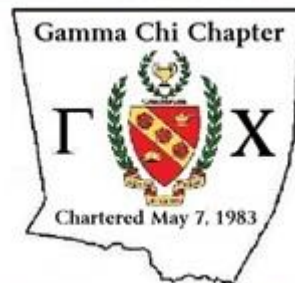


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Happy August Gamma Chi Sisters!

What a busy few months since we have had the opportunity to spend time together as a group. Nancy, Shirley, and I spent several days in the beautiful city of Asheville in June to celebrate Arts and Humanities at the International Conference. We saw our state's creativity on display as we viewed table centerpieces crafted by North Carolina chapters (and one very special one created by Gamma Chi). They were used throughout this International Conference during general sessions, meals, and banquets. Your Executive Board met in July to discuss various issues and recommendations for our local chapter. Gamma Chi members are making a difference at the state level as well. New President Dr. Teresa Cowan selected three of us to serve on NC DKG state committees. Ashley Barnette remains an integral part of the Beginning Teacher Support Committee, Aimee Anderson has been tapped to serve on the Membership/Expansion Committee, and I have joined the Nominations Committee.

September is for Celebrating! We welcome Pattie Rodwell as our newest member and look forward to getting to know her. Our first meeting will also be a time to celebrate and recognize members for achievement—Member Excellence, Milestones, and Perfect Attendance Awards will be announced.

Although delayed, our meeting presentation on the Dominican Republic and Global Education should be exciting and well worth the wait!

Thanks to everyone for signing up and contributing items or donations for our New Teacher Bag Project. See you all (a little earlier than our first meeting in 2018) on September 5 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

In sisterhood,

Evelyn Hall

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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, September 5, 2019

5:45 p.m. Gathering

6:00 p.m. Induction Ceremony

6:15 p.m. Dinner

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

114 Poplar Mount Road, Norlina, NC 27563

Dinner will consist of fruited glazed chicken thighs, scalloped potatoes, string beans, rolls, peach cobbler with ice cream tea (sweet and unsweetened) and coffee. Cost: \$15.00.

Catered by Cheryl Bell

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

Cut-Off Date: **Thursday, August 22nd**

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

6:45 p.m. Program:

Dominican Republic Trip and Global Education

Presenters: **Debra Clayton and Patricia Williamson**

7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Please respond to your Evite as soon

as possible and no later than August 22!

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

BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☛ **New Teacher Bag items** that you signed up to bring (or send) or you may make a donation
- ☛ **Money** to buy \$1 raffle tickets (proceeds aid our contribution to the NC DKG Educational Foundation & local libraries)
- ☛ **Box Tops for Education**; they will benefit our elementary schools and the middle school.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

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



CONDOLENCES TO:



Melanie Burnette on the loss of her father, Carl Robert Bender; **Brenda Fuller** on the loss of her husband, William S. "Billy" Fuller; and **Sheila Robertson** on the loss of her mother, Linda Walker Fleming. Please keep Melanie, Brenda, Sheila and their families in your thoughts and prayers.


WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER




We have much to look forward to as we plan to induct our new member, **Pattie Rodwell**, at the September meeting. Membership Chair Mary Austell, Treasurer Shirley White and member Nancy Tunstall provided orientation for Pattie on July 30.

Pattie is a K-2 EC teacher at Red Oak Elementary School. She will be a member of the Littleton group. Her birthday is August 8. Please let Pattie know how glad we are for her to join us in the genuine spiritual fellowship of Gamma Chi!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

 **Sallye Duncan** on her daughter Charla Duncan's prestigious honor. In addition to graduating from the UNC School of Government's Municipal and County Administration Program, Duncan, who is Granville County management analyst, received the Edwin M. Gill Award presented by the N.C. Association of County Commissioners. The award is presented to the student with the most distinguished record in the course, based on input from classroom peers and professors, and course performance.

 **Connie King** on the birth of her grandson, John Winston Scott, to daughter Jennifer and husband, Bobby. John was born on December 17, 2018, weighing 7 lb. 2 oz. and was 21 in. long. He has a brother, Henry, and two sisters, Vivian and Evangeline.



REMEMBERING NELL WHITE

Our Gamma Chi sister, Nellie Frances Jarvis White, passed away on May 18, 2019. Nell was a longtime music and English teacher. She became a member of Xi Chapter of DKG on October 14, 1980 and was a charter member of Gamma Chi. She was a member of DKG for over 38 years.



Nell was 91 when she died. She was a remarkable, talented woman, and a very active member for many years. We will conduct a memorial service for her at our May 2020 meeting. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the May meeting, \$60.00 was collected from the meeting raffle; this will be used to help our local libraries and the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Other money received was \$199.00 for the afghan raffle, bringing the total to \$509.00. Congratulations to our members for exceeding our goal of \$500.00 to be raised by the afghan raffle each year.

Thank you, Gamma Chi Sisters, for paying your dues in a timely fashion. At the present, we have forty-six active and eleven reserve members for a total of fifty-seven members. The budgets will reflect these numbers.



The Annual Report of the Treasurer (Form 15) was completed and sent in prior to the July 15 deadline to the new

NC DKG Treasurer Leslie Black for compilation before being sent to International Headquarters. Also, the 990-N ePostcard was completed, filed and accepted by the IRS.

All bills for the 2018-2019 year were paid, with a balance of \$3,220.17 left in the checking account. Four grants-in-aid and three professional development grants were paid, leaving a balance of \$3,375.26 in the savings account. The financial records were audited, and the records were found to be in good order.

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

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AFGHAN COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Danylu Hundley, Afghan Chair

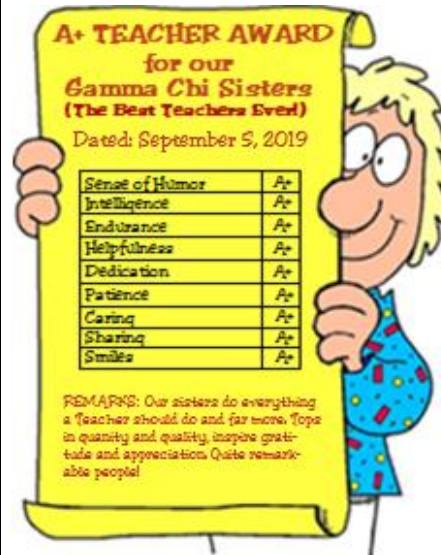
This is the meeting when we will launch our annual Gamma Chi Afghan Raffle campaign in support of our Scholarship and Grant Fund. Many thanks to Josephine Myrick, Sylvia Alston's mother, who makes the afghans, Sylvia, who provides the yarn, and to our members who have "accepted the challenge" to promote the Afghan initiative by raising \$4,897.00 since the inception of the raffle in late 2011. Due to your efforts,



we have been able to award eight 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. Elaine Coleman was our lucky winner last May. Sold tickets and money may be turned in at the December and/or March meetings and **must** be turned in at the May meeting along with unsold tickets. Tickets will sell for \$3.00. If you prefer not to sell them, please buy them for yourself or loved ones—you may win!

