Gamma Chi Newsletter

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



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FROM THE PRESIDENT/EDITOR/WEBMASTER



Pat Taylor (left) and Nancy Tunstall enjoying the members' delight after the flash mob

Our October meeting certainly got the biennium off to a great start. The meeting featured our Eta State President Linda Little, many recognitions, great committee reports, good fellowship and fun—thanks to the flash mob presentation, presented by Pat Taylor, our Eta State first vice president, and several of our members and guests.

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 with honorarium This will be an remember the loss sisters, Ethel



our Scholarship Fund and memorial gifts. excellent opportunity to of our dearly beloved Draper and Betsy

Little, 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.

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. I am looking forward to presenting Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture reorientation slide show. It has been very well received at the various chapters where I have already presented it and I feel that you will be even more proud to be a DKG member after you have viewed it. As we come together in fellowship, I feel sure that you will join me in "sharing our vision and strengthening our society."

nancy a. Tunstall

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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, December 6, 2012 6:00 p.m. Social Hour 6:30 p.m. Dinner Meeting Norlina United Methodist Church Cost: \$12.00 (make check payable to Paula Aycock) Cut-Off Date: Sunday, Dec. 2nd

Program Speaker:

Nancy Tunstall, Region III Director Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture

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 (proceeds aid local libraries)
- 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 at the end of the newsletter and on our website).
- World Fellowship contribution (\$3 recommended)
- Box Tops and Labels for Education (to aid elementary schools)
- THAT Gamma Chi Yearly Volunteer Hours and Monetary Support for Early-Career Teachers form (found at the end of the newsletter and on our website)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 1, 2013	Recommendation to Membership form due
	to Membership Chair Patricia Williamson
Feb. 1, 2013	Scholarship and Grant application form due
	to Scholarship Chair Mary Ann Johnson
Feb. 1, 2013	DKG and Eta State Scholarship applications
	due (application forms found online)
Feb. 12, 2013	Gamma Chi Newsletter deadline
Feb. 15, 2013	Eta State News deadline
Mar. 7, 2013	3 rd Gamma Chi Meeting, Robinson Ferry
	Restaurant & Spirits, Warrenton
Apr. 26-28, 2013	Eta State Convention, Hilton Charlotte
•	University Place Hotel, Charlotte
June 20-23, 2013	Eta State Leadership Development Seminar,
	William Peace University, Raleigh
July 10-13, 2013	Southeast Regional Conference, Gaylord
•	Palms Resort, Kissimmee, Florida

PICTURES FROM OUR LAST MEETING



Years of Service Award: (from left to right) (seated: Lou Ann Bender(20), Elaine Coleman (25), Dr. Janis Meek (30), Harriet Banzet (35), and Melba Johnston (40); (standing) Patricia Williamson (5), Debra Clayton (5), Mary Brodie Raiford (10), Jeffrey Evans (15), Ginny Bernard (10) and Diane Reavis (15)



Excellence Award: (from left to right) (seated) Elaine Coleman, Harriet Banzet, Dr. Sylvia Alston; (standing) Nancy Tunstall, Connie King and Shirley White

For more pictures from the meeting, please visit our website at: http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/pictures2012.html

PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

A proposed new Professional Development Grant will be discussed at the upcoming meeting. The grant, if approved, will help to fulfill two of DKG Purposes and help with the second International project. The grant would be valued at up to \$250 and would be a one-time grant for a member or a prospective member.

The purposes it would help to fulfill are: "To advance the professional interest and position of women in education" and "To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action." It could also help us work towards the 2nd International Project, Support for Early-career Educators (S.E.E.) by supporting a beginning teacher to attend the Beginning Teacher Strand of the Eta State Leadership Seminar next summer.

By having this grant in place, we will be ready to assist members or prospective members as the occasion arises and as long as we are financially able. A member's application would need to be approved by both the Scholarship and the Finance Committees before being recommended to the membership for a vote at a regular business meeting. A copy of the proposed Professional Development grant application is at the end of this newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Now is the time to be thinking of nominating new members. We continue to lose members due to death and resignation. Do not limit yourself to just classroom teachers. Think of administrators, instructional assistants and/or college level educators. Feel free to bring a prospective member to a regular meeting. Guests are always welcome. Although the Recommendation for Membership (Form 11) is not due until February 1, it may be turned in at any time to Membership Chair Patricia Williamson. An interactive form may be found online and for your convenience, it is included at the end of this newsletter.

