

Gamma Chi Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT/EDITOR/WEBMASTER

Our October meeting certainly exemplified our theme: *"Strive for Excellence—Focus, Dedication and Discipline."* We had *excellent* committee reports, *excellent* fellowship and *excellent* recognitions of our retirees, members with milestone years of service and Excellent Member award winners.

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 sister, Lorraine Porter, 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.

As we are approaching the new year, our preparations for the spring Eta State Convention are well under way. Our two focuses now are soliciting items for the registration bags and preparing our chapter basket for the silent auction to raise money for the Leadership Development Fund. Please bring any items for the registration bags to the meeting since I am requested to bring them to the next Convention Planning meeting to be held January 28. Also, if you have had a chance, please bring your item for the silent auction basket. We must have them by the March meeting in order to arrange them in the basket before the convention. Don't forget—we need a lovely basket to put the items in. Some of you may want to go in together to get a basket.

Please make plans to join your sisters at Norlina United Methodist Church for a delightful meeting. I am sure we will have a delicious meal awaiting us. We will look forward to our program presented by Ray Merritt. 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

- Dec. 31, 2011 Gamma Chi elected officers nominations form due
- Feb. 1, 2012 Gamma Chi Nominations Form for new members due
- Feb. 1, 2012 Gamma Chi, Eta State & Int'l Scholarship Applications due
- Feb. 13, 2012 *Gamma Chi Newsletter* deadline
- Feb. 15, 2012 *Eta State News* deadline
- Apr. 27-29 Eta State Convention, Embassy Suites, Cary
- July 24-28, 2012 DKG International Convention, New York, NY

CONDOLENCES TO:

Karen Paynter on the loss of her mother-in-law, Ida Paynter. Please keep Karen and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

THANKS TO:

Our members for raising \$52.00 during the raffle for our Scholarship Fund

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

New biennium 2012-2014 yearbook inserts will be distributed at the October, 2012 meeting. The deadline for updated directory information and/or new pictures will be August 31, 2012. Please get this information to Nancy Tunstall. See contact info at the bottom of the first column.

2010-12 INT'L VISION STATEMENT

*Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*

2010-12 INT'L THEME

*Embracing Our Vision●
Designing Our Future*

2011-13 ETA STATE THEME

*Embracing Our Vision●Designing Our Future
Lead Serve Impact*

MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, December 1, 2011

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner Meeting

Norlina United Methodist Church

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

Program Speaker:

**Ray Merritt,
Packing Parachutes**

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 (form is on our website).
- ☛ World Fellowship contribution (\$2 minimum, preferably \$3)
- ☛ Item for the Gamma Chi basket for the silent auction at the Eta State Convention
- ☛ Solicited items for the registration bags at the Eta State Convention or a 12 oz. bag of Hershey's Miniatures candies
- ☛ Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service in memory of our beloved Gamma Chi sister, Lorraine Porter, will be held at our May meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

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



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