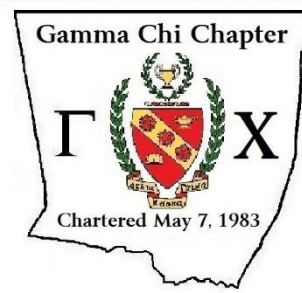




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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a busy summer! It has been sultry hot and humid. Those of you who love gardening know the only time to be out is early morning. We have a very busy year coming up and need to put the dates of our NC DKG Convention on your calendar, April 26-28, 2024. The convention will be close enough for those who just want to attend one day to be able to drive into Durham. Region III will be hosting this event. I will have more to share once I attend the NC DKG Executive Board meeting on September 16th.

Also, please put the dates of our Chapter meetings on your calendar. They are September 7, December 7, March 7, and May 16. We need to strive to have 100% attendance at our meetings. Last year, I planned to have everyone out of the meetings no later than 8 p.m. We did that, and, a couple of times, we ended a little earlier. Calling another member and offering her a ride is a great way to get to our 100% goal. Your voice, ideas, and presence are very much appreciated.

At the September 7 meeting in Warrenton, we will be hearing from Dr. Teresa Cowan. She is a very lively and dynamic speaker and one whom you do not want to miss. She is the DKG Southeast Regional Director. She is from North Carolina and is just a delight. This will be the time for us to bring our donations of items for our new teacher bags. Please sign up on the SignUpGenius and help us welcome the new teachers to Warren County.

The Planning Committee/Executive Board met on Saturday, July 15th. Thank you to each person who took time from her busy weekend to make the meeting. Thank you to the committee chairs who successfully sent a representative from your committee. Much discussion and planning occurred. This will be

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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, September 7, 2023

6:00 p.m. Gathering

6:15 p.m. Dinner

6:45 p.m. Program

Our Speaker:

DKG SOUTHEAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR DR. TERESA COWAN

7:15 p.m. Business Meeting

Warrenton Church of God Fellowship Hall

512 S Main St, Warrenton, NC 27589

Meal Cost: \$15.00; Meal Cut-Off Date: **Wednesday, August 30th**
(Catered by Hilda Cordell; Menu: toss salad, fried chicken, pulled pork, potato salad, green beans, rolls, cheesecake, lemon 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 30!

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

GUEST SPEAKER FOR SEPTEMBER



Dr. Teresa Cowan, NC DKG past president, will be our speaker at our September meeting. She was elected as the DKG Southeast Regional Director during the 2022 DKG Convention and represents the 11-state southeast region on the Administrative Board. Dr. Cowan served as chair of the 2020-2022 DKG Communications and Marketing Committee during the last biennium, and she was instrumental in revamping the DKG website to make it more user friendly.

Teresa has served in many state positions as well as many chapter positions in her chapter, Alpha Phi (Region XI).

Teresa spent the majority of her professional career in Buncombe County teaching middle school math and science. A 30-year teacher, she was the 2012 recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science from North Carolina. Before retiring in 2018, Teresa was Director of The Mountain Satellite Office

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shared with you as each committee chair or member reports this at our first meeting. If you are the chair of a committee, please meet either virtually, through a series of emails, or, hopefully, face-to-face, perhaps over coffee or lunch. If you let me know when and where you are meeting, as an ex-officio member of each committee, I will try to meet with you. Please email me the minutes of your meeting. If you have questions about what you need to discuss as a committee, please contact Nancy Tunstall as there are some things that are very important to our overall organization that occur through committees.

I know some of this information is repetitive and that is a purposeful act on my part. If you haven't read the whole newsletter, at least you can get some of the dates and events coming up by reading this message. Each member is very important to our organization and to the goals of the organization. You are a valued member of this group.

Remember to stay hydrated in this hot weather. And in the words of Princess Diana, "Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you." See you on September 7th in Warrenton.

In sisterhood,



Dr. Sylvia Alston

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of The Science House, an Outreach STEM education service for NC State University, where she worked to develop collaborative projects that act to strengthen STEM in the mountain region with a goal to enhance the workforce of tomorrow. She advocates for education in her community while coordinating programs at the local veteran's hospital.

Please be present to welcome Teresa to our meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

 **Donna Liles** on the birth of her grandson, Jensen Neal Dawson Liles, to her son Zachary Liles and Alicia Thompson. Jensen was born on February 25, 2023, weighing 5 lbs. 5 oz. and 18 inches long.



