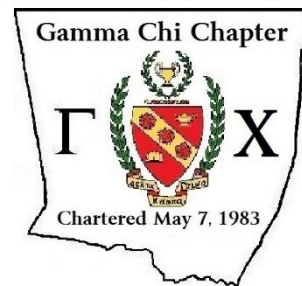




Gamma Chi Newsletter

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



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Good Friends! Good Work! Good Times!
Gamma Chi Forever Strong!

July/August/September 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Gamma Chi Sisters!



First, I would like to thank the St. Paul's group for an excellent May meeting as always. The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated and the food was delicious. I commend all that helped with the preparations. Our presentation of the grants-in-aid and professional development grants made me so proud. We do such important work and make an immense difference in the opportunities available not only to our members, but also to young women interested in entering the field of education. Through our contributions we are improving the lives of local women educators. Please give yourselves a "pat on the back" and a big round of applause. You are so deserving and so awesome!

The only sad note at our May meeting was the fact that we did not have any new members to welcome into our organization. On a happier note, we did have a prospective new member in attendance and she has indeed decided to join our ranks. Welcome, Earlene, and thank you, Danylu, for recommending her for membership. I challenge each of you to recommend educators of excellence to become members of our chapter over the next few months. Let's make our next May meeting one to celebrate with several new members to induct. We all should know teachers and educators who are deserving. Let's try to actively promote membership so that our chapter will continue to grow and prosper.

Our July planning meeting, held at Hardware Café in Warrenton, was well attended and very productive. Most committee chairs were present and ready to discuss our plans for the upcoming year. We have exciting programs scheduled and

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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, September 4, 2025

6:00 p.m. Gathering

6:15 p.m. Dinner

6:45 p.m. Program

Our Speaker:

NC DKG EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR SHARON FRAZIER

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 27th**
(Catered by Hilda Cordell; Menu: toss salad, fried chicken, pulled pork, green beans, rice pilaf, dinner 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 27!

(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 (for the SignUpGenius link, see p. 3)
- ☛ **Money** to buy \$1 raffle tickets (proceeds aid our contribution to the NC DKG Educational Foundation & local libraries)
- ☛ **Children's Books** for our Christmas project. Our goal is to collect at least 100 books. For more information, see page 3.



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:

Diana Bobbitt on the loss of her sister, Bettie Camille Bobbitt Hubbard, **Kristen Boyd** on the loss of her father-in-law, Lawrence Rux Boyd, Sr., and **Crystal Brantley** on the loss of her brother-in-law, Steven Douglas Brantley. Please keep Diana, Kristen, Crystal and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



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important chapter business to discuss. It is imperative that you make every effort to attend each meeting because your input is essential. Our next meeting is in Warrenton at the Warrenton Church of God. Sharon Frazier, who is the chair of NC DKG Educational Foundation Board, will be our speaker. I am sure her talk will be informative and interesting. The Awards Committee will also be giving perfect attendance, member excellence, and milestone awards. I look forward to seeing you there.

In sisterhood,

Sheila P Robertson

[Sheila Robertson](#)

EXECUTIVE BOARD/PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETS




On Saturday afternoon, July 26, members of the Executive Board and Planning Committee met at the Hardware Café to discuss plans for the upcoming year. Pictured above, members attending the meeting were Rachel Smith and Evelyn Hall on the front row and Betsy Clark, Mary Catherine Harris, Norma Retzlaff, President Sheila Robertson and Debra Clayton on the back row. Not pictured was Dr. Sylvia Alston and Nancy Tunstall.

Committee activities were discussed, programs for the upcoming meetings were reviewed, and current projects will continue at the same level of funding as last year.

President Sheila provided attendees with a great variety of delicious snacks and drinks. A joyful work session was had by all.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

 **Sheila Robertson** on the birth of her granddaughter, Arden Marion Robertson, to son Allen and his wife Lauren Robertson. Arden was born May 30th, weighing 7 lbs., 9 ozs., and she was 20 inches long.



GUEST SPEAKER FOR SEPTEMBER



Sharon Frazier is a retired media specialist with the Halifax County School System. She is presently serving as chairman of the NC DKG Educational Foundation Board.

A member of Alpha Kappa Chapter in Region I, Sharon has been a member of DKG for 28 years. She is presently serving as president of her chapter. She has served as the editor of the Alpha Kappa's newsletter for 21 years. She volunteers in the media center and at the elementary school of her grandchildren.

Sharon was Region I Director from 2009-2011 and was NC DKG Second Vice President from 2015-2017. She has also served as the Convention Chair in Rocky Mount in 2010, and has chaired the NC DKG Leadership Committee and the Awards Committee. She was a member of the NC DKG Communications & Marketing and the Membership Committees.

Sharon visited our chapter in 2012 and participated in our flash mob. We are thrilled to have her visit us again. Please be present to welcome Sharon to our meeting.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER

Earlene Clanton attended our May meeting as Danylu Hundley's guest. She has been presented for membership, approved by our chapter, and has received orientation. She is a Grade 8 Social Studies teacher at the Warren County Middle School.