AWARDS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Dr. Sylvia Alston, Awards Committee Chair



At the September 5 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 thirteen Member Excellence Awards, sixteen Perfect Attendance Awards and twelve Member Milestone

Awards plus some individual awards. Please be there to honor

these women.

Attached to this newsletter you will find the new 2019-2020 Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award Form. Please take a look at it and note that activities will begin at the September 5 meeting.

Finally, the Awards Committee will be presenting nominees for the NC DKG Golden Key Award for Region III and the NC DKG NC Rising Star Award. Our own Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White and Mary Austell are recipients of the Golden Key Award, and Debra Clayton, Ashley Barnette and Evelyn Hall have received the Rising Star Award. We would like to see some of our members receive these awards next year at the state convention.

BEGINNING TEACHER SUPPORT COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Norma Retzlaff, Beginning Teacher Support Chair



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

We are looking forward to our Welcome Meal for New Teachers. It will be held at the Blankenship's lake house at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 20. That will be an early release day for the teachers. We hope to see you there. For more information, see article on page 4.

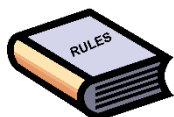
Also, please be thinking of ways that we can support our new teachers throughout the year. We would like to do something for all teachers/staff during Teacher Appreciation Week in May 2020. Any suggestions will be appreciated.

American Education Week will be here soon and it will be time for our annual bag stuffing. Everyone is invited to join our committee members for the New Teacher Bag Stuffing at **3:00 p.m. at Mariam Boyd Elementary School (check in the office for the room) on Tuesday, October 30**. The delivery of goodie bags to the schools will be made during American Education Week from November 18-22.

Don't forget to keep up with your volunteer hours, including time spent obtaining items for the New Teacher Bag Project, helping to stuff the bags, and/or delivering the bags. Also, include time spent volunteering at the schools and/or mentoring the new teachers. The THAT form can be found [here](#) and is due at December 5 meeting.

CHAPTER RULES REPORT

by Diane Colin, Chapter Rules Chair



DKG International made extensive changes to the International *Constitution* last summer at the DKG International Convention. NC DKG aligned its *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules* during the May state convention. These changes went into effect immediately after the convention. Although we had already aligned our chapter rules with the International *Constitution*, now we must align our chapter rules with NC DKG *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*.

The most notable changes will be replacing Eta State NC with NC DKG. However, please carefully read the section on new members. If the amendments pass, we will be able to vote at any meeting to approve potential new members. Then they will become members upon payment of current dues. They will be able to opt to participate in a yearly induction ceremony if desired.

The revised chapter rules will be attached to the email containing this newsletter. Red print will indicate the new additions. Red strikethrough will indicate deletions. You will need to read over our revised chapter rules very carefully in order to make an informed decision whether to ratify the changes at our September meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Marketing Chair



The July/August issue of *DKG News* is online. Go to <http://www.dkg.org>, scroll down to Publications and then click on its icon to see it. **This is a digital-only issue and will not be mailed to members.** Members will no longer receive this publication by mail. It is released every other month. When it is available online, you will be notified.



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

Please check out the Gamma Chi website by clicking <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/>. Check out the home page to see who is having a birthday under the calendar. Also, important DKG events are listed in the calendar for the entire year. This has been a busy summer with many pictures taken at the International Conference. Check out the Photo Gallery to see them. Each page has been updated!

Our committee would like to encourage everyone, especially committee chairs, to submit news and/or articles to Editor Nancy Tunstall (nancytunstall@gmail.com) for publication in the next *Gamma Chi Newsletter*. The deadline for the submission of news and/or articles for the next edition is November 11.

HOSPITALITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS REPORT

by Debra Clayton, Hospitality and Social Affairs Chair



Meal costs are to be paid at each meeting upon arrival. Members who are unable to attend after responding "yes" to their invite must inform Communications & Marketing Chair Nancy Tunstall at nancytunstall@gmail.com or 252-456-2051 (h) by the cut-off date of **Thursday, August 22nd**. 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 (she could get you a carry-out meal if so desired). **The money is needed the night of the meeting so**

the caterer can be paid in full. Also, you are welcome to bring prospective members as guests, but you will be responsible for paying for their meals. Thank you in advance.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Mary Austell, Membership Chair



Please take a moment to look around not just at your school, but in any area where instruction is being performed, and observe the outstanding educators who would truly be an asset to our chapter and to DKG. According to our Purpose 2, we are supposed “*To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.*” One of the ways that we can carry out this purpose is to invite them to become members of the prestigious organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. According to our chapter rules, the requirement for active membership is, “*An active member shares in financing chapter activities, participates in chapter programs and projects, contributes to committee work and may hold an office. An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator or who has retired from an educational position.*”

Member Prospect Cards are easy to fill out and are included at the end of this newsletter and on our website. Please fill out one or more cards then bring them with you to the meeting and turn them in to me. Our committee will present potential members for the chapter to vote on.

WELCOME MEAL FOR NEW TEACHERS SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 20

Although we saw an increase in the number of new teachers attending our spring cookout, this year we will try having a welcome meal for new teachers at Richard Blankenship’s lake house. According to Shirley White, as chair of an ad hoc committee to investigate a Welcome Meal for New Teachers, approval was received at the Central Office to have a welcome meal for new teachers on Friday, September 20, an early release day, beginning at approximately 4:30 p.m. The teachers finish work at 4:00 p.m. and will be brought by bus to the lake house. Right now there are 28 new teachers, but a few more vacancies may be filled. Our contact, Jackie Hargrove who works with new teachers, will firm up the number in a couple of weeks. Also, to be invited are the new superintendent, Dr. Mary Young; Jackie Hargrove; and her supervisor, **Dr. Linda Mason**. Meal time will probably be between 5:00 and 5:15. Members attending will be asked to bring dessert. We hope to see you there!

OUR CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT FORM

by Nancy Tunstall, Gamma Chi Past President

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

projects. Secondly, it acknowledges, recognizes and appreciates those chapters who meet the criteria at various levels of achievement.

Currently there are four achievement levels: Honorable Mention below 350; Distinctive requires 350+ points; Excellent, 475+ points; and Superior, 600+ points. Additionally, the Presidential Chapter Achievement Award is given to up to five chapters who score at least at the superior level and earn the highest number of points. These awards are presented at the annual NC DKG Convention in May. Points are accumulated from March 1 to the next March 1 with the form being submitted by March 1 each year. Gamma Chi has achieved the Presidential Award in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2018. We barely missed it in 2016 due to increasing the points needed from 500 to 600. We got back on track in 2017. We missed it in 2019 by five points! We definitely want it in 2020!!!