IT'S OFFICIAL—JAPAN JOINS THE SOCIETY

On October 14 Japan became the 80th state organization and the 18th country to become a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Sponsored by Hawaii, the expansion into Japan had been in the works for several years. Sixty educators were initiated into the Society in Kochi, Japan, on the island of Shikoku, the first Asian nation in the organization.





Initiation ceremonies were conducted by International President Dr. Beverly Helms. Dr. Fusa Nakagawa, Japan state organization president, installed Alpha Chapter and its officers. Dr. Helms said, "This expansion of our Society into Japan will help to solidify the bonds of women educators worldwide. We can create many opportunities for collaborative problemsolving, cultural sharing and the development of friendships across borders. As leading women educators, impacting education worldwide, DKG is honored to accept Japan into our organization."

NEW TEACHER BAG PROJECT

On November 11 Jeffrey Evans, Mary Brodie Raiford, Betty Anne Shearin and Nancy Tunstall from the Beginning Teacher Support Committee met at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish House in Warrenton to assemble forty goodie bags for all the new teachers in Warren County. The bags were filled with items that members brought to the first meeting in October. Items included dry erase markers, sticky pads, red and black ink pens, invisible tape, glue sticks, paper clips, rubber bands, pencils,



mechanical pencils, highlighters, erasers, stars, congratulations coupons, popcorn and a variety of candy. Also included was a Gamma Chi brochure and bookmark and a Gamma Chi business card from the president with a handwritten note on the back saying, "Hope your school year has gotten off to a good start." The bags were distributed during American Education Week, November 11-17.

ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORY::

Edwina Rooker, 252-649-1444 (h), Retired Media Specialist, erooker@suddenlink.net, 2701 Amhurst Blvd., Apt. 10A, New Bern, NC 28562; Birthday: September 9

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Rebecca Bolton on being selected as the 2012-13 Teacher of the Year at Aycock Elementary School where she teaches third grade.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Trina Paynter on the loss of her sister, Elizabeth Yates and *Nancy Tunstall* on the loss of her mother-in-law, Cora Tunstall. Please keep Trina, Nancy and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

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



REGRETS

Remember to send a letter or e-mail of regret to our corresponding secretary, Sallye Duncan (spduncan@embarqmail .com), if you are unable to attend a chapter meeting. If at all possible, please send the letter before the meeting or within one week after the meeting.

MEAL PAYMENT



Meal costs are to be paid at each meeting upon arrival. Members who are unable to attend after making a commitment to come must inform Telephone Committee Chair Kristen Boyd, at 915-9579 (c) or 257-5767 (h) or krboyd@vcs.k12.nc.us, or Hospitality Chair Paula Aycock, at 213-

1760 (c) or 456-3766 (h) or paycock1020@yahoo.com, by the cut-off date of Sunday, December 2. 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 (they could get you a carryout meal if so desired). *The money is needed the night of the meeting so the caterer can be paid in full.* Thank you in advance.

GAMMA CHI WEBSITE LINK

www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi

DKG VISION STATEMENT

Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide

2012-14 GAMMA CHI THEME

Sharing Our Vision • Strengthening Our Society *Focus, Dedication and Discipline*

2011-13 ETA STATE THEME

Sharing Our Vision ● Strengthening Our Society

LEAD SERVE IMPACT

2012-14 INTERNATIONAL THEME

Sharing Our Vision, Strengthening Our Society

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – OCTOBER 4, 2012

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at the Fellowship Hall of Enterprise Baptist Church in Littleton, North Carolina. Lynn Meyers gave the blessing and we enjoyed a meal prepared by Robert Harris.

After dinner, Nancy Tunstall, President called the meeting to order. Thirty-six members were present along with four guests. Our group read the Collect and sang the Delta Kappa Gamma song. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Betsy Little. Her memorial service will be held in May.

The minutes were approved as written. Treasurer, Shirley White, reported a savings balance of \$2,616.70 and a checkbook balance of \$118.69.

