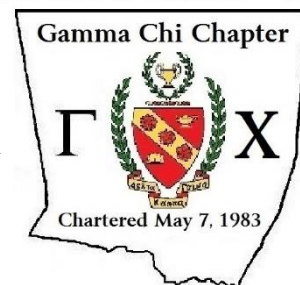




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The Ever-Widening Circle of Delta Kappa Gamma!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello Gamma Chi Sisters,

It is a privilege to serve as your 2022-2024 President. The diversity of our group means that each of you have needs and talents that are unique to you. In thinking about this, it is my hope that everyone adopts the proposed theme for the next two years, "The Ever-Widening Circle of Delta Kappa Gamma" (Eula Lee Carter). This theme will have several tentacles: 1) to engage all members by having relevant vibrant programs, 2) to reinstate members, 3) to recruit educators retired and active within and outside of the education field—medical, finance, industry, 4) to engage our reserve members in an effort to provide support for active educators, and 5) to increase awareness of the benefits of being a DKG member. Please give this theme considerable thought as a president does not choose a theme but follows the theme its members endorse and support. Without your support none of the above will be possible.

Excitement about the plans from the Planning Committee is contagious. We have a program that will "Rock Your Year" kicking off this biennium. If you do not attend but one meeting this year, you will want to hear this vivacious young educator speak. It will be a shortened version of her workshop (so not long for those who have deadlines to get home). In addition, we have a new regional director who I promise you will not bore you with her 10 minutes planned for the second meeting. Work is progressing on a program for March entitled, "What are you NOT getting from DKG and how can you benefit?" That will be followed up by our May meeting of Remembrance, program yet to be decided.

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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, September 1, 2022

6:00 p.m. Gathering

6:15 p.m. Dinner

6:45 p.m. Program

Dr. Dutchess Maye:

How to Rock Your Day Every Day

7:30 p.m. Business Meeting

Frontier Warren

136 South Main St, Warrenton, NC 27589

Meal Cost: \$15.00; Meal Cut-Off Date: **Sunday, August 28th**

(Catered by Hilda Cordell; Menu: toss salad, herbed baked chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, steamed vegetable medley, buttered rolls, cheesecake, pineapple cake and sweet tea.)

(Note: you do not have to purchase dinner

to attend the meeting. That is your choice.)

To reserve a meal, please respond to your Evite

as soon as possible and no later than August 28!

(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 (see p. 3 for SignUpGenius link)
- ☛ **Money** to buy \$1 raffle tickets (proceeds aid our contribution to the NC DKG Educational Foundation & local libraries)

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Dr. Sylvia Alston on her trip to New Orleans to attend the DKG International Convention held in July. She met and made friends with women from around the world.



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:

Crystal Brantley on the loss of her father, James Allen Weaver; **Brooke Callahan** on the loss of her grandmother-in-law, Barbara Folk Callahan; and **Michele Stallings** on the loss of her mother, Beverly Martz Dobos. Please keep Crystal, Brooke, Michele and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

You are a vital part of Gamma Chi. Without you, we do not exist. We thought about surveys for members to complete on what and how we should conduct ourselves. However, I am reaching out to each of you to respond with your thoughts, ideas and opinions of what would make Gamma Chi more meaningful to you. It does not matter how strong you feel, please express it. It does not matter how trivial you think an idea or suggestion is, please express it. Tell us what you feel would make Gamma Chi more relevant to you. My email is ssalston47@gmail.com. I have a very tough skin, and I promise your answers will be confidential and carefully considered. It is only through honest feedback that we improve and grow, so, let me hear from you,

This message would be incomplete if I did not tell you how very much, I was humbled and thankful for being given the privilege of attending my first DKG International Convention after 35 years of being a DKG member. I was thankful that the two airlines and the five airports did not cancel my flights. To say there were parts that were grueling—the consideration of proposed amendments—would be an understatement. There were 25 delegates from North Carolina including the current president, the executive director, and the treasurer. There were many programs, breakouts, and take-aways from the convention that I will share with you in time. One of the greatest gifts of going was meeting and bonding with other delegates from all over the world—Germany, Finland, Japan, Costa Rica—and the sharing of “what works for their chapters and what does not” among other things. North Carolina’s Carol Bostian was recognized as the “Star of the Southeast.” This was particularly meaningful as our own Nancy Tunstall had been given that honor several years ago. Many of you will remember the dynamic down to earth past NC DKG President, Dr. Teresa Cowan. Teresa is the new Southeast Regional Director and will be joining us sometime in the future. I would be remiss if I didn’t tell you I had fun! Yes, we did! Several of us ventured out to visit Mr. B’s Bistro, Mother’s Restaurant, Bourbon Street, Harrah’s, and Bayona. In addition, we had a “second line” and jazzed it all the way to the Sazerac House after dinner one evening. Another special after-hours event was a fund raiser for the DKGIEF. Four buses took us over to the warehouse district where the Mardi Gras floats were housed and then on to the Palace for dinner, dancing and entertainment. Nancy and I are working on putting together a slide show of the events to share. To say I was tired when I returned is a great understatement. The best of the convention was meeting professional women educators, both active and retired, who still have a passion to support women educators.