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

- **Do not resign**—we will receive 10 points for having a net increase in membership (consider going reserve if you have extenuating circumstances); **we need one more member to reach this goal**
- **Attend meetings**—60% attendance earns us 15 points; 40%, 10 points; and 20%, 5 points (we barely had 60% last year)
- **Encourage members who have resigned to reinstate**—each reinstated member earns us 5 points with no maximum
- **Publish in the DKG Bulletin Journal** (5 points), **on an educational website** (5 points), **in a professional journal** (5 points), and/or **in the DKG Collegial Exchange magazine** (5 points); be sure to let me know if you do
- **Communicate with state/local officials** (10 points; must send examples—if you email, send me a blind carbon copy as proof—this would be a good time to contact your legislator about your concerns in regard to education in the state)
- **Apply for a state and/or international scholarship** (5 points)
- **Submit an application for a NC DKG Educational Foundation Grant** (5 points—due September 30)
- **Present a workshop at the state convention** (10 points) and/or **be a facilitator for a workshop** (5 points)
- **Contribute to an International fund** (tax deductible) such as the International Educational Foundation, Emergency Fund, Leadership Management Fund, International Speaker Fund and/or Scholarship Fund (5 points)
- **Contribute to an NC DKG fund such as the Leadership Fund and/or Scholarship Fund** (15 points each)

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

STATE NAME CHANGE ADOPTED

Members attending the state convention in early May voted to pass all the presented amendments to the state

Bylaws and Standing Rules, thus making the name change official— Eta State is now **The North Carolina State Organization** of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, abbreviated as NC DKG.



The change was part of an alignment of the state documents with the International *Constitution* and *Standing Rules* adopted at the convention last summer in Austin, Texas.

Highlights of the state convention included attendance by International President Cathy Daugherty, chapter and individual awards, workshops, vendors, banquet, installation of new officers, the Ceremony of Remembrance, and the birthday brunch with the recognition of notable NC DKG women. See the copy of the newspaper article for complete details.

NEW NC DKG BIENNIUM, NEW OFFICERS



Dr. Teresa Cowan Tobey Worthington Hilda Parlér Doris Littlejohn

We are used to the even biennium since the international and local levels of DKG operate this way. However, the state level operates on the odd biennium. By having even/odd bienniums, DKG does not have a total change in leadership at any given time.

At the NC DKG State Convention in May 2019, the 2019-2021 state officers were elected and installed. Their two-year term began on July 1. Serving as state president, Dr. Teresa Cowan, advanced from first vice-president to president. Tobey Worthington will be our first vice-president. Tobey attended the two-week Leadership Management Seminar with our president, Evelyn Hall, last summer. Rounding out the officers are Hilda Parlér as second vice-president and Doris Littlejohn as secretary. Hilda was NC DKG secretary for 2015-2017, and Doris was the 2018 NC DKG Convention chair.

PRESIDENT TERESA INTRODUCES HER THEME

President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, 2019-2021 President of The North Carolina State Organization, has chosen **Ready, Set, GROW!** as her theme for this biennium. Her goals are centered on the need for growing as NC DKG adapts, changes, and is forward moving ever.



“The Only Evidence of Life is GROWTH!”

by Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, NC DKG President



I have often heard that growth for the sake of growth is counter-productive. I believe that wholeheartedly. But I also believe and have witnessed firsthand the above quote by John O’Leary that “the only evidence of life is growth.” The 2019-2021 biennium theme, Ready, Set, GROW!, is my attempt in finding balance with these two statements.



Ready, Set, GROW! captures the value of DKG tradition while welcoming the need for adaptation as we move into the future. (The future that is already here!) I used to tell my students that if you are the same at the end of the year as you were at the beginning of the year then I have failed you. My role as an educator was to assist them in adapting to middle school in order to increase their likelihood for success. I was their agent of growth. Now I see my role as NC DKG President in the same regard.

DKG is at a pivotal crossroads as a Society. What do the next 90 years look like for DKG? Will there be another 85 years for NC DKG? Those are two questions or ones similar to them that are being posed across the Society. But I believe the bigger question for each of us as members is the following:

“What are you willing to do for this Society?”

As your President, I am willing to **GROW**. Are you willing to join me? Are you ready to **make adaptations to foster growth?** Are you willing to **accept adaptations to stimulate continued growth?** If the words of support and encouragement I have received of late are any indication, **I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE!!!!** I believe the members of NC DKG are willing to Ready, Set, GROW! personally, professionally and as an organization.

NC DKG members, I challenge you to **Ready, Set, GROW!** With my challenge comes a few reminders: **GROWth** is not easy, it can be painful, and can often get pretty messy along the way. But for those willing to “get their hands dirty,” the harvest is rewarding.

Together we can cultivate, nurture, energize, and develop as we **Ready, Set, GROW!**

THREE GAMMA CHI MEMBERS APPOINTED TO STATE COMMITTEES



Aimee Anderson Ashley Barnette Evelyn Hall

Dr. Teresa Cowan, NC DKG president, has appointed three Gamma Chi members to serve on NC DKG committees.

Ashley Barnette will serve a second term on the NC DKG Beginning Teacher Support Committee. **Aimee Anderson** will be serving on the NC DKG Membership/Expansion Committee, and **Evelyn Hall** will serve on the NC DKG

Nominating Committee.

We are very proud of these three ladies. Hopefully, more of our members will consider serving on state committees in the future.

COULD YOU USE \$500?



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE INFORMED ON THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS



Bills that are before the U.S. Congress can be found at www.congress.gov.

On this site, look for a section for the Senate and a section for the House of Representatives. For the House, find the link to bills being considered for the week. When you click on this, a link comes up displaying these bills. Bills for the House of Representatives start with H.R. while Senate bills start with S. On this site the title of the bill is given along with the sponsoring legislator and the text of the bill. The easiest way to locate House bills is to go to the section labeled House of

Representatives and then click on bills to be considered. For the Senate go to the top of the page on the right-hand side titled "Active Legislation." Clicking on this will take you to the senate.gov site where bills are listed. The Senate site gives pertinent information about bills in both the House and Senate.

The easiest way to locate education bills is to use the advanced search feature on the top of the left-hand side of the page. Scroll down to where it says "current legislation" and type in "education." All of the education bills will appear, and you can read a summary of the bill, a list of cosponsors, the names of committees that have heard the bill, and the text of the bill itself.

Taken from the [DKGSI blog](#) posted: 24 Jul 2019 04:00 PM PDT.

INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 1

The Report from International at the NC DKG Convention in May shared that \$26,684 for Cornet Individual Professional Development Grants (CIPD) from DKG International were given to NC members last year. North Carolina has received \$131,200 for Cornet grants, seminar attendants, and project winners. Sixty-four members have received \$363,300 in scholarships.

Learn more about CIPD awards by going to the DKG Educational Foundation [website](#) and clicking on Apply. September 1 is the deadline to apply for Cornet Individual Awards for Professional Development. Awards may fund travel, lodging, meals, pay for substitutes, registration fees, etc. Awards may not be used to reimburse for activities already completed, to pursue a degree program, or to fund an educational project.

