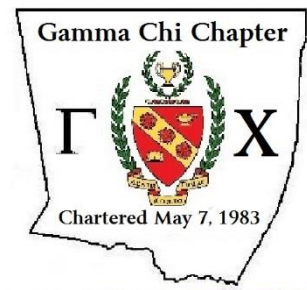


Gamma Chi Newsletter

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Region III, Warren County



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings to my Gamma Chi sisters. I hope that each of you had a restful and relaxing summer. For those of you who are still in the schools, I trust that your new school year has gotten off to a wonderful start. For those of you who are fortunate enough to be retired, I hope that you are enjoying every minute of this much earned time in your life.

I am excited and honored to be the president of Gamma Chi Chapter for the next biennium. It has been a very busy summer preparing for the first year of the new biennium. I have had much help and guidance from Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White (Mama to me!). To start the biennium, Nancy, Shirley, and I attended the officers' training workshop in Goldsboro, NC in June. We received a wealth of information and enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the ladies of the church where we met. Then I had to submit the committee chairmen list to the state. Thanks to those of you who agreed to chair a committee for the upcoming biennium. Nancy was gracious enough to set up the sign-up genius for each person to volunteer for a committee or two. Remember, it is the responsibility of each member to be an active member on at least one committee. In August, the officers, related personnel, and committee chairs attended a Planning Committee meeting where we mapped out the upcoming biennium. In September, the Executive Board will meet to make recommendations for our chapter's continued well-being.

As we begin the biennium, the theme is *Key Women Educators—Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!* I encourage each of you to make a commitment to be an active member in our society collaborating with your Gamma Chi sisters. Through commitment and collaboration, we will have much to celebrate as we continue to grow as a chapter.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our first meeting Thursday, October 2, at Littleton United Methodist Church. Please note the change of location. At this meeting, each committee will have the opportunity to meet for a few minutes. Hopefully, this will allow for committee members to collaborate.

In sisterhood,

Debra W. Clayton

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GAMMA CHI WEBSITE ADDRESS

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

MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, October 2, 2014

Littleton United Methodist Church

Cost: \$12.00

(make checks payable to Robert Harris)

Cut-Off Date: **Monday, September 29th**

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:15 p.m. Initiation Service for LaTrenda Hawkins

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. **Jana Miller** – *Newspaper in Education Literacy Program*

7:15 p.m. Committee Meetings

7:30 p.m. Business Meeting

The Telephone Network should call members for a meal count.
(Littleton Group Members will need to bring items for the raffle.)

BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ New Teacher Bags that you signed up to bring
- ☞ 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. The deadline is Oct. 24.
- ☞ Money to buy \$1 raffle tickets (proceeds aid our contribution to *Newspaper in Education Literacy Project* & local libraries)
- ☞ Box Tops and Labels for Education; they will benefit our elementary schools and the middle school. Paula Aycock will collect them as you pay for your meal.

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CONDOLENCES TO:

Brenda Fuller on the loss of her father, Robert Jones. Please keep Brenda and her family in your thoughts and prayers

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- 🌸 **Kristen Boyd** and husband Rux on the birth of their daughter, Langston Blair Boyd. She was born on July 10 weighing 7 lb. 3 oz. Also, congratulations to **Kristen** on her appointment as principal of Aycock Elementary School in Henderson.
- 🌸 **Emmy Coleman** on her promotion to Senior Research Associate at The Friday Institute for Educational Innovation at North Carolina State University.
- 🌸 **Jill Coleman** on the marriage of her daughter, Morgan Leigh, to Alan Stall on September 6.
- 🌸 **Loree Harris** on the birth of her granddaughter, Reagan Lora Dodson, to daughter Kate and husband Robbie. Reagan was born on June 9 weighing 8 lb. 10 oz. and was 21 ¼ in. long.
- 🌸 **Renee Mizelle** on selection as Warren County Schools' 2014-15 principal of the Year. Renee is principal at Vaughan Elementary School.
- 🌸 **Trina Paynter** for receiving 3 mini grants from Warren Education Foundation: \$1,500 for "Post Crossing and Read Around the World" (with others), \$500 for "Alexander the Great," and \$2,000 for "Battle of the Books" (with others).
- 🌸 **Erin Simons** for receiving a \$1,000 mini grant from Warren Education Foundation for "Deepening Our Sea of Knowledge" (with Donna Liles).
- 🌸 **Sharon West** for receiving a \$1,500 mini grant from Warren Education Foundation for "Post Crossing and Read Around the World" (with others).
- 🌸 **Shirley White** on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Caroline Suzanne White, to grandson Adam and his wife Maria. Caroline was born on August 15 weighing 7 lb. 4 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. The grandparents are Ashley and Margaret White and the great aunt is **Debra Clayton**.