Back to the business of our chapter. I want to let all committee chairs know that I am here to support and assist you do your committee work. I am more than happy to help you pull a meeting together in person, a meeting via email, a meeting via Zoom, or help you set it up just before our regular meeting. We have work to do as some updates to our chapter will need to be done this year. I hope that you will forward to me via a quick paragraph (minutes) of your meetings prior to our upcoming chapter meeting. Please let me know how I can help facilitate these committee meetings with you.

If you have not been to a meeting in a while, please join us, renew old acquaintances and catch the excitement of this new biennium. If you are a regularly attending member, I can hardly wait to see you and share our enthusiasm with you. If you are a reserve member, you are always encouraged to come and join us as your health and well-being allows. As for those of you who do not wish to eat, please come, sit at our tables, sip some tea and enjoy our fellowship. We have some surprises coming for those in attendance.

And remember, Gamma Chi is not Gamma Chi without you!

In sisterhood,


[Dr. Sylvia Alston](#)

GUEST SPEAKER FOR SEPTEMBER



Dr. Dutchess Maye will be our guest speaker for our September meeting. She inspired some of our members last spring at the NC DKG Convention with her workshop “How to Rock Your Day Every Day.” She will give an abbreviated version of her workshop. Here is a synopsis of the workshop: *Is living in the “since-COVID” world emotionally draining?! Does it take every stitch of energy to function like normal in a not-so-normal reality? You are not alone. Let’s name it and tame it together! Based on Harvard’s RULER Method, this interactive session is designed to help you rock your day ever day!*

AWARDS AT OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

At our September meeting we will be awarding pins and certificates to members for milestones, member excellence, and perfect attendance. In the interest of time, those receiving the awards will pick up their certificate and pin when they pay for their meal. A group picture of each category will be taken later in the meeting. If you are a recipient, please come to the meeting to receive your award and have your picture taken. Below is a list of the recipients:



Milestones: Harriet Banzet (45 years), Dr. Janis Meek (40 years), Elaine Coleman (35 years), Lou Ann Bender (30 years), Ginny Bernard (20 years), Debra Clayton (15 years), Renee Mizelle (15 years), Patricia Williamson (15 years), Brooke Callahan (10 years), and Betsy Clark (5 years).



Member Excellence: Dr. Sylvia Alston, Crystal Brantley, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Aimee Cooper, Evelyn Hall, Loree Harris, Jenny O’Meara, Sheila Robertson, Hailey Stroud, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White.



Perfect Attendance: Dr. Sylvia Alston, Betsy Clark, Gail Coleman, Aimee Cooper, Sallye Duncan, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Norma Retzlaff, Rachel Smith, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White.

Congratulations to all the recipients. Please review the Member Excellence Form for the 2022-2023 year located at the end of this newsletter. Activities will begin at this meeting.

Also, perfect attendance will begin with this meeting. As an

added bonus for those who have perfect attendance at all four meetings, your name will be placed in a box for a drawing at our May meeting. The lucky member whose name is drawn will receive their September meal at no charge to them. Please don't miss a meeting!

OUR GOLDEN KEY RECIPIENT



Dr. Sylvia Alston was awarded the Golden Key Award for Region III at the NC DKG Convention. Region III includes Warren, Vance, Franklin, Johnston and Wake Counties. She received a certificate and the Golden Key pin.



From all NC DKG members in the eleven chapters in Region III, Sylvia 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.

Sylvia was cited as a dedicated, committed, hardworking, and energetic leader who interacts positively with everyone she encounters. Among other things, she has chaired the Awards Committee making sure that our outstanding Gamma Chi members are recognized.

Sylvia is the fifth Gamma Chi member to receive this honor. Nancy Tunstall received it in 2012, Shirley White in 2014, Mary Austell in 2017 and Mary Catherine Harris in 2020. We are proud of all of our Golden Key recipients!

OUR RISING STAR RECIPIENT



Betsy Clark was one of eleven women statewide to be awarded the Rising Star Award at the NC DKG Convention. She received a certificate and the Rising Star pin.



The Rising Star Award is given to women in their early years of DKG membership, six years or less. These members demonstrate strong potential for successful leadership at the chapter and state levels and beyond.

When Betsy joined our chapter in 2017, she hit the ground running. Her attendance and participation have been phenomenal! She soon became involved in committee work, chairs two committees and took on the position of first vice president.

Betsy is the fourth Gamma Chi member to receive this honor. Debra Clayton received it in 2016, Ashley Barnette in 2017, and Evelyn Hall in 2019. We are proud of all of our Rising Star recipients!

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the May meeting, \$110.00 was collected from the meeting raffle; this will be used to help our local libraries and the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Other monies received were

\$118.00 for the afghan raffle, \$450.00 for meals, and \$850.00 for dues.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer for 2021-2022 (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 2021-2022 year were paid, with a balance of \$6,183.01 left in the checking account. Four grants-in-aid, one professional development grant and meals for presenters and recipients totaling \$3,150.00 were paid leaving a balance of \$5,551.55 in the savings account. The financial records were audited, and the records were found to be in good order.