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:

Trina Paynter on the loss of her sister, Dorothy June Hill; **Norma Retzlaff** on the loss of her husband Dennis Wayne Retzlaff; and **Kathy Stewart** on the loss of her husband, Arthur Stewart. Please keep Trina, Norma, Kathy and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



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: Mary Austell (35 years), Kay Beaver (30 years), Connie King (30 years), Emmy Coleman (25 years), Melanie Burnette (20 years), Katy Jones (20 years), Chris Skinner (20 years), Kristen Boyd (15 years), Tracy Neal (10 years), Lisa Bender (5 years), Katrinka Brewer (5 years), and Gail Coleman (5 years).



Member Excellence: Dr. Sylvia Alston, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Mary Catherine Harris, Sheila Robertson, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White.



Perfect Attendance: Dr. Sylvia Alston, Ginny Bernard, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Robin Edwards, Linda Hall, Mary Catherine Harris, Danylu Hundley, Josie Myrick, Sheila Robertson, Rachel Smith, and Shirley White.

Congratulations to all the recipients. Please review the Member Excellence Form for the 2023-2024 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 by the Awards Committee prior to our September meeting. The lucky member whose name is drawn will be notified and receive their September meal at no charge to them. Please don't miss a meeting!

**TWO GAMMA CHI MEMBERS
APPOINTED TO STATE COMMITTEES**

Hilda Parlér, NC DKG president, has appointed two Gamma Chi members to serve on NC DKG committees for 2023-2025 biennium.



Dr. Sylvia Alston will serve on the NC DKG Planning Committee. Duties of that committee include focusing on areas necessary to sustain the state organization, support change, and promote growth. Also the committee reviews and updates, as an on-going task, the NC DKG Strategic Plan.

Nancy Tunstall will serve on the NC DKG Minutes Review/Approval Committee. Duties of that committee are to take notes during the NC DKG Executive Board meetings in order to verify the veracity of the NC DKG secretary's minutes. The committee may find where edits are needed before giving final approval to the minutes. The NC DKG Executive Board meets twice a year, in the fall and at the NC DKG Convention in the spring.



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

OUR GOLDEN KEY RECIPIENT



Debra Clayton 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 ten chapters in Region III, Debra 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.

Debra was cited as a dedicated, committed, hardworking, and energetic leader who interacts positively with everyone she encounters. Besides serving as chapter president, she has chaired the Hospitality and Finance Committees.

Debra is the sixth Gamma Chi member to receive this honor. Nancy Tunstall received it in 2012 (the first year it was given), Shirley White in 2014, Mary Austell in 2017, Mary Catherine Harris in 2020, and Dr. Sylvia Alston in 2022. We are proud of all of our Golden Key recipients!

OUR RISING STAR RECIPIENT



Sheila Robertson 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, seven years or less. These members demonstrate strong potential for successful leadership at the chapter and state levels and beyond.

When Sheila joined our chapter in 2016, she hit the ground running. Her attendance and participation have been excellent! She was instrumental in preparing a centerpiece for our chapter to take to the 2019 DKG International Conference in Asheville, NC. Also, she has had several entries in the DKG Fine Arts Gallery. She is currently serving as first vice president.

Sheila is the fifth Gamma Chi member to receive this honor. Debra Clayton received it in 2016 (the first year that it was given), Ashley Barnette in 2017, Evelyn Hall in 2019, and Betsy Clark in 2022. We are proud of all of our Rising Star recipients!

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the May meeting, \$70.00 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 \$135.00 for the afghan raffle bringing the total collected to \$551.00; \$225.00 for the meal; \$25.00 for a key pin and name tag/ ribbon;

and \$1,915.00 for dues (22 active and 1 reserve).

The Annual Report of the Treasurer for 2022-2023 (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 2022-2023 year were paid, with a balance of \$8,214.91 left in the checking account. A total of \$3,696.06 was paid for three grants-in-aid, eight professional development grants, and meals for presenters and guests leaving a balance of \$2,649.92 in the savings account. The financial records were audited, and the records were found to be in good order.

The dues for 2023-2024 have been paid and sent to NC DKG and DKG International. With Shirley Cava and Erin Riggan resigning, we have a total of 60 members (44 active, 2 collegiate, 13 reserve, 1 honorary). The 2023-2024 proposed budgets, based on 60 members, is attached to the newsletter. The budgets will be presented for approval at our September 7 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 CHAPTER'S AWARDS RECEIVED AT THE 2023 NC DKG CONVENTION



In recognition of exemplary leadership in promoting chapter participation in the activities of the Society, Gamma Chi Chapter received the **Order of the Rose 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 Fund. Many thanks to Josephine Myrick, Dr. Sylvia Alston's mother, who makes the afghans, Sylvia who provides



