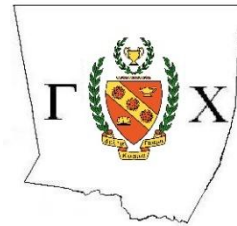


Gamma Chi Newsletter

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



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FROM  THE
PRESIDENT/EDITOR/WEBMASTER

I hope that you have gotten off to a good start in 2013. If we take advantage of them, I think 2013 will offer us some outstanding opportunities to grow personally and professionally. First on our list of opportunities will be the Eta State Convention on April 26-28 in Charlotte. We had five members to attend last year and I think each one of them will tell you what a great time they had—and we had to work at that convention since we were hostesses. This year will be a little more relaxing. Next up will be the Leadership Development Seminar on June 10-13 in Raleigh. With three strands, Leadership, Technology and Beginning Teachers, there will be something for everyone. Finally, we have the Southeast Regional Convention in Florida on July 10-13. More will be said about these events later in the newsletter, but I certainly hope that you will avail yourselves of these opportunities.

I would like to commend all the members who contributed to the Scholarship Fund and World Fellowships. For the third 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. Our program will be presented by our own Betty Ann Shearin. She will share with us her experience as a teacher in Africa. We will also be taking up a contribution for *Schools for Africa*, our International project.

Please make plans to join your sisters at the Robinson Ferry Restaurant & Spirits, a new venue, for delightful fellowship. We will have room enough to conduct our meeting raffle. The proceeds will be used by our spelling bee team to purchase misspelled words. 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 "*Strengthen our Society*" in all that we do.

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GAMMA CHI WEBSITE LINK
www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, March 7, 2013

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner Meeting

Robinson Ferry Restaurant & Spirits

Please be prepared to let your telephone network contact know your choice of **Catfish**, **Smothered Pork Chop** or **Chicken Cordon Bleu**. Cost: \$14.75 (includes tax and gratuity; make checks payable to Robinson Ferry or please try to have the correct change). Use the Odom entrance—two steps up to get to the banquet room.

Cut-Off Date: Thursday, February 28

Program Speaker:

Betty Anne Shearin

African Teaching Experience

The Telephone Network should call members for a meal count.

(The Warrenton Group will need to bring items for the raffle.

Proceeds will be used to supply the Warren Education Fund Spelling Bee Team with funds to purchase misspelled words.)

BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ Money to buy raffle tickets (proceeds aid our Spelling Bee Team to compete successfully)
- ☞ 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.
- ☞ Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education
- ☞ THAT Gamma Chi Yearly Volunteer Hours and Monetary support for Early-Career Teachers form (if you haven't already turned it in). Form may be found at the end.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| April 5 | Deadline for reduced Convention Registration fee |
| April 9 | <i>Gamma Chi Newsletter</i> deadline |
| April 26-28 | Eta State Convention, Hilton Charlotte University Place Hotel, Charlotte |
| May 2 | 4 th Gamma Chi Meeting, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway |
| May 2 | Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award form due |
| May 15 | <i>Eta State News</i> deadline |
| June 20-23 | Eta State Leadership Development Seminar, William Peace University, Raleigh |
| July 10-13 | Southeast Regional Conference, Gaylord Palms Resort, Kissimmee, Florida |

MY AFRICAN EXPERIENCE

by Betty Anne Shearin

Africa is a continent of diversity. Its beauty is unmatched. Its natural resources are the richest in the world. Its numerous people groups have rich heritages. Yet these resources and peoples are being exploited. The countryside is ravaged by war, disease, and stark poverty. The greatest treasures on the continent are the children of Africa. Slowly being realized is that nurturing and educating these children, bringing them to a competitive level to the rest of the world, is the hope of Africa. Being blessed with the opportunity to live and teach in Nigeria, West Africa for two years, I look forward to sharing with you about life and schools there as well as how DKG is making a difference to the children of this marvelous continent.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR LAST MEETING



At the last meeting members generously gave \$715.00 to the Scholarship Fund, \$105.00 for World Fellowships and \$60 was raised by the meeting raffle that will be used to assist the local libraries. Prior to the meeting, \$1,045.00 had been given to the Scholarship Fund with \$1,000.00 of it given by the Blankenship family in memory of their mother, Nancy, on what would have been her 90th birthday on November 25. Also \$10.00 had been given to World Fellowships prior to the meeting. We had a total of 50 children's books donated at the meeting. These books will be placed in local doctors' offices. Many thanks to all members who contributed to these worthy causes.

