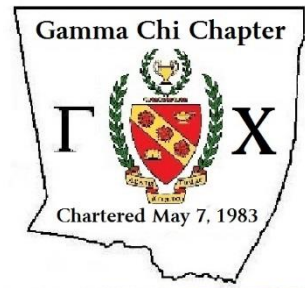


Gamma Chi Newsletter

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



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings Gamma Chi Sisters!

Happy Fall to All!! I look forward to seeing all of you at our October meeting which will be October 1 at Littleton United Methodist Church. Bonnie Siegner, our Region III Director, will be our guest speaker. She is very excited about visiting our chapter.

Unfortunately we will be starting the second half of this biennium without two of our sisters, Jeffrey Evans and Melba Johnston, who passed away in July and August respectively. Each of them will be missed in our Society as they were key women educators.

To each of you remember that “you are the key!” No matter what your age or the length of time that you have been a member of Gamma Chi, you are the key to our organization’s success! Everyone has something to offer—veteran members as well as newer members. We can learn from each other! This July, one of the topics at the Southeast Regional Conference in Savannah, Georgia was *What Will Delta Kappa Gamma Look Like in 15 Years When It Is 100 Years Old?* A question to ponder. . . . We need our new members to learn from our veteran members. Therefore, we need our veteran members to mentor our new members just as veteran teachers mentor new teachers. This year I would like to start a mentoring program within Gamma Chi in which veteran members act as mentors to our newer members of the last two years. If each new member has a veteran mentor, then she has a “go to person.” You will hear more about this at the first meeting in October. As we fall into the second year of the biennium, we must continue to live our theme of the biennium: **Key Women Educators—Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating! You are the Key!!**

See you in October at the United Methodist Church in Littleton.

In sisterhood,

Debra W. Clayton

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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Littleton United Methodist Church

Cost: \$13.00

(make checks payable to Robert Harris)

Cut-Off Date: **Monday, September 28th**

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. **Bonnie Siegner** – *Region III Director*

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’ items 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. 23.
- ☞ Money to buy \$1 raffle tickets (proceeds aid our contribution to the NC DKG Educational Foundation & local libraries)
- ☞ Box Tops and Labels for Education; they will benefit our elementary schools and the middle school. Paula Aycock will collect them as you pay for your meal.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service in memory of our beloved Gamma Chi sisters, Jeffrey Evans and Melba Johnston, will be held at our May meeting. Our chapter has received condolences from Eta State and DKG International.



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Please submit articles to:

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

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:

- 🌸 **Debra Clayton** on her promotion to Testing and Accountability Coordinator for Warren County Schools.
- 🌸 **Tracey Neal** on her selection as Principal of Warren Early College High School.
- 🌸 **Jamie Pernell** on her selection as Mariam Boyd Elementary School's Teacher of the Year.
- 🌸 **Norma Retzlaff** on her retirement.
- 🌸 **Erin Simons** on her selection as Warren County Schools' 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year.

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 2014-2015 year were paid with a balance of \$914.38 left in the checking account. One scholarship and three grants-in-aid were paid leaving a balance of \$3,417.63 in the savings account. The financial records were audited, and the records were found to be in good order.

The 2015-2016 proposed budgets, found at the end of the newsletter, will be presented for approval at our October 1 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 23.