We have much to look forward to as we welcome Earlene to our chapter and as we join with her in genuine spiritual fellowship! Please make every effort to be at the meeting and welcome Earlene to our chapter.



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Debra Clayton, Treasurer



At the May meeting, \$83.00 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 \$180.00 for the afghan raffle, \$450.00 for the meal, \$45.00 for the Scholarship Fund, and \$1,835.00 for dues.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer for 2024-2025 (Form 15) was completed and sent in prior to the July 31 deadline to NC DKG Treasurer Tonya Allison 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 2024-2025 year were paid, with a balance of \$5,942.75 left in the checking account. A total of \$4,281.61 was paid for three grants-in-aid and five professional development grants leaving a balance of \$4,941.60 in the savings account. The financial records were audited, and the records were found to be in good order.

The dues for 2025-2026 have been paid and sent to NC DKG and DKG International. With Paula Aycock, Lisa Bender, Shannon Fuller, Pattie Rodwell and Michele Stallings resigning, we have a total of 49 members (37 active, 11 reserve, 1 honorary). The 2025-2026 proposed budgets, based on 49 members, is attached to the newsletter. The budgets will be presented for approval at our September 4th 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!



DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CHILDREN'S BOOK(S)



Last Christmas we donated books that were distributed by Santa at the Warren County Santa House, Courthouse Square. More books were needed than what we collected at our December meeting.

We voted to start bringing books to each meeting in order to accumulate enough books. Not only do we need pre-school books, but we also need books for older children. The books do not need to be Christmas books, and books for any age through about fifth grade is perfect!

Please remember to bring a book or two to our September meeting. Thank you in advance.

AWARDS AT OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

by Dr. Sylvia Alston, Awards Committee Chair

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: Brenda Holloman (45 years), Dr. Sylvia Alston (40 years), Brenda Fuller (40 years), Sallye Duncan (15 years), Diane Colins (10 years), and Kathy Stewart (5 years).



Member Excellence: Dr. Sylvia Alston, Melanie Burnette, Betsy Clark, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Sara Council, Evelyn Hall, Loree Harris, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, and Nancy

Tunstall.



Perfect Attendance: Dr. Sylvia Alston, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Sara Council, Robin Edwards, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Danylu Hundley, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Nancy Tunstall, and Patricia Williamson.

Due to a technical error, our applications for the nominees for the 2025 NC DKG Golden Key Award, Evelyn Hall, and Rising Star Award, Sara Council, were not received by the NC DKG Awards Committee. Therefore, we will resubmit their names for the same awards for 2026 and make sure that their applications are received.

Congratulations to all the recipients. Please review the Member Excellence Form for the 2025-2026 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 prior to our September 2026 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! This year's free meal recipient is **Diane Colin**.



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. Due to your efforts, we have been able to award thirteen 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. Chris Skinner was our lucky winner for the 2024-2025 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!

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 4th 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 17-21. 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



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The July/August issue of *DKG News* is now available online for members. Among other articles, the July/August 2025 issue of *DKG News* contains information about Educator Book Award winner and the Honorable Mention winner, how to submit a member for the Spotlight article on the DKG website and activities to celebrate the upcoming DKG centennial. To view the publication, you must first login to the [DKG website](#) and then click [here](#).

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. Anyone not receiving her copy by email should request a copy from [Nancy Tunstall](#).

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 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](#) by the cut-off date of **Wednesday, August 27th**. 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 Dr. Sylvia Alston, Membership Committee Co-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. Once we find out if they are interested in joining, we will invite them to an orientation session where they can make a decision to join DKG if they so desire.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Sara Council, 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 2026-2028 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.

DO CHAPTERS NEED TO VOTE TO APPROVE NEW MEMBERS?

The International Membership and Expansion Committee continues to be asked this question.

Once upon a time in DKG, a vote was required to accept new members into the Society. However, this requirement was dropped several years ago and **DKG DOES NOT** require voting on new members.

While DKG has dropped the voting requirement, the DKG Constitution states under Article III Membership Section C Election, "A candidate for active or collegiate membership shall be selected by the method established by the chapter's rules."

Many chapters are changing their chapter rules to eliminate voting on members.

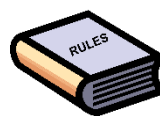
Remember, members who recommend prospective members know the people they are recommending so if someone is recommended by a member, they should be encouraged to attend the orientation and join the Society. We should all work to make the Society as welcoming as possible. Being open and receptive to those who want to join should be a priority for everyone.

(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), March 7, 2024.)



RULES COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Norma Retzlaff, Chapter Rules Committee Chair



The Rules Committee would like to propose amending **Article III Membership A. New Member** section of the *Gamma Chi Chapter Rules* based on the preceding article. As mentioned, if someone recommends a person for membership, she knows the person and we as members should respect her decision-making process.

The proposed revision to the Gamma Chi Chapter Rules can be found at the end of the newsletter on page 17. We will vote on the revision at the September meeting.