COST WILL BE LOWER FOR THE ETA STATE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR



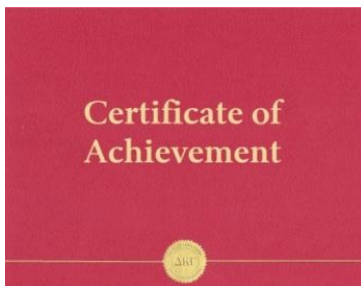
**Delta Kappa Gamma
Educational Foundation**
Promoting intercultural understanding and excellence in education.

Eta State received a Cornet Award for \$4,800.00 to support the Leadership Development Seminar to be held from June 20-23 at William Peace University next summer. Sharon Frazier, Eta State Leadership Development Committee Chair, stated that, "Our committee owes an enormous amount of gratitude to Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, Dr. Mary Cauley, and Linda Little for all the hard work that went into the writing of this grant.

Because of their efforts, the cost for a room for three nights, eight meals and daily snacks plus having the personal growth retreat in the evenings is down to \$175 for each participant.

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD UPDATE

Our chapter has done an outstanding job in meeting the goals listed on the Chapter Achievement Award form. Our form has been turned in and we have achieved a total of 510 points which qualifies us for the Superior Achievement Level! Please consider attending the Eta State Convention to support our chapter as we receive this prestigious award.



IT'S OFFICIAL—GAMMA CHI

WEBSITE IS RECERTIFIED FOR THE BIENNIUM



Having applied for recertification back in August and receiving certification, it appeared that we were set for the biennium. Unfortunately, that was not the case. The new DKG International

Communications and Publicity Committee had not yet gotten in place and that committee developed some new and more stringent standards than had previously been used in order to achieve recertification. Once this was discovered, a new recertification application was sent in early November to the new chair, Diane Moose. She promptly replied that she was sending our application to the southeast regional member of the DKG International Communications and Publicity Committee, Peg Dunn-Snow of Florida for review. Our chapter did not hear back from Dr. Dunn-Snow until early January due to her having misspelled our contact's e-mail address and her reply was lost in cyberspace. Once that was cleared up, our webmaster tweaked the website to meet the new standards for recertification. One of the changes involved deleting our lovely rose logo watermark from the website due to Standard 8 requiring a pale or white background only. In the final review before receiving recertification for the biennium, Chair Diane Moose stated, "I think this is one of the most well done websites I have looked at!"

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--Diane Moose,
DKG International
Communications and
Publicity Chair

ETA STATE NEWS, WINTER ISSUE

Gamma Chi Chapter is again featured in the Eta State News. If you have not yet looked at the online version, please go to <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC/ESNWinter12-13.pdf> and check it out. If you look closely at the picture on the bottom left of the front page, you should be able to spot President Nancy Tunstall helping to provide backup for Eta State First Vice President Pat Taylor as she leads the "flash mob" at the Eta State Executive Board Meeting at Elon University last September. On page 3 you will see Betsy Little's name listed under the *In Memoriam* section. On page 4 under *Members Make A Difference*, Rebecca Marlin is listed for her TOY Award. Also, it looks like we have erroneously picked up two new members. On page 5 our region was recognized as being the first region to have their Chapter Rules reviewed and approved. On page 17 of the extended online edition, the entire page features our chapter in an article by Nancy Tunstall with pictures from our October meeting. Finally, on page 21 you can see a picture of the Region III presidents who attended the Elon Executive Board meeting held last September including Nancy Tunstall as our president and Region III Director.