Scholarship and project monies are one of the benefits of DKG membership. At least two of our members have received monies from DKG—Dr. Sylvia Alston has received a DKG Scholarship to finish her doctorate degree, and Ashley Barnette has received a CIPD to further her training. Please apply!

SHOW OFF YOUR TALENT NOW!

The Arts & Humanities Jury of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) will be accepting entries from August 15 through September 15 into the Fall 2019 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters.

The Fall 2019 Gallery works will be available for viewing at www.dkg.org late this fall. The works will stay up in the Gallery for six months, after which they will be archived. Several of our members have had their work on display in the past.

To view the Spring 2019 Gallery, click [here](#). The following statement is taken from that online page: *The approved Policy Statement of the Arts & Humanities Jury has at its core the*



following explanation: “The online Arts & Humanities Gallery shall be maintained so that members of DKG may display their creative arts...and all may enjoy, respect and learn more about excellence in arts and crafts.” Visit the gallery often and take advantage of these artistic and creative “gifts to the world.”

There are four categories for submission. They are:

- **Visual** including photography, 2D Art and 3D Art
- **Video** including dramatics, film making, oratory and dance
- **Writing** including essay, playwriting, poetry and short story
- **Music** including original composition

Documents to help you with your submission are found [here](#). Rubrics for all categories are found [here](#). It is easy to submit. Any of our members who have submitted their work will be glad to assist you. These members include Aimee Anderson, Brooke Callahan and Nancy Tunstall.

INTERNATIONAL ARTS & HUMANITIES CONFERENCE WAS HUGE SUCCESS

Thank You NC Members!

by Sheila Groves

2019 International Conference Steering Committee Chair



(from left to right) **Shirley White, Nancy Tunstall & Evelyn Hall**

NC DKG, you truly shared the sparkle in Asheville at the International Conference: Arts & Humanities! I can’t imagine how that event could have been any better! A dedicated Planning Team started brainstorming ideas over a year ago and it all came together in three days of fellowship, entertainment, and learning opportunities. Chapters assembled one-of-a-kind jar centerpieces, highlighting all parts of our beautiful state. More than 80 members served in volunteer roles that kept everything moving along smoothly. Members showcased artistic talents, presented workshops, and welcomed visitors from 15 states and 2 countries with NC charm and hospitality.

Thank you to everyone who planned, worked, attended, and supported the first international conference in the beautiful city of Asheville. Perfect location! Unique centerpieces! Dependable volunteers! Master artisans! Engaging speakers! Knowledgeable presenters! Awesome entertainment! North Carolina, you sure did shine!

Note: *our centerpiece was spectacular! Several attendees told us how lovely it was. Our member, Shirley White, liked it so much that she paid for it and plans to proudly display it in her home. For a full account of the International Conference and Gamma Chi’s involvement, please read the newspaper article at the end of the newsletter.*

TECH TIP—A FILLABLE FORMS PRIMER

Collection of information via pdf forms or fillable forms is increasing. These forms allow the user to enter information directly into them, and as in the case of the Chapter Achievement Award form, it even calculates the points! Send the form directly to the committee or person who needs the information.

Fillable forms work great, but it’s not always intuitive to get through the process. Here are some tips from nc dkg Webmaster Beth Winstead on using these fillable forms:

Find the form you need on the website, usually on the forms page—<https://www.ncdkg.org/forms.html>.

1. Download form to your computer. This is key – you cannot just fill the form out from the page.
2. Save the form on your computer – Note the location YOUR computer uses to save the forms. For some this could be a folder named download, for some the desktop, etc. You can also choose where to put it.
3. Open and fill out the downloaded form.
4. Save the form again – on your computer.
5. Open an email and attach the form to send to the person to whom it is to be submitted.

MYSTERY MEMBER

by Nancy Tunstall, Editor



Here is the hint for this newsletter’s mystery member. *After receiving her computer science degree, she began her career by working in the computer industry for years. She then decided to follow her heart and return to school to obtain a degree in counseling. After 20 years of “city life” she moved back to Warren County and began her career in education. As a member of Gamma Chi, she has been very active serving as an officer and committee chair. She has also attended a state convention and a leadership seminar. She is now serving on a state committee.*

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



DKG MISSION STATEMENT

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

2018-2020 INTERNATIONAL THEME

DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

2019-2021 NC DKG THEME

Ready. Set. GROW!

2018-2020 GAMMA CHI THEME

Let’s SPARKLE—From the Inside Out!

DKG VISION STATEMENT

*Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*

NC DKG VISION (VIEW)

*Voices of Influence Empowering
North Carolina Women Educators*

DATES TO REMEMBER—DKG INTERNATIONAL

- Aug. 15-Sept. 15 Submission period to submit your artistic works to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts
- September 1 Deadline for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award application (other due dates—February 1 and May 1)
- September 15 Deadline for International Speaker Fund application
- September 15 Deadline for International Officers/Elected Committees positions
- October 1 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*
- November 1 Deadline for DKGEF Cornetet Seminar Professional Development application
- December 1 Deadline for DKG Ignite (Leadership Management Seminar) application
- December 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*
- 2020**
- January 3 Deadline for applications for the DKG Educational Foundation Projects
- Jan. 15-Feb. 15 Submission period to submit your artistic works to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts
- February 1 Deadline for scholarship applications to DKG International; \$6,000 for master’s, \$10,000 for doctor’s
- February 1 Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadlines: May 1 and September 1)
- March 1 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*
- May 1 Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadlines: February 1 & September 1)
- May 11 DKG’s Founders Day (DKG will be 91!)
- May 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*
- May 15 Deadline for Report of Chapter Officers
- July 7-11 International Convention, Philadelphia, PA
- 2022**
- July ~10-18 DKG International Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana

Check them out often!

GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:

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

NC DKG WEBSITE:

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

DKG WEBSITE:

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

DATES TO REMEMBER—NC DKG

- September 14 NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting
- September 30 Deadline to submit a grant proposal to NC DKG Educational Foundation (up to \$500)
- October 10 Deadline to submit to the NC DKG News
- October 27 NC DKG’s Founders Day (NC DKG will be 85)
- 2020**
- January 10 Deadline to submit to the NC DKG News
- February 1 Deadline for scholarship applications to NC; \$1,000 for master’s, \$4,000 for doctor’s
- March 1 Deadline to submit Chapter Achievement form, Rising Star and Golden Key nominations, and Communications Excellence form
- April 10 Deadline to submit to the NC DKG News
- May 1-3 NC DKG Convention, Embassy Suites, Greens-boro, Region VII hosting
- 2021**
- April 23-25 NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort, Asheville

DATES TO REMEMBER—GAMMA CHI CHAPTER

- September 5 **1st Gamma Chi Meeting**, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Ridgeway; (Warrenton Group Hostesses)
- September 20 **Welcome Meal for New Teachers**, Richard Blankenship’s lake home, 4:30 p.m.
- November 11 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- December 5 **2nd Gamma Chi Meeting**, Norlina United Methodist Church, Norlina (Norlina Group hostesses)
- 2020**
- January 17 Deadline for scholarship applications to Gamma Chi; also, deadline for grant-in-aid applications to Gamma Chi
- February 10 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- March 1 Our Chapter Achievement Form, Rising Star & Golden Key Nominations, and Communications Excellent form are due
- March 5 **3rd Gamma Chi Meeting**, Littleton Baptist Church (Littleton Group hostesses)
- April 13 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- May 7 **4th Gamma Chi Meeting**, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Ridgeway, dues should be paid at this meeting (St. Paul’s Group hostesses)
- May 7 Gamma Chi’s Founders Day (We will be 37!)