AFGHAN COMMITTEE REPORT

by Danylu Hundley, Afghan Chair

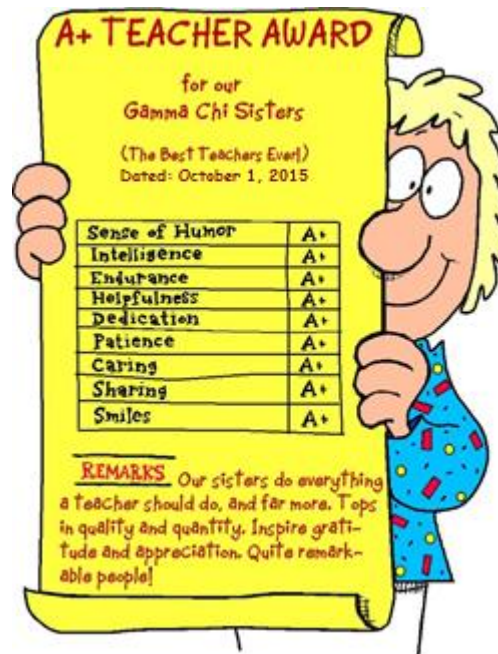
This is the meeting when we will launch our annual Gamma Chi Afghan Raffle campaign in support of our Scholarship and Grant Fund. Many thanks to Josephine Myrick, Sylvia Alston's mother, who makes the afghans and to our members who have "accepted the challenge" to promote the Afghan initiative by raising \$2,336.00 since the inception of the raffle in late 2011. Due to your efforts, we have been able to award four 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. Martha Ann Overby 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 REPORT

by Dr. Janis Meek, Awards Committee Chair



At the October 1 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 seven Member Excellence Awards,

eleven Perfect Attendance Awards and eight Member Milestone Awards. Please be there to honor these women.

Attached to this newsletter you will find the new 2015-2016 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 the Golden Key Award for Region III. Our own Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White are former recipients of the Golden Key Award, and we would like to see one of our members receive it next year. If you have any suggestions for this award, please let me know as soon as possible.

BEGINNING TEACHER SUPPORT REPORT

by Mary Austell, Beginning Teacher Support Chair

Many thanks to everyone for their generosity in signing up for items for the New Teacher Bags Project. If you haven't signed up yet, just click on this link: [SignUp Genius](#). 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 Bags Stuffing at 10:00 a.m. at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Warrenton on Monday, November 16. The delivery of the goodie bags to the schools will be made immediately thereafter.

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



COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Publicity Chair



The July/August issue of *DKG News* is online. Click [here](#) to see it. This is a digital-only issue and will not be mailed to members. Recipients are listed for the various Cornet awards. You will notice that Eta State received \$5,000.00 for the Leadership Development Seminar held this summer. It is interesting to see all of the awards received to attend various conferences and carry out various projects. Members are encouraged to apply for these awards. Also, the new September/October issue of *DKG News* is now online. Click [here](#) to see it.

A special thanks 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 e-buddy. They are: Elaine Coleman for Edith Allen and Mary Catherine Harris for Nell White.

Please check out our website by clicking [here](#). All information has been updated. Check out our second volume of history to see up-to-date member, scholarship and grant listings.

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 9.

HOSPITALITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS REPORT

by Paula Aycock, Hospitality and Social Affairs Chair



Meal costs are to be paid at each meeting upon arrival. Members who are unable to attend after making a commitment to come must inform the Telephone Network Chair Nancy Tunstall, at nancytunstall@gmail.com or 252-456-2051 (h) by the cut-off date of **Monday, September 28th**. When this is not done, members will be expected to pay for the meal. Please send your payment by an attending member or have a friend pay for your meal (they could get you a carry-out meal if so desired). **The money is needed the night of the meeting so the caterer can be paid in full.** Thank you in advance.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Membership Chair

Thanks to those who either turned in their biographical sketch or turned in their information for their bio sketch during the summer months. The committee would like to encourage all members who have not done so, to please get that information to Nancy Tunstall at nancytunstall@gmail.com. *Hint:* Receive 10 points on your Excellence Award form by turning it in by our 2nd meeting on December 3.

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.

A Recommendation for Membership interactive Word form can be found online by clicking [here](#). The form may be submitted anytime to Membership Committee Chair Nancy Tunstall at nancytunstall@gmail.com and must be submitted by February 1, 2016. Please don't delay in getting these forms turned in! Potential new members will be voted on at our March meeting.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Melanie Burnette, Nominations Chair

The Nominations Committee's goals are to seek the best leadership and to encourage the nomination of outstanding leaders. To do this, we need your help. Please visit our website to find our 2016-2018 Recommendation Form for Nominations at: <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/forms.html> and then click on it. The elected offices are president, first vice president, second vice-president, recording secretary and corresponding secretary. Their duties are listed on this form.