The dues for 2022-2023 have been paid and sent to NC DKG and DKG International. With Maryanne Edwards resigning and Robin Edwards becoming a collegiate member, we have a total of 62 members (44 active, 3 collegiate, 14 reserve, 1 honorary). The 2022-2023 proposed budgets, based on 62 members, is attached to the newsletter. The budgets will be presented for approval at our September 1 meeting.

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!



OUR CHAPTERS AWARDS

RECEIVED AT THE 2022 NC DKG CONVENTION



In recognition of exemplary leadership in promoting chapter participation in the activities of the Society, Gamma Chi Chapter received the **Superior Chapter Achievement Award**—the highest level of chapter achievement.

For accomplishments in producing a quality newsletter, maintaining an updated website, producing a chapter brochure and using social media to greatly enhance chapter communications, Gamma Chi Chapter received the **NC DKG Communications Excellence Award**.

AFGHAN COMMITTEE REPORT

by Danylu Hundley, Afghan Committee 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, Dr. 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 \$6,073.00 since the inception of the raffle in late 2011. Due to your efforts, we have been able to award ten 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. Rachel Smith was our lucky winner for the 2021-2022 year. 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 Ashley Barnette, Awards Committee Chair

At the September 1st 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 twelve Member Excellence Awards, thirteen Perfect Attendance Awards and ten Member Milestone Awards plus some individual awards. Please be there to honor these women.



Attached to this newsletter you will find the new 2022-23 Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award Form. Please take a look at it and note that activities will begin at the September 1st meeting. We will also be checking attendance in order to present our Perfect Attendance Awards.

Finally, the Awards Committee will be recommending nominees for you to vote on for the NC DKG Golden Key Award for Region III and the NC DKG Rising Star Award. Our own Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White, Mary Austell, Mary Catherine Harris, and Dr. Sylvia Alston are past recipients of the Golden Key Award; and Debra Clayton, Ashley Barnette, Evelyn Hall and Betsy Clark have received the Rising Star Award. We would like to see some more of our members receive these awards next year at the state convention.

BEGINNING TEACHER SUPPORT COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Norma Retzlaff, Beginning Teacher Support Committee 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](https://signupgenius.com). Please remember to bring or send these items to the September 1 meeting.

Also, please be thinking of ways that we can support our new teachers throughout the year. Any suggestions will be appreciated.

The bags will be delivered during American Education Week, November 17-18. You will be notified by email of the time and place of the bag stuffing. Everyone is invited to join our committee members for the New Teacher Bag Stuffing. Please join us in fellowship as we stuff the bags!

COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Marketing Committee Chair



The July/August issue of *DKG News* is now available online for members. Some of the articles featured include “Leading with Purpose,” “Designing DKG (for Connection),” “2022 Educators Book Award Recipient,” “Diversity and Value of DKG Blogs” and “Insurance Available through AIM.” Download this edition by clicking [here](https://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/).

Please check out the updated Gamma Chi website by clicking <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/>. View the home page and look under the calendar to see who is having a birthday. Also, important DKG events are listed in the calendar for the entire year. The updated Gamma Chi Yearbook has been posted. Because of the personal information, the picture directory is not posted. Anybody not receiving their copy by email should request a copy.

Our committee would like to encourage everyone, especially committee chairs, to submit news and/or articles to [Nancy Tunstall](mailto:nancy@dkgnews.com), editor, for publication in the next *Gamma Chi Newsletter*. The submission deadline for the next newsletter will be **November 7**.

HOSPITALITY & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Debra Clayton, Hospitality and Social Affairs Committee 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](mailto:nancy@dkgnews.com) by the cut-off date of **Sunday, August 28th**. When this is not done, members will be expected to pay for the meal. Please send your payment by an attending member or have a friend pay for your meal (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'S REPORT

by Aimee Cooper, Membership Committee 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.



Finally, please welcome our newest member, Robin Edwards. Although she was approved for membership at our May 1, 2021, meeting, she did not officially join Gamma Chi until July 1, 2022. She joined as a collegiate member since she is working to finish her education degree. She is also one of our grant-in-aid recipients. We look forward to having Robin join us in fellowship.

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. The deadline for the Foundation grants is **September 30, 2022**. If you miss this deadline, grants will also be accepted through January 31. For more information about these grants and an application, click [here](#). Here is a summary of available grants:

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 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. 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.

There will be other grants available in the spring. Information will be forthcoming.

(Just as a side note, Diane Colin applied and received a

\$1,000 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grant several years ago 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 ROSE Award. Please let Nancy Tunstall know if you do apply. Thanks!)