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GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – MAY 7, 2019

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, beginning with a social time at 5:45 p.m. President Evelyn Hall convened the meeting, with attendance of 27 members and eight guests.

Before the meal and the business meeting, grants-in-aid and professional development grants were awarded. Those receiving the Nancy Blankenship Grants-in-Aid were high school seniors Ellen Denning, Faith Nickole Heisler, and Hailey Kaye Stroud. Former recipient Mila Alston received the Josephine Myrick Grant-in-Aid to continue her studies in graduate school. Members Mary Austell, Evelyn Hall, and Jenny O'Meara received Gamma Chi Professional Development Grants.

Mary Catherine Harris offered a blessing for the meal, catered by Lynn Stone. During and after the meal/dessert, member Jenny O'Meara presented a mini workshop on design thinking. Members and guests brainstormed creative ways for recruiting new members.

Before calling the meeting to order, President Evelyn Hall presented Jenny O'Meara with a donation in her honor to the NC DKG Leadership Fund.

President Hall called the meeting to order.

The business session opened with approval of the minutes of the March meeting after corrections were made to the attendance list for the March 7, 2019 meeting. The wrong attendance list was used in the March 7, 2019 minutes. The following corrections were made: present at meeting – Diana Bobbitt, Gail Coleman, Brenda Holloman and Renee Mizelle; absent – Paula Aycock, Loree Harris, Janis Meek, Martha Ann Overby and Vivien Windley.

Treasurer Shirley White presented the Treasurer's Report, noting a checking balance of \$2,140.59 and savings balance of \$6,669.96. The report was received and filed for audit.

Correspondence report included: a get well card sent to Janis Meek after shoulder surgery, card received from Debra Clayton for her absence, and a thank you card received from Warren County High School Class of 2019 for awarding one of its member with a grant-in-aid.

President Evelyn Hall recognized May, June, and July birthdays. The Mystery Member from the newsletter was Lisa Bender. Evelyn then presented the President's Report. She was honored to attend the recent state convention held May 3-5 in Hickory. She noted how proud she was of Jenny O'Meara and Nancy Tunstall for presenting workshops at the state convention. The chapter received the Superior Chapter Achievement Award for the points that they earned, but was five points short of receiving the Presidential Chapter Achievement Award. Gamma Chi received the Communications Excellence Award for our website and newsletters. Evelyn received one of the five rising star awards from the convention. Many people including NC DKG President Connie Savell recognized Nancy Tunstall. Nancy designed and edited the 84-page convention book. The 85th anniversary of NC DKG was celebrated at the convention through honoring notable women. Fourteen of those women were from Gamma Chi.

Mary Austell presented the report from the Membership Committee. Mary had received one prospective member's name for tonight's meeting. Mary discussed requirements and preferences for future members. We can include teachers from Vance County as well. Mary Austell presented Pattie Rodwell for membership. Pattie is an EC Self-Contained K-2 teacher. Donna Liles nominated her. Pattie was a school social worker who initiated a challenge course in Wilson County for children that struggled with confidence. Sylvia Alston, Betsy Clark, and Jenny O'Meara noted that she's an advocate for children and she will stand up for them no matter what. No other membership nominations were made. Pattie Rodwell was approved for membership. President Hall explained that the orientation for Pattie will occur this summer, and Pattie should be inducted in the September meeting. Additional membership nominations can be made and voted on electronically. President Hall suggested that we should think about people in non-traditional teaching roles. Members discussed places where teachers/educators are. People who were members in the past only have to pay their current dues to be reinstated but do not have to be inducted again.

Danylu Hundley presented for the Afghan Committee. Danylu noted the importance of the afghan raffle, and pointed out that she herself received a Gamma Chi grant-in-aid all four years she was in college. Josephine Myrick drew the afghan winner's name. Mary Catherine Harris' name was drawn, but she wanted someone else to win because she had won an afghan previously. Elaine Coleman's name was drawn, and she'll receive the afghan this year. This is year number 8 for the afghan raffle.

President Evelyn Hall asked Sheila Robertson to describe the centerpiece she and Janis Meek designed for the Asheville International Conference. They used: Ridgeway cantaloupes, a miniature train for Norlina, a basket of

vegetables for Warren County Farmers Market, cloth looking like a quilt to represent the three quilt shops, representation for Lake Gaston, and pecan wood, pine wood and flowers from the county. There was an article in the local newspapers about the centerpiece. Centerpieces at the international conference will be raffled off for the NC DKG Scholarship Fund.

Betsy Clark presented for the Scholarship Committee. Five high school senior grants-in-aid were awarded. Zianne Richardson, a student who would have received a grant-in-aid, received a Morehead Scholarship so she no longer needed the grant-in-aid because the Morehead Scholarship covered all of her tuition and books.

Beginning Teacher Support Committee Chair Norma Retzlaff reported that supplies and monetary donations will be collected at the fall meeting.

Sylvia Alston reported for the Awards Committee. Excellence award forms were due and needed to be sent to her ASAP. Awards Committee members will meet this summer, so that awards and nominees can be selected before the first fall meeting. They will probably meet at the Whistle Stop for lunch, and meet for less than 90 minutes.

Shirley White reported that Richard Blankenship is willing to provide lunch for new teachers during orientation. An ad hoc committee may be needed to address that issue before the fall meeting. Shirley White, Lisa Bender, Nancy Tunstall, Aimee Anderson, Danylu Hundley, Norma Retzlaff, Gail Coleman, and Sheila Robertson will be part of this committee.

President Hall requested reports on reserve/sick members. Nell White continues to decline in her health, and her family is concerned. Harriett Faulkner is going to Warren Hills for treatment. Janis Meek is recovering from rotator cuff surgery. Melanie Burnette's father is going through treatments; he has finished but still very weak.

President Hall called for new and unfinished business. There was no new or unfinished business.

Miscellaneous news/kudos discussed: Karen Paynter's daughter graduated from ECU, and Karen thanked teachers involved, many of whom were present. She will be an athletic trainer. Debra Clayton's son (Shirley White's grandson) Hamilton will start working for the city police in Greenville this month.

After St. Paul's group conducted the raffle, President Evelyn Hall adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Barnette, recording secretary

Active members present: Sylvia Alston, Aimee Anderson, Mary Austell, Ashley Barnette, Kay Beaver, Lisa Bender, Ginny Bernard, Crystal Brantley, Brooke Callahan, Shirley Cava, Betsy Clark, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Sallye Duncan, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Brenda Holloman, Danylu Hundley, Laura Kearney, Jenny O'Meara, Karen Paynter, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White.