OUR CHAPTER'S AWARDS RECEIVED AT THE 2025 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**.

For accomplishments in producing a quality newsletter greatly enhancing chapter communications, Gamma Chi Chapter received the **NC DKG Newsletter Excellence Award**.

THREE GAMMA CHI MEMBERS APPOINTED TO STATE POSITIONS

Janie Webb, NC DKG president, has appointed three Gamma Chi members to serve on NC DKG committees for 2025-2027 biennium.



Sheila Robertson will serve as the NC DKG International Arts & Humanities Jury Liaison. Her duties will include educating members in the submission process for the DKG Art Gallery which includes informing members of the submission criteria and rubrics, where to locate them and to use them. She will also recognize members who have their work accepted into the DKG Art Gallery.

Nancy Tunstall will serve as chair of 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.



Debra Clayton will serve on the NC DKG Scholarship Committee. That committee updates and revises the scholarship applications, consults with the Finance Committee about the availability of funds, encourages members in graduate study fields to apply, and reviews and selects scholarship awardees.

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

NEW NC DKG BIENNIUM, NEW STATE OFFICERS



Janie Webb President Leslie Black 1st Vice President Michelle Tuck Thomas 2nd Vice President Debra Groce 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 2025, the 2025-2027 state officers were elected and installed. Their two-year term began on July 1. Serving as state president, Janie Webb was previously our first vice president. Leslie Black, formerly our treasurer, will serve as our first vice president. Dr. Michelle Tuck Thomas will serve as second vice president, replacing Brigitta MacGalliard who is unable to serve. Debra Groce is our secretary. Tonya Allison has been appointed as the new treasurer of NC DKG.



Treasurer Tonya Allison

INCREASING MEMBERSHIP MUST BE STRATEGIC

by [Tammy Cullom](#), NC DKG Membership Committee Chair

All chapter members must work on chapter membership. Your first chapter program this fall might need to be a "Membership Work Session" for your members. Conduct brainstorming in small groups then have each group share those ideas. Next, develop action steps for committees or small groups to complete. Include dates to check in on the progress toward the goals.

At each meeting, have a "potential member" time on your agenda so potential members are a focus at every meeting. If your chapter has mostly retired members, what strategies will help you reach potential members who are currently working? Do you need to invite a school or system administrator to join since she will know many potential members who are currently working?

Remember to invite non-traditional educators. Look for potential members at churches, hospitals (ex. those who teach classes for new moms), 4-H or other county agencies, historical sites, etc. To increase membership, make a strategic plan, divide the work so all are involved, then watch your chapter grow.

"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life." -Amy Poehler

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](#).

Educational Foundation grant opportunities for learning and/or literacy projects and for continuing education are now available. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded in early November.

(Just as a side note, we have had members in the past to receive these grants. 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!)

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 2025 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters. The Fall 2025 Gallery works will be available for viewing 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.



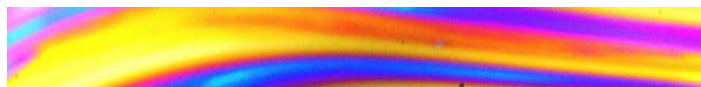
To view the Spring 2025 Gallery, click [here](#). The following statement explains its purpose: *The approved Policy Statement of the Arts & Humanities Jury has at its core the following explanation: "The online Arts & Humanities Gallery shall be maintained so that members of DKG may display their creative 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, 3D art, AI art, and digital art
- **Video** including dramatics, film making, one-act play, and dance
- **Writing** including essay, poetry, and short story
- **Music** including original composition and oratory

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, 2026. 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, 2025, 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 2026 DKG Ignite: Leaders Empowering Leaders Program goes online (*it is due*

December 1, 2025). 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.)

Announcing NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR (NLS) March 8-11, 2026 Old Town Alexandria, VA

An EXPERIENCE like NO OTHER!

Learn and practice effective advocacy skills; visit your Congress members in their offices; tour the Capital and DC Museums; build relationships with DKG women from across the country; hear speakers on current issues of high concern and much more. Plus visit historical Old Town Alexandria, VA.

ROOM RESERVATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED AT THE EMBASSY SUITES by Hilton Old Town
<https://book.gaskey.com/go/DKG2026>
Guests preferring to call in their reservation can reach us at 1-(800) 362-2779 and will need to provide your group code "DKG"

Look for Event Registration on the [DKGUSFORUM](#) web site

CREATING A GOOD MENTORING RELATIONSHIP

It is important for members to embrace the opportunity to serve as a mentor to others. By doing so, it helps DKG continue to maintain a strong, sustainable Society.

Rest assured, a mentor does not need to have all the answers. You must remember that a mentor only needs to be a supportive person who can build a relationship with a mentee by

offering her guidance, support and encouragement as the mentee learns more about the Society and/or her new DKG leadership role. Although being a mentor does take some time, planning and commitment, it doesn't have to be all business and no fun!