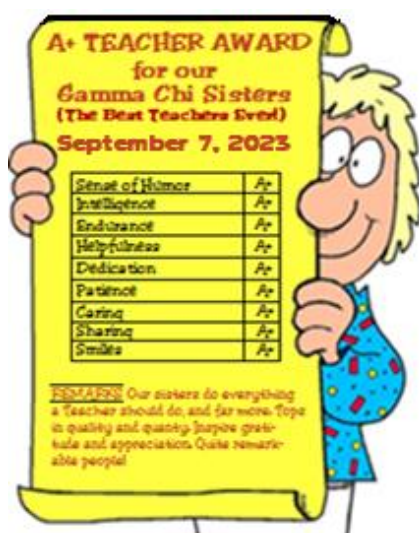
the yarn, and to our members who have “accepted the challenge” to promote the Afghan initiative by raising \$6,624.00 since the inception of the raffle in late 2011. Due to your efforts, we have been able to award eleven additional grants-in-aid so far. Please plan to pick up your raffle tickets at the meeting. They will be printed in batches of six. The afghan will be raffled off at our May meeting. Crystal Brantley was our lucky winner for the 2022-2023 year. Crystal graciously gave the afghan to Dr. Janis Meek who has been a pioneer for Gamma Chi and has played quite a few key roles in DKG/Gamma Chi over the years.

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 7th 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 ten Member Excellence Awards, fourteen Perfect Attendance Awards and twelve Member Milestone Awards. Please be there to honor these women.



Attached to this newsletter you will find the new 2023-24 Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award Form. Please take a look at it and note that activities will begin at the September 7th 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, Dr. Sylvia Alston and Debra Clayton are past recipients of the Golden Key Award; and Debra Clayton, Ashley Barnette, Evelyn Hall Betsy Clark and Sheila Robertson 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](#). Please remember to bring or send these items to the September 7th 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 13-17. 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. The July-August 2023 issue of *DKG News* contains information from the recent town hall meetings, DKG's social media presences, and the 2023 Education Book Award winner. To view the publication, you must first login to the [DKG website](#) and then click [here](#).

The *DKG Bulletin Journal* is also available by clicking [here](#). The theme for the 2023 issue of *Bulletin Journal* is “Educators’ Choice” - one of the articles is co-authored by two members of NC DKG's Beta Upsilon chapter (Region II), Dr. Phyllis Broughton and Dr. Kay Dotson.

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 her 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](#), editor, for publication in the next *Gamma Chi Newsletter*. The submission deadline for the next newsletter will be **November 10**.

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 evite must inform Communications & Marketing Chair [Nancy Tunstall](#) by the cut-off date of **Wednesday, August 30th**. 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 and 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.



NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Ashley Barnette, Nominations Committee Chair

The Nominations Committee's goals are to seek the best leadership and to encourage the nomination of outstanding leaders. To do this, we need your help. Please visit our website to find our 2024-2026 Recommendation Form for Nominations at: <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/forms.html> and then click on it. The elected offices are president, first vice president, second vice president, recording secretary and corresponding secretary. Their duties are listed on this form.

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



NEW NC DKG BIENNIUM, NEW STATE OFFICERS



Hilda A. Parlér
President



Carolyn Lane
First Vice President



Janie Webb
Second Vice President



Carol Bostian
Secretary

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 April 2023, the 2023-2025 state officers were elected and installed. Their two-year term began on July 1. Serving as state president, Hilda Parlér was

previously our first vice president. Carolyn Lane will serve as our first vice president, Janie Webb will serve as second vice president and Carol Bostian is our secretary.

NC DKG PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR 2023-2025:

RECRUIT! RETAIN! RECOGNIZE! NC DKG FOREVER STRONG!

by Hilda Parlér, NC DKG President



NC DKG, welcome to our 2023-2025 biennium! It is an honor, privilege, and exciting time for me to work with some of the best DKG members across our nation.

The old cliché, **"There is always strength in numbers,"** is true and is why one of my foci for this biennium is to **Recruit** new members including college students and former members. We need to **Retain** members we already have. Notice that **Retain** is at the **peak** of the triangle as it is the strongest geometric figure. We will **Recognize** all members for their service all the time. Coordinate with the Communications and Marketing Committee to learn and practice methods to robustly market NC DKG.

The other focus is to work with chapters that are having challenges and help them in conjunction with the Membership/Expansion Committee to determine strategies, create SMART goals and plans to implement them to get them back on track.

With your support we will grow our membership exponentially and prevent chapters from dissolving as we observe and appreciate all the grand things NC DKG is doing and achieve even more by exposing our organization to local communities and other organizations. Thereby the **3Rs** with **NC DKG Forever Strong** as our foundation will achieve success for years to come.

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, 2023**. 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!)

OUR MEMBER BENEFITS FROM DKG EMERGENCY FUND

On May 10, we had a terrible storm to tear through our county. Unfortunately the storm tore the roof off of Sara Council's home, and she had severe hail damage to the siding of her home. She and her family were displaced for several days while tarps/etc. were placed on her house to prevent more water damage.