Corresponding secretary, Sallye Duncan, reported the following regrets: Kay Beaver—annual beach trip; Renee Mizelle—son's football game, she personally welcomed everyone to Enterprise Baptist Church; Trina Paynter—Librarian's Conference in Winston-Salem; and Pat Reithemeier. Mary Daniel, daughter of Elizabeth Daniel, wrote a thank-you note for the International Convention Celebration of Life booklet containing her mother's name listed among the deceased members that Nancy Tunstall sent her. She also stated how glad she was that her mother could be a part of such a caring group of people. Josephine Myrick, Sylvia Alston's mother, sent a thank-you note for inviting her to the past dinner. She really enjoys making the afghan for us to raffle. Morgan Leigh Coleman sent a thank you note for the grant-in-aid last spring. She has begun lateral entry and thinks education is truly where she belongs.

A number of our members were recognized for various accomplishments. Mary Ann Johnson recently retired and was presented with a rose. We also honored the following members with a certificate for their years of membership: Melba Johnston, 40 years; Sue Skinner and Harriett Banzet, 35 years; Janis Meek, 30 years; Elaine Coleman, 25 years; Lou Ann Bender, 20 years; Jeffrey Evans and Diane Reavis, 15 years; Ginny Bernard and Mary Brodie Raiford, 10 years; and Debra Clayton, Renee Mizelle and Patricia Williamson, 5 years. Janis Meek, Awards Committee Chair, recognized our six Gamma Chi Member Excellence award recipients with a certificate and a rose pin. They include Sylvia Alston, Harriet Banzet, Elaine Coleman, Connie King, Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White. A special rose award pin was given to Melba Johnston, our first historian, and Mary Catherine Harris, our current historian, who completed our history. This can be found on our website. Our August, September and October birthdays were recognized as well as our National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT), Melanie Burnette, Betty Anne Shearin, Angela Vaughan, Sharon West and Patricia Williamson. Dr. Sylvia Alston, Dr. Janis Meek and Dr. Louise Mitchum were recognized for having their doctoral degrees.

Connie King was congratulated for her upcoming recognition at the Women of Warren event on October 13th. Pat Riethmeier has a new grandson, Ethan Charles Riethmeier and Laura Kearney and Lou Ann Bender's children recently got married.

Jeffrey Evans reported on our Executive Board meeting which was held September 4, 2012. Nancy Tunstall gave the President's Report. She recognized Mary Catherine Harris, Rules Chair, to present the changes to the Chapter Rules and that committee made a motion that we adopt the changes. The motion carried. At the August 11th planning committee meeting, we agreed on the following five goals of our Strategic Action Plan: (1) to encourage our members to actively attend meetings; (2) to honor our members; (3) to increase membership; (4) to encourage members to assume leadership roles and (5) to preserve the rich history of the Gamma Chi Chapter. The Executive Committee made a motion that our chapter adopt this plan. The motion carried. Nancy represented Gamma Chi at the Eta State Executive Board meeting at Elon University on September 22nd and as Region III Director, she visited Gamma Tau Chapter in Franklin County, Alpha Beta Chapter in Johnson County and Beta Chapter in Wake County. She will visit Xi Chapter on November 13th. Our chapter was recognized in the Eta State News for receiving the Excellent Level Chapter Achievement Award and for having Nancy Tunstall, our Golden Key Award winner for Region III. We were also listed among the Newsletter and Website Excellence Award winners. Lynn Meyers (Vaughan) and Patricia Williamson (Northside) were highlighted as Teachers of the Year. It was mentioned that Rebecca Bolton is Teacher of Year at Aycock Elementary School. Nancy has posted the Chapter Achievement Form on our website for members to peruse to see how they can help the chapter to do well. Finally, Nancy mentioned that we have our new committee structure in place and praised the chairs' enthusiasm and attitude. In celebration, a flash mob composed of several of our members and headed by Pat Taylor danced to Patti LaBelle's New Attitude. Nancy thanked Pat Taylor for her giving our chapter an encore performance of the flash mob presentation that was held at the Executive Board meeting in Elon. Mementos were given to Pat.