2013 ETA STATE CONVENTION "TRANSFORMING OUR TRADITIONS"

On page 2 of the *Eta State News*, you can read how our Eta State President Linda Little came to choose "Transforming our Traditions" as the theme of the 2013 Eta State Convention. As she sums it up, "We don't want to lose the appeal of the Society's purposes and programs, along with the high standards, and devotion of its members." This convention will offer us a chance to get reenergized, network with women from across the state and to celebrate who we are as a society.

We can look forward to hearing from our new Southeast Regional Director Dr. Hanna Fowler as the International Representative to the convention. Other speakers include Miss North Carolina, Arlie Honeycutt, and Dr. Kim Pemberton, an International Scholarship winner from Beta Delta. For more details read the article, "An Invitation from President Little" on page 6 of the *Eta State News*.

The Convention Registration Form may be found in the *Eta State News*. Members should certainly fill out the form prior to April 5 in order to receive the lower registration fee. Our chapter has two rooms reserved at the Hilton Charlotte University Place and the chapter will be responsible for the cost. The two rooms could accommodate up to eight of our members if members are willing to share the two double beds in each room. We will discuss at the meeting the possibility of the chapter helping some of our younger members with their registration fees.

PROPOSED EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ETA STATE OFFERS TAX EXEMPTION FOR DONORS

An Eta State Educational Foundation – classified as a charitable corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code – would offer the advantage of tax exemption for donations made through the Foundation. Eta State is currently recognized as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the IRS Code, but that exemption does not extend to donors. Having donor tax exemption through the Foundation enhances fund-raising possibilities for Eta State, not only from members who care deeply about the organization and its mission, but also from non-members of DKG who might financially support state and chapter projects approved through the Foundation. The tax-exempt privilege, however, is governed by strict regulations from State agencies and the IRS. Responsibilities of the Foundation Board will be made clear in future communications through the *Eta State News* and Eta State website.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- 🎉 **Dr. Janis Meek** on being our nominee for the Founders Award
- 🎉 **Shirley White** on being our nominee for the Golden Key Award

CONDOLENCES TO:

Debra Clayton on the loss of her mother-in-law, Jane Clayton, and **Nellie White** on the loss of her husband, Nathaniel (Nat) B. White. Please keep Debra, Nellie and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

Members with February, March or April 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 e-mail prior to 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 Aycocock, at 213-1760 (c) or 456-3766 (h) or paycock1020@yahoo.com, by the cut-off date of Thursday, February 28. 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 carry-out 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.

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 – DECEMBER 6, 2012

The Gamma Chi Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at the Fellowship Hall of Norlina United Methodist Church in Norlina, North Carolina. Trina Paynter gave the blessing and we enjoyed a meal prepared by Circle #4 of the church.

After dinner, President Nancy Tunstall called the meeting to order. Thirty-six members were present. Crystal Brantley gave our inspiration, *When God Created Teachers*.

The minutes were approved as written. Treasurer Shirley White reported a savings balance of \$3,661.92 and a checkbook balance of \$1,681.48.

Corresponding secretary, Sallye Duncan, was absent. In her stead, Jeffrey Evans reported the following regrets: Brenda Hollomon, Laura Kearney, Diana Bobbitt, Katy Jones, Raegan Ross, and Sallye Duncan. Letters were received from Nancy Tunstall (thanking members for the birthday rose received at last meeting), Melba Johnston (thanking us for her forty-year recognition at the last meeting), Linda Little (our Eta State President thanking us for the mementos and fellowship received while visiting our chapter at the last meeting), Anna Fischel (thanking us for sending her the International *Celebration of Life* booklet listing her mother, Rachael Ricks), Katie Powers and Krista Schrotch (thank you letters from two beginning teachers at WCHS for their goodie bags), and Richard and Catherine Blankenship (containing \$1,000.00 for our Scholarship Fund in memory of their mother, Nancy Blankenship). Our president reminded us to reach out to our reserve members. As evidenced in Melba's thank you note, the results are rewarding when we do. Also, our president

suggested we continue to give two scholarships or grants-in-aid in Nancy Blankenship's name next spring as we did last spring.