Please consider placing your name in nomination for one of these positions. This is a great opportunity for you to build your leadership skills in the safe, supportive environment of the Society. We are working on a slate of officers to present to the membership for a vote at our March meeting. Please make our task easy by volunteering for a position. Thank you in advance.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Aimee Anderson, Scholarship Chair



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. According to Southeast Regional Director Becky Sadowski, North Carolina has been very fortunate to have had many recipients over the years with the amount received totaling over \$300,000! You could be next!!

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, 2016. The application can be found at: <https://www.dkg.org/content/2016-international-scholarship-application-form>.

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. 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://deltakappagamma.org/NC/scholarship.htm> and will be due on February 1, 2016.

Finally, our \$500.00 Gamma Chi Scholarship is available for our members pursuing graduate study. Applications for the Gam-

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ma Chi Scholarship are available at:

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

Our committee will be recommending that our Gamma Chi NBCT Grant and Gamma Chi Professional Development Grant be combined. It will be called the Gamma Chi Professional Development Grant and will be valued at up to \$500.00.

Also, please alert qualified nonmembers who plan to pursue a degree in education of our \$500.00 Gamma Chi Grant-in-Aid. So far since March 6, 1986, Gamma Chi has given a total \$26,797.95 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, 2016.

DEBRA CLAYTON & SHIRLEY WHITE ATTEND SERC



President Debra Clayton and Treasurer Shirley White, attended the 34th Southeast Regional Conference of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held July 15-18 at the Westin

Harbor Resort in Savannah, Georgia. They were among the 55-member delegation from Eta State.

Attended by 725 delegates from eleven southeast states, the conference included general sessions with keynote speakers for motivation and inspiration and breakout sessions for personal and professional growth. The conference was hosted by the DKG members of the Georgia state organization and was intended to inform, energize and excite members about the society. Also, newly elected 2015-2017 southeast state organization presidents were presented and honored.

The Wednesday night Opening Session began with the presentation of the state flags carried by the state organization presidents. Immediately following the opening session, attendees enjoyed Georgia Night beginning with a gracious “Hi, ya’ll” from local personality Paula Deen—that is Paula as re-imagined as one of Angela Beasley’s Puppet People. The powerful voice of Huxsue Scott moved the group as she shared wonderful jazz/blues selections. A reception followed the entertainment featuring Georgia specialties such as Coke products, pecans, and candies from Georgia-based companies. One session of particular interest to members featured a panel discussion, “Perspectives and Possibilities,” about the present and future of DKG, which included Dr. Gwen Simmons, Eta State member and International Parliamentarian. Revealed at the conference was a new Girl Scout Patch that DKG and the Girl Scouts have collaborated to create.

The conference concluded Saturday night with the Presidents Banquet. The eleven new southeast state presidents, including North Carolina’s President Sheila Groves (left), were presented. The banquet’s keynote speaker (right) was 2014-



2016 International President Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid. She urged the attendees to join her in carrying out the international theme for the biennium: “85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life.”

TWO MEMBERS TO SERVE ON STATE COMMITTEES



Eta State President Sheila Groves has selected two Gamma Chi members to serve on state committees. Nancy Tunstall (left) will serve as the chairman of the Eta State Communications & Publicity Committee and Debra Clayton (right) will serve on the Eta State Finance Committee chaired by Jean Yelverton of the Omicron Chapter.

Nancy met with her committee in Durham on August 29. They will encourage the utilization of resources on the DKG and Eta State websites, emphasize the value of social media, promote publicizing DKG, and encourage chapters with their websites.

Debra’s committee has been meeting online and will meet as a whole group on October 31 at Headquarters in Asheboro. One of their topics has been online fund raising.