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!!!**



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



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

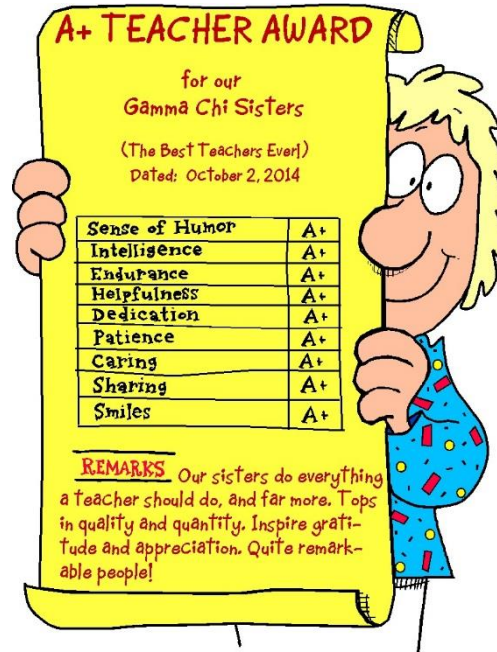
All bills for the 2013-2014 year were paid with a balance of \$650.75 left in the checking account. One scholarship and two grants-in-aid were paid leaving a balance of \$3,363.75 in the savings account. The financial records were audited, and the records were found to be in good order.

The 2014-2015 proposed budget will be presented for approval at our October 2 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. 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 no later than October 24.

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dr. Janis Meek, Awards Committee Chairman



At the October 2 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 eight Member Excellence Awards, fourteen Perfect

Attendance Awards and twelve Member Milestone Awards. Please be there to honor these women.

Attached to this newsletter you will find the new 2014-2015 Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award Form. Please look over it and note that activities will begin at the next meeting.

Finally, the Awards Committee will be recommending a nominee for you to vote on for both the Founders Award and the Golden Key Award for Region III. Our own Shirley White was the recipient of the Golden Key Award last year and we would like to see one of our members receive it next year. The Founders Award is only given once every two years, and again we would like to see one of our members be the recipient. If you have any suggestions for these two awards, please let me know as soon as possible.

AFGHAN COMMITTEE REPORT

by Danylu Hundley, Afghan Chairman

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 goes out 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 \$1,854.00 since the inception of the raffle in late 2011. Due to your efforts, we have been able to award three 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

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our May meeting. Kay Beaver was our last lucky winner. 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!

With generous contributions and funds raised from the Afghan Raffle, the chapter now has the following financial aids available:

- **Scholarships** for members pursuing graduate degrees valued at \$500.00,
- **Grants-in-Aid** for nonmembers pursuing a degree in education valued at \$500.00,
- **NBCT Grants** for members pursuing certification or recertification valued at \$500.00, and
- **Professional Development Grants** for members or prospective members valued at up to \$250.00.

Members are encouraged to take advantage of the scholarships, NBCT grants and professional development grants and encourage non-members to apply for a grant-in-aid.

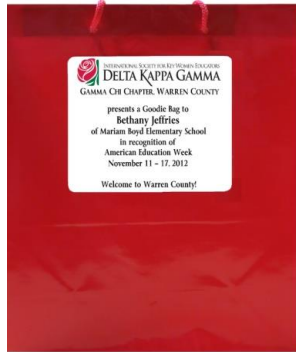
BEGINNING TEACHER SUPPORT REPORT

by Mary Austell, Beginning Teacher Support Chairman

Many thanks to everyone for their generosity in signing up for items for the New Teacher Bags Project. 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 Teachers Bags Stuffing at 10:00 a.m. at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Warrenton on Monday morning, November 17. The delivery of the goodie bags to the schools will be made immediately thereafter.



COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Publicity Chairman

The July/August issue of *DKG News* is online at: <https://www.dkg.org/content/dkg-news-julaug-2014>. This is a digital-only issue and will not be mailed to members. If you haven't already done so, please click the above link to look at it.

