

# Gamma Chi Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome, everyone, to a special edition of our newsletter. What a year 2020 is turning out to be. I would never have imagined the happenings in our world that have taken place since our last gathering together in March. Please take some time to review our news-

letter because there are several opportunities with nearing deadlines that I'd like you to keep in mind. We do hope to have a planning meeting soon in order to determine how best to proceed with our new biennium's activities, and updates will be forthcoming as soon as everything is finalized. I encourage you to note the condolences and the celebrations (including a wedding I've just heard about, Aimee!) that have taken place since we last met to remember that our lives, though now different, still reflect the circle and celebrations of life.

Some of you are returning to the traditional classroom or conducting courses virtually and may be feeling stresses and uncertainties like never before. I would ask you to keep in mind three important thoughts that I am trying to remember myself this month:

1. You are more than one thing, and it is sometimes helpful to stretch your identity.
2. Today is still a priceless gift, and it is worth making the best of it.
3. Even the tiniest possible step is progress, and it is essential to take that tiny step.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone soon in some virtual or face-to-face meeting. Until that time, may we all remember our sisterhood in Gamma Chi.

Please stay safe and strong.

In sisterhood,

*Evelyn Hall*

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## CONDOLENCES TO:

**Danylu Hundley** on the loss of her sister, Alice Russell Palmer Fleming; **Ann Kilian** on the loss of her sister, Margaret Phillips; **Donna Liles** on the loss of her father-in-law, Willis "Sam" Elton Liles; and **Shirley White** on the loss of her brother, Wallace Phillip Holtzmann. Please keep Danylu, Ann, Donna, Shirley and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Crystal Brantley** on her daughter, Blair Brantley, being selected as Teacher of the Year at Mariam Boyd Elementary School. Blair teaches kindergarten.
- Shirley Cava** on the birth of her grandson, Garrison Steele Shattuck, on June 10 to her daughter and our former member Charis and her husband Jon. He weighed 8.10 lbs and was 19 ¼ inches long. He has two sisters, Hannah and Norah.
- Aimee Anderson Cooper** on her marriage to Tyrone Cooper on August 15 and on the graduation of her son, Marsalis, from Henderson Collegiate High School. He will be attending the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and majoring in Media and Journalism.
- Danylu Hundley** on the birth of her grandson, Sawyer Allen Moseley, on June 5 to her daughter Elizabeth and her husband Sam. He weighed 6 lb. 6 oz. and was 18.5 inches long. He has a sister, Sadie.
- Laura Kearney** on the birth of her grandson, Bennett Judson Pulliam, on May 4 to daughter Emily and her husband, Nick. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 inches long.
- Dr. Janis Meek** and husband Butch on their fiftieth wedding anniversary on February 22, 2020.
- Karen Paynter** on the wedding of her son and daughter-in-law, Lucas and Ravené Paynter, on May 30, 2020.
- Erin Riggan** and her husband Ryan on the birth of their daughter, McKinley Maeve Riggan, on March 5. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20 inches long.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the March meeting, \$70.00 was collected from the meeting raffle; this will be used to help our local libraries and the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Schools for Africa yielded \$85.00 in cash plus \$125.00 in personal checks for a total of \$210.00. What a wonderful way to lend a helping hand! Other money received was \$177.00 for the afghan raffle, bringing the total to \$375.00. Another \$125.00 is needed from our members to reach our goal of \$500.00 to be raised by the afghan raffle each year to fund a grant-in-aid.

Thank you, Gamma Chi Sisters, for paying your dues in a timely fashion. At the present, we have forty-four active and thirteen reserve members who have paid their dues 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 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 2019-2020 year were paid, with a balance of \$6,930.37 left in the checking account. Five grants-in-aid were paid, leaving a balance of \$4,395.74 in the savings account. The financial records were audited, and the records were found to be in good order.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THE AFGHAN RAFFLE!

by Danylu Hundley, Afghan Chair

Members are to be commended for their support of our yearly afghan raffle. Due to your efforts, we have been able to award nine additional grants-in-aid so far.

We are short \$125 of our annual \$500 goal. Since members holding tickets did not have the opportunity to turn in their tickets and money, I am requesting that those members please send tickets and money to me. My address is 393 Yancey Rd, Norlina, NC 27563. If you are not sure of the number of tickets you have or if you have any questions, you can call me at 252-213-1795 or email me at [danyluhundley@hotmail.com](mailto:danyluhundley@hotmail.com). We want to have the raffle drawing, but we need all tickets to be turned in as soon as possible. The drawing will be held on September 30.

### INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 1

During 2018-2019, \$62,105.40 was awarded for Cornet Individual Professional Development Grants (CIPD) from DKG International. There are three deadlines each year: September 1, February 1 and May 1.

Learn more about CIPD awards by going to the DKG Educational Foundation [website](#) and click on Apply. September 1 is the last deadline to apply for Cornet Individual Awards for Professional Development for this year. 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.

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

*(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!)*

### 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 2020 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters. The Fall 2020 Gallery works will be available for viewing at [www.dkg.org](http://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 2020 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, Sheila Robertson and Nancy Tunstall.

*(Just as a side note, submitting an item earns our chapter points on our chapter achievement form. Please let Nancy Tunstall know if you do submit. Thanks!)*

### COULD YOU USE \$500 OR \$1,000?



The Board of the NC DKG Educational Foundation continues to work diligently to fulfill its purpose of supporting

learning and literacy projects and the professional development of NC educators. For more information about these grants and an application, go to <http://www.ncdkgef.org/>, then click on Grants. Here is a summary of available grants:

New Educational Foundation grant opportunities for learning and/or literacy projects and for continuing education are now available. Grants of up to \$500 will be awarded in early

November. The deadline for the Foundation grants is **September 30, 2020**.

The Groves-Little Endowment provides funds for the Groves-Little Early Career Educators grants. This grant opportunity is for teachers with four or less years of experience and supports literacy projects, learning projects, and continuing education for beginning teachers. The deadline for the Groves-Little grant is **September 30, 2020**. The endowment will award two \$1,000 grants.

The Maxine and Don McCall Educational Endowment funds the McCall Gifted Education or Fine Arts grants. This grant is available for teachers of gifted students and teachers in the fine arts. The deadline for the McCall grants is **September 30, 2020**. This endowment will award two \$1,000 grants.

The Margaret Church Endowment supports Leadership Development. This endowment makes it possible for teachers to attend personal leadership development classes or conferences, purchase leadership development instructional materials, or attend leadership development training for grades K-12 initiatives. This endowment will award up to \$1,000.

*(Just as a side note, Diane Colin applied and received a \$1,000 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grant last year which enabled her to purchase tall drums for Vaughan Elementary School's Global Arts Program. Also, 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!)*

### OUR CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT

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 350+ points; Excellent, 475+ points; and Superior, 600+ points. Additionally, the Presidential Chapter Achievement Award is given to up to five chapters (possibly more if there is a tie) who score at least at the superior level and earn the highest number of points. These awards are usually presented at the annual spring NC DKG Convention in May. This year they were presented virtually due to the convention being cancelled because of COVID-19.

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, 2018 and 2020. We barely missed it in 2016 due to increasing the points needed from 500 to 600, and in 2019 we missed it by five points. We will strive to get it in 2021!!!



I am so proud of our chapter! We pulled together this year. **We amassed the most points ever—730 points!** This is an increase of 70 points over 2019. To see what we need to do, a copy of the 2021 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 reach the superior level and hopefully the presidential level of achievement in 2021.

### OUR COMMUNICATIONS EXCELLENCE AWARD

by Nancy Tunstall, Gamma Chi Editor/Webmaster

Since 2008 the *Gamma Chi Newsletter* has received the annual NC DKG Newsletter Excellence Award for accomplishments in producing a quality newsletter greatly enhancing chapter communications. The newsletter is issued four times a year at least two weeks prior to a meeting.

In 2011 the Gamma Chi website was established. Since then it has been certified and found in compliance with the standards set forth by The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. It must be recertified every biennium to ensure its compliance with the Society's standards. Although the Newsletter Excellence Awards and the Website Excellence Awards are still offered, in recent years The Communications Excellence Award has been available for chapters meeting all the requirements of the award. Once again Gamma Chi received this prestigious award.



### OUR GOLDEN KEY RECIPIENT



Mary Catherine Harris was awarded the Golden Key Award for Region III by NC DKG President Dr. Teresa Cowan in a virtual presentation. Region III includes Warren, Vance, Franklin, Johnston and Wake counties. The presentation may be viewed by going to the webpage <https://www.ncdkg.org/> and clicking play on the Golden Key Awardees. Then click the full screen icon on the lower right.

From all NC DKG members in the eleven chapters in Region III, Mary Catherine was selected for this honor. She was identified by her peers as a member who works in the background getting things done without personal glory or gain for herself, and one who is dedicated to fulfilling the purposes of this great organization of women educators. The Golden Key Award is the highest honor bestowed on a NC DKG chapter member.