Active members absent: Paula Aycock, Diana Bobbitt, Kristen Boyd, Katrinka Brewer, Melanie Burnette, Debra Clayton, Elaine Coleman, Jill Coleman, Patricia Hargrove, Katy Jones, Lynne Lassiter, Donna Lilies, Janis Meek, Renee Mizelle, Tracy Neal, Martha Ann Overby, Trina Paynter, Erin Riggan, Chris Skinner, Patricia Williamson and Vivien Windley.

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES – July 27, 2019

The Executive Board of Gamma Chi Chapter met on Saturday, July 27, 2019, at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Present were: Aimee Anderson, Ashley Barnette, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Evelyn Hall, Loree Harris, Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White. Absent were Brooke Callahan, Diane Colin, and Mary Catherine Harris. Norma Retzlaff attended as chair of the Beginning Teacher Support Committee.

President Evelyn Hall presided over the meeting. She welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

Items discussed and approved were:

- **New Teacher Bag Project and a Welcome Meal for New Teachers** – Shirley White, as chair of an ad hoc committee to investigate a Welcome Meal for New Teachers at Richard Blankenship's lake house, reported her findings. It was approved at the central office to have a welcome meal for new teachers on Friday, September 20, an early release day, beginning at approximately 4:30 p.m. The teachers finish work at 4:00 p.m. and will be brought by bus to the lake house. Right now there are 28 new teachers, but a few more vacancies may be filled. Our contact, Jackie Hargrove who works with new teachers, will firm up the number in a couple of weeks. Also, to be invited are the new superintendent, Dr. Mary Young; Jackie Hargrove; and her supervisor, **Dr. Linda Mason**. Meal time will probably be between 5:00 and 5:15. Members attending will be asked to bring dessert. There was discussion about doing something for all school employees. It was suggested that we plan to do something for all employees during Teacher Appreciation Week in May 2020. Nancy Tunstall mentioned that we should do something for the Blankenship family for all of their generosity towards the chapter. Loree Harris and Evelyn Hall mentioned that it would be good to do something to honor the Blankenship's mother at the May meeting. An ad hoc committee will work on it consisting of Loree Harris, Debra Clayton, and Aimee Anderson. Nancy Tunstall passed around the tentative SignUpGenius for the New Teacher Bag Project. It is set up for 40 new teachers although there will probably not be quite that many.
- **Treasurer's Report/Proposed Budget and Dues** – Shirley White stated that balances at the end of the fiscal year were: checking, \$3,220.17; savings, \$3,375.26. The audit of our financial records found that they were true and accurate. Annual treasurer's report was sent in. The 990-N ePostcard was sent in to the IRS, and it was accepted. Shirley presented the proposed budgets for the checking account and savings account, anticipating no change in dues. There are 46 active members and 11 reserve members. All dues were paid on time. A new line item was added to the checking account budget for \$100 for items for all teachers/staff to be distributed during Teacher Appreciation Week in May 2020.
- **Meeting Dates, Locations and Programs** – A permanent change has been made so that the Warrenton group will host the September meeting and the Littleton group will host the March meeting. The Norlina group will continue to host the December meeting and the St. Paul's group will continue to host the May meeting. For this year the meetings will be as follows:
 - **September 5, 2019** – Induction of new member, Dominican Republic Trip & Global Education Program, and awards presentation
 - **December 5, 2019** – Visit from new 2019-2021 NC DKG officer, special music
 - **March 5, 2020** – Warren County Memorial Library presentation, vote on grants and new officers
 - **May 7, 2020** – presentation of grants, installation of officers
- **Replacements for Hospitality Chair, Norlina Group chair, and St. Paul's Group chair** – Debra Clayton volunteered to be Hospitality Committee chair. After discussion, Gail Coleman will be asked to be the St. Paul's Group chair and Danylu Hundley will be asked to be the Norlina Group chair.
- **Amendments to Gamma Chi Chapter Rules** – Nancy Tunstall, as parliamentarian, stated that to align our chapter rules with the amendments made to the state's *Bylaws*, we need to remove all references to Eta State NC. The state's legal name is now The North Carolina State Organization abbreviated NC DKG. Also, changes were made to the New Member section. Prospect cards turned in at any meeting can be voted on at that meeting. Once the prospective member(s) attends an orientation and pays her dues, she is a member. An Induction Ceremony will still be held in September for any new member who wants to participate. Members joining after December 31 will be charged half the dues amount for that year.
- **Chapter Achievement Form** – Nancy Tunstall led a discussion of this form, noting that the chapter is off to a good start with two members presenting at the state convention, three members attending the International Conference, and three members being appointed to state committees. The potential is strong for achieving Superior Achievement Level and the Presidential Achievement Level. She will have an article in the newsletter suggesting how members can help. She also urged participation in the online DKG Fine Arts Gallery with submissions being accepted August 15 through September 15.
- **Other Concerns** – Norma Retzlaff stated that the Warren County NCAE will donate to the Welcome Meal for New Teachers or to the items for all teachers/staff to be given during Teacher Appreciation Week in May 2020. Betsy Clark, chair of the Scholarship Committee, said that her committee had reached a consensus that grants would continue to be restricted to Warren County residents for this year. Nancy Tunstall showed a Tic Tac mints case that was given to NC attendees at the International Conference by NC DKG President Dr. Teresa Cowan that had her theme on them, "We love your commit-MINT to Education! You GROW girl!" It was decided to give a similar case of Tic Tac's to all attendees at the September 5 meeting.

With no further business, President Hall adjourned the meeting at approximately noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Barnette, recording secretary

DKG Prospect Card

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Employer _____

Position _____

Phone _____

Sponsor _____

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Use this form to keep a track of your attendance, participation, financial contributions, networking, and lifelong learning as a Gamma Chi member between September 5, 2019 and May 7, 2020. The goal is to earn 150 or more points. For those with 150+ points, submit your completed form to Dr. Sylvia Alston, Awards Committee Chair, on May 7, 2020 or shortly thereafter. Recognition will consist of presentation of a certificate and pin at the September 3, 2020, meeting and notification of the award to the member's supervisor, on request. 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 September 5, 2019; 2nd meeting on December 5, 2019; 3rd meeting on March 5, 2020; and 4th meeting on May 7, 2020. (5 pts. each meeting, 20 pts. maximum)
- ___ 2. Attend one or more days of the 2020 NC DKG Convention in Greensboro on Friday-Sunday, May 1-3, 2020. (10 pts.)