For many years our chapter has made annual contributions to the DKG Emergency Fund for members such as Sara. We are happy to announce that Sara was the recipient of a \$500.00 check from the DKG Emergency Fund to help with repairs. Here is what Sara had to say, *"My family is very grateful for the money we received from the emergency fund. It is an honor to be a member of an organization that is dedicated to supporting its members. This generous gift will help to further the repairs to our home and truly exemplifies the care and compassion of DKG and its members."* Please read the next article for more information about the DKG Emergency Fund.



DKG EMERGENCY FUND



As a valuable member of DKG you are eligible for a \$500.00 award from the Emergency Fund. If a DKG member experiences a major loss from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, or other natural disasters, their chapter

and state organization president may recommend they receive a \$500 award from the DKG Emergency Fund.

The process is user friendly. The chapter president informs the state organization president of member(s) impacted by a natural disaster. Then the state organization president electronically submits Form 84 to the Executive Director with the name of the member, member's chapter, current mailing address, date of the event, the exact natural disaster, and loss sustained. The Executive Director approves the request and sends a check from Society Headquarters to the member(s).

The DKG Emergency Fund has been responding to disasters since 1948. Following a 1948 flood that destroyed Vanport, Oregon, the DKG News asked for monetary donations to help affected members living in Vanport. More than \$3,000 was sent to headquarters to assist, and thus the Emergency Fund began.

From July 1, 2021, to April 15, 2023, DKGIEF awarded emergency funds totaling \$66,500 to 133 DKG members.

Members who have received assistance from the fund report how thankful they are for the help in a time of need, and appreciate how quickly it was received. Many are surprised, all are grateful.

The Emergency Fund is sustained totally from donations. A collection is held at international conferences. In addition, individuals, chapters, and state or province organizations may donate funds. Donations can be made to the Emergency Fund with a debit or credit card on the website under 'Donate to DKGIEF' or by sending a check made out to DKG Emergency Fund along with Form 43 from the site.

As they say, "members helping members."

(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), February 4, 2021.)

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 2023 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters. The Fall 2023 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.



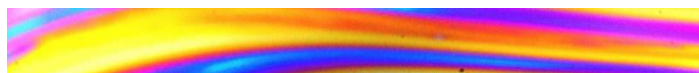
To view the Spring 2023 Gallery, click [here](#). The following statement explains its purpose: *The approved Policy Statement of the Arts & Humanities Jury has at its core the following explanation: "The online Arts & Humanities Gallery shall be maintained so that members of DKG may display their creative 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, 2024. 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.

**SET YOUR FUTURE ON FIRE AND APPLY FOR DKG
IGNITE, A ONCE-IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY!**



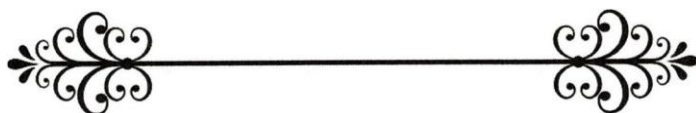
July 1, 2023, could be a life-changing day for you because that's when the [application](#) (you must be signed in to the [DKG website](#)) for the 2024 DKG Ignite: Leaders Empowering Leaders Program goes online (*it is due December 1, 2023*).

Members from all over the world can apply to attend a week-long leadership training sponsored by DKG International who partners with the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas in Austin, Texas. For one week, you will be immersed in leadership instruction that will empower you in all areas of your life. Plus, you will make life-long friends who will be a resource and support in whatever endeavors you undertake. Remember, every DKG member is invited to apply; you do not have to have served in a society leadership role.

You will only regret the opportunities you don't take so apply today for DKG Ignite: Leaders Empowering Leaders.

(*Note: One of our members, Evelyn Hall, took advantage of this opportunity in 2018 when the program was called Golden Gift.*)

(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), June 12, 2023.)



**The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin
International Journal for Professional Educators**

The *Collegial Exchange* is looking forward to publishing your next article. The *Collegial Exchange* is a print publication which focuses on articles based on practice and experience as it relates to education and DKG Society International as well as women and children. The *Collegial Exchange* also includes personal reflections and creative works. It is printed and distributed twice each calendar year.

Articles are submitted electronically, and authors must adhere to the guidelines to have their work reviewed for print. The DKG website has a tab on the black banner across the top which gives details about all the Society's publications. There are two steps which must be followed. First, an author should submit an interactive cover sheet form which is found at the Apply/Submit tab on the DKG website. The second step involves the actual submission of the manuscript in Microsoft Word format. No PDF files will be accepted.