President Cowan cited Harris as a dedicated, committed, hardworking, and energetic leader who interacts positively with everyone she encounters. Among other things, she has maintained the chapter's history for many years, updating it at the end of each biennium. The history may be viewed at <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/history.html>.

Mary Catherine is the fourth Gamma Chi member to receive this honor. Nancy Tunstall received it in 2012, Shirley

White in 2014, and Mary Austell in 2017. We are proud of all of our Golden Key recipients!

**OUR NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR REGION III**



Our 2020-2022 regional director for Region III is Kat Noland. She is a member of the Gamma Theta Chapter in Wake County, and she has served as president for the past two bienniums. As a fourth grade



teacher in Wake County, Kat serves as a mentor and is a member of NCAE. She received recognition as a finalist for the Wake County Public School System Teacher of the Year in 2018. She resides in Cary with her husband and two children and enjoys photography and serving her community through her church when she is not teaching.

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

**2020-2022 INTERNATIONAL THEME**  
*DKG: Leading Women Educators  
 Impacting Education Worldwide*

**2019-2021 NC DKG THEME**  
**Ready. Set. GROW!**

**2020-2022 GAMMA CHI THEME**  
**GROW with Gamma Chi!**

**DKG VISION STATEMENT**  
*Leading Women Educators  
 Impacting Education Worldwide*

**NC DKG VISION (VIEW)**  
*Voices of Influence Empowering  
 North Carolina Women Educators*

*Check them out often!*  
**GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:**  
<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/>  
**NC DKG WEBSITE:**  
<http://www.ncdkg.org/>  
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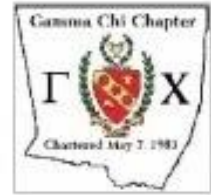
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<b>DATES TO REMEMBER—DKG INTERNATIONAL</b>	
Aug. 15-Sept. 15	Submission period to submit your artistic works to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts
September 1	Deadline for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award application (other due dates—February 1 and May 1)
September 15	Deadline for International Speaker Fund application
October 1	Deadline to submit to the <i>Bulletin: Journal</i>
October 31	Deadline to submit Form 72 Society Website Compliance Assurance form
November 1	Deadline for DKGEF Cornetet Seminar Professional Development application
December 15	Deadline to submit to the <i>Bulletin: Collegial Exchange</i>
<b>2021</b>	
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 <i>Bulletin: Journal</i>
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 92!)
May 15	Deadline to submit to the <i>Bulletin: Journal</i>
July 7-10	International Conference, Portland, OR
July 21-24	International Conference, San Antonio, TX
July 28-31	International Conference, Tampere, Finland
<b>2022</b>	
July 12-16	DKG International Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana

<b>DATES TO REMEMBER—NC DKG</b>	
September 30	Deadline to submit a grant proposal to NC DKG Educational Foundation
October 24	NC DKG Executive Board Meeting
October 27	NC DKG's Founders Day (NC DKG will be 87)
November 1	Deadline to submit to the <i>NC DKG News</i>
November 15	Deadline to submit nomination form for state officers for the 2021-2023 biennium
<b>2021</b>	
February 1	Deadline to submit to the <i>NC DKG News</i>
February 1	Deadline for scholarship applications to NC; \$1,000 for master's, \$4,000 for doctor's
February 1	Nominations for Founders Award due
February 1	Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Annual Report due
March 1	Deadline to submit Chapter Achievement form, Rising Star & Golden Key nominations, and Communications Excellence form
April 23-25	NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort, Asheville, NC
May 1	Deadline to submit to the <i>NC DKG News</i>

# GAMMA CHI CHAPTER OF WARREN COUNTY, REGION III



## In Honor of Shirley H. White



- ◆ 50-Year Active Member, 1970-present
- ◆ Charter Member of Gamma Chi
- ◆ Our Only Treasurer, 1983-present
- ◆ 2014 Golden Key Recipient
- ◆ We treasure you!

## Ready, Set, **GROW!** See how Gamma Chi GROWS!

- ◆ Sponsored a Welcome Meal for new county teachers and presented them with goodie bags
- ◆ Presented five Gamma Chi Professional Development Grants and four Gamma Chi Grants-in-Aid
- ◆ Contributed to Schools for Africa, World Fellowship and the Emergency Fund
- ◆ Contributed to NC DKG Headquarters, NC DKG Educational Fund, Pauline Longest Leadership Fund and the NC DKG Scholarship Fund
- ◆ Presented children's books to a new start-up library/resource center in the county
- ◆ Presented certificates and pins for milestones, member excellence and perfect attendance at meetings
- ◆ Six members attended the 2019 NC DKG Convention and two presented workshops
- ◆ Three members serve on state committees, one member received a NC DKG Educational Foundation Grant, and two had entries in the Fall 2019 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts

## GAMMA CHI CHAPTER



# See How Gamma Chi GROWS!

**G**

- \* Members of all ages joined together to support beginning teachers of Warren County with a welcome meal and goodie bags
- \* Recognized 12 milestone members who had achieved multiples of 5 years of membership

**R**

- \* Analyzed past Chapter Achievement results to motivate member engagement
- \* Developed a member excellence form and recognized 13 members who met the criteria

**O**

- \* 6 members attended state convention (2 presented workshops)
- \* 3 members attended international conference
- \* 1 member attended leadership seminar
- \* 3 members serve on state committees

**W**

- \* 3 programs presented by members
- \* Presentations on Schools for Africa and World Fellowship resulted in generous donations
- \* Programs included presentation of 4 grants-in-aid and 3 professional development grants

**Gamma Chi Chapter  
Region III  
Warren County**



## GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2020

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Littleton Baptist Church in Littleton, NC on Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, beginning with a social hour at 5:45 p.m. There were 28 members, and 1 guest present. Donna Liles led the program on the medical accomplishments of Cicely Saunders, the founder of modern hospice care. After the program, President Evelyn Hall convened the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

Shirley White presented the treasurer's report. The checkbook balance was \$2,870.78. The savings account balance was \$6,668.17. The report was received to be filed for audit.

Nancy Tunstall presented for the Membership Committee. Kathy Stewart was presented as a new member. Michele Stallings was welcomed as a reinstated member. Trina Paynter's request for reserve membership was read and approved.

Ashley Barnette, Nominations chair, presented the following proposed slate of officers for the 2020-2022 biennium: President, Evelyn Hall; 1st Vice-President, Betsy Clark; 2nd Vice-President, Diane Colin; Corresponding Secretary, Lisa Bender; and Recording Secretary, Ashley Barnette. The motion from the Nominations Committee was passed.

Betsy Clark presented for the Scholarship Committee. The chapter approved five grants-in-aid for the following students: Mila Alston, Ellen Denning, Faith Heisler, Heidi Labra-Franco, and Hailey Stroud.

Danylu Hundley presented for the Afghan Committee. She reported that the committee is on track to meet the \$500 goal. Also, she reported that she had delivered the children's book donations from the December meeting to L's Book Nook: Library/Resource Center in Hollister.

Betsy Clark shared that the Schools for Africa collection raised \$210.00.

President Hall spoke about the upcoming NC DKG State Convention. The chapter's deceased members, Nell White and Harriett Faulkner, will be recognized as a part of the remembrance ceremony.

Nancy Tunstall proposed that the chapter use professional development grant money to pay for the first six members to sign up for the NC DKG State Convention. The motion was seconded, voted on, and carried.

Evelyn Hall spoke about the DKG International Convention, and Aimee Anderson may attend the convention which will be in Philadelphia in July.

Two ad-hoc committees were created. First, Nancy Tunstall, Sheila Roberson, and Kathy Stewart will design a 27-inch tall display board and corresponding PowerPoint slide in order to "show how Gamma Chi GROWS" at the upcoming state convention. Diana Bobbitt, Evelyn Hall, Danylu Hundley, Shirley White, and Nancy Tunstall will form a second ad-hoc committee in order to brainstorm non-monetary gifts for the Blankenship family whom have given so much to the Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund.

President Hall recognized members with birthdays in January, February, and March. President Hall then closed the meeting by thanking the Littleton group. The Littleton Group conducted the raffle and members were dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ashley Barnette, Recording Secretary

**Active members present:** Sylvia Alston, Aimee Anderson, Ashley Barnette, Ginny Bernard, Diana Bobbitt, Katrinka Brewer, Shirley Cava, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Elaine Coleman, Gail Coleman, Evelyn Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Brenda Holloman, Danylu Hundley, Katy Jones, Laura Kearney, Donna Liles, Janis Meek, Jenny O'Meara, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Pattie Rodwell, Michele Stallings, Kathy Stewart, Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White

**Active members absent:** Mary Austell, Kay Beaver, Lisa Bender, Kristen Boyd, Crystal Brantley, Melanie Burnette, Brooke Callahan, Jill Coleman, Diane Colin, Sallye Duncan, Linda Hall, Patricia Hargrove, Lynne Lassiter, Renee Mizelle, Tracy Neal, Martha Ann Overby, Karen Paynter, Trina Paynter, Chris Skinner, Patricia Williamson and Vivien Windley

## DKG Prospect Card

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## DKG Prospect Card

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