So, you accepted the responsibility to mentor a new inductee or a member serving in a new DKG leadership position. Your willingness shows the mentee that she matters... NOW WHAT?

The first thing you want to consider doing is to get to know one another both personally and professionally. Start creating a trusting relationship by building a good rapport with one another.

Plan a time to meet, either in-person or via ZOOM. Perhaps the first time you get together, maybe over coffee, just have a good conversation - share about family, interests and experiences, motivations and/or goals. Getting to know one another will help you as a mentor decide what kind of information will be helpful to your mentee.

It's important that the mentee voice what she wants to learn from you. She may have many questions to ask. The best thing to do is to decide on one specific topic and/or goal to work on each time you meet to narrow the focus. It will help both of you to stay on point.

During this age of COVID, many of our DKG educators have been overwhelmed with the increasing list of duties and challenges. They often become frustrated because it's hard to devote the attention or energy to their students. Serving as a positive mentor may just be the ticket for helping to make a difference to those members who seek a listening ear.



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

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT - COMMUNITIES



Do you know that there are at least 25 different interest communities that members can join in My DKG? Log in to [DKG.org](#) then click on MYDKG. From this page you can click on My Communities. "Click here to join a community" will take you to a list of communities. If you are interested in best practices using social media, there is a group for that. If you are interested in leading effective meetings, there is a group for that also. You might want to be part of increasing knowledge and awareness of global issues, join DKG Global Awareness. If you would like to create a new community, contact Membership Director Sy Franco Stern at syfranco@dkg.org.

Whatever your passion, a world of possibilities, opportunities, and resources exist within The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Communities are one of the resources members can utilize as an opportunity to let your voice be heard and pursue passions.

(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), October 30, 2023.)

MYSTERY MEMBER

by Nancy Tunstall, Editor



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member *She received the Gamma Chi Grant-in-Aid all four years while working on her undergraduate degree. While in college she became the student teacher of the year—an indication of things to come. She began her career as a reading specialist. Later she was chosen to be a certified mentor. As time proceeded, she served in many positions, always doing an outstanding job. She eventually served as principal and was chosen as Principal of the Year. She has been a faithful member of Gamma Chi for many years. Several years ago, her new job began—being a grandmother which she thoroughly enjoys! 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!

2024-2026 GAMMA CHI THEME

Good Friends! Good Work! Good Times!
Gamma Chi Forever Strong!

DKG VISION STATEMENT

Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide

NC DKG VISION (VIEW) STATEMENT

Voices of Influence Empowering
North Carolina Women Educators

Check them out often!

GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:

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

NC DKG WEBSITE:

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

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Please submit events, celebrations, recognitions and news to:

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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 1 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 2026
- 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 6)
- December 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*

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- 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
- March 8-11 National Legislative Seminar (NLS), Old Town Alexandria, Virginia
- May 1 Deadline for DKGIEF Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadline: November 1)
- May 11 DKG's Founders Day (DKG will be 97!)
- May 15 New chapter officers report due
- May 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*
- June 30 - July 4 DKG International Convention, Gaylord Rockies, Aurora, Colorado

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- July 4-8 DKG International Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

DATES TO REMEMBER—NC DKG

- September 13 NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting, Randolph Community College, Asheboro
- September 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants application due
- October 11 Tee It Up for Teachers golf tournament
- October 27 NC DKG Founders Day (NC DKG will be 91!)
- November 1 Deadline to submit to the *NC DKG News*
- December 15 Chapter directory due to regional director
- 2026**
- 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
- March 21 Spotlight on Talent, Edgecombe CC
- April 17-19 NC DKG Convention, New Bern, North Carolina (Region III host)
- May 1 Deadline to submit to the *NC DKG News*

DATES TO REMEMBER—GAMMA CHI

- September 4 **1st Gamma Chi Meeting**, Warrenton Church of God, Warrenton (Warrenton Group Hostesses)
- November 7 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- December 4 **2nd Gamma Chi Meeting**, Wise Baptist Church, Wise (Norlina Group hostesses)
- 2026**
- 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 5 **3rd Gamma Chi Meeting**, Littleton Baptist Church, Littleton (Littleton Group hostesses)
- April 17 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- May 7 Gamma Chi's Founders Day (we'll be 43!)
- May 14 **4th Gamma Chi Meeting**, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway (St. Paul's Group hostesses)
- May 14 Dues due to Debra Clayton (\$85 Active, \$45 Reserve)



GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES – MAY 15, 2025

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, hosted by the Saint Paul's Group, met at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church on May 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. As they arrived, members and guests enjoyed social interactions. Chapter members also took care of various financial and record-keeping responsibilities, including dinner, raffle tickets, scholarship memorials, and annual dues.

President Sheila Robertson welcomed the membership and special guests. A blessing for the meal was offered, and Robertson invited guests to head the line for dinner. Kim Hunt Boyd catered a delicious meal consisting of ham, pasta salad, marinated carrots, spinach salad, rolls, and beverages. Debra Clayton prepared tasty homemade desserts. The diners thanked her with a warm round of applause.

