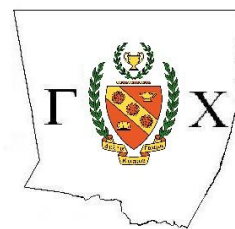


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FROM THE PRESIDENT/EDITOR/WEBMASTER



I hope that each of you had a good summer and have gotten off to a great start this fall. I am eagerly looking forward to beginning our new biennium together.

This has been a very busy summer. Mary Brodie Raiford, Patricia Williamson and I attended the officers' training workshop in June where we received a plethora of information. Shirley White and I attended the 2012 International Convention in New York City during July. The officers, related personnel and committee chairs attended our Planning Committee meeting in August where we mapped out the upcoming biennium. Finally, in early September our Executive Board met and discussed various issues and at this upcoming meeting, will make recommendations for our chapter's continued well being.

The theme for this biennium is *"Sharing Our Vision - Strengthening Our Society: Focus, Dedication and Discipline."* During her acceptance speech at the International Convention, Dr. Beverly Helms encouraged us to join her in *"Sharing Our Vision - Strengthening Our Society."* By giving focus, dedication and discipline to each of our projects and activities that we undertake, we can achieve this goal. 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 Gamma Chi Chapter Strategic Action Plan for this biennium that the Planning Committee developed this summer. Please look over our five goals and be thinking about how you can help our chapter accomplish these goals. We also hope to start a new NBCT grant to help our members with receiving NBCT certification or recertification.

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 many items for the bags: pens, pencils, glue sticks, sticky note pads, tape, 4-

pk. dry erase markers and highlighters. We want you to bring to this meeting: individually wrapped hard candies, microwave popcorn packets, paperclips, and/or packs of erasers. We will include our newly updated brochure in the bag. Our Beginning Teacher Support Committee will be responsible for delivery of these bags to the new teachers at each school.

I look forward to serving you as 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 Linda Little. 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. Please notice the change of venue to Enterprise Baptist Church. As we come together in fellowship, I feel sure that you will join me in *"sharing our vision and supporting our society."*

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 6 NBCT Grant Application due
- Nov. 11 New Teachers Bags Stuffing at 3:00 p.m., Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish Hall
- Nov. 12 *Gamma Chi Newsletter* deadline
- Nov. 15 *Eta State News* deadline
- Dec. 6 2nd Gamma Chi Meeting, Norlina United Methodist Church
- Apr. 26-28, Eta State Convention, Hilton Charlotte University Place Hotel, Charlotte
- June 20-23, Eta State Leadership Development Seminar, William Peace University, Raleigh
- July 10-13, Southeast Regional Conference 2013, Gaylord Palms Resort, Kissimmee, Florida

MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, October 4, 2012

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner Meeting

Enterprise Baptist Church

Cost: \$12.00 (make checks payable to Robert Harris)

Cut-Off Date: Sunday, Sept. 30th

Program Speaker:

Linda Little, 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:

- ☞ Individually wrapped hard candies, microwave popcorn, paperclips, and/or packs of erasers for the new teachers' goodie bags
- ☞ Money to buy raffle tickets
- ☞ Dues—Recommended amount: \$85.00 for active members and \$40.00 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- 🎉 **Casey Grant** on winning the afghan raffle. Ticket sold by Mary Austell.
- 🎉 **Mary Ann Johnson** on her retirement.
- 🎉 **Pat Riethmeier** on the birth of her grandson, Ethan Charles Riethmeier.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

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

DKG VISION STATEMENT

*Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*

2012-14 INTERNATIONAL THEME

*Sharing Our Vision –
Strengthening Our Society*

2011-13 ETA STATE THEME

Sharing Our Vision • Strengthening Our Society
LEAD SERVE IMPACT

REPORT ON THE DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 24-28, 2012

by Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White



On Tuesday, July 24 we arrived in New York and made our way to the Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers in Manhattan where we joined thirty-two other delegates from North Carolina. A total of 1,782 registered delegates attended the convention with 240 guests.

That afternoon we got off to a good start by attending the First Timer's Session where we heard from some members of the International Administrative Board. That night we attended the Opening Meeting which began with the presentation of the flags from the seventeen member countries and the Society's flag. We were welcomed to New York by the Pi (New York) State President Jeanne Schenk and to the convention by Karen Crumley, the convention steering committee chair. The keynote speaker, Tori Murden McClue, spoke on "Dare Mighty Things." She challenged attendees to have confidence to take risks. She was the first woman to row across the Atlantic Ocean. Immediately following the Opening Meeting, we enjoyed New York Night, featuring performances which showcased topnotch dancers and musicians from New York City. Immediately following the performances, snack pack favors were distributed representing some of the best products from the Empire State.

During the week, three other meetings included exciting speakers and many interesting reports. The second International project, Support of Early-career Educators (S.E.E.), was officially approved although DKG has already been working on this project. A report stated that \$490,225 in funds and estimated cost of service hours was given to this project during the last biennium. In addition, over \$100,000 was raised for the first International project, *Schools for Africa*. The total money awarded for scholar-

ships for 2011-2012 was \$1,673,333.26. Gamma Chi Chapter continues to participate in all of these projects. A North Carolina member, Sara Massy, was present to receive her \$10,000 International Scholarship.

The Executive Board approved the DKG Expansion into Japan. Dr. Eileen Clarke and Ellen Tanorua, Co-Chairs of Beta Beta State (Hawaii) had been working for two years on this expansion and it will be the first in Asia. Seven educators from Japan attended the 2012 International Convention. We will now have eighteen member countries.

Many breakout sessions were available for us to attend. Some of the ones we attended ranged from "Dynamic Presentations for Dynamic Leaders" to "The Booming World of Social Media." The North Carolina delegation provided presenters for several of the sessions.

A Celebration of Life service was held Saturday morning to celebrate the lives of all DKG sisters worldwide who had passed away during the previous biennium. Gamma Chi had six members remembered in the program booklet: Nancy Blankenship, Elizabeth Daniel, Ethel Draper, Lorraine Porter, Elizabeth Reid and Rachael Ricks.

We enjoyed three special meals at the convention. On Thursday we attended the Celebration Luncheon. At this meal International awards and recognitions were made. On Friday we attended the 2012 Southeast Regional Breakfast. Each president of the states in the Southeast Region presented a member of their state with the Star of the Southeast Award. Eta State President Linda Little presented the award to Margaret Church, our Eta State Awards Committee chair, who was unable to be there to accept. Also, at all the regional breakfasts, delegates contributed a total of \$22,530.79 to the Emergency Fund. The convention concluded Saturday night with the Presidents Banquet. All state presidents, including North Carolina's President Linda Little, were presented. The banquet ended with the new 2012-2014 International President Beverly Helms' acceptance speech. She urged the attendees to join her in *Sharing Our Vision – Strengthening Our Society*.

North Carolina's Pat Taylor, the International Music Representative, provided fantastic music offerings at all events. Shirley White was a member of the International Choir and sang at the

Celebration Luncheon, A Celebration of Life service and the Presidents Banquet.

Time was provided for us to attend Broadway theater productions and tour New York City. On Friday night we saw the production of *Wicked* which we thoroughly enjoyed. On Saturday we were able to take a wonderful trip by bus and boat to see many of the famous sites of New York City. It was a trip that we will always treasure.

Pictures are available on our website: www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gamma-chi/picturesIntCon.html

DKG IN JAPAN

Japan officially becomes the 