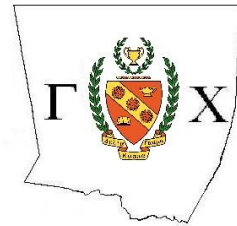


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Region III, Warren County



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FROM THE PRESIDENT/EDITOR/WEBMASTER

Our December meeting certainly exemplified our theme: *“Strive for Excellence—Focus, Dedication and Discipline.”* We had *excellent* committee reports, *excellent* fellowship, *excellent* member contributions to the Scholarship Fund and World Fellowships, *excellent* donations to the silent auction basket and registration bags, *excellent* response to the Literacy project by bringing children’s books and an *excellent* speaker, Ray Merritt. All members attending the meeting are continuing to work towards achieving their goal of a **Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award**.

I would like to commend all the members who contributed to the Scholarship Fund and World Fellowships. For the second year in a row Gamma Chi’s contributions to World Fellowships *exceeded* our budgeted goal of \$100.00. I am so proud of all the members who contributed.

Our March meeting is fast approaching and we have so much to anticipate. This important meeting will see the election of outstanding women educators as new members who we will welcome in May. The election of our officers will start us in preparing for the new biennium. Our program will be presented by our Eta State First Vice-President, Pat Taylor. She is a delightful person who will give us an inspiring presentation on the International project *Schools for Africa*. She will also update us on our spring convention and other Eta State and International events.

We will also discuss our upcoming role in the spring convention. Based on the outstanding response to the request for items for our *Treasures from Warren County* silent auction basket, our 2012 Eta State Convention Planning Committee has decided to have a second basket called *A Taste of Warren County* and put the cookbooks and food items in that basket. If you have not done so, please bring an item for one or both of the baskets.

Please make plans to join your sisters at the Hardware Café 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

- Apr. 11 *Gamma Chi Newsletter* deadline
- Apr. 27-29 Eta State Convention, Embassy Suites, Cary
- May 3 Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award form due
- May 14 Registration for Summer Training for New Chapter Officers
- May 15 *Eta State News* deadline
- July 24-28, DKG International Convention, Sheraton Hotel & Towers, NY, NY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jeffrey Evans on her new grandson, Graham McConnell Stuckey

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Gamma Chi Members for contributing \$755.00 during the month of December to the Scholarship Fund, \$58.00 to the raffle for the Scholarship Fund and \$115.00 to World Fellowships. The World Fellowships contribution was given in honor of our president, Nancy Tunstall, for her dedication to the Gamma Chi Chapter.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

New biennium 2012-14 yearbook inserts will be distributed at the Oct. 2012 meeting. The deadline for updated directory information and/or pictures will be Aug. 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

Monday, March 5, 2012
Hardware Café

6:30 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Dinner Meeting

(Menu: Cranberry Chicken, Potato, Salad, and Tea; if anyone needs something different because of dietary concerns, please notify Jeffrey Evans)
Cost: \$13.00 (includes tax and gratuity; make checks payable to Hardware Café or please try to have the correct change)

Program Speaker: **Pat Taylor, Eta State First Vice-President**

The Telephone Network should call members for a meal count

BRING TO THE MEETING:

- Contribution for International project, *Schools for Africa*
- You may turn in your money and stubs from the afghan raffle tickets you have sold. Also, please feel free to take more tickets to sell.
- Item for silent auction basket (if you have not already done so)
- Contribution to help our Spelling Bee Team compete successfully
- Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education

ABOUT THE MEETING

- There will be no raffle because of space limitations. The Warrenton and St. Paul’s groups will be responsible for the raffle at the May meeting.
- Come prepared to vote for new member(s) and officers.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

Members with February, March or April birthdays who attend the meeting will receive a present.



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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Eta State Convention Report by President Nancy Tunstall



Our convention theme is “*Cherish the Past, Celebrate the Present, Commit to the Future.*” This theme complements Eta State’s theme of “Embracing Our Vision • Designing Our Future—Lead Serve Impact.” As your president, I have attended four of the five planning sessions with Connie King attending the one that I was unable to attend. It has been a very rewarding experience to see what goes into producing a quality convention. The twelve chapters in our region have worked very diligently to accomplish this task. I want to bring you up-to-date on some of the details.