As everyone enjoyed dinner, Sheila Robertson revealed her flower "surprise." Attendees had already decorated their paper flowers and noted the small bowls of water at their tables. While sharing a favorite quote by Dolly Parton to "bloom where you are planted," President Robertson invited everyone to fold their colorful flowers, gently float them in their bowls, and note the blooming of their own flowers.

Following the meal, Robertson facilitated the presentation of certificates to recipients of Scholarship Committee awards. Chair Betsy Clark assisted the Blankenship family, Richard, and his wife Elaine, in recognizing Macie Fleming and Tiffany Frank as Nancy Blankenship Grants-in-Aid recipients. Nancy Blankenship Professional Development Grants were awarded to members Debra Clayton and Nancy Tunstall to aid their attendance at the NC DKG Convention in April. The chair also assisted Josephine Myrick as she recognized members Diane Colin and Sara Council as recipients of the Josephine Myrick Professional Development Grants to aid NC DKG Convention attendance. Betsy Clark then assisted Debra Clayton in presenting the Shirley H. White Professional Development Grant-in-Aid to Kelsi Aycock.

President Robertson called the Gamma Chi Chapter meeting to order. Recording Secretary Evelyn Hall reported that attendance constituted a quorum with 31 members and nine guests present. Minutes of the last meeting, which were printed in the May 2025 *Gamma Chi Newsletter*, were approved as printed. Treasurer Debra Clayton reported May 15 balances of \$2,530.21 in the checking account and \$10,013.27 in the savings account. The report was approved and will be filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Gail Coleman reported on cards she had sent to members since the March 6 meeting. Josephine Myrick received a Get Well card. Sympathy cards were sent to Katy Jones following the death of her husband, Alpheus "Doc" Jones, Jr., and to Michelle Stallings following the death of her mother-in-law, Barbara Kaye Lynch Stallings.

President Robertson presented a gift choice of adult coloring book or various word find, puzzles, along with colorful, sharpened pencils to members celebrating birthdays in April, May, and June. She recognized the upcoming 99th birthday of Josephine Myrick by presenting her with a red rose from the chapter. In addition, President Robertson reminded the group that members with milestones in membership were recognized at the recent NC DKG Convention and presented Diane Colin with her 10-year membership certificate. Finally, she revealed the May Mystery Member as Mary Catherine Harris.

In her President's Report, Robertson shared details from the recent NC DKG Convention. The chapter received the prestigious Order of the Rose Award, the highest award for chapter achievement. Gamma Chi also received the Newsletter Excellence Award. When she asked members who attended to share additional thoughts, the quality and variety of the breakout sessions were mentioned by attendees. The Ceremony of Remembrance was particularly special at the convention as founding member Shirley H. White was remembered at this meaningful service. Robertson also reminded officers, committee chairs, and related personnel of the upcoming Planning/Executive Board meeting to be held on July 26 at 3 p.m. at Hardware

Café in Warrenton. Attendance is very important. Members who brought Gamma Chi Member Excellence forms were directed to place them in the appropriate folder; those who did not bring them were instructed to send them to Nancy Tunstall.

President Robertson then called for committee reports.

Afghan: Chair Danylu Hundley was called away before the presentation, so Dr. Sylvia Alston conducted the drawing. Josephine Myrick, who crocheted the Afghan, drew Chris Skinner's ticket stub and awarded her the lovely creation.

Finance: Chair Nancy Tunstall made a motion to approve the recommended annual dues of \$85 for active members and \$45 for reserve members. The motion was approved.

Scholarship: Chair Betsy Clark made a motion to award a Professional Development grant to Aimee Anderson Cooper for a trauma-informed training program. The motion was approved.

President Sheila Robertson asked for reports on reserve members and sick members. It was shared that Brenda Fuller is doing well and recently attended her grandson's graduation at UNC-Wilmington.

At this time, Aimee Anderson Cooper presented a red rose to Sheila Robertson in celebration of her first year of strong leadership as chapter president.

There was no unfinished business.

There was no new business.

President Robertson thanked Debra Clayton and the St. Paul's Group for their hard work, and the membership gave them a round of applause. She adjourned the meeting by tapping the gavel once.

The St. Paul's Group conducted the raffle with numerous members taking home a nice prize.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Hall, Recording Secretary

Active Members Present: Teresa Abbott, Dr. Sylvia Alston, Crystal Brantley, Melanie Burnette, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Elaine Coleman, Gail Coleman, Jill Coleman, Diane Colin, Aimee Anderson Cooper, Sara Council, Sallye Duncan, Robin Edwards, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Brenda Holloman, Danylu Hundley, Katy Jones, Laura Kearney, Renee Mizelle, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Chris Skinner, Rachel Smith, Nancy Tunstall, and Patricia Williamson

Active Members Absent: Kirby Alston, Ginny Bernard, Diana Bobbitt, Katrinka Brewer, Brooke Callahan, Shannon Fuller, Jenny O'Meara, Pattie Rodwell, Michele Stallings, and Kathy Stewart

Reserve Member Present: Mary Austell

Honorary Member Present: Josephine Myrick

Guests Present: Kelsi Adcock, Stephania Adcock, Elaine Blankenship, Richard Blankenship, Earlene Clanton, Caroline Fleming, Macie Fleming, Tiffany Frank, and her mother

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER PLANNING/EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes July 26, 2025

The Gamma Chi Chapter Planning/Executive Board convened on July 26, 2025, at Hardware Café at 3:00 p.m. in Warrenton with President Sheila Robertson presiding. After calling the meeting to order, she followed the Meeting Agenda distributed by Nancy Tunstall.