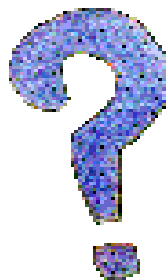
If you have been considering writing an article and would like to have it published in the *Collegial Exchange*, please visit www.dkg.org and sign into your member account. Visit the

Publications tab and discover all the guidelines for submission of your article.

(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), March 4, 2022.)

MYSTERY MEMBER

by Nancy Tunstall, Editor



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *She grew up in Vance County and began her career as an elementary teacher in that county. After her children reached school age, she returned to the classroom in Warren County for approximately 25 years. She is very active in her church.* 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**

2023-2025 NC DKG THEME

**Recruit! Retain! Recognize!
NC DKG Forever Strong!**

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***

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CALENDARS FOR THE YEAR

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*
- October 1 Deadline to submit proposed amendments to the DKG *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* for 2024
- November 1 Deadline for DKGIEF Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadline: May 1)
- November 1 Deadline for DKGIEF Cornetet Seminar Professional Development application (other deadline: May 1)
- December 1 Deadline to submit application for DKG Ignite (see article on page x)
- December 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*

2024

- 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 New chapter officers report due
- May 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*
- July 9-13 DKG International Convention, Gaylord National, D.C. Area, National Harbor, Maryland

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- June 30-July 4 DKG International Convention, Gaylord Rockies, Aurora, Colorado

DATES TO REMEMBER—NC DKG

- September 16 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 89!)
- November 1 Deadline to submit to the *NC DKG News*
- December 15 Chapter directory due to regional director
- 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, Beginning Teacher and Communications Excellence forms due
- April 26-28 NC DKG Convention, Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham, NC (Region III host)
- May 1 Deadline to submit to the *NC DKG News*

DATES TO REMEMBER—GAMMA CHI

- September 7 **1st Gamma Chi Meeting**, Warrenton Church of God, Warrenton; (Warrenton Group Hostesses)
- November 10 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- December 7 **2nd Gamma Chi Meeting**, (Norlina Group hostesses)
- 2023**
- January 18 Deadline for scholarship applications to Gamma Chi; also, deadline for grant-in-aid applications to Gamma Chi
- February 9 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- March 7 **3rd Gamma Chi Meeting**, Littleton Baptist Church. Littleton (Littleton Group hostesses)
- April 19 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- May 7 Gamma Chi's Founders Day (we'll be 41!)
- May 16 **4th Gamma Chi Meeting**, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway (St. Paul's Group hostesses)
- May 16 Dues due to Shirley White (\$85 Active, \$45 Reserve)



GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES – MAY 16, 2023

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, hosted by the St. Paul's Group, met at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on May 16, 2023. As members arrived, they completed afghan raffle ticket responsibilities and purchased meeting raffle tickets while socializing with each other and quests.

Prior to dinner, President Dr. Sylvia Alston, Presenter Richard Blankenship, Presenter Josephine Myrick, and Scholarship Committee Chair Betsy Clark presented grants-in-aid to three applicants. Nancy Blankenship memorial awards, presented by her son, Richard, went to Heidi Labra-Franco, a rising senior at North Carolina State University, and Holly Hughes, who was absent due to illness. Holly is a graduating senior at Kerr-Vance Academy and will begin her studies at Vance-Granville Community College in the fall. Josephine Myrick presented the award named in her honor to Robin West Edwards who will receive her degree from East Carolina University at the end of summer session. President Alston and Shirley White presented Shirley White Professional Development Grants to Sylvia Alston, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Sallye Duncan, Evelyn Hall, Sheila Robertson, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White, who were Gamma Chi's representatives at The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Convention in April.

Members and four quests enjoyed a delicious meal consisting of ham, potato salad, marinated carrots, string beans, green salad, buttered rolls and iced tea. The meal was catered by Cheryl Bell, who received an appreciative round of applause from the diners. Before enjoying Gamma Chi's red and white 40th Anniversary cake, the membership sang "Happy Anniversary to Us".

Following dinner, President Alston and Membership Committee members Mary Austell, Shannon Fuller, and Renee Mizelle inducted Sara Council as Gamma Chi's newest sister. Sara pledged support to the chapter and members pledged support to her. She signed the membership book and lit the candle signifying her role as a Gamma Chi member. Officiants presented Sara her membership key pin and a red rose, the symbols of The Delta Kapa Gamma Society International. The ceremony concluded with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song."

President Alston called the business meeting to order. Recording secretary Betsy Clark reported that attendance of 23 active members constituted a quorum. Minutes of the March 2 meeting were approved as printed in the chapter newsletter. Treasurer Shirley White reported a checking account balance of \$3,600.47 and a savings account balance of \$6,210.23 as of May 1, 2023. The report was approved. Corresponding Secretary Evelyn Hall reported a number of cards sent to members since the March meeting. Sheila Robertson and Donna Liles received cards of congratulation on births of grandchildren. Diane Colin, Aimee Cooper, Diana Bobbitt and Trina Paynter received sympathy cards following the deaths of family members. Brenda Fuller, Diana Bobbitt, Lisa Bender, Nancy Tunstall and her son Marcus, Karen Paynter, Shirley White, Gail Coleman, and Sharon West received thinking of you or get well cards for various reasons.