A number of our women were recognized for various accomplishments. Rebecca Bolton was chosen Teacher of the Year at Aycock Elementary School. Our November, December and January birthdays were recognized. A special recognition was given to Shirley White on her tremendous job as treasurer. She keeps our chapter running smoothly, especially with dues collection and annual report preparation. Her reports have earned our chapter many points toward our chapter achievement award. Shirley was presented with a red rose on behalf of our chapter. Brenda Hollomon is a new grandmother as is Pat Riethmeier.

Nancy Tunstall gave the President's Report. The Executive Board communicated by e-mail and voted to recommend a Professional Development Grant as described in the newsletter. It will be brought up by the Scholarship Committee for discussion later in the meeting. In regards to our Chapter Achievement form, we have earned 385 out of the 500 points needed to earn a superior rating. We have the possibility of scoring 125 more points between now and March 1st, which would bring our total to 510. This would mean the possibility of receiving the Presidential Chapter Achievement Award given to those five chapters who score at the superior level of 500 points and earn the highest number of points. Last year, only one chapter achieved this honor. The form is online at our website with the points already accomplished in red and the points not yet earned in black. Please look it over to see how you can help. One of the main items is **#9 Contributions to International Activities**. Contributions to these funds are tax deductible. Please contribute by February 1st. If you have any questions, please ask Nancy. Finally, Nancy highlighted our coverage in the last issue of *Eta State News*. She encouraged us to go online and look at the extended version which is in color. Shirley and Nancy are pictured on the front with the NC delegates to the International Convention last summer in New York City, and Nancy is also pictured on page 4 with a short write up about her being a regional director. On page 11, Nancy has an article about her thoughts as a first timer to an International convention. This article earned us 10 points on the Chapter Achievement form. The next issue should have Rebecca Bolton's accomplishment and some pictures from our last meeting in the extended version online. Just a note: if you need to get in contact with Nancy during the month of February, e-mail her. She will be out of the country on a cruise, but will have her trusty notebook with her!

Committee Reports

Awards: Janis Meek challenged us to work on our member excellence points.

Beginning Teacher Support: Mary Austell thanked the women who worked on the new teacher bags and encouraged us to complete the THAT Form. Mary prepared 40 holiday cards for new teachers.

Educational Excellence: Mary Brodie Raiford asked us to turn in our THAT forms.

Educational Law and Policy: No report.

Membership: In Patricia Williamson's absence, Melanie Burnette urged members to be considering candidates for membership. The recommendation forms are due by February 1, 2013 to Patricia Williamson. Melanie also read a resignation letter from Donna Smith and the membership committee made a motion that we accept her resignation request. The motion carried. Nancy reminded us to be on the lookout for worthy candidates for membership. We have no members from the three high schools and she would like to see each school in Warren County represented.

Scholarship: Mary Ann Johnson reported that the Executive Board recommends that as money is available, members or prospective members may be given a Professional Development Grant as described in the newsletter with approval by the Scholarship and Finance Committees. The Scholarship Committee made a motion that Gamma Chi immediately begin offering a Professional Development Grant for our members or prospective members and that the application may be made at any time, but the applicant must apply at least one month prior to a meeting in order to be considered at that meeting. The motion carried. Mary Ann also reported the Professional Development Grant application is online at our website and a copy was included in the newsletter. One of the motivating factors in establishing this grant was that one of our members, Edwina Rooker, had asked for help in taking a creative writing course that critiques her writing. She has completed the application and requests \$65.00 for tuition for the class which begins in January. Having received approval from the Finance Committee, the Scholarship Committee made a motion that we give Edwina a Professional Development Grant for \$65.00 to take this course. The motion carried. The Gamma Chi Scholarship and Grant-in-Aid forms have been updated and are also online with the deadline of February 1st. We will vote on the recipients at the March meeting, and they will be invited to the May meeting to receive their scholarship and/or grant-in-aid. Members

should apply for the scholarship as well as the Eta State and International scholarships which are also due on February 1st. You do not have to be a doctoral student to apply for an International scholarship. The International form can be found on the DKG website and the State form and be found on the Eta State website. Also, members were asked to please make a generous donation to our Scholarship Fund by giving an honorarium and/or memorial.