Debra and Nancy will be attending the Eta State Executive Board Meeting on September 12 at Elon University.

Eta State NC President’s Message, July 2015

“A NEW BIENNIUM! A NEW ADVENTURE!”



I am honored to be your Eta State President. I stand on the strong shoulders of all my NC sisters who encouraged, inspired, and even gave me a little push from time to time. I’m delighted to serve along with First Vice-President Connie Savell, Second Vice President Sharon Frazier, and Secretary Hilda Parler. A new biennium! A new adventure!

It’s exciting to be a NC Delta Kappa Gamma member today. I am proud to belong to an organization that values the contributions of women in all roles of society, an organization that promotes self-knowledge and awareness, an organization that encourages networking and genuine fellowship.

NC Delta Kappa Gamma meetings and events not only offer opportunities for personal and professional growth, but they generate meaningful relationships. Our recent state convention and Leadership Development Seminar provided time for members to share information and ideas, to laugh and to enjoy conversations. A highlight for me at both events was the opportunity to talk with some of our youngest members: engaging, informed, and uninhibited. How refreshing!

Dynamic programs and projects offer ways for us to make a difference in our communities, our state, and to reach far beyond, to impact the global society. Our many service-oriented opportunities feed children and families, provide support for women’s shelters, and put books and educational materials in the hands of students. Recent emphasis on beginning teacher support has moved beyond collecting supplies to include mentoring and counseling to help teachers deal with today’s classroom challenges.

There’s no shortage of complicated legislative issues in NC. Valuable updates and explanations of proposed legislation are available to all members. It’s empowering! We are taking more proactive steps - inviting local and state officials into our

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classrooms and chapter meetings, writing letters, and visiting legislators. We are using our voices of influence.

In this biennium we will continue to live the Purposes of our Society, seeking new ways to support women, children, and excellence in education.

I challenge you to *imagine* what we can do as active members of a community seeking solutions to problems that hinder the growth of positive educational programs.

I challenge you to *inspire* others to join us in the work that will support the wellbeing of our children, the advancement of our schools, and the growth of women leaders.

I challenge you to *ignite* a passion for programs and initiatives that will meet the goals of Delta Kappa Gamma and keep us forward moving ever!

Let's...*Create the future!*

Sheila Groves

Eta State President 2015-2017

STATE BUDGET UPDATE

by Dr. Elaine Jenkins,

Eta State Educational Law and Policy Committee Chair

Observers of the current budget negotiations between the House and the Senate have commented that a final vote on the state budget could take weeks if not months—in spite of the fact that the Senate pulled legislation on Medicaid and the distribution of sales tax out of budget negotiations and into separate legislation. Lengthy budget negotiations place school boards and superintendents (in addition to Community College and University Presidents) in the very difficult position of having to make the best guesses possible regarding their budgets for the 2015-16 school year. In spite of problems that budget uncertainty brings, there are striking philosophical/politics issues in the budget that should not be rushed through the process. Voters need to speak up!



In the last *Eta Data*, we informed you that there are significant differences between the two budgets, and we encouraged members to get in touch with their representatives in both the House and the Senate. Overall, the House budget is far closer to the priorities expressed by our membership.

Finally, I have been contacted by DKG members who are concerned about the new Senate Bill 607 which proposes sweeping changes to North Carolina's tax structure and could affect the available funding for education and other significant state services in the future. Currently, we do not have the structure to gauge member opinion regarding this issue, so I encourage you to research the bill (Google NC Senate Bill 607) and come to your own opinion. I will be contacting my representatives to let them know that I oppose this bill.