Recognitions by the president included birthdays for January through June with members receiving a hand-crafted dish cloth from the gift basket. Honorary member Josephine Myrick received a red rose in recognition of her upcoming ninety-seventh birthday. Gamma Chi's 40th Anniversary celebration recognized attending charter members Mary Catherine Harris, Brenda Holloman, Dr. Janis Meek, and Shirley White; each received a certificate and a red rose. Certificates and red roses were presented to Gamma Chi past presidents in attendance: Mary Austell, Melanie Burnette, Debra Clayton, Evelyn Hall, Dr. Janis Meek and Nancy Tunstall. Shirley White who has served as Gamma Chi's treasurer for all forty years received a certificate and a DKG treasurer's pin. She is North Carolina's longest serving treasurer. Donna Liles was the mystery member. President Alston presented Gail Coleman with a Five-Year Milestone certificate, a recognition made when Gail attended the convention.

The President's Report included chapter and individual recognitions from the NC DKG convention. Gamma Chi received the prestigious Order of the Rose Award, the highest award for chapter achievement, and the Communications Excellence Award, the only one awarded in Region III. Debra White, Gamma Chi nominee for the Golden Key Award and Sheila Robertson our nominee for the Rising Star Award were recognized as state winners. Diane Colin's drum circle presentation by students from Littleton Academy received a standing ovation, and Sheila Robertson's workshop, "Using Recycled and 'Cheap' Stuff to Make Art," was also well-received. Evelyn Hall as Nominations Committee Chair for the state organization presented the slate of officers for the 2023-2025 state biennium and they were approved. President Alston reminded members to put their Gamma Chi Member Excellence forms in the envelope.

Two committee gave reports.

Afghan Committee: Danylu Hundley, chair, asked Josephine Myrick who creates an Afghan each year to draw the winning raffle ticket with Crystal Brantley winning the lovely creation.

Finance Committee: Debra Clayton, chair, made a motion that the chapter dues remain the same for the upcoming year—\$85 for active members, \$45 for reserve members and \$25 for collegiate members. The motion passed.

There were no reports on sick or reserve members and no unfinished business. Under new business, First Vice President Sheila Roberson presented President Alston with a red rose for the service to Gamma Chi that she has rendered during the past year.

President Alston adjourned the meeting.

The St. Paul's Group conducted the raffle with numerous gift bags distributed to the ticket holders.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Clark, Recording Secretary

Active Members Present: Dr. Sylvia Alston, Mary Austell, Ginny Bernard, Melanie Burnette, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Sara Council, Sallye Duncan, Shannon Fuller, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Mary Catherine Harris, Brenda Holloman, Danylu Hundley, Renee Mizelle, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Rachel Smith, Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White, and Patricia Williamson

Active Members Absent: Kirby Alston, Ashley Barnette, Kay Beaver, Lisa Bender, Diana Bobbitt, Kristen Boyd, Crystal Brantley, Katrinka Brewer, Brooke Callahan, Elaine Coleman, Jill Coleman, Aimee Cooper, Loree Harris, Katy Jones, Laura Kearney, Donna Liles, Tracy Neal, Jenny O'Meara, Pattie Rodwell, Chris Skinner, Michele Stallings, and Kathy Stewart

Reserve Member Present: Dr. Janis Meek

Collegiate Member Present: Robin Edwards

Honorary Member Present: Josephine Myrick

Gamma Chi Chapter Planning/Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, July 15, 2023

On Saturday, July 15, 2023, Gamma Chi Chapter of DKG held its Planning/Executive Board meeting. It convened in the home of Dr. Sylvia Alston, Gamma Chi President, who called the meeting to order.

The first item on the agenda was Awards Committee. President Alston suggested that we continue the streamlining of the awards recognitions by placing placards listing Perfect Attendance, Member Excellence, and Membership Milestone recipients near the entrance. Norma Retzlaff will create the placards. Those receiving certificates and pins will pick them up at the hostess table. President Alston will present some awards. Nancy Tunstall made a motion to award DKG pins to active members and local pins to reserve members who reach 25 years and over milestones. Debra Clayton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Beginning Teacher Support Committee Chair Norma Retzlaff commented that the list of items for new teacher support needs some adjustments, which will be posted on SignUpGenius.

