

Gamma Chi Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT/EDITOR

I hope that each of you has had a good summer and good start to the fall. The officers, committee chairs and I have been busy preparing for an exciting upcoming biennium. I attended an officers' training workshop in June where I received a plethora of information. In July our officers and committee chairs attended a planning meeting where I disseminated the information. Together we accomplished much at the planning meeting.

The theme for this biennium is "*Strive for Excellence—Focus, Dedication and Discipline.*" This theme compliments the Eta State theme: "*Becoming Voices of Influence.*" As we strive for excellence and people recognize this quality in us, they will listen to us. We want to strive for excellence not only in our professional life but also in our personal life. By giving focus, dedication and discipline to each task we undertake, we can achieve excellence in completing the task. We are special ladies and we can accomplish whatever we set our minds to do.

You will find several attachments to this newsletter. One of the attachments is the Chapter Action Plan for this biennium. I am excited about all of our goals, especially having an official history of the Gamma Chi Chapter and honoring members who have achieved multiples of five years membership in DKG. In keeping with our theme, you will find a Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award Form. Starting with this upcoming meeting, members may earn points for various activities for the next four meetings. If a member achieves 150 points, the member will receive the award at our October, 2011 meeting. I challenge each of you to achieve this award because our members are the best of the best—otherwise we would not have been nominated for membership in this wonderful organization.

For the first time, we have a brochure of our chapter which you will find in the folder with your new yearbook insert. We want more people to know facts about DKG and Gamma Chi Chapter's projects. Distributing the brochures will help. We will continue many of our projects, but we will concentrate on a particular project at a meeting instead of stretching the project across many meetings. Our focus at this meeting will be the Warren County New Teachers' Goodie Bags. The bags will be distributed during the American Education Week in November. We already have pens, pencils, glue sticks, sticky note pads and highlighters. We want you to bring to this meeting: microwave popcorn packets, nabs and/or hot chocolate packets. We will include our brochure in the bag. A special committee has been selected to hand deliver these bags to the new teachers at each school.

I am humbled to have been selected to be your president and I am counting on your help to make this an exciting and successful biennium. I think you will enjoy

each of the speakers that we have lined up for the biennium starting with our Eta State President Betty Marshall. She will have some inspirational words for us. I will look forward to seeing each of you at our Littleton meeting and remind you to bring your dues with you. I am sure we will have a delicious meal awaiting us. As we come together in fellowship, I feel sure that we will be encouraged to "*Strive for Excellence*" in all that we do.

Nancy Tunstall

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

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

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov. 8 *Gamma Chi Newsletter* deadline
Jan. 10, 2011 *Eta State News* deadline
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:

🌸 *Paula Aycock, Crystal Brantley, Jeffrey Evans, & Danylu Hundley* on their retirement
🌸 *Mary Austell* on her new grandson, Grant Thomas Austell, and *Nancy Tunstall* on her new grandson, Charles Wade Paynter

CONDOLENCES TO:

Kim Burton on the loss of her grandmother, *Brenda Fuller* on the loss of her mother-in-law and *Janis Meek* on the loss of her mother. Please keep Kim, Brenda, Janis and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

2010-12 INT'L THEME:

Embracing Our Vision●

Designing Our Future

New Int'l Pres.: Dr. Jensi Souders

MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, October 7, 2010
6:00 p.m. Social Hour
6:30 p.m. Dinner Meeting
Littleton Baptist Church
Cost: \$11.00 (make checks payable to Robert Harris)

Program Speaker:

Betty Marshall, Eta State President

The Telephone Network should call members for a meal count (Littleton Group will need to bring items for the raffle)

BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ Nabs, hot chocolate packets and/or microwave popcorn for the new teachers' goodie bags
- ☞ Money to buy raffle tickets
- ☞ Dues—Recommended amount: \$75.00 for active members and \$32.00 for reserve members. If unable to attend, please mail your dues to Shirley White, Treasurer, 1957 US Hwy 1N, Norlina, NC 27563. The deadline is Oct. 31.
- ☞ Your red notebook—updated inserts for the new biennium will be ready for distribution. Please pick it up & pay dues prior to start of the meeting.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service in memory of our beloved Gamma Chi sisters, Nancy Blankenship and Rachael Ricks, will be held at our May meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

Members with August, September or October birthdays who attend the meeting will receive a present.



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