2023 CONVENTION HOTEL IS NEWLY RENOVATED!



The Hilton Greenville, site of the 2023 NC DKG convention, was renovated in 2020 and has comfortable accommodations for the event. A large outdoor space with seating areas to socialize and rest is next to the meeting rooms, and Convention Chair Dr. Phyllis Broughton shares that all meeting rooms are on one floor and close to each other. **Mark your calendar for April 28-30, 2023!**

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 2022 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters. The Fall 2022 Gallery works will be available for viewing [here](#) 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.



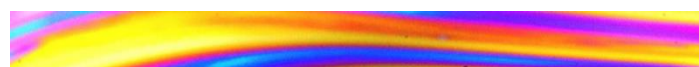
To view the Spring 2022 Gallery, click [here](#). The following statement explains its purpose: *The approved Policy Statement of the Arts & Humanities Jury has at its core the following explanation: "The online Arts & Humanities Gallery shall be maintained so that members of DKG may display their creative 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 listed will give you the guidelines. It is easy to submit. Any of our members who have submitted their work will be glad to assist you. These members include Brooke Callahan, Aimee Cooper, Sheila Robertson and Nancy Tunstall.

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



APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR DKG SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications are available beginning July 1 for members pursuing advanced degrees and are due by February 1, 2023. Begin planning now since applications call for transcripts, letters of recommendation, status of program documentation, and the completed application form.

As many as 30 scholarships are awarded each year to members pursuing advanced degrees. Check the [DKG website](#) for more information.

REINVIGORATING YOUR CHAPTER/ REFLECTING ON DKG PURPOSES



Invigorate your members from the day they join and create excitement and energy! Something they saw or heard made them curious enough to join. Have you found out what

that is? What did she find so important that she chose to be a member of your chapter? There are so many activities to choose from, but membership in Delta Kappa Gamma became a priority. Maybe she is working to further her education and became interested in the scholarships available for advanced degrees. Could it be that she has been looking for a group that she could join to grow personally as well as professionally? What did someone see in her that set her apart from other educators and they wanted to honor her with membership?

Uniting members in a genuine spiritual fellowship can be a lifelong connection. Connecting with other members and feeling a part of it all is so important and so invigorating! Members can receive energy from each other when they make connections. Whether you are a new member, or you've been one for a while, you still need that connection with other DKG chapter members.

Reach outside of your chapter to other educators and the community. Stay current with what is happening around you. Get involved in something special and worthwhile to make you feel connected to your chapter members as you are working together with purpose.

Delta Kappa Gamma uses the [seven purposes](#) to keep us focused on the value of being a part of it all! Renew your excitement and reinvigorate your chapter from this day forward

(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), April 12, 2021.)

PET INSURANCE:

ONE MORE PERK OF DKG MEMBERSHIP

DKG members who have furry or purry family members can take advantage of a special benefit to protect their pets. As a DKG member, you can save on a pet insurance policy through the VPI Pet Insurance program. Coverage for dogs, cats, birds, and even exotic pets is offered through this nationwide company. Get a quote online or



call 1-877-738-7874 and let them know you are a member of DKG. You will be able to claim a 5% discount.

A variety of plans are available with different areas of coverage, different deductible levels, and different reimbursement rates. Select coverage based on your needs. Different options include major medical with wellness, major medical, and whole pet. These policies all cover things like accidents and illnesses, cancer, and some hereditary conditions. They also provide a 24/7 vet helpline and allow you to use any vet you choose. Other services such as wellness exams, vaccinations, and labs can also be covered based on the plan you select.

Pets are members of our families, and we all want to take good care of them. If you have considered insuring your pets, check out the VPI Pet Insurance program and enjoy savings as a DKG member. Information and links are on the website by clicking [here](#).

(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), August 5, 2021.)

MYSTERY MEMBER

by Nancy Tunstall, Editor



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *Originally from Winston-Salem, marriage brought her to Warrenton, the hometown of her husband. After joining DKG, she became recording secretary and has served on various committees. She was a math major. Prior to her teaching career, she was computer programmer for IBM. Later she taught both math and computer/information technology.*

Who is she? The name of our mystery member will be revealed at the meeting. Please complete your biographical sketch for an opportunity to be our Mystery Member. Contact [Nancy Tunstall](#) for information about completing your biographical sketch.

DKG MISSION STATEMENT

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



2021-2023 NC DKG THEME

Linking the Past, Present and Future



2022-2024 GAMMA CHI THEME

The Ever Widening Circle of Delta Kappa Gamma

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 15 Deadline for International Speaker Fund application
- October 1 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*
- November 1 Deadline for DKGIEF Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadline: May 1)
- November 1 Deadline for DKGIEF Cornetet Seminar Professional Development application
- December 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*

2023

- 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
- March 1 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*
- March 1 DKGIEF project applications due
- May 1 Deadline for DKGIEF Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadline: November 1)
- May 11 DKG's Founders Day (DKG will be 94!)
- May 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*
- July 11-16 DKG Conference, Detroit, Michigan
- July 16-22 DKG Conference, Phoenix, Arizona
- July 26-29 DKG Conference, Tampere, Finland
- 2024 DKG International Convention, National Harbor, Maryland

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/>

Please submit events, celebrations, recognitions and news to:

Editor/Webmaster: [Nancy Tunstall](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER—NC DKG

- September 24 NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting, Greensboro
- September 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants application due (see page 5)
- October 27 NC DKG Founders Day (NC DKG will be 88!)
- November 1 Deadline to submit to the *NC DKG News*
- 2023
- January 31 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants application due
- February 1 Chapter president annual report due
- February 1 NC DKG Scholarship application due
- February 1 Deadline to submit to the *NC DKG News*
- March 1 ROSE, Golden Key, Rising Star, and Communications Excellence forms due
- April 28-30 NC DKG Convention, Greenville, NC
- May 1 Deadline to submit to the *NC DKG News*

DATES TO REMEMBER—GAMMA CHI

- September 1 **1st Gamma Chi Meeting**, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Warrenton; (Warrenton Group Hostesses)
- November 7 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- December 1 **2nd Gamma Chi Meeting**, Norlina United Methodist Church, Norlina (Norlina Group hostesses)
- 2023
- January 18 Deadline for scholarship applications to Gamma Chi; also, deadline for grant-in-aid applications to Gamma Chi
- February 6 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- March 1 Submission deadline for Chapter Achievement, Communications Excellence, Golden Key, and Rising Star forms
- March 2 **3rd Gamma Chi Meeting**, Littleton Baptist Church. Littleton (Littleton Group hostesses)
- April 24 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- May 7 Gamma Chi's Founders Day (we'll be 40!)
- May 18 **4th Gamma Chi Meeting**, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway (St. Paul's Group hostesses)
- May 18 Dues due to Shirley White (\$85 Active, \$45 Reserve)



GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – MAY 12, 2022

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on May 12, 2022 beginning with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Celebration of Life Ceremony for departed members Harriett Faulkner and Nell White. The ceremony was conducted by President Evelyn Hall with tributes given by Karen Paynter and Elaine Coleman. Sallye Duncan provided music for the service. After the service members and guests enjoyed a meal prepared by Cheryl Bell.

President Evelyn Hall announced the grant recipients and was assisted by Scholarship Chair Betsy Clark. Richard Blankenship presented Gamma Chi Nancy Blankenship Grant-in-Aid certificates to Faith Heisler (her parents accepted for her), Heidi Labra-Franko, and Hailey Stroud. Josephine Myrick presented the Gamma Chi Josephine Myrick Grant-in-Aid to Robin Edwards. Shirley White presented the Shirley White Professional Development Grant to Dr. Sylvia Alston.

An induction ceremony was held for new member Rachel Smith and honorary member Josephine Myrick. The ceremony was conducted by members Evelyn Hall, Ginny Bernard, Linda Hall and Membership Chair Aimee Cooper. A group picture of all the members present was taken.

President Hall convened the business meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

Shirley White presented the treasurer's report. The checkbook balance was \$4,883.51. The savings account balance was \$8,583.13. The report was received to be filed for audit.

President Hall recognized members with birthdays from April through June. They received an air plant. The mystery member from the newsletter was identified as Elaine Coleman. Two retirees, Crystal Brantley and Karen Paynter, were honored with a long stemmed red rose.

President Hall thanked everyone who attended the NC DKG Convention. She reported that the chapter received the Superior Chapter Achievement Award and the Communications Excellence Award. Two Gamma Chi members were honored: Dr. Sylvia Alston was presented with the Golden Key Award and Betsy Clark received the Rising Star Award. President Hall thanked everyone for their support of her and for making the chapter one of the best chapters in the state.

Josie Myrick drew the winning afghan raffle ticket. Rachel Smith, our new member, was the lucky winner.

There was no old or new business. Nominations Chair Ashley Barnette conducted the induction ceremony for the new 2022-2024 officers: President Dr. Sylvia Alston, First Vice President Sheila Robertson, Second Vice President Sheila Robertson, Recording Secretary Betsy Clark, Corresponding Secretary Evelyn Hall, Treasurer Shirley White and Parliamentarian Nancy Tunstall. President Evelyn Hall passed the gavel to the new incoming President Dr. Sylvia Alston.

President Hall adjourned the meeting and the St. Paul's Group conducted the raffle.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Tunstall for Ashley Barnette, Recording Secretary

Active members present: Sylvia Alston, Mary Austell, Ashley Barnette, Kay Beaver, Ginny Bernard, Diana Bobbitt, Crystal Brantley, Katrinka Brewer, Melanie Burnette, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Elaine Coleman, Gail Coleman, Jill Coleman, Aimee Cooper, Sallye Duncan, Shannon Fuller, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Brenda Holloman, Jenny O'Meara, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Rachel Smith, Kathy Stewart, Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White and Patricia Williamson.

Active members absent: Kirby Alston, Lisa Bender, Kristen Boyd, Brooke Callahan, Diane Colin, Danylu Hundley, Katy Jones, Laura Kearney, Donna Liles, Janis Meek, Renee Mizelle, Tracy Neal, Martha Ann Overby, Pattie Rodwell, Chris Skinner, and Michele Stallings.