President Alston led the discussion for the Educational Excellence Committee. She reported that in addition to our Awards Recognitions, Dr. Teresa Cowan, DKG Southeast Regional Director, will visit Gamma Chi and deliver the program at the September 7 meeting. The December 7 meeting program will consist of Christmas music and a Dirty Santa/Chinese Gift Exchange. Each attending member will bring a wrapped gift that costs no more than \$10.00. Hilda Parlér, NC DKG President, will present the program at the March 7 meeting. At the May 16 meeting new members will be inducted, new officers will be installed, and grants-in-aid and scholarships will be presented.

Lisa Bender reported for the Educational Law and Policy Committee. The group discussed the necessity for the membership to be more aware of and involved in addressing legislative actions that affect education in North Carolina. Members will be notified about issues that call for communication with representatives and senators.

Membership Committee Chair Aimee Cooper called for initiatives to reach out to members who do not actively participate and to seek out potential members in both traditional and non-traditional education fields.

Scholarship Committee Chair Betsy Clark presented a motion to increase two grant-in-aid awards to \$1,000.00 each, with an interview component added to the application process if there are more than two applicants. The motion passed. The committee made a motion to increase a scholarship for graduate studies or National Board Certification to \$1,000.00. The motion passed. The Professional Development award of up to \$500.00 remains the same. The group discussed the necessity of members participating fully in the Afghan project through selling more tickets or making a donation without selling tickets. The committee will make memorial/honorarium Scholarship Contribution forms available at each meeting to encourage funding of these financial initiatives of Gamma Chi.

Those present discussed trying new songs from the DKG songbook or having a musical program and encouraging members to submit to DKG Fine Arts Gallery in the Music/Fine Arts area.

Chair Nancy Tunstall reported for Communications and Marketing Committee. These areas are going well and efforts will continue to get Gamma Chi's name and accomplishments into the public domain.

Shirley White, treasurer, reported for the Finance Committee. She presented proposed budgets for 2023-24 year. The Proposed Budget for Checking Account is based upon a July 1, 2023, balance of \$8,214.91. The Proposed Budget for Savings Account is based upon a July 1, 2023, balance of \$2,649.92. The dues portal will be due the following week. It will be reflected in the treasurer's report in September. The savings account disbursements will be affected by Scholarship Committee recommendations.

The Nomination Committee will prepare a new slate of officers for 2024-2026. Aimee Cooper and Rachel Smith will join Chair Ashley Barnette, Diana Bobbitt, and Kathy Stewart on the committee.

The Planning Committee did not schedule another meeting.

Chair Aimee Cooper will address Chapter Rules Committee activities to make certain that Gamma Chi Chapter Rules are in line with NC DKG amendments passed in April, 2023.

Discussion of the Hospitality Committee was led by Chair Debra Clayton. Concerns about the difficulties with entering and exiting current meeting locations, lack of convenient parking, and lack of technology may mean changing meeting locations. Debra and Rachel Smith will speak with the appropriate group location chairs.

Remembrance protocols will remain the same.

Gamma Chi Memorials will remain the same.

The planning participants agreed that the Afghan fund raising goal should be \$1,000.00 annually through more vigorous ticket sales and donations.

The participants agreed to continue existing projects.

The group also agreed that a prospective member should have a thorough understanding of the financial obligations of membership and that a mentor should be assigned to each new member.

Shirley White urged members to let her know about supply needs in time to include them in the budget. She also stated that reimbursement requests must be accompanied by a receipt and turned in to her no later than ten days after expenditure or May meeting, whichever comes first.

Nancy Tunstall reported that the Order of the Rose Award, which replaced the DKG Chapter Achievement Award, is much simpler. It is due March 1, 2024.

Debra White asked about the process for Gamma Chi members to sign on as volunteers for the 2024 state convention, which is in Durham and is hosted by Region III. President Alston will know details of Gamma Chi hosting responsibilities following the NC DKG Executive Board meeting September 16.

No other concerns arose.

President Alston adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Betsy Clark, Recording Secretary

Members in Attendance: Sylvia Alston, Lisa Bender, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Aimee Cooper, Norma Retzlaff, Rachel Smith, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White

Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
2023-2024 Proposed Budget for Checking Account