A special thanks goes out to our members who volunteered to be e-buddies with non-e-mail members. They are already either delivering in person or mailing the *Gamma Chi Newsletter* and the *Eta State News* to their buddy. They are:

e-Buddy	Reserve Member
Elaine Coleman	Edith Allen
Kay Beaver	Melba Johnston
Sylvia Alston	Sue Skinner
Mary Catherine Harris	Louise Twitty
Harriet Banzet	Jean White
Jeffrey Evans	Nell White

Check out the new Facebook links on our website. We now have links to DKG's Facebook group page, Eta State Facebook group page and also our own Facebook group page.

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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 11.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Aimee Anderson, Scholarship Chairman

Thirty DKG scholarships are awarded each year to members pursuing advanced degrees. Scholarships for those seeking a master's degree are \$6,000.00 and a doctorate is \$10,000.00. To be eligible, you must have been a member of DKG at least three years. The scholarship program achieves several of the Society's Seven Purposes. North Carolina has been very fortunate to have had many recipients over the years including four Eta State sisters last year.



You should begin your application process now so you will have time to complete the application and secure letters of recommendations, transcripts and program documentation. The due date is February 1, 2015. The application can be found at: <https://www.dkg.org/content/2015-international-scholarship-application-form-12>

Eta State sponsors \$4,000.00 academic scholarships for Doctoral and Sixth-Year graduate study, as well as \$1,000.00 scholarships for Master's level work requiring graduate school enrollment and \$500.00 for non-degree activities, such as special projects, research, or certifications. Eta State awarded six scholarships last year. You must have been a DKG member for two calendar years or more to be eligible to apply. Applications for the Eta State Scholarship will soon be available online at: <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC> and will be due on February 1, 2015.

Finally, our \$500 Gamma Chi Scholarship is available for our members pursuing graduate study. At any time you may apply for the Gamma Chi \$500 NBCT Grant and Gamma Chi (up to) \$250 Professional Development Grant. Also, please alert qualified nonmembers who plan to pursue a degree in education of our \$500 Gamma Chi Grant-in-Aid. So far since March 6, 1986, Gamma Chi has given a total \$24,787.95 in scholarships and grants. All applications can be found online at our website at: <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/forms.html>. The scholarship & grant-in-aid applications are due February 1, 2015.

HOSPITALITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS REPORT

by Paula Aycock, Hospitality and Social Affairs Chairman

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 Hospitality Chair Paula Aycock, at 252-213-1760 (c) or 252-456-3766 (h) or paycock1020@yahoo.com, by the cut-off date of **Monday, September 29th**. 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.



HOW I BECAME A DKG MEMBER



"In 1999, a co-worker invited me to a meeting of a group of women educators. She did not tell me the name of the organization. When I arrived, there were several members I knew. Some worked at my school and in the education community. The group was filling boxes with items for the homeless. I expressed my desire to join the organization and the group said they were excited that I wanted to join! They said they would send an invitation to me!"

So begins President Pat's story of how she became a DKG member. You'll be surprised at what happens next! Read the entire message at:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/Presidents%20page.htm>.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD HOLDS PREMIERE MEETING IN ASHEBORO

by Dr. Judith Carson, Eta State Education Foundation Chairman

The newly-appointed Eta State Educational Foundation Board of Directors held their premiere meeting on July 7 at the DKG state headquarters in Asheboro. Officers, elected at the meeting, are Dr. Judith B. Carlson, chair; Dr. Mary Cauley, vice-chair; Dr. Suzanne Mellow-Irwin, secretary; and Betty Marshall, treasurer.



The Eta State Educational Foundation is primed for rolling up our sleeves and directing our energies. We have two sub-committees of Board members who met on Monday, August 11. One focused on the relationship of chapters and regional directors with regard to beginning work on a capital campaign, and benefits to chapters, ultimately. The other met to study and determine completion of Form 1023 to be filed with the IRS. This is intensive and most important, as we seek final approval for Foundation 501 c (3) status.