Note: our legislators to contact: Representatives – Nathan Baskerville (Granville, Vance and Warren) at Nathan.Baskerville@ncleg.net and Michael Wray (Halifax and Northhampton) at Michael.Wray@ncleg.net; Senator – Angela Bryant (Halifax, Nash, Vance, Warren and Wilson) at Angela.Bryant@ncleg.net. Please send your representative and senator an e-mail expressing your concern for education. Do not use a school e-mail address. Also send a copy to Nancy Tunstall at nancytunstall@gmail.com so we can keep a record of how many e-mails we have sent. If we send at least 25, we will receive points on our chapter achievement form. Thanks in advance.



The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation has now been duly approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization! The foundation treasurer is collecting pledges from The 100 Challenge. Dr. Judith B. Carlson, chairman of the Foundation Board of Directors, asked chapters to collect the money pledged and any additional monies others might want to contribute and to bring those to the Eta State Executive Board meeting on September 12 at Elon University. These are tax deductible donations, so checks are preferred. Make checks payable to The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. In addition to bringing checks to the Elon board meeting, checks can also be mailed to Board Treasurer Betty Marshall at 6212 Dresden Lane, Raleigh, NC 27612. Please donate often.

The foundation has a new logo, seen above, that conveys the Educational Foundation's vision of growing donations from a tiny acorn into a mighty oak serving the educational needs in North Carolina.

The response to the "Launching a Dream" campaign was phenomenal with 1,130 pledges totaling over \$17,000! Due to this wonderful response, look for grants up to \$250 to be awarded to members and chapters. Read more about the foundation by visiting their new website at <http://www.ncdkgef.org/>. Apply now!

LEROY (Leadership Experiences Relevant to Others and Yourself)



Successful leaders cannot work in isolation. "Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."
— Mattie Stepanek

WANT TO SEE THE WORLD WITH DKG?

DKG has partnered with Go Ahead Tours to take DKG members on a fun, educational tour of England, Scotland and Ireland in mid-July, 2016. The 12-day itinerary is online at <http://dkg.grouptoursite.com/>, along with an enticing slide show of points of interest along the way.



TECH TIP—FULLY USE GOOGLE!



Most members consider Google as a wonderful free search tool to find information on the Internet, but it is so much more! Educators using Google Apps for Education have found that these tools open up many avenues of communication with their students and colleagues—and it can be the same for DKG members, too. Click on the following links to find out more.

[Google Docs](#), the word-processing tool, can be used by committees to share and work on documents such as state bylaws.

[Google Forms](#) will create online surveys that will then flow into a spreadsheet summarizing the results. Chapters can use the surveys to determine programs of interest to members for the coming year or collect other desired statistics.

Members can share a common calendar with [Google Calendar](#). They can invite members to meetings via the calendar and receive RSVPs via email or the calendar.

Do you need to get organized for a state convention or chapter activity? [Google Groups](#), an online discussion group via email, might be just what you need to get prepared.

[Google Hangouts](#) allows up to ten members to send messages, make voice and video calls, and share photos. Almost all calls in the United States and Canada are free, with calls to other locations at a low cost. This would be a great way to connect to the young member with a newborn or a member who hasn't been to a meeting for a while due to illness or distance so they can still participate in the chapter.

(Taken from the International Communications and Publicity Committee's July/August edition of *Get Connected!*)

MYSTERY MEMBER



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *She started teaching after college, but left to become an airlines reservationist and then a sales manager for an exclusive hotel. Later she returned to teaching before going to work for GMAC. She finally returned to teaching where she stayed until retiring. Now she is very active in community activities. Who is she?*

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

DKG VISION STATEMENT

*Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*

ETA STATE VISION (VIEW)

*Voices of Influence Empowering
North Carolina Women Educators*

2014-2016 INTERNATIONAL THEME

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

2015-2017 ETA STATE THEME

"Create the Future—Imagine, Inspire, Ignite"

