

Gamma Chi Newsletter

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Region III, Warren County



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FROM THE PRESIDENT/EDITOR/WEBMASTER

I hope that each of you has had a good summer and good start to the fall. The executive board members and I have been busy preparing for an exciting upcoming year. During the past year I feel that we lived up to our theme "*Strive for Excellence—Focus, Dedication and Discipline.*" We accomplished all of our annual projects as well as four of the seven goals listed in our Chapter Action Plan for the biennium. At the past Eta State Convention we received three recognitions: the Bronze Chapter Excellence Award, the Going Green 24/7 Award and the Newspaper Excellence Award. We continue to gain recognition in the community as our activities have garnered us twelve different articles during the past year in the three local newspapers. We are special ladies and we can accomplish whatever we set out to do.

We will be continuing all of our annual projects this year. Our New Teacher Bags will be one of the first that we will tackle. The bags will be distributed during the American Education Week in November. We already have pens, pencils, glue sticks, sticky note pads, highlighters and hot chocolate packets. We want you to bring to this meeting microwave popcorn packets and/or individually wrapped candies. We will include our brochure and bookmark in the bag. A special committee has been selected to hand deliver these bags to the new teachers at each school.

At the upcoming meeting we will have many recognitions. Ten of our members will be presented with the first ever *Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award*. I hope many more of our members will work towards this recognition during the coming year. We have ten members who have reached special milestones in their length of membership with two members reaching 40 years of membership. Also, four members have retired since our last meeting. We have many things to discuss during the business session. Among other things we will talk about the International program called THAT—Teachers Helping Another Teacher and the 2012 Eta State Convention. We will be hostesses at the convention along with all the chapters in Franklin, Johnston, Vance and Wake counties making up Region III. It will be an opportunity for us to network and make new friends from across the state. Also, we will hear from Debra Clayton and Maggie Shupe who attended the Eta State Leadership Development Seminar held this summer at Peace College. The meeting will conclude with an overview of our new website and in particular all of the forms that are available to you.

I am humbled to have served as your president this past year. I have learned so much more about DKG on the International and State level than I could have imagined and at the same time have made many new friends. As always I am counting on your help as we continue to make our chapter the best it can be. 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.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

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

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Nov. 4 *Gamma Chi Newsletter* deadline
- Nov. 13 New Teacher Bag Stuffing, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Warrenton
- Jan. 10, 2012 *Eta State News* deadline
- Feb. 1, 2012 *Gamma Chi, Eta State & Int'l Scholarship Applications* due
- Apr. 27-29, 2012 Eta State Convention, Embassy Suites, Cary
- July 24-28, 2012 DKG International Convention, New York, NY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

-  *Lou Ann Bender, Sallye Duncan, Loree Harris, & Betty Ann Shearin* on their retirement
-  *Melanie Burnette* on her new son, Jonah Scott Burnette
-  *Trina Paynter* on her new daughter, Anna Grace Katharina Paynter
-  *Raegan Ross* on her new son, Westin Mark Ross
-  *Michelle Stallings* on her promotion to Principal at KIPP Gaston College Preparatory
-  *Sharon West* on her new grandson, William Layton Perry Pernell.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Mary Austell on the loss of her father-in-law, Thomas Austell. Please keep Mary and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

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, October 6, 2011
6:00 p.m. Social Hour
6:30 p.m. Dinner Meeting
Littleton Baptist Church
Cost: \$12.00 (make checks payable to Robert Harris)

Program Speaker:

Nancy Tunstall-Gamma Chi Website

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

BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ Individually wrapped candies 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. Please pay dues prior to start of the meeting.
- ☞ Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education

THANK YOU MEMBERS:

For your contributions at the last meeting. Contributions for the International project, Schools for Africa, totaled \$70 and \$100 was sent to fund this worthy project. The raffle netted \$50 for the Scholarship fund.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service in memory of our beloved Gamma Chi sister, Lorraine Porter, will be held at our May meeting.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

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



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