Reserve member present: Karen Paynter

Collegiate member present: Hailey Stroud

Collegiate member absent: Mila Alston

Honorary member present: Josie Myrick

GAMMA CHI PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – JULY 30, 2022

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Planning Committee held its biennial meeting in the conference room of Warren County Memorial Library on July 30, 2022, with past-president Evelyn Hall, assisted by Nancy Tunstall, presiding. Nancy Tunstall presented the Strategic Plan covering Purposes, Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Chapter Theme, Planning Process and Measurement, and Goals for the 2022-24 biennium. A motion by Sylvia Alston and a second by Sheila Robertson led to the approval of the Strategic Plan.

Following an overview of committee responsibilities, chairs or their substitutes made committee reports and received suggestions for changes in committee functions.

Awards - Nancy Tunstall reported for Ashley Barnette. Sylvia Alston suggested a change in the procedure for achievement recognitions at September meetings. Members receiving certificates and/or pins for Member Excellence, Perfect Attendance, and Milestones will receive these items when they register and pay for dinner. Recognition lists will be placed on each table. The president will recognize some recipients. This will begin at the September 1, 2022, meeting.

Beginning Teacher Support - Norma Retzlaff commented on the cost of supplies for New Teacher Bags project and concern for the number of global teachers who will teach in Warren County. The list of supplies for bags will remain the same as last year. Nancy Tunstall will send a sign-up communication. After some discussion, the committee agreed to continue the distribution of bags during American Education Week in November. The committee also discussed the new teacher picnic with no decision.

Educational Excellence – Sheila Robertson, aided by Nancy Tunstall, led a discussion of meeting locations and concerns about distance to travel, attendance, and participation. Members agreed that planned socialization strategies and perfect attendance rewards could improve some of this. The plan for perfect attendance is to enter the names of all who attended the four meetings for the year in a drawing at the May meeting. One name will be drawn and receive a free meal for the September meeting.

Educational Law and Policy – Nancy Tunstall spoke in Loree Harris's absence. Loree will provide information through Nancy during the year.

Membership – Aimee Cooper emphasized readdressing recent survey results, member participation, engagement, new memberships, and visibility in the community to encourage membership. Contacting members who have resigned was mentioned. Sylvia Alston will share ideas she brought back from the international conference with Aimee.

Scholarship – Betsy Clark shared concerns about the lack of interest in grants-in-aid since Covid began. Suggestions by Debra Clayton and Jenny O'Meara will result in person-to-person contacts by committee members and a social networking approach to reach the targeted audience. The board approved two motions from the committee: 1) \$400.00 professional development grant for Aimee Cooper to attend a mental health conference and 2) a change in grant-in-aid eligibility to include Vance County in the geographic area for applicants.

Music/Fine Arts – In the absence of Diane Colin and Sallye Duncan, Nancy Tunstall encouraged members to submit artworks to state and national publications.

Communications and Marketing – Nancy reported that chapter directory update responses have been good. With Jenny O'Meara's assistance, Gamma Chi's Facebook page will receive a 2022 face. She will also employ more social media for grant-in-aid publicity. Nancy will determine whether to outsource printing of the new brochure or do it herself.

Finance – Debra Clayton reported that all financial affairs are in good order.

Nominations – In Ashley Barnette's absence, Nancy Tunstall related that there is no action by this committee at this time.

Chapter Rules – State, national, and international rules probably will not require any Gamma Chi changes.

Hospitality – Discussions held earlier determined that hostess locations, and order of rotation for dinner meetings will continue.

Remembrance – Shirley reported reserve members are receiving timely communications.

Gamma Chi Memorials – Nancy Tunstall reported that Elaine Coleman continues to take care of donations to Warren County Memorial Library.

Afghan – The afghan for May is ready.

A member whose invitee joins Gamma Chi DKG should mentor the new member.

No one needed supplies.

Nancy Tunstall reported that the Chapter Achievement Award has been simplified to the Order of the Rose Award.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Clark, Recording Secretary

Planning Committee members present: Sylvia Alston, Aimee Cooper, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Evelyn Hall, Jenny O'Meara, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White (also attending: Linda Hall)

Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
2022-2023 Proposed Budget for Checking Account

Checking Account

Balance Brought Forward July 1, 2022

\$ 6,183.01

Estimated Receipts:

Dues:

International	44 @ \$40.00	Active	\$ 1,760.00
	14 @ \$20.00	Reserve	\$ 280.00
State	44 @ \$15.00	Active	\$ 660.00
	14 @ \$2.00	Reserve	\$ 28.00
Chapter	44 @ \$30.00	Active	\$ 1,320.00
	14 @ \$23.00	Reserve	\$ 322.00
Induction Fees	5 @ \$10.00		\$ 50.00
Pins and Ribbons	5 @ \$27.00		\$ 135.00
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

\$ 5,110.00

Total Available for Budgeting

\$ 11,293.01

Estimated Expenses:

Dues and Fees

Dues:

International	44 @ \$40.00	Active	\$ 1,760.00
	14 @ \$20.00	Reserve	\$ 280.00
	3 @ \$20.00	Collegiate	\$ 60.00
State	44 @ \$15.00	Active	\$ 660.00
	14 @ \$2.00	Reserve	\$ 28.00
	3 @ \$5.00	Collegiate	\$ 15.00
NC DKG Scholarship Fees	61 @ \$0.20		\$ 12.20
Gamma Chi Scholarship Fees	61 @ \$0.80		\$ 48.80
Induction fees	5 @ \$2.50		\$ 12.50

Total Dues and Fees Disbursed

\$ 2,876.50

Operating Expenses:

President's Expenses: Conventions, Workshops	\$ 800.00
Webpace Rental for One Year	\$ 36.00

Total Operating Expenses

\$ 836.00

Meeting Expenses:

Induction (Dinner, Roses)	\$ 110.00
Pins, Ribbons and Inductees' Fees (Recouped by initiates)	\$ 185.00
Memorial Service (Meals for family members)	\$ 60.00
Gifts and Flowers	\$ 200.00
Stationery and Supplies	\$ 75.00
Postage	\$ 50.00

Total Meeting Expenses

\$ 680.00

Special Expenses

Memorial Expenses (\$50 transferred to Scholarship Fund; Bud Vase to homes)	\$ 75.00
Brochures	\$ 200.00

Total Special Expenses

\$ 275.00

Contributions:

State Funds - Headquarters - 61 @ \$3.00; NC DKG Scholarship (\$15); Leadership Fund (\$15); NC DKG Educational Foundation (\$100) (Last three recouped by members)	\$ 313.00
International Funds - World Fellowship (\$100); Other International fund (\$25); (recouped by members)	\$ 125.00

Total Contributions

\$ 438.00

Special Projects

Warren County Memorial Library (recouped by raffle)	\$ 50.00
Littleton Library (recouped by raffle)	\$ 50.00
New Teacher Bag Project	\$ 100.00
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 2023 NC DKG Convention Program	\$ 150.00

Total Special Projects

\$ 800.00

Total Estimated Expenses

\$ 5,905.50

Estimated Balance June 30, 2023

\$ 5,387.51

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

Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

2022-2023 Proposed Budget for Savings Account

Savings Account

Balance Brought Forward July 1, 2022

\$ 5,551.55

Estimated Income:

Scholarship/Grants - Honorariums/Memorials/Afghan Raffle

\$ 4,000.00

Scholarship Fee	61 @ \$0.80
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\$ 48.80

Total Estimated Income

\$ 4,048.80

Total Estimated Income for 2021-2022

\$ 9,600.35

Disbursements:

Scholarship	1 @ \$500.00
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\$ 500.00

Grants-in-Aid 4 @ \$500.00

\$ 2,000.00

Professional Development Grants

\$ 2,000.00

Grant-in-Aid Recipients' Meals plus Guests

\$ 135.00

Presenters' Meals

\$ 85.00

Total Disbursements

\$ 4,720.00

Estimated Balance June 30, 2023

\$ 4,880.35

Use this form to keep a track of your attendance, participation, financial contributions, networking, and lifelong learning as a Gamma Chi member between September 1, 2022 and May 18, 2023. The goal is to earn 150 or more points. For those with 150+ points, submit your completed form to Ashley Barnette, Awards Committee chair, on May 18, 2023 or shortly thereafter. Recognition will consist of presentation of a certificate and pin at the September 7, 2023, meeting and notification of the award to the member's supervisor, if requested. 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 1, 2022; 2nd meeting on December 1, 2022; 3rd meeting on March 2, 2023; and 4th meeting on May 18, 2023. (5 pts. each meeting, 20 pts. maximum)
- ____ 2. Attend one or more days of the 2023 NC DKG Convention in Greenville on Friday-Sunday, April 28-30, 2023. (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(s) for membership using a Prospect Card available at meetings or online. (5 pts. each)
- ____ 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, 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 the 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 1, 2022. (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 1, 2022 for the New Teacher Bag project. (10 pts.)
- ____ 15. Bring a children's book(s) to the 2nd meeting on December 1, 2022. (5 pts.)
- ____ 16. Apply for a scholarship: Gamma Chi Scholarship (deadline: Jan. 18, 2023), NC DKG Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2023) and/or 2023 International Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2022). All forms are online—check our website. (5 pts. each, 15 pts. maximum)
- ____ 17. Apply for a Gamma Chi Professional Development grant. (5 pts.)
- ____ 18. Respond ***promptly*** to your Evite to indicate if you are attending a meeting or not. (5 pts. each meeting, maximum 20 pts.)
- ____ 19. Serve on a NC DKG committee. (10 pts.)