As a reminder, each committee should meet and set biennium goals. The group discussed each committee's responsibilities and concerns.

Awards – Chair Dr. Alston stated that nominations for the Golden Key award and the Rising Star Award will be presented at the September meeting. Because of a glitch in the last submission process, the previous nominees will be resubmitted again for this award cycle. Membership Milestones, Member Excellence, and Perfect Attendance certificates and pins will be awarded at the September meeting. Members wishing to display a larger array of pins may purchase new ribbons or reinforce existing ribbons on name tags. Per drawing, Diane Colin's meal will be free at the September meeting. Member Excellence forms will be distributed through the newsletter.

Beginning Teacher Support – Chair Norma Retzlaff reported that the New Teachers Bag Project would continue. Nancy Tunstall will create a SignUpGenius for members to select what they will bring to the September meeting. Suggestions were made to select supplies available in compact packaging and to consider larger bags when reordering to facilitate easier distribution. Monetary donations for the purchase of supplies will again be accepted. There was discussion of other activities to emphasize Gamma Chi to new teachers. The discussion was tabled with no further action.

Educational Excellence (EEC) – The group addressed Gamma Chi meeting dates and programs resulting in the following schedule:

- (1) September 4, 2025 – Recognitions: Member Excellence, Milestones, Perfect attendance; Program: NC DKG Educational Foundation member Sharon Frazier (as a representative of NC DKG leadership)
- (2) December 4, 2025 – Program: Gift exchange (\$10 maximum) with Santa, Christmas music
- (3) March 5, 2026 – Program: Warren County Farmer's Market Manager Tamara Small; Voting on Scholarship/Grant recipients and new officers
- (4) May 14, 2026 – Induction of new members, installation of new officers, presentations of scholarships and grants-in-aid

Educational Law and Policy – Nancy Tunstall reported that after the NC DKG US Forum Representative and the NC DKG Educational Law and Policy chair are selected, she will share their reports with the membership via email and/or newsletter articles. She also encouraged attendance at the National Legislative Seminar (NLS), March 8-11, 2026, in Old Town Alexandria, VA.

Membership – As there is no current committee chair, Melanie Burnette was recommended for the role. Dr. Sylvia Alston volunteered to serve as co-chair. The group discussed the continuation of the recruit, reinstate, and retain emphasis, seeking out women to recommend for membership, and completing or updating member's biographical sketches for tributes. There was a discussion of reserve membership requirements, but no action was taken.

Scholarship – Chair Betsy Clark reported the need for continued emphases on members applying for local, state (NC DKG Educational Foundation grant applications deadline is September 30), and international scholarships and for members to encourage students and teacher assistants to apply or reapply for grants-in-aid.

Music/Fine Arts – In addition to a musical program during each year, Sheila Robertson encouraged members to make submissions to the DKG Fine Arts Gallery. Submission date windows are August 15 through September 15, 2025, and January 15 through February 15, 2026.

Communications and Marketing – Chair Nancy Tunstall reported that publicity efforts will continue with newspaper articles and brochure distribution. The updated picture directory and biennium yearbook are available and will be updated as needed.

Finance – Nancy Tunstall reported that work on the budget is complete based on 37 active, 11 reserve, and one honorary member.

Nominations – In the absence of Chair Sara Council, the group emphasized encouraging current officers to serve a second term and/or to train those who will replace current officers. Slate of officers should be presented at the March 2026 meeting.

Planning - The committee should meet in summer 2026 to plan the new biennium.

Chapter Rules – Chair Norma Retzlaff reported that a review is necessary before the end of the biennium. Chapter should consider changing the requirement to vote on new members since it is no longer required by the DKG *Constitution*.

Hospitality – Chair Debra Clayton reported that dinner meetings will continue with the current schedule and locations. The cost for meals may need attention and price containment measures, such as member preparation of desserts, could be employed.

Remembrance – Sending of birthday cards to all members and Christmas and Easter cards to reserve members will continue.

Gamma Chi Memorials – Upon the death of a member(s), the memorial books will count as the Warren County Memorial Library donation.

Afghan – The committee will conduct the raffle as in 2025. Danylu Hundley may address any changes.

The group approved continuation of the following Gamma Chi projects for the 2024-2026 biennium.