2014-2016 GAMMA CHI THEME

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1	1 st Gamma Chi Meeting, Littleton United Methodist Church, Littleton
October 10	<i>Eta State News</i> deadline
November 9	<i>Gamma Chi Newsletter</i> deadline
November 16	New Teacher Bags Stuffing at 10:00 a.m., Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish Hall; delivery to schools will be made thereafter
December 1	Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar Application due; click here for information about LMS; click here for an application
December 3	2 nd Gamma Chi Meeting, Norlina United Methodist Church, Norlina
December 31	Deadline to submit a Recommendation Form for Nominations for Gamma Chi Chapter Elected Officers for 2016-2018 found at: http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/forms.html
2016	
January 3	Deadline for DKG Educational Foundation individual project application (up to \$10,000); found at: http://www.dkgef.org/resources.html
February 1	Deadline for Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional Development Application due for up to \$2,000; found at: http://www.dkgef.org/awards.html
February 1	Deadline for DKG Scholarship (up to \$10,000); found at: https://www.dkg.org/content/2016-international-scholarship-application-form
February 1	Deadline for Eta State Scholarship; watch for more information soon at: http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/scholarship.htm
February 1	Deadline for Gamma Chi Scholarship (members) and Gamma Chi Grant-in-Aid (nonmembers); each \$500; at http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/forms.html
February 1	Deadline for turning in recommendations for new members; form found at: https://www.dkg.org/content/recommendation-membership-form-11
March 3	3 rd Gamma Chi Meeting, Robinson Ferry Restaurant, Warrenton
April 22-24	Eta State Convention, Twin City Quarter, Winston-Salem, NC (Region IX)
May 1	Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional Development Application due; http://www.dkgef.org/awards.html
May 5	4 th Gamma Chi Meeting, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway
July 5-9	DKG International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN

Check them out often!

GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:

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

ETA STATE WEBSITE:

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

DKG WEBSITE:

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

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – MAY 7, 2015

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ridgeway on Thursday, May 7, 2015. A social hour began at 5:30 p.m.

Five new members were inducted into the Gamma Chi Chapter during an initiation ceremony which followed the social hour. Anna Brickey, Diane Colin, Lynne Lassiter, Jamie Pernell, and Charlene Spence were welcomed into the chapter. Participating in the ceremony with President Debra Clayton were Nancy Tunstall, membership chair, along with Sylvia Alston and Melanie Burnette.

Presentation of scholarships and grants-in aid followed. Aimee Anderson presented the Nancy Blankenship Grants-in-Aid to Mila Alston and also to Kelsie Clary, who was unable to be present. Assisting were members of the Blankenship family: Catherine Blankenship, Richard Blankenship, Elaine Blankenship, Sadie Marstiller, and Hazel Tate Matheson. Jill Coleman accepted the Josephine Myrick Grant-in-Aid for her daughter, Morgan Leigh Coleman, who was unable to attend. The presentation was made by Aimee Anderson with Josephine Myrick. Aimee Anderson also presented the Gamma Chi Scholarship Award to Jill Coleman.

Following a blessing by Melanie Burnette, dinner was catered by the women of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Debra Clayton called the business session to order at 7:25 p.m. Recording Secretary Mary Catherine Harris reported attendance of 34 members and 14 guests. The minutes of the March 12, 2015 meeting were approved.

Shirley White presented the treasurer's report, which showed a checking balance of \$2,948.53 and a savings balance of \$3,156.47. The report was filed for audit. The treasurer noted that Gamma Chi banking had been moved to First Citizens Bank.

Corresponding Secretary Sallye Duncan reported that a note of regret had been received from Renee Mizelle.

The president recognized members with birthdays in May, June, and July. She also revealed Sylvia Alston to be the Mystery Member and reported the recent death of Louise Mitchum's father. She expressed appreciation to the women of St. Paul's for the delicious meal.

During the President's Report, Debra Clayton reported that she, Mary Austell, Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White, and Patricia Williamson had attended the Eta State convention, at which the Gamma Chi Chapter received the prestigious Presidential Award. She stated that the workshops had been helpful and that Nancy Tunstall was recognized for excellence in website and newsletter presentation. She announced the Leadership Seminar scheduled for June 17 in Raleigh and the Southeast Regional Conference in July in Savannah, GA. She encouraged members to consider accepting an office in the next biennium and to volunteer to help with upcoming End-of-Grade testing in the schools.