Checking Account				
Balance Brought Forward July 1, 2023				\$ 8,214.91
Estimated Receipts:				
Dues:				
International	44 @ \$40.00	Active	\$	1,760.00
	13 @ \$20.00	Reserve	\$	260.00
State	44 @ \$15.00	Active	\$	660.00
	13 @ \$2.00	Reserve	\$	26.00
Chapter	44 @ \$30.00	Active	\$	1,320.00
	13 @ \$23.00	Reserve	\$	299.00
Pins and Ribbons	5 @ \$27.00		\$	135.00
World Fellowship, Emergency Fund and other International Funds			\$	200.00
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				\$ 5,090.00
Total Available for Budgeting				\$ 13,304.91
Estimated Expenses:				
Dues and Fees				
Dues:				
International	44 @ \$40.00	Active	\$	1,760.00
	13 @ \$20.00	Reserve	\$	260.00
	2 @ \$20.00	Collegiate	\$	40.00
State	44 @ \$15.00	Active	\$	660.00
	13 @ \$2.00	Reserve	\$	26.00
	3 @ \$5.00	Collegiate	\$	15.00
NC DKG Scholarship Fees	59 @ \$0.20		\$	11.80
Gamma Chi Scholarship Fees	59 @ \$0.80		\$	47.20
Total Dues and Fees Disbursed				\$ 2,820.00
Operating Expenses:				
President's Expenses: Conventions, Workshops				\$ 800.00
Webpage Rental for One Year				\$ 36.00
Total Operating Expenses				\$ 836.00
Meeting Expenses:				
Induction (Dinner, Roses)				\$ 110.00
Pins and Ribbons (Recouped by inductees)				\$ 135.00
Memorial Service (Meals for family members)				\$ 60.00
Gifts and Flowers				\$ 200.00
Stationery and Supplies				\$ 75.00
Postage				\$ 50.00
Total Meeting Expenses				\$ 630.00
Special Expenses				
Memorial Expenses (\$50 transferred to Scholarship Fund; Bud Vase to homes)				\$ 75.00
Brochures				\$ -
Total Special Expenses				\$ 75.00
Contributions:				
State Funds - Headquarters - 61 @ \$3.00; NC DKG Scholarship (\$15);				\$ 313.00
Leadership Fund (\$15); NC DKG Educational Foundation (\$100)				
(Last three recouped by members)				
International Funds - World Fellowship (\$100); Emergency Fund (\$50)				\$ 200.00
Other International funds (\$50); (recouped by members)				
Total Contributions				\$ 513.00
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				\$ 5,674.00
Estimated Balance June 30, 2024				\$ 7,630.91
Budget is based on \$85.00 per Active Member and \$45.00 per Reserve.				

Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
2023-2024 Proposed Budget for Savings Account

Savings Account

Balance Brought Forward July 1, 2023 \$ 2,649.92

Estimated Income:

Scholarship/Grants - Honorariums/Memorials/Afghan Raffle \$ 4,000.00

Scholarship Fee 61 @ \$0.80 \$ 48.80

Total Estimated Income \$ 4,048.80

Total Estimated Income for 2023-2024 \$ 6,698.72

Disbursements:

Scholarship 1 @ \$1,000.00 \$ 1,000.00

Grants-in-Aid 2 @ \$1,000.00 \$ 2,000.00

Professional Development Grants \$ 2,000.00

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

Presenters' Meals \$ 30.00

Total Disbursements \$ 5,090.00

Estimated Balance June 30, 2024 \$ 1,608.72

Use this form to keep a track of your attendance, participation, financial contributions, networking, and lifelong learning as a Gamma Chi member between September 7, 2023 and May 16, 2024. 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 16, 2024 or shortly thereafter. Recognition will consist of presentation of a certificate and pin at the September 5, 2024, 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 7, 2023; 2nd meeting on December 7, 2023; 3rd meeting on March 7, 2024; and 4th meeting on May 16, 2024. (5 pts. each meeting, 20 pts. maximum)

____ 2. Attend one or more days of the 2024 NC DKG Convention in Durham on Friday-Sunday, April 26-28, 2024. (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 7, 2023. (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 7, 2023 for the New Teacher Bag project. (10 pts.)

____ 15. Bring a children's book(s) to the 2nd meeting on December 7, 2023. (5 pts.)

____ 16. Apply for a scholarship: Gamma Chi Scholarship (deadline: Jan. 18, 2024), NC DKG Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2024) and/or 2024 International Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2024). 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 16, 2024. 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 16, 2024. (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, 2024 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, 2024. 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, 2024. 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, 2024. 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:

Cornet Award –Cornet 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 Fund – Supports superb speakers for international meetings and other leadership events.

Golden Gift Fund – Provides for a member to attend a one-week leadership/management training seminar usually held in early July at the Red McCombs School of Business, University of Texas, at Austin in even numbered years (now called DKG Ignite).

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.)

DKG Prospect Card

Name _____

Address _____

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Employer _____

Position _____

Phone _____

Sponsor _____

DKG Prospect Card

Name _____

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Phone _____

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Gamma Chi Chapter

Members in Action!



Welcoming New Teachers



Providing Books for Preschools



Attending DKG Convention



Sharing their Talent



Presenting Scholarships



Inducting New Members

GAMMA CHI - WARREN COUNTY - REGION III