

Gamma Chi Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT/EDITOR

Our October meeting certainly exemplified our theme: ***“Strive for Excellence—Focus, Dedication and Discipline.”*** We had *excellent* committee reports, *excellent* fellowship and *excellent* words of inspiration from our Eta State President, Betty Marshall. All members attending the meeting got off to a good start towards achieving their goal of a **Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award**.

I would like to commend all the members who contributed to the New Teachers' Goodie Bag project. The response was overwhelming. I would encourage all members to drop by the Emmanuel Parrish House on Sunday afternoon, November 14 at 3:00 p.m. to help stuff the goodie bags. In recognition of American Education Week, distribution by members will take place on the following day. I am sure that all the new teachers will be most appreciative.

As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, we each experience a feeling of thankfulness for all our many blessings. This is a great time to give back to others. We will all have ample opportunity at our next meeting. Our December meeting is traditionally the meeting where we show support for our Scholarship Fund with honorarium and memorial gifts. This will be an *excellent* opportunity to remember the loss of our dearly beloved sisters, Nancy Blankenship, Elizabeth Daniel and Rachael Ricks, with a memorial gift. Also we have the opportunity to help women from around the world receive the training they need to improve education in their native countries through our contributions to World Fellowships. Finally, please bring a children's book(s) to support our annual Literacy Project. I am sure that many children have already enjoyed reading the books we have provided for doctors' offices and other places.

Thanks so much to the members who signed up to contact our reserve members. We will look forward to hearing reports on our reserve members.

Our program will be presented by our sister, Mary Brodie Raiford. She will give a presentation on the Cherry Hill Plantation located in the Inez area of Warren County. Not only will she speak of the historical significance of this plantation built in 1858, but she will also tell of its contribution to the cultural

life of this section of North Carolina with its fall and spring concert series and its music camp.

Please make plans to join your sisters at Norlina Methodist Church for a delightful meeting. I am sure we will have a delicious meal awaiting us. As we come together in fellowship, I feel confident that we will be encouraged to ***“Strive for Excellence”*** in all that we do.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Please review your committee goals and be prepared to update our membership.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 14, 2011 *Gamma Chi Newsletter* deadline
- Jan. 10, 2011 *Eta State News* deadline
- Feb. 1, 2011 *Gamma Chi* Nominations Form for new members due
- Feb. 1, 2011 *Gamma Chi, Eta State & Int'l Scholarship Applications* due
- Apr. 29 - *Eta State Convention*
- May 1, 2011 in Rocky Mount

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

-  **Donna Smith** on winning a \$600 Wake Electric Grant to obtain additional computer software for kindergarten students at Aycock.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Mary Brodie Raiford on the loss of her brother, Howard Jones. Please keep Mary Brodie and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

2010-12 INT'L VISION STATEMENT

*Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*

2010-12 INT'L THEME

*Embracing Our Vision●
Designing Our Future*

MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, December 2, 2010

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner Meeting

Norlina Methodist Church

Cost: \$11.00 (make checks payable to Paula Aycock)






Program Speaker:

**Mary Brodie Raiford,
Cherry Hill Historical Foundation,
Inc., Executive Director**

The Telephone Network should call members for a meal count

(Norlina Group will need to bring items for the raffle)

BRING TO THE MEETING:

-  Children's books to place in baskets at various doctors' offices
-  Money to buy raffle tickets
-  Scholarship contribution. If unable to attend, make check payable to Gamma Chi and send it to Shirley White, 1957 U.S. Hwy #1 N, Norlina, NC 27563.
-  World Fellowship contribution (\$2.00 minimum)
-  Completed biographical/profile data sheets

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service in memory of our beloved Gamma Chi sisters, Nancy Blankenship, Elizabeth Daniel and Rachael Ricks, will be held at our May meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

Members with November, December or January birthdays who attend the meeting will receive a present.



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