Member's Participation:

- ___ 3. Wear your keypin to each of the regular meetings. (5 pts. each meeting, 20 pts. maximum)
- ___ 4. Recommend a worthy candidate for membership using a Prospect Card available at meetings or online. (5 pts.)
- ___ 5. Serve as an officer. (10 pts.)
- ___ 6. Serve as a committee chair. (10 pts.)
- ___ 7. Actively serve on a committee. (5 pts. each committee, up to 3; 15 pts. maximum) List the committee(s):

- ___ 8. Present a program at a Gamma Chi meeting. (10 pts.)
List title and date of program: _____
- ___ 9. Present a workshop/program at an NC DKG Convention or other DKG meeting outside of Gamma Chi. (20 pts.) List title, date, and location of session/program:

- ___ 10. Apply or be nominated for a Delta Kappa Gamma award at the state or international level. (20 pts.)
List name of award: _____
- ___ 11. Submit or update your biographical sketch by December 5, 2019. (10 pts.) (Contact Nancy Tunstall for info and/or help)
- ___ 12. Bring an item for the raffle when it is your group's turn. (5 pts.)
- ___ 13. Participate when it is your group's turn to be hostesses for the meeting. (5 pts.)
- ___ 14. Bring an item(s) or donation to the 1st meeting on September 5, 2019 for the New Teacher Bag project. (10 pts.)
- ___ 15. Bring a children's book(s) to the 2nd meeting on December 5, 2019. (5 pts.)
- ___ 16. Bring Box Tops for Education to each of the regular meetings. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)
- ___ 17. Apply for a scholarship: Gamma Chi Scholarship (deadline: Jan. 18, 2020), NC DKG Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2020) and/or 2020 International Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2020). All forms are online—check our website. (5 pts. each, 15 pts. maximum)
- ___ 18. Apply for a Gamma Chi Professional Development grant. (5 pts.)
- ___ 19. Turn in a THAT (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) Volunteer Hours Report by December 5, 2019. Form is on our website. Continue keeping track of your volunteer hours for beginning teachers—you will be asked to turn in a form each year at the December meeting. (5 pts.)
- ___ 20. Respond ***promptly*** to your Evite to indicate if you are attending a meeting or not. (5 pts. each meeting, maximum 20 pts.)

Member's Financial Contribution:

- ___ 21. Pay Membership Dues by 4th Meeting on May 7, 2020. Dues must be paid by June 30. (20 pts.)
- ___ 22. Contribute at least \$10 to our Scholarship Fund. Should be made at the December meeting, but a contribution may be made at any time. Contribution form is on our website. (5 pts. for each multiple of \$10 contributed throughout the year, no maximum)
- ___ 23. Sell at least 6 Afghan Raffle tickets with money turned in by May 7, 2020. (10 pts. for each set of 6 tickets sold, no max.)
- ___ 24. Make a contribution to World Fellowship at the December meeting. (5 pts.)
- ___ 25. Make a contribution to Schools for Africa at the March meeting. (5 pts.)

- ____ 26. Make a contribution by February 1, 2020 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)
- ____ 27. Make a contribution to the NC DKG Scholarship Fund by February 1, 2020. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write “NC DKG Scholarship.” Give the check to Shirley White, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)
- ____ 28. Make a contribution to the NC DKG Leadership Fund by February 1, 2020. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write “NC DKG Leadership.” Give the check to Shirley White, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)
- ____ 29. Make a contribution to the NC DKG Educational Foundation by February 1, 2020. Make check payable to Gamma Chi or, since these fund donations are tax deductible, make payable to NC DKG Educational Foundation and on the Memo line write “NCDKGEF.” (5 pts.)

Member’s Networking and Lifelong Learning:

- ____ 30. Visit, call and/or write a reserve member. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)
List reserve member(s) contacted: _____
- ____ 31. Tell your colleagues about DKG and Gamma Chi Chapter along with its projects. (5 pts.)
- ____ 32. Check out from Nancy Tunstall and read *Our Heritage—Volume I, Volume II, and/or Volume III*. (5 pts. per volume, maximum 15 pts.)
- ____ 33. Visit and peruse our website at least four times at: www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi. (5 pts.)
- ____ 34. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG website at least four times. (5 pts.)
- ____ 35. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the NC DKG website at least four times. (5 pts.)
- ____ 36. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse Schools for Africa. (5 pts.)
- ____ 37. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG Educational Foundation website. (5 pts.)
- ____ 38. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the NC DKG Educational Foundation website. (5 pts.)
- ____ 39. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the US FORUM website. (5 pts.)
- ____ 40. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- ____ 41. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the NC DKG Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- ____ 42. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Gamma Chi Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- ____ 43. Read the Chapter Rules found online at our website. (5 pts.)
- ____ 44. Read the Gamma Chi Chapter History 1983-2012 and/or 2012-Present found on our website. (5 pts., maximum 10 pts.)
- ____ 45. Check out from Nancy Tunstall and read *Delta Kappa Gamma in North Carolina, DKG in NC 1989-1997, DKG in NC 1997-2007, , and/or DKG in NC 2007-2017*. (5 pts. per volume, maximum 20 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 ISF at our NC DKG 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).

**Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
2019-2020 Proposed Budget for Checking Account**

Checking Account

Balance Brought Forward July 1, 2019 \$ 3,220.17

Estimated Receipts:

Dues:

International	1 @ \$40.00	Active	\$ 40.00
State	1 @ \$15.00	Active	\$ 15.00
Chapter	1 @ \$30.00	Active	\$ 30.00
Induction Fees	1 @ \$10.00		\$ 10.00
Pins and Ribbons	1 @ \$27.00		\$ 27.00
World Fellowship and other International Funds			\$ 125.00
NC DKG Funds			\$ 30.00
NC DKG Educational foundation			\$ 100.00
Schools for Africa			\$ 100.00
Meetings Raffles (4 @ \$50.00)			\$ 200.00

Total Estimated Receipts \$ 677.00

Total Available for Budgeting \$ 3,897.17

Estimated Expenses:

Dues and Fees

Dues:

International	1 @ \$40.00	Active	\$ 40.00
State	1 @ \$15.00	Active	\$ 15.00
Induction fee	1 @ \$ 2.50		\$ 2.50

Total Dues and Fees Disbursed \$ 57.50

Operating Expenses:

President's Expenses: Conventions, Workshops	\$ 800.00
WebSpace Rental for One Year	<u>\$ 36.00</u>

Total Operating Expenses \$ 836.00

Meeting Expenses:

Induction (Dinner, Roses)	\$ 22.00
Pins, Ribbons and Inductees' Fees (Recouped by inductees)	\$ 37.00
Memorial Service (Meals for family members)	\$ 90.00
Gifts and Flowers	\$ 200.00
Stationery and Supplies	\$ 75.00
Postage	<u>\$ 50.00</u>

Total Meeting Expenses \$ 474.00

Special Expenses

Memorial Expenses (\$50 transferred to Scholarship Fund; Bud Vase to homes)	\$ 75.00
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Total Special Expenses \$ 75.00

Contributions:

State Funds - Headquarters - 58 @ \$3.00; Eta State Scholarship (\$25); Leadership Fund (\$25); NC DKG Educational Foundation (\$100) (Last three recouped by members)	\$ 324.00
International Funds - World Fellowship (\$100); Other International Funds (\$25); (recouped by members)	\$ 125.00
Warren Education Fund	<u>\$ 100.00</u>