World Fellowship: Loree Harris reported that \$105.00 was given tonight for World Fellowship.

Music: No report.

Communications and Publicity: Trina Paynter reported that the newsletter has gone to a new and longer format. Committee reports and news articles are welcome. The deadline for the next newsletter is February 12th. Also, we would like to have volunteers for e-buddies to pair with our reserve members who do not have e-mail. An e-buddy would print the newsletter and deliver or mail it to the reserve member. Trina passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to sign.

Finance: No report.

Nominations: Connie King encouraged us to be thinking about a new president for 2014-16. Nancy will be glad to train them.

Planning: No report.

Chapter Rules: Mary Catherine Harris reported that we have received approval for our rules from the Eta State Rules Committee. Nancy Tunstall stated that Region III was the first region to have all of its chapters' rules approved.

Hospitality and Social Affairs: Paula Aycock reported that a couple of our members are not receiving proper communication. Nancy Tunstall stated that she would make sure that the Telephone Network members have updated member lists. Paula also thanked the Norlina group for hosting tonight's meeting and Circle #4 for the delicious meal.

Telephone Network Committee: Kristen Boyd reminded us to contact her if we don't get phone calls or if our number changes.

Remembrance Committee: Shirley White reported that Christmas cards are being sent to reserve members this month. She and Nancy Tunstall recently visited Sue Skinner, Melba Johnston, Edith Allen, Mildred Stewart Johnson, Nellie White and Jean White.

Gamma Chi Memorials Committee: No report.

Afghan Committee: Danylu Hundley had to leave the meeting early to assist a beginning teacher with a program at her school, but Danylu did distribute afghan raffle tickets at the beginning of the meeting. Proceeds will go to our Scholarship Fund.

Spelling Bee Committee: Ginny Bernard reported the Warren Education Fund Spelling Bee will be held in April. She is uncertain of the date.

Nancy reiterated Shirley's and her visits to our reserve members with the exception of Betsy Brown. All were doing well. Betsy, however, is in the hospital with breathing problems. Nancy asked us to send a card to Betsy's home address. Her husband will get it to her.

Connie King reported that she took 295 box tops and labels collected at our last meeting to Northside Elementary School and will take tonight's collection to South Warren Elementary School.

Mary Brodie Raiford introduced our speaker, Nancy Tunstall, who spoke as our Regional Director, and presented *Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture*, a reorientation slide show. At the end, members recommitted themselves to DKG through a responsive reading and were given a Membership Promises sheet and an updated DKG elevator card.

We gave away an extra new teacher's bag that we did not use. In a drawing, Karen Paynter's name was selected from all the non-retired members present to receive the bag. Nancy played the flash mob video so those who were not present at our last meeting could see what fun we had with Pat Taylor, our Eta State First Vice President. We conducted our meeting raffle with proceeds going to local libraries. Nancy Tunstall thanked the Norlina group for their efforts and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe trip home. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Jeffrey Evans, Recording Secretary

**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!*

Name _____ Retired: Yes _____ No _____

Date (month/year)	Hours	Teacher's Name / School / and District	How you helped

Date (month/year)	Amount of Money	Use of Money

4. What is the cost involved in this area of study?

5. What are the potential *benefits* 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 _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date _____



*Happy
Valentine's Day
from your
President*



Ed & Nancy Tunstall at the Parque del Amor (Love Park) in Lima, Peru. Behind them is a sculpture entitled "The Kiss." The love-themed sculpture garden has romantic quotes in mosaic tiles with a breath-taking view of the cliffs of Chorillis. Many couples are married here on Valentine's Day.