2015 CONVENTION THEME CHOSEN

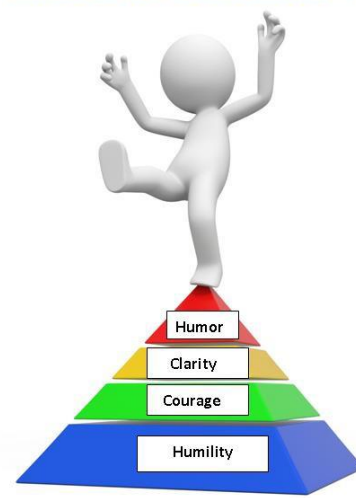


The 2015 Eta State Convention Arrangement Committee is already hard at work and Co-chairs Betty Eidenier and Nora McDuffie from Region V announce the convention theme is "Dare to Lead."

The convention will be held in Chapel Hill April 24-26 at the Sheraton Hotel. Please mark these dates on your calendar and consider going. If you don't want to spend the night, go for the day—it is not a long drive!

LEROY (Leadership Experiences Relevant to Others and Yourself)

Essentials of Well Balanced Leadership



By Leroy the Leadership Guy

Eta State Leadership Committee member Margaret Church wanted to find a character to appear alongside Leadership Tips and so the concept of *Leroy the Leadership Guy* was born. *Leroy the Leadership Guy* is busy at work providing tips for successful leadership. You will see him in publications like the *Eta State News*, *Eta Data*

and our own newsletter. If you attend an Eta State Convention, you will get to see him in person. You never know where Leroy will show up. Be on the lookout for him.

DISCOVER WEB 2.0 APPS & WEBSITES

by Nancy Tunstall



Web 2.0 refers to the read, write, interactive world of the Internet. With free tools over the Web, creating content of all kinds is easier than ever. In this issue we will look at Dropbox found at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/>.

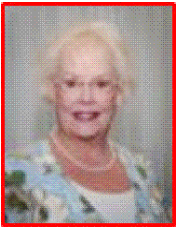
What is Dropbox? In a nutshell, Dropbox is a free service that lets you bring your photos, docs, videos and files anywhere and share them easily. No more worrying about forgetting your flash drive! It allows users to create a special folder on each of their computers and devices, which Dropbox then synchronizes so that it appears to be the same folder (with the same contents) regardless of which device is used to view it. Files placed in this folder are also accessible through a website and mobile phone applications. For every friend who joins and installs Dropbox on their computer, Dropbox gives you both bonus space up to a limit of 16 GB. More space can be purchased.

Some features that will really save you time:

1. **Be anywhere.** Start a doc from a computer at school or work, make edits from your phone on the way home, and then add finishing touches from a tablet in your living room.
2. **Simple sharing.** Invite your friends and family to any folder in your Dropbox, and it'll be as if you saved that folder straight to their computer.
3. **Always safe.** Even if your computer has a meltdown or your phone goes for a swim, your stuff is always safe in Dropbox and can be restored in a snap.

Over 300 million people around the world rely on Dropbox. Let Dropbox simplify your life.

OUR NEW INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Dr. Lyn Schmid has been installed as the new DKG International President for the 2014-2016 biennium. Dr. Schmid, from Pennsylvania, has chosen *85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life* as her theme for her biennium. In her acceptance speech at the International Convention, she listed four keys to advancing

her initiative:

1. Set high quality targets.
2. Enlist diverse opinions.
3. Take multiple shots at goal.
4. Learn from experience and experiments.

She states, "For some, DKG becomes a destination, a check-off on life's to-do list—get it on my resume. For me, it remains with me as part of my journey. When I joined, I thought of it as a group of like-minded women. But somewhere along the line I think it clicked for me that it's more than a group of like-minded women. It's a spirit that I take with me for the rest of my life. Said in a very simple way, that's the magic of Delta Kappa Gamma." Read her entire acceptance speech online at <https://www.dkg.org/content/85-years-and-beyond-advancing-key-women-educators-life-0>.

DKG and UN



Since 1995, DKG has been proud to maintain Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) status with the United Nations Department of Public Information. The Society was also granted consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in

2003. The DKG relationship with the UN not only reinforces the Society's international scope but also fulfills the seventh Society Purpose: "To inform members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society."

DKG has eight representatives who are charged with familiarizing members with the activities and programs of the United Nations, especially those relating to education and human rights.

Our DKG NGO representatives attend weekly briefings at United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Information is shared through their newsletter, *DKG@UN*, as well as at conferences and regional and international meetings. To read the most recent *DKG@UN* edition which is the Tenth Anniversary Edition, please go to <https://www.dkg.org/content/dkgun-no-30>.