The following committee reports were given:

- Afghan Committee – Danylu Hundley displayed the afghan made by Josephine Myrick for the scholarship fund. Martha Ann Overby received the afghan after being declared winner in a drawing.
- Nominations Committee – Melanie Burnette encouraged members to say "yes" to invitations to serve in the next biennium.
- New Teacher Remembrance Committee – Mary Austell expressed thanks to members for their support of the project, which had enabled remembering new teachers five times during the year. She asked for help in getting bags to the schools for Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Remembrance Committee – Shirley White reported that Easter cards had been sent to the reserve members and that birthday cards were being sent to members. She thanked members of the committee.

There was no unfinished business or new business.

Following the business session, a memorial service was conducted for Sue Skinner, with Nancy Tunstall, membership chair, and Sylvia Alston and Ann Kilian participating.

Shirley White presented a rose to Debra Clayton and to Nancy Tunstall in appreciation for their service to Gamma Chi.

The president adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Catherine Harris, Recording Secretary

**Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
2015-2016 Proposed Budget for Checking Account**

Checking Account			
Balance Brought Forward July 1, 2015			\$ 914.38
Estimated Receipts:			
Dues:			
International	58 @ \$40.00	Active	\$ 2,320.00
	10 @ \$20.00	Reserve	\$ 200.00
State	58 @ \$15.00	Active	\$ 870.00
	10 @ \$2.00	Reserve	\$ 20.00
Chapter	58 @ \$30.00	Active	\$ 1,740.00
	10 @ \$18.00	Reserve	\$ 180.00
Initiation Fees	5 @ \$10.00		\$ 50.00
Pins and Ribbons	5 @ \$27.00		\$ 135.00
World Fellowship and other International Funds			\$ 175.00
Eta State Funds			\$ 50.00
Schools for Africa			\$ 100.00
Meetings Raffles (4 @ \$50.00)			\$ 200.00
Total Estimated Receipts			\$ 6,040.00
Total Available for Budgeting			\$ 6,954.38
Estimated Expenses:			
Dues and Fees			
Dues:			
International	58 @ \$40.00	Active	\$ 2,320.00
	10 @ \$20.00	Reserve	\$ 200.00
State	58 @ \$15.00	Active	\$ 870.00
	10 @ \$2.00	Reserve	\$ 20.00
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			\$ 3,503.00
Operating Expenses:			
President's Expenses: Conventions, Workshops			\$ 700.00
WebSpace Rental for One Year			\$ 36.00
Total Operating Expenses			\$ 736.00
Meeting Expenses:			
Initiation (Dinner, Roses)			\$ 95.00
Pins, Ribbons and Initiates' Fees (Recouped by initiates)			\$ 185.00
Memorial Service (Meals for family members)			\$ 75.00
Gifts and Flowers			\$ 200.00
Stationery and Supplies			\$ 100.00
Postage			\$ 50.00
Total Meeting Expenses			\$ 705.00
Special Expenses			
Memorial Expenses (\$50 transferred to Scholarship Fund; Bud Vase to homes)			\$ 76.00
New Member Information Kit (5)			\$ 20.00
Total Special Expenses			\$ 96.00
Contributions:			
State Funds - Headquarters - 68 @ \$2.00; Eta State Scholarship (\$25); Leadership Fund (\$25); Eta State Educational Foundation (\$50) (Last three recouped by members)			\$ 236.00
International Funds - World Fellowship (\$100); Educational Foundation (\$15); International Scholarship Fund (\$15); Golden Gift Fund (\$15); International Speakers Fund (\$15); Emergency Fund (\$15) (recouped by members)			\$ 175.00
Warren County Education Fund			\$ 100.00
Total Contributions			\$ 511.00
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
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, Perfect Attendance Pins, Birthday Gifts)			\$ 270.00
Advertisement in 2014 Eta State Convention Program			\$ 45.00
Total Special Projects			\$ 715.00
Total Estimated Expenses			\$ 6,266.00
Estimated Balance June 30, 2016			\$ 688.38