Total Contributions \$ 549.00

Special Projects

Warren County Memorial Library (recouped by raffle)	\$ 50.00
Littleton Library (recouped by raffle)	\$ 50.00
New Teacher Bag Project	\$ 100.00
Educators' Appreciation Week	\$ 100.00
American Cancer Society (Relay for Life)	\$ 50.00
Schools for Africa (Literacy) (recouped by members)	\$ 100.00
Recognitions (Pins for Member Excellence, Pins for Milestones, Perfect Attendance Pins, Birthday Gifts, etc.)	\$ 300.00
Advertisement in 2020 NC DKG Convention Program	<u>\$ 150.00</u>

Total Special Projects \$ 900.00

Total Estimated Expenses \$ 2,891.50

Estimated Balance June 30, 2020 \$ 1,005.67

Budget is based on \$85.00 per Active Member, \$45.00 per Reserve Member and \$10.00 per Inductee

Warren County women honored at society convention

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER

WARRENTON — Gamma Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was represented by President Evelyn Hall, Treasurer Shirley White, Parliamentarian Nancy Tunstall and members Mary Austell, Debra Clayton, and Jenny O'Meara at the 85th annual North Carolina State Organization (NCSO) Convention held May 3 to May 5 in Hickory, N.C.

NCSO is a part of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG), a professional honor society that promotes personal and professional growth of women educators and excellence in education.

The theme of the convention was "Celebrating 85 Years! Share the Sparkle!" Attended by 348 delegates from across North Carolina, the convention included business sessions, workshops, entertainment, and a keynote speaker.

At the Friday night opening meeting, attendees were welcomed to Hickory by Mayor Hank Guess and entertained by the South Caldwell High School Jazz Ensemble I. The meeting focused on the recognition of chapters.



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Warren County's Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was recognized with several awards at the recent North Carolina State Organization Convention. The six delegates representing Gamma Chi are, from left, Nancy Tunstall, Jenny O'Meara, President Evelyn Hall, Shirley White, Mary Austell and Debra Clayton.

In acknowledgement of exemplary leadership in promoting chapter participation in the activities of the Society, Gamma Chi Chapter received the Superior Chapter Achievement Award — one of only 12 chapters out of the 98 in North Carolina to reach this level of achievement.

Also, Gamma Chi was one of the 19 chapters to receive the NCSO Communications Excellence Award for accomplishing quality newsletter, maintaining an updated website, producing a chapter brochure and using social media to greatly enhance chapter communications. Saturday afternoon breakout sessions offered workshops following the strands of society business, professional growth, and personal growth. Gamma

Chi's Jenny O'Meara presented "Innovation & Design Thinking: What the Buzzwords Really Mean," a workshop dealing with professional growth. As principal of a middle school, she explained how her school was leveraging design thinking in education, and how members could use design thinking in their personal and professional lives.

Gamma Chi's Nancy Tunstall also offered a workshop entitled "Add Some Pizzazz to your Orientation & Reorientation Sessions." The workshop provided some helpful information pertaining to society business. Other interesting workshops were attended by Gamma Chi members.

On Saturday evening the Chapter Presidents Banquet began with the lovely music of the Freedom High School Chamber Singers, followed by a tribute to chapter presidents including Gamma Chi's President Hall. Two scholarships totaling \$5,000 were presented to this year's recipients. The keynote speaker was Cathy Daugherty, the DKG international president. Her presentation was on "Seizing Opportunities."

The Ceremony of

Remembrance was held Sunday morning to celebrate the lives of the sisters statewide who had passed away during the previous year.

The convention concluded with a Birthday Brunch for NCSO celebrating its 85th birthday. Notable women of NCSO both past and present were honored with a slide show displaying their picture and giving a brief description of each member's accomplishments. Thirteen members of Gamma Chi were recognized. They included Edith Allen, Dr. Sylvia Alston, Mary Austell, Ashley Barnette, Nancy Blankenship, Evelyn Hall, Mary Catherine Harris, Melba Johnston, Dr. Janis Meek, Rachael Ricks, Sue Skinner, Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White.

Immediate Past President Sheila Groves and the Awards Committee recognized five outstanding women from across the state as Rising Stars. The NCSO Rising Star Award is intended to recognize and encourage key women educators in their early years of active membership in N.C. Delta Kappa Gamma. Gamma Chi President Evelyn Hall was one of the five recognized. The Convention Chorus, including Gamma Chi's Shirley White, provided beautiful music throughout the convention.

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Gamma Chi members attend international conference

Two Gamma Chi Chapter officers, President Evelyn Hall and Treasurer Shirley White, along with Communications and Marketing Chair Nancy Tunstall, attended the International Conference: Arts & Humanities of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held June 27-29 at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Asheville. They were among the 451 delegates from around the world traveling from as far as Japan to attend this conference. This conference was the first of five themed conferences to be held this summer. Other themed conferences to take place are leadership in Iowa, technology in California, professional research and practice in Iceland, and global awareness in Connecticut. The DKG is a professional honor society that promotes personal and professional growth of women educators and excellence in education.

The conference included general sessions with keynote speakers and workshops, many tied to the conference theme, arts and humanities.

The conference was hosted by the DKG members of the North Carolina state organization and was intended to inform, energize and excite members about the Society. Also, newly elected 2019-2021 state organization presidents who were in attendance were recognized and honored, including new NC DKG President Teresa Cowan.

The conference began with fun on the lawn, including games and demonstrations of loom weaving, blacksmithing, basket weaving,

butter making and more. The Thursday night general session included opening remarks by Elaine Warwick, the southeast regional director from Tennessee. Immediately following the general session, attendees enjoyed a performance by The White-water Bluegrass Co. featuring "Uncle Ted" White and including bluegrass music, country ballads, mountain swing and down-home humor. The J. Creek Cloggers gave a demonstration of buck dance, flat-foot, and



From left, Communications and Marketing Chair Nancy Tunstall, President Evelyn Hall and Treasurer Shirley White represented Gamma Chi at the DKG International Conference in Asheville.

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clogging throughout their routines, and elicited attendees' participation.

Keynote speakers included Kevan Frazier, an Asheville native who gave an interesting talk on the history of Asheville at the Friday luncheon, and Cathy Daugherty, 2018-2020 DKG international president, who spoke at the Saturday morning general session. She encouraged members to care for DKG by performing CPR — commitment, professionalism, and revival of members. She continued by saying that each member must become a responsible member to be a healthy organization. At that session, members contributed \$5,200 to the DKG Emergency Fund used to help members who have suffered

natural disasters.

The conference concluded Saturday with a banquet showcasing the arts featuring Sheila Kay Adams, a seventh-generation ballad singer, storyteller and clawhammer banjo player from Sodom Laurel community of Madison County, North Carolina. She read excerpts from one of her books, "Come Home with Me," resulting in much laughter. She also entertained with her banjo playing. The recipient of many awards, she has complemented her international acclaim with deep, local commitment to her community.

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