As educators, DKG members are particularly concerned about educational issues worldwide. The right to an education is one of the rights included in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), and achieving universal primary education is one of the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) agreed upon by the leaders of the world in 2000 and now being focused on for the UN's Post-2015 agenda.

In addition, since 1996 the Society has partnered with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF on a number of projects that have supported education in developing countries. Our project at the present time, which is an official Society project, is **Schools for Africa**.

Most of the Society's NGO representatives are also involved with The Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN), an organization made up of representatives from a variety of NGOs with an interest in education. CTAUN provides educators opportunities to learn about the United Nations and its work. Through events and resources available on the website, CTAUN assists teachers in efforts to incorporate global awareness into classroom curricula and activities. DKG member Anne-Marie Carlson serves as chair and several other DKG members also help plan and coordinate the conference events.

(Taken from the DKG website at <https://www.dkg.org/content/dkg-and-un>.)

MYSTERY MEMBER



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *As a farmer she became active in the local and state Farm Bureau organization. She became the first woman member of the local board (1994-present) and served as Vice President from 2006-2012. Who is she?*

If you do not know who the member is, you can find the answer by reading our members' biographies located online at <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/members.html>. By reading the biographies, you will discover who the mystery member is.

The name of our mystery member will be revealed at the meeting. Please be on the lookout for more information concerning the completion of your biography.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2	1 st Gamma Chi Meeting, Littleton United Methodist Church, Littleton
October 10	Eta State News deadline
November 11	Gamma Chi Newsletter deadline
November 17	New Teacher Bags Stuffing at 10:00 a.m., Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish Hall; delivery to schools will be made thereafter
December 4	2 nd Gamma Chi Meeting, Norlina United Methodist Church, Norlina
2015	
January 3	Education Foundation Project Application deadline
February 1	Deadline for up to a \$2,000 Cornet Professional Development award to attend professional development training by agencies other than DKG
February 1	Deadline for Gamma Chi, Eta State, and/or DKG International scholarships (all forms are online)
April 24-26	Eta State Convention, Chapel Hill Sheraton, Chapel Hill (Region V)
June 17-20	Eta State Leadership Development Seminar, William Peace University, Raleigh
July 15-18	Southeast Regional Conference, Westin Harbor Resort, Savannah, Georgia

2014-16 INTERNATIONAL THEME

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

2013-15 ETA STATE THEME

*"Together We Are Stronger
Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!"*

2014-2016 GAMMA CHI THEME

*Key Women Educators—
Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!*

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – MAY 1, 2014

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Thursday evening, May 1, 2014 beginning with a 5:30 social. The Initiation Ceremony began at 6:00 led by Patricia Williamson, Crystal Brantley, Elaine Coleman, and President Nancy Tunstall. The chapter's new members are: Aimee Anderson, Ashley Barnette, Evelyn Hall, Jenny O'Meara, Erin Simons, and Jennifer Wilker. LaTrenda Hawkins was absent. (In later communication with President Tunstall, she declined membership at this time due to health concerns.)

Scholarship Chair Mary Ann Johnson assisted Catherine, Richard and Elaine Blankenship in presenting the Nancy Blankenship Awards. Emily Hargrove received the Grant-in-Aid Award and Jill Coleman received the Scholarship Award. Josephine Myrick presented the Josephine Myrick Grant-in-Aid Award to Morgan Leigh Coleman. Morgan Leigh was attending class and her mother, Jill Coleman, accepted on her behalf.

Melanie Burnette gave the blessing and dinner was served at 6:30 by the ladies of the church.

The Memorial Service for Betsy Brown was attended by her husband Wallace, their three children Dale, Jerry, and Debra as well as Debra's husband and Jerry's son. Shirley White gave a beautiful and meaningful tribute to Betsy. President Tunstall presented the family with a white rose, a plaque Betsy would have received in October of 2013 honoring her forty years of service to DKG, and a program from the Ceremony of Remembrance held last weekend at the state convention in Greenville.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was present to conduct all chapter business. There were no corrections to the previous minutes and Treasurer Shirley White made a correction to her previous Treasurer's Report showing an interest of \$0.07 instead of \$0.11 for 2/28/14. Both reports were filed in the chapter records.

Memorial Chairman Elaine Coleman reported on the three children's books placed in the Warren County Memorial Library given in memory of Betsy Brown by Gamma Chi Chapter. Shirley White read a thank you note from the library staff. President Tunstall recognized the fourth meeting birthdays and the "Mystery Member" was Kristen Boyd.