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
2015-2016 Proposed Budget for Savings Account**

Savings Account

Balance Brought Forward July 1, 2015 \$ 3,417.63

Estimated Income:

Scholarship - Honorariums/Memorials/Afghan Raffle \$ 2,000.00

Scholarship Fee 68 @ \$0.60 \$ 40.80

Total Estimated Income

\$ 2,040.80

Total Estimated Income for 2015-2016

\$ 5,458.43

Disbursements:

Scholarship 1 @ \$500.00 \$ 500.00

Grant-in-Aid 2 @ \$500.00 \$ 1,000.00

Professional Development Grant 1 @ \$500.00 \$ 500.00

Grant-in-Aid Recipients' Meals plus Two Guests \$ 60.00

Presenters' Meals \$ 60.00

Total Disbursements

\$ 2,120.00

Estimated Balance June 30, 2016

\$ 3,338.43

2015-2016 GAMMA CHI MEMBER EXCELLENCE AWARD FORM

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

Member's Attendance:

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

Member's Participation:

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

Member's Financial Contribution:

- ___ 20. Pay Membership Dues by 1st Meeting on Oct. 1, 2015. Dues must be paid by Oct. 31 or member is dropped. (20 pts.)
- ___ 21. Contribute at least \$20 to our Scholarship Fund. Should be made at the December meeting, but a contribution may be made at any time. Sold raffle tickets may be counted. Form is on our website. (10 pts. for each multiple of \$20 contributed throughout the year, no maximum)
- ___ 22. Make a contribution to World Fellowship at the December meeting. (5 pts.)
- ___ 23. Make a contribution to Schools for Africa at the March meeting. (5 pts.)
- ___ 24. Make a contribution by February 1, 2016 to an International Fund—Educational Foundation Fund, Emergency Fund, Golden Gift Fund, International Speakers Fund or Scholarship Fund. You may make your check payable

to Gamma Chi Chapter or, since these fund donations are tax deductible, make payable to DKG. In either case, specify on the Memo line of your check the fund to which you are contributing. Give your check to Shirley White, Treasurer. Checks will be mailed to International Headquarters as a batch to give our chapter credit. A brief description of each fund is provided at the end of this form. (5 pts. each, 25 pts. maximum)

- ____25. Make a contribution to the Eta State Scholarship Fund by February 1, 2016. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write "Eta State Scholarship." Give the check to Shirley White, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)
- ____26. Make a contribution to the Eta State Leadership Fund by February 1, 2016. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write "Eta State Leadership." Give the check to Shirley White, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)

Member's Networking and Lifelong Learning:

- ____27. Visit, call and/or write a reserve member. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)
List reserve member(s) contacted: _____
- ____28. Tell your colleagues about Gamma Chi and its projects. (5 pts.)
- ____29. Check out from Nancy Tunstall and read *Our Heritage—Volume I, Volume II, and/or Volume III*. (5 pts. per volume, maximum 15 pts.)
- ____30. Visit and peruse our website at least four times at: www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi. (5 pts.)
- ____31. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG website at least four times. (5 pts.)
- ____32. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Eta State website at least four times. (5 pts.)
- ____33. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse Schools for Africa. (5 pts.)
- ____34. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Educational Foundation website. (5 pts.)
- ____35. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the US FORUM website. (5 pts.)
- ____36. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- ____37. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Eta State Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- ____38. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Gamma Chi Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- ____39. Read the Chapter Rules found in your yearbook or online at our website. (5 pts.)
- ____40. Read the Gamma Chi Chapter History found on our website. (5 pts.)

According to my calculations, I have earned _____ points.

Signature of Member _____

Descriptions of International Funds:

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

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

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

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

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