- a. New Teacher Bag Project: \$100 plus donations by members
- b. Scholarship of \$1,000; Grants-in-Aid of \$1,000; Professional Development Grant of up to \$500
- c. Warren County Memorial Library donation or memorial gift of \$75
- d. Littleton Library donation of \$50
- e. American Cancer Society (Relay for Life) donation of \$50
- f. World Fellowship donation of at least \$100
- g. GIRLS (at least \$100) from donations
- h. Children's books donated by members at each meeting; suggested donation to the Warren County Santa House in Warrenton
- i. Meeting Raffles to finance donations to local libraries and to DKG Educational Foundation (at least \$50)

Committee chairs should notify Debra Clayton or Nancy Tunstall of any supply needs.

Nancy Tunstall reported that the Order of the Rose due date is March 1, 2026. Successful completion should not be a problem.

Sheila Robertson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Hall, Recording Secretary

Members present: Dr. Sylvia Alston, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Evelyn Hall, Mary Catherine Harris, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Rachel Smith, and Nancy Tunstall

Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
2025-2026 Proposed Budget for Checking Account (starting 07/01/25)

Checking Account

Balance Brought Forward July 1, 2025 \$ 5,942.75

Estimated Receipts:

Dues:

International	37 @ \$40.00	Active	\$ 1,480.00
	11 @ \$20.00	Reserve	\$ 220.00
State	37 @ \$15.00	Active	\$ 555.00
	11 @ \$2.00	Reserve	\$ 22.00
Chapter	37 @ \$30.00	Active	\$ 1,110.00
	11 @ \$23.00	Reserve	\$ 253.00
Pins and Ribbons	5 @ \$27.00		\$ 135.00
World Fellowship, Emergency Fund and other International Funds			\$ 200.00
Girls Initiative to Revitalize Learning and Success (Girls' education in Africa)			\$ 100.00
NC DKG Funds			\$ 50.00
NC DKG Educational foundation			\$ 50.00
Meetings Raffles (4 @ \$50.00)			\$ 200.00

Total Estimated Receipts \$ 4,375.00

Total Available for Budgeting \$ 10,317.75

Estimated Expenses:

Dues and Fees

Dues:

International	37 @ \$40.00	Active	\$ 1,480.00
	11 @ \$20.00	Reserve	\$ 220.00
State	37 @ \$15.00	Active	\$ 555.00
	11 @ \$2.00	Reserve	\$ 22.00
NC DKG Scholarship Fees	48 @ \$0.20		\$ 9.60
Gamma Chi Scholarship Fees	48 @ \$0.80		\$ 38.40

Total Dues and Fees Disbursed \$ 2,325.00

Operating Expenses:

President's Expenses: Conventions, Workshops	\$ 800.00
Webpage Rental for One Year	\$ 36.00
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 836.00</u>

Meeting Expenses:

Induction (Dinner, Roses)	\$ 110.00
Pins and Ribbons (Recouped by inductees)	\$ 135.00
Memorial Service (Meal 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	<u>\$ 75.00</u>

Contributions:

State Funds - Headquarters - 48 @ \$3.00; Scholarship (\$25); Leadership Development Fund (\$25); NC DKG Educational Foundation (\$50) (Last three recouped by members)	\$ 244.00
International Funds - World Fellowship (\$100); Emergency Fund (\$50) Other International funds (\$50); (recouped by members)	\$ 200.00

Total Contributions \$ 444.00

Special Projects

Warren County Memorial Library (recouped by raffle)	\$ 75.00
Littleton Library (recouped by raffle)	\$ 50.00
New Teacher Bag Project	\$ 100.00
New Teacher Breakfast	\$ 50.00
Girls Initiative to Revitalize Learning and Success (Girls' education in Africa)	\$ 100.00
American Cancer Society (Relay for Life)	\$ 50.00
Recognitions (Pins for Member Excellence, Pins for Milestones, Perfect Attendance Pins, Birthday Gifts, etc.)	\$ 300.00
Advertisement in 2026 NC DKG Convention Program	\$ 150.00

Total Special Projects \$ 875.00

Total Estimated Expenses \$ 5,185.00

Estimated Balance June 30, 2026 \$ 5,132.75

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

**Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
2025-2026 Proposed Budget for Savings Account (starting 07/01/25)**

Savings Account

Balance Brought Forward August 1, 2025 \$ 4,941.60

Estimated Income:

Scholarship/Grants - Honorariums/Memorials/Afghan Raffle \$ 5,000.00

Scholarship Fee 48 @ \$0.80 \$ 38.40

Total Estimated Income \$ 5,038.40

Total Estimated Income for 2025-2026 \$ 9,980.00

Disbursements:

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

Grants-in-Aid 3 @ \$1,000.00 \$ 3,000.00

Professional Development Grants \$ 1,000.00

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

Presenters' Meals \$ 30.00

Total Disbursements \$ 5,090.00

Estimated Balance June 30, 2026 \$ 4,890.00

Use this form to keep a track of your attendance, participation, financial contributions, networking, and lifelong learning as a Gamma Chi member between September 4, 2025 and May 14, 2026. The goal is to earn 150 or more points. For those with 150+ points, submit your completed form to Dr. Sylvia Alston, Awards Committee chair, on May 14, 2026 or shortly thereafter. Recognition will consist of presentation of a certificate and pin at the September 3, 2026, 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 4, 2025; 2nd meeting on December 4, 2025; 3rd meeting on March 5, 2026; and 4th meeting on May 14, 2026. (5 pts. each meeting, 20 pts. maximum)
- ____ 2. Attend one or more days of the 2026 NC DKG Convention in New Bern on Friday-Sunday, April 17-19, 2025. (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 4, 2025. (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 4, 2025 for the New Teacher Bag project. (10 pts.)
- ____ 15. Bring a children's book(s) to a meeting. (5 pts. each meeting, 20 pts. maximum)
- ____ 16. Apply for a scholarship: Gamma Chi Scholarship (deadline: Jan. 19, 2026), NC DKG Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2026) and/or 2026 International Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2026). 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 14, 2026. Dues must be paid by June 30. (20 pts.)
- ____ 21. Contribute at least \$25 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. (10 pts. for each multiple of \$25 contributed throughout the year, no maximum)
- ____ 22. Sell at least 6 Afghan Raffle tickets with money turned in by May 14, 2026. (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 GIRLS (Girls Initiative to Revitalize Learning and Success) at the March meeting. (5 pts.)
- ____ 25. Make a contribution by February 1, 2026 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 Debra Clayton, 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, 2026. 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 Debra Clayton, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)
- ____ 27. Make a contribution to the NC DKG Leadership Development Fund by February 1, 2026. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write "NC DKG Leadership Development Fund" or make the check to NC DKG – Leadership Development Fund. Give the check to Debra Clayton, 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, 2026. 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." Give the check to Debra Clayton, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (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 the DKGIEF page (5 pts.)
- ____ 36. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the NC DKG Educational Foundation website. (5 pts.)
- ____ 37. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the US FORUM website. (5 pts.)
- ____ 38. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- ____ 39. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the NC DKG Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- ____ 40. Read the Chapter Rules found online at our website. (5 pts.)
- ____ 41. Read the Gamma Chi Chapter History 1983-2012 and/or 2012-Present found on our website. (5 pts., maximum 10 pts.)
- ____ 42. 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:

Coronet Award –Coronet 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.)

Proposed Amendments

Article III Membership A. New Member now reads:

A. New Member

1. Invitations to membership may be issued after chapter vote at any time throughout the year.
2. The Membership Committee shall have available Prospect Cards at every meeting for any chapter member who wishes to nominate a candidate for membership. Prospect Cards are also available online at our website.
3. These Prospect Cards may be completed and returned to the Membership Committee at any meeting. The Membership Committee shall then present the nominee(s) for vote by members.
4. After the presentation any member has the opportunity to speak on behalf of the nominee(s).
5. At the end of the discussion each prospective new member is elected by majority vote of the members present.
6. An invitation for orientation is delivered by the chairman of the Membership Committee or her designee to each nominee.
7. At the orientation those present should include, if possible, but not be limited to, the nominee(s), the Membership chair, the president, the treasurer and a current member assigned to each nominee, probably the nominee's sponsor. Other current members may attend. At the end of the orientation, each nominee must either accept or decline membership. If the nominee accepts membership, she must complete a Chapter Member Application Form.
8. An individual becomes a member of the Society when she pays her dues. She may begin attending meetings immediately after payment of dues.
9. The chapter will encourage the new member(s) to participate in an induction ceremony and accompanying celebratory meal.
10. A member who joins the Gamma Chi Chapter becomes a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and NC DKG.
11. A member may submit a recommendation for membership to any chapter.

The Rules Committee proposes eliminating the requirement of voting on new members. If approved, the section, **A. New Members**, would now read as follows:

A. New Member

1. The Membership Committee shall have Prospect Cards available at every meeting for any chapter member who wishes to nominate a candidate for membership. Prospect Cards are also available online at our website.
2. These Prospect Cards may be completed and returned to the Membership Committee at any meeting.
3. Upon receiving a Prospect Card(s), an invitation for orientation is delivered by the chairman of the Membership Committee or her designee to each nominee.
4. At the orientation those present should include, if possible, but not be limited to, the nominee(s), the Membership chair, the president, the treasurer and a current member assigned to each nominee, probably the nominee's sponsor. Other current members may attend. At the end of the orientation, each nominee must either accept or decline membership. If the nominee accepts membership, she must complete a Chapter Member Application Form.
5. An individual becomes a member of the Society when she pays her dues. She may begin attending meetings immediately after payment of dues.
6. The chapter will encourage the new member(s) to participate in an induction ceremony and accompanying celebratory meal to be held annually as necessary.
7. A member who joins the Gamma Chi Chapter becomes a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and NC DKG.
8. A member may submit a recommendation for membership to any chapter.

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