Member's Financial Contribution:

- ____ 20. Pay Membership Dues by 4th Meeting on May 18, 2023. Dues must be paid by June 30. (20 pts.)
- ____ 21. 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)
- ____ 22. Sell at least 6 Afghan Raffle tickets with money turned in by May 18, 2023. (10 pts. for each set of 6 tickets sold, no maximum)
- ____ 23. Make a contribution to World Fellowship at the December meeting. (5 pts.)
- ____ 24. Make a contribution to Schools for Africa at the March meeting. (5 pts.)
- ____ 25. Make a contribution by February 1, 2023 to a DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) Fund—Cornet Award, Educational Projects, Educators Award, Emergency, Eunah Temple Holden (ETH) Leadership, Golden Gift, International Speakers, or Scholarship. 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, 40 pts. maximum)

- ____ 26. Make a contribution to the NC DKG Scholarship Fund by February 1, 2023. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write "NC DKG Scholarship" or make the check to NC DKG – Scholarship Fund. Give the check to Shirley White, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)
- ____ 27. Make a contribution to the NC DKG Leadership Fund by February 1, 2023. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write "NC DKG Leadership" or make the check to NC DKG – Leadership Fund. 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 Educational Foundation by February 1, 2023. 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:

- ____ 29. Visit, call and/or write a reserve member. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)
List reserve member(s) contacted: _____
- ____ 30. Tell your colleagues about DKG and Gamma Chi Chapter along with its projects. (5 pts.)
- ____ 31. Check out from Nancy Tunstall and read *Our Heritage—Volume I, Volume II, and/or Volume III*. (5 pts. per volume, maximum 15 pts.)
- ____ 32. Visit and peruse our website at least four times at: www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi. (5 pts.)
- ____ 33. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG website at least four times. (5 pts.)
- ____ 34. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the NC DKG website at least four times. (5 pts.)
- ____ 35. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse Schools for Africa. (5 pts.)
- ____ 36. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKGIEF page (5 pts.)
- ____ 37. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the NC DKG Educational Foundation website. (5 pts.)
- ____ 38. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the US FORUM website. (5 pts.)
- ____ 39. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- ____ 40. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the NC DKG Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- ____ 41. Read the Chapter Rules found online at our website. (5 pts.)
- ____ 42. Read the Gamma Chi Chapter History 1983-2012 and/or 2012-Present found on our website. (5 pts., maximum 10 pts.)
- ____ 43. 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 DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) Funds:

Cornetet Award –Cornetet funds are available for professional development for individuals (applications due November 1 & May 1) and for educational seminars (applications due November 1).

Educational Projects – 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. (Applications due March 1)

Educators Award – Selected women authors receive cash awards for non-fiction writing impacting education.

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.

ETH Leadership – Supports superb speakers for international meetings and other leadership events.

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. (Applications due September 15.)

World Fellowship Fund – Assists women from around the world to attend graduate school in the U.S. or Canada.

Scholarship Fund – Members may apply for a \$6,000 scholarship to assist them with their graduate studies (\$10,000 for doctoral studies). (Applications due February 1.)

**Proposed Gamma Chi Chapter Strategic Plan
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
2022-2024 Biennium**

Purposes

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

Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

Chapter Theme

The Ever Widening Circle of Delta Kappa Gamma

Planning Process and Measurement

The Gamma Chi Strategic Plan for the 2020-2022 biennium will be designed to implement the seven purposes and the mission of the Society. The Planning Committee will develop, review and monitor the plan. At the end of the biennium, the Planning Committee will determine all actions to be either **accomplished, in progress, incomplete** or **deleted**. Actions planned for and completed are reported **accomplished**. Those initiated but not fully implemented are reported **in progress**. Actions that require more time or a new direction are reported **incomplete**. Discontinued actions will be reported **deleted**.

Goals:

1. **To encourage our members to actively attend meetings**
 - Action 1.1:** Continue to promote the Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award. (Awards Committee)
 - Action 1.2:** Provide interesting and informative programs. (Planning Committee and EEC)
 - Action 1.3:** At each meeting, continue to recognize the birthdays of members for that meeting. (President)
 - Action 1.4:** Recognize members who have perfect attendance at all four meetings each year. (Awards Committee)
 - Action 1.5:** Continue working on time management at meetings. (President)
 - Action 1.6:** Provide mentoring of new member. (Experienced members)

2. To honor our members

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

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

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

Action 2.4: Recognize a chapter leader and a potential chapter leader by selecting members for the Gamma Chi Golden Key Award and the Gamma Chi Rising Star Award. These two members will be nominated for the respected awards at the state level.

3. To increase membership

Action 3.1: Encourage selection of diverse candidates for membership; for example consider age, ethnicity, variety of careers/education work, etc. (Membership Committee)

Action 3.2: Promote the benefits of membership: networking, scholarships for graduate study, professional development grants, spiritual fellowship, professional opportunities and leadership development. (Membership Committee, Scholarship Committee)

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

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

4. To encourage members to assume leadership roles

Action 4.1: Solicit younger members to attend the Leadership Development Seminar to be held in odd-numbered years. (President)

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

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

Action 4.4: Encourage members to attend the NC DKG Convention, DKG International Convention and Regional Conferences. (President and Communications and Marketing Committee)

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

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

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

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

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

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

DKG Prospect Card

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Employer _____

Position _____

Phone _____

Sponsor _____

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