs)

**Action 4.4:** Encourage members to attend the Eta State Convention, DKG International Convention and Southeast Regional Conference. (President and Communications and Publicity Committee)

### 5. To preserve the rich history of the Gamma Chi Chapter

**Action 5.1:** Continue to make electronic copies of minutes, newsletters and any other important documents. (Communications and Publicity Committee)

**Action 5.2:** Continue to write a brief history of each biennium. (Historian)

**Action 5.3:** Continue to keep a scrapbook of newspaper articles, chapter certificates and anything else of relevance to members' and/or the chapter's accomplishments. (Historian)

**Action 5.4:** Maintain a historical record of scholarship and grant-in-aid recipients, amount given and the date of the award. (Scholarship Committee)

**Action 5.5:** Consolidate storage of archived materials, determine if any of these materials may be discarded and maintain a list of the items. (President and Executive Board)



**2018-2019 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 4, 2018 and May 2, 2019. The goal is to earn 150 or more points. To receive recognition, submit your completed form to Sylvia Alston, Awards Committee Chair, on May 2, 2019 or shortly thereafter. Recognition will consist of presentation of a certificate and pin at the October 3 2019 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: 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on Oct. 4, 2018; 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on Dec. 6, 2018; 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on March 7, 2019; and 4<sup>th</sup> meeting on May 2, 2019. (5 pts. each meeting, 20 pts. maximum)
- \_\_\_ 2. Attend one or more days of the 2019 Eta State NC Convention in Hickory on Friday-Sunday, May 3-5, 2019. (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 6, 2018. (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 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on Oct. 4, 2018 for New Teacher Bag project. (10 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 15. Bring a children's book(s) to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on Dec. 6, 2018. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 16. Bring Box Tops for Education to each of the regular meetings. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)
- \_\_\_ 17. Apply for a scholarship: Gamma Chi Scholarship (deadline: Jan. 18, 2019), Eta State NC Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2019) and/or 2019 International Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2019). All forms are online—check our website. (5 pts. each, 15 pts. maximum)
- \_\_\_ 18. Apply for a Gamma Chi Professional Development grant. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 19. Turn in a THAT Program (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) Volunteer Hours Report by Dec. 6, 2018. 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 Evite to indicate 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 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting on Oct. 4, 2018. 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 2, 2018. (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, 2019 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, 2019. 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, 2019. 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, 2019. 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](http://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 DKG 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 NC 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 ISF 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).