The President's report included comments about the State Convention held in Greenville the last weekend in April. Members attending were: Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White, Debra Clayton, and Patricia Williamson. State awards received by the chapter were the Presidential Award for chapter achievement, the Newsletter Excellence Award and the Website Excellence Award. Shirley White was presented the Golden Key Award for Region III.

The Afghan Committee recognized Josephine Myrick, afghan creator who drew the winning ticket belonging to Kay Beaver. The Spelling Bee Team was announced by Ginny Bernard. They are Brenda Holloman, Kay Beaver, Norma Retslaff, and Diana Bobbitt. The Spelling Bee will be Friday, May 16, 2014 and raffle proceeds from the March and May meetings will be used for our team. Shirley White reported mailing Easter cards to the reserve members. It was also reported that Melba Johnston had been writing notes to Gamma Chi members who are still employed as professional educators. There was no unfinished or new business.

The Installation of new officers was conducted by the retiring officers. The new officers are: President Debra Clayton, First Vice President Patricia Williamson, Second Vice President Loree Harris, Recording Secretary Mary Catherine Harris (Elaine Coleman stood in for Mary Catherine since she was on a mission trip in Zambia), Corresponding Secretary Sallye Duncan, Treasurer Shirley White and Parliamentarian Harriet Banzet. President Nancy Tunstall presented the incoming president, Debra Clayton, with her president's bar. The meeting raffle was held by the St. Paul's group. Mrs. Tunstall concluded with a thank you to Ann Kilian and the St. Paul's group for the meeting and also to announce that her term as regional director will end on June 30th. On behalf of the chapter, Shirley White presented her a red rose. Chapter members gave her a standing ovation for leading us during two terms and all of her outstanding work, Mrs. Tunstall passed the gavel to the incoming president, Debra Clayton.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Coleman for Jeffrey Evans, Recording Secretary

**Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
2014-2015 Proposed Budget for Checking Account**

Checking Account			
Balance Brought Forward July 1, 2014			\$ 650.75
Estimated Receipts:			
Dues:			
International	54 @ \$40.00	Active	\$ 2,160.00
	14 @ \$20.00	Reserve	\$ 280.00
State	54 @ \$15.00	Active	\$ 810.00
	14 @ \$2.00	Reserve	\$ 28.00
Chapter	54 @ \$30.00	Active	\$ 1,620.00
	14 @ \$18.00	Reserve	\$ 252.00
Initiation Fees	5 @ \$10.00		\$ 50.00
Pins	5 @ \$20.00		\$ 100.00
World Fellowship and other International Funds			\$ 200.00
Eta State Funds			\$ 30.00
Schools for Africa			\$ 100.00
Meetings Raffles (4 @ \$50.00)			\$ 200.00
Total Estimated Receipts			<u>\$ 5,830.00</u>
Total Available for Budgeting			<u>\$ 6,480.75</u>
Estimated Expenses:			
Dues and Fees			
Dues:			
International	54 @ \$40.00	Active	\$ 2,160.00
	14 @ \$20.00	Reserve	\$ 280.00
State	54 @ \$15.00	Active	\$ 810.00
	14 @ \$2.00	Reserve	\$ 28.00
Eta State Scholarship Fees	68 @ \$0.40		\$ 27.20
Gamma Chi Scholarship Fees	68 @ \$0.60		\$ 40.80
Initiation Fees	5 @ \$5.00		\$ 25.00
Total Dues and Fees Disbursed			<u>\$ 3,371.00</u>
Operating Expenses:			
President's Expenses: Conventions, Workshops			\$ 700.00
WebSpace Rental for One Year			\$ 36.00
Total Operating Expenses			<u>\$ 736.00</u>
Meeting Expenses:			
Initiation (Dinner, Roses)			\$ 90.00
Pins, Initiates (Recouped by initiates)			\$ 100.00
Memorial Service (Meals for family members)			\$ 26.00
Gifts and Flowers			\$ 200.00
Stationery and Supplies			\$ 100.00
Postage			\$ 50.00
Total Meeting Expenses			<u>\$ 566.00</u>
Special Expenses			
Brochures			\$ 110.00
Memorial Expenses (\$25 transferred to Scholarship Fund; Bud Vase to home)			\$ 38.00
Total Special Expenses			<u>\$ 148.00</u>
Contributions:			
State Funds - Headquarters - 68 @ \$2.00; Eta State Scholarship (\$15);			\$ 166.00
Leadership Fund (\$15) (Last two recouped by members)			
International Funds - World Fellowship (\$100); Educational Foundation (\$20);			\$ 200.00
International Scholarship Fund (\$20); Golden Gift Fund (\$20);			
International Speakers Fund (\$20); Emergency Fund (\$20)			
(recouped by members)			
Total Contributions			<u>\$ 366.00</u>
Special Projects			
Norlina Public Library (recouped by raffle)			\$ 50.00
Warren County Memorial Library (recouped by raffle)			\$ 50.00
Littleton Library (recouped by raffle)			\$ 50.00
New Teacher Project			\$ 100.00
Warren County Education Fund (Spelling Bee)			\$ 100.00
American Cancer Society (Relay for Life)			\$ 50.00
Schools for Africa (Literacy) (recouped by members)			\$ 100.00
Recognitions (Pins for Member Excellence, Frames for Certificates,			\$ 270.00
Perfect Attendance Pins, Birthday Gifts)			
Advertisement in 2014 Eta State Convention Program			\$ 25.00
Total Special Projects			<u>\$ 795.00</u>
Total Estimated Expenses			<u>\$ 5,982.00</u>
Estimated Balance June 30, 2015			<u>\$ 498.75</u>

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

**Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
2014-2015 Proposed Budget for Savings Account**

Savings Account

Balance Brought Forward July 1, 2014 \$ 3,563.73

Estimated Income:

Scholarship - Honorariums/Memorials/Afghan Raffle \$ 1,200.00

Scholarship Fee 68 @ \$0.60 \$ 40.80

Total Estimated Income

\$ 1,240.80

Total Estimated Income for 2014-2015

\$ 4,804.53

Disbursements:

Scholarship 1 @ \$500.00 \$ 500.00

NBCT Grant 1 @ \$500.00 \$ 500.00

Grant-in-Aid 1 @ \$500.00 \$ 500.00

Professional Development Grant 1 @ \$250.00 \$ 250.00

Grant-in-Aid Recipient's Meal plus One Guest \$ 26.00

Presenters' Meals \$ 52.00

Total Disbursements

\$ 1,828.00

Estimated Balance June 30, 2015

\$ 2,976.53

Gamma Chi Chapter Strategic Action Plan The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 2014-2016 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

Key Women Educators – Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!

Planning Process and Measurement

The Gamma Chi Strategic Action Plan for the 2012-2014 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)

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, grants for NBCT certification or recertification and professional development grants. (Scholarship Committee)

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

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 2015. (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)

2014-2015 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 2, 2014 and May 7, 2015. The goal is to earn 150 or more points. To receive recognition, submit your completed form to Janis Meek, Awards Committee Chair, on May 7, 2015 or shortly thereafter. Recognition will consist of presentation of a certificate and rose pin at the October 1, 2015 meeting and notification of the award to the member's supervisor. Members achieving this award will have their picture taken for a news article and the Gamma Chi website.

Member's Attendance:

- ___ 1. Attend the following meetings: 1st meeting on Oct. 2, 2014; 2nd meeting on Dec. 4, 2014; 3rd meeting on March 5, 2015; and 4th meeting on May 7, 2015. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)
- ___ 2. Attend one or more days of the 2015 Eta State Convention in Chapel Hill on Friday-Sunday, April 24-26. (10 pts.)

Member's Participation:

- ___ 3. Wear your keypin to each of the regular meetings. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)
- ___ 4. Recommend a worthy candidate for membership using online form found at www.dkg.org. (5 pts.)
- ___ 5. Serve as an officer. (10 pts.)
- ___ 6. Serve as a committee chair. (10 pts.)
- ___ 7. Actively serve on a committee. (5 pts.) List committee: _____
- ___ 8. Present a program at a Gamma Chi meeting. (10 pts.)
List title and date of program: _____
- ___ 9. Present a session/program at an Eta State Convention or other DKG meeting outside of Gamma Chi. (20 pts.) List title, date, and location of session/program: _____
- ___ 10. Apply for a Delta Kappa Gamma award at state, national, or international level. (20 pts.)
List name of award: _____
- ___ 11. Submit your biographical sketch by December 4, 2014. (10 pts.)
- ___ 12. Bring an item for the raffle when it is your group's turn. (5 pts.)
- ___ 13. Participate when it is your group's turn to be hostesses for the meeting. (5 pts.)
- ___ 14. Bring an item(s) to the 1st meeting on Oct. 2, 2014 for New Teachers Bag project. (10 pts.)
- ___ 15. Bring a children's book(s) to the 2nd meeting Dec. 4, 2014 to be placed in local doctors' offices. (5 pts.)
- ___ 16. Bring Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education to each of the regular meetings. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)
- ___ 17. Apply for a scholarship: Gamma Chi Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2015), Eta State Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2015) and/or 2015 International Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2015). All forms are online—check our website. (5 pts. each, 15 pts. maximum)
- ___ 18. Apply for a Gamma Chi NBCT or Professional Development grant at least one month prior to a regular meeting. (5 pts.)
- ___ 19. Turn in a THAT Program (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) Volunteer Hours Report by Dec. 4, 2014. Form is on our website. Continue keeping track of your volunteer hours for beginning teachers—you will be asked to turn in a form each year at the December meeting. (5 pts.)

Member's Financial Contribution:

- ___ 20. Pay Membership Dues by 1st Meeting on Oct. 2, 2014. Dues must be paid by Oct. 31 or member is dropped. (20 pts.)
- ___ 21. Contribute at least \$20 to our Scholarship Fund. Should be made at the December meeting, but a contribution may be made at any time. Sold raffle tickets may be counted. Form is on our website. (10 pts. for each multiple of \$20 contributed throughout the year, no maximum)
- ___ 22. Make a contribution to World Fellowship at the December meeting. (5 pts.)
- ___ 23. Make a contribution to Schools for Africa at the March meeting. (5 pts.)
- ___ 24. Make a contribution by February 1, 2015 to an International Fund—Educational Foundation Fund, Emergency Fund, Golden Gift Fund, International Speakers Fund or Scholarship Fund. You may make your check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter or, since these fund donations are tax deductible, make payable to DKG. In either case, specify on the Memo line of your check the fund to which you are contributing. Give your check to Shirley White, Treasurer. Checks

will be mailed to International Headquarters as a batch to give our chapter credit. A brief description of each fund is provided at the end of this form. (5 pts. each, 25 pts. maximum)

- ___ 25. Make a contribution to the Eta State Scholarship Fund by February 1, 2015. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write "Eta State Scholarship." Give the check to Shirley White, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)
- ___ 26. Make a contribution to the Eta State Leadership Fund by February 1, 2015. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write "Eta State Leadership." Give the check to Shirley White, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)

Member's Networking and Lifelong Learning:

- ___ 27. Visit, call and/or write a reserve member. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)
List reserve member(s) contacted: _____
- ___ 28. Tell your colleagues about Gamma Chi and its projects. (5 pts.)
- ___ 29. Check out from Nancy Tunstall and read *Our Heritage—Volume I, Volume II, and/or Volume III*. (5 pts. per volume, maximum 15 pts.)
- ___ 30. Visit and peruse our website at least four times at: www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi. (5 pts.)
- ___ 31. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG website at least four times. (5 pts.)
- ___ 32. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Eta State website at least four times. (5 pts.)
- ___ 33. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse Schools for Africa. (5 pts.)
- ___ 34. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Educational Foundation website. (5 pts.)
- ___ 35. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the US FORUM website. (5 pts.)
- ___ 36. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- ___ 37. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Eta State Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- ___ 38. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Gamma Chi Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- ___ 39. Read the Chapter Rules found in your yearbook or online at our website. (5 pts.)
- ___ 40. Read the Gamma Chi Chapter History found on our website. (5 pts.)

According to my calculations, I have earned _____ points.

Signature of Member _____

Descriptions of International Funds:

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

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

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

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

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

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
 THAT Program (Teachers Helping Another Teacher)**

**Gamma Chi Yearly Volunteer Hours
 Support for Early-Career Teachers Form**

Directions: Please turn this form in to the Educational Excellence Committee Chair at each December meeting. Totals will be kept so that amounts may be reported at the end of the biennium. Be sure to include time spent on the New Teachers Bags Project. Thanks!

Name _____ Retired: Yes _____ No _____

Date (month/year)	Hours	Teacher's Name / School / and District	How you helped