Committee Reports

Awards: Every two years Eta State gives the Founders Award to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the improvement of the quality of human life through education, research, publications or service. Shirley White, representing the Awards Committee, made a motion that Dr. Janis Meek be our nominee for this award. The motion carried. Janis Meek, chair of Award Committee, made a motion that we nominate Shirley White for the Golden Key award. The motion carried. Janis encouraged us to look over the Gamma Chi Member Excellence form and start working towards obtaining the 150 points necessary to qualify for this award to be given at our 2013 October meeting.

Beginning Teacher Support: Mary Austell reported 41 new teachers in the county this year. We will prepare our new teachers' bags on November 11th. She also explained S.E.E. (Support Early-Career Educators) and THAT (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) forms. Nominations should be considered for a beginning teacher (4 years or less) who is a member or prospective member of our society to attend the Beginning Teachers Strand of the Leadership Seminar June 2013. Sylvia Alston recommended a beginning teacher for this nomination. Nominations are due by October 20th.

Educational Excellence: Mary Brodie explained that this committee is an umbrella committee and will be in charge of projects and new projects will originate from this committee. It takes the place of the old Program Committee. In particular it will oversee the two International projects: Schools for Africa and Support for Early-career Educators (S.E.E.).

Educational Law and Policy: Maggie Shupe gave us a copy of a newsletter sent from the Eta State Legislative and US Forum Representative, Lynn Ragsdale, which highlighted Federal Issues of concern to DKG. Among them are Medicare and Identity Theft, Deciding How to Vote and Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act.

Membership: Patricia Williamson suggested we write our own biological sketches so we will have accurate and up-to-date information in the unfortunate event of a member's death. She also urged members to be considering candidates for membership. Mildred Johnson requested reserve status and the committee made a motion that we honor her request. The motion carried. Nancy sent letters to former members asking them to consider reinstatement. She reported that Edwina Rooker, Gamma Chi's second president, has requested reinstatement.

Scholarship: Mary Ann Johnson reiterated the recommendation of the Executive Board to give available money to a NBCT Grant for certification or recertification. This committee made a motion that we begin offering a NBCT Grant for our members. They may apply at any time, but must apply at least one month prior to a meeting in order to be considered at that meeting. The motion carried. Mary Ann reminded us this application is on our website. The Gamma

Chi Scholarship and Grant-in-Aid forms have been updated and are also online. Deadline is February 1st. We will vote on recipients in March and they will receive their scholarship and/or grant-in-aid at our May meeting. Members should apply for the Eta State and International scholarships which are also due February 1st. You do not have to be a doctoral student to apply for the International scholarship. This form can be found on the DKG website and the State form can be found on the Eta State website. Remember the December meeting is the time for honorariums and memorials for our scholarship fund.

World Fellowship: Loree Harris explained that The World Fellowships Program began in 1946 as a project to aid women in war-torn countries. To date, more than 555 women from over 100 countries have received fellowships to help them pursue advanced study in the U.S. and Canada. She encouraged us to bring \$3.00 to our December meeting to help our chapter meet their goal of \$100.00 for World Fellowships.

Music: No report.

Communications and Publicity: In the absence of Trina Paynter, Nancy Tunstall reported that because of the expense of printing, this committee made a motion that future editions of the Gamma Chi Yearbook be placed online with the exception of the directory of members' names and personal information. The directory will be updated and published each year and hard copies of the yearbook will still be available to new members and those without access to the Internet. The motion carried. Articles for the next newsletter are due to the editor by November 12th. Nancy added that our website has received official recertification.

Finance: As recommended by the Executive Board, the Finance Committee made a motion that we adopt the proposed budgets and recommended dues. The motion carried.

Nominations: Connie King reminded us to be thinking about nominations of officers for the next biennium. Recommendation forms for president, first and second vice-presidents, recording and corresponding secretaries are on our website. Also, consider attending the Eta State Leadership Seminar next June at William Peace University.

Planning: Nancy Tunstall thanked all the Planning Committee members for working so hard to get this biennium off to a good start. This committee is composed of our officers, related personnel and committee chairs.

Hospitality: Paula Aycock thanked the Littleton group for hosting tonight's meeting and reminded us that our December meeting will be held at Norlina United Methodist Church.