We are privileged to have Dr. Beverly Helms, International Second Vice President, as our International guest speaker. She resides in Florida and has received many accolades throughout her career, not the least of which is her nomination for International President for the 2012-2014 biennium. I look forward to seeing her again this summer at the International Convention in New York City from July 24-29.

On Friday, April 27, there will be a pre-convention workshop from 10:00-1:00 entitled “Designing Women in Leadership” which will begin at the Department of Public Instruction with the State Superintendent Dr. June Atkinson along with other successful women in leadership roles from various fields. The event will end at the Governor’s Mansion for a reception and will include lunch. Registration for this event and further information will be in the Spring *Eta State News* and also online. There will also be some tours available for Friday afternoon. Friday night’s Opening Session from 7:30-9:00 includes recognitions of chapters, individuals, a speaker and entertainment. There will be door prizes.

Saturday begins with an extensive breakfast buffet including omelets to order (for those staying at the hotel). The opening Session from 8:00-11:00 includes business, entertainment and a speaker. In the afternoon you will be able to choose from a wide variety of workshops or some very interesting tours including the Orchid Trail in Morrisville, a guided tour of the NC State Arboretum, an independent tour of the History Museum, afternoon high tea at The Umstead and other tours. The day concludes with the Presidents’ Banquet at 6:30. I will proudly march in carrying the Gamma Chi flag. I hope you will be there to see our flag. Be on the lookout for really nice table favors!

Sunday morning begins with the Ceremony of Remembrance at the nearby North Cary Baptist Church. At the service our own Lorraine Porter will be remembered along with other departed Eta State sisters. We will return to the hotel for the Sunday Brunch to wrap up the convention. Again be on the lookout for nice table gifts. Also, there will be door prizes.

We have many responsibilities for this convention. We are in charge of the Silent Auction Baskets to raise money for the Eta State Leadership Fund. This fund enabled two of our members, Debra Clayton and Maggie Shupe, to attend the Leadership Seminar last summer at a greatly reduced price. I have prepared a sign for the tables and posters to place in various locations to remind people of the auction. I will also have a bid sheet and a contents card for each basket. We will be responsible for locking up the baskets on Friday night and displaying them again on Saturday.

A very important part of our duties is to provide hostesses. Each of the twelve chapters in Region III is asked to provide eight members to serve as hostesses. Our Region III Director Connie Woody will develop a list of jobs/responsibilities/time slots. More details will be forthcoming. Attending the convention and helping out by being a hostess will be a great opportunity for all of our members, especially our newer members, to get the big picture of who we are and what we do to make a difference. Please fill out the Convention Registration Form. You can find it in the Winter *Eta State News*, online at www.deltakappagamma.org/NC or I will have some copies available at the upcoming meeting. Please let me know if you are going. We already have three members who have registered. I would like to see many more register and attend. We can carpool and bunk together to save on the expenses or you can go just on Saturday.

Another way that we can help is by purchasing an advertisement to be placed in the program book. These ads enable us to have a lovely, comprehensive and professionally printed program book. Ad prices are \$25 for 1/8 page, \$45 for 1/4 page, \$80 for 1/2 page and \$150 for a full page. Not only chapters but members and non-members can advertise their business, talent or share information. Last year our ad honored Shirley White for 40 years of active service to DKG. We will decide whether to buy an ad and who to honor at our March 5 meeting. If you are interested in buying an ad or know some business who might like to buy an ad, you can send the ad electronically to Joni Amerson at jwamerson@earthlink.net with the check made out to Eta State Convention and sent to Joni at 7921 Pine Timber Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613. You can also mail the ad with a check, if you prefer. I would be glad to help you prepare a jpeg file for your ad if you want to send it electronically. March 15 is the deadline.

All the Region III chapters will be responsible for bringing food items for the Hospitality Room. Please let me know if you would be willing to bake or buy something for our chapter to bring. I know that we have some talented musicians in our chapter and I would encourage you to volunteer to sing and play at the convention. You can contact Elizabeth Beam at elizabethbeam@me.com or there is a place on the registration form for you to put your name if you wish to participate in the Convention Chorus or. One of our members, Shirley White, was in the Convention Chorus last year.

I wish I hadn’t waited so long to go to my first convention. Come on and go with me to Cary and I promise you will have an outstanding experience and make new friends from across the state. You will return refreshed and with a great sense of pride in being a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and especially Gamma Chi Chapter.