Telephone Network: No report

Remembrance: Shirley White reported that birthday cards are being sent by Jill Coleman, Brenda Holloman, Danylu Hundley and Ann Kilian. Shirley presented Nancy with a red rose in honor of her birthday on September 28th.

Gamma Chi Memorials: Elaine Coleman reported the committee will be working on placing a book in the Warren County Memorial Library in memory of Betsy Little.

Afghan: Will have a report at the December meeting.

Spelling Bee Committee: No report.

Connie King read a note from Edith Allen, reserve member. No new or unfinished business was presented.

Mary Brodie Raiford introduced our speaker, Eta State President Linda Little. Nancy Tunstall thanked Linda for her inspirational words and presented her with a rose, a stained glass DKG logo rose and a Gamma Chi bag.

Laura Kearney conducted our raffle. Nancy Tunstall thanked the Littleton group for their efforts. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Jeffrey Evans, Recording Secretary





Recommendation for Membership

Instructions:

Please complete and return this form. For information about qualifications for membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, refer to sections on membership in the *Constitution* and the *International Standing Rules*.

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	Name:		
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	City:	State:	Zip Code:
	Country:		
	Phone Number:	Fax Number: _	
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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International THAT Program (Teachers Helping Another Teacher)

Gamma Chi Yearly Volunteer Hours and Monetary Support for Early-Career Teachers Form

Directions: Please turn this form in to the Educational Excellence Committee Chair at each December meeting. Totals will be kept so that amounts may be reported at the end of the biennium. Be sure to include time and money spent on the New Teachers Bags Project. Thanks!

Bags Project. Thanks!					
Name				Retired: Yes	No
Date (month/year)	Hours	Teacher's Nam / and District	e / School	How you helped	
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Scholarship & Grant-in-Aid Contribution Form

In Memory of:		
In Honor of:		
Please send acknowledge	ment to:	
 Name		
Address Lovingly given by:	City, State, Zip	
Name		
Address	City, State, Zip	

Please make check payable to **Gamma Chi Chapter** and give or mail to:

Shirley White, Treasurer 1957 US Hwy 1 North Norlina, NC 27563

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION FORM

INFORMATION:

- 1. An award of up to \$250 will be given.
- 2. Applicant must be a member or prospective member of the Gamma Chi Chapter.
- 3. There is no application deadline, but to be considered at a meeting, the application must be received one month prior to the meeting date and sufficient funds must be available.

or

- 4. This is a one-time grant opportunity.
- 5. Application should be turned in or mailed to:

Mary Ann Johnson, Scholarship Chair 1454 Barker Rd.

Ebony, VA 23845

Nancy Tunstall, President 664 Cole Farm Rd. Warrenton, NC 27589

APPLICATION:

1.	Personal Data: Name of Applicant _			
	Address		 	
	Telephone	 e-mail		

2. What is your professional background? (use a separate sheet if necessary)?

3. What is your area of intended study?

4.	What is the cost involved in this area of study?
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5.	What are the potential <i>benefits</i> of this area of study to you professionally?
6.	List two references (one reference must be a member of the Gamma Chi Chapter):
	Name
	Address
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Sig	gnature of Applicant:
	Date

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

INFORMATION:

- 1. A \$500 award will be given.
- 2, Applicant must be a member of the Gamma Chi Chapter pursuing a graduate degree in the field of education.
- 3. Application deadline is Friday, February 1, 2013, 3:30 p.m.
- 4. This scholarship is renewable each year that the recipient is actively pursuing a graduate degree in education, but recipient must re-apply.
- 5. Application should be turned in or mailed to:

Mary Ann Johnson 1454 Barker Rd.. Ebony, VA 23845

- 6. To receive the award, the recipient *must provide* her letter of acceptance, her student ID# and address of institution she is attending no later than **April 25, 2013**.
- 7. A recipient is expected to attend the Gamma Chi meeting on May 2, 2013 to receive her award.

APPLICATION:

. Personal Data: Name of Applicant		
Address		
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3. Why are you applying for this scholarship?

4.	List activities (school & non-school):
5.	List honors (school & non-school):
6.	List two references (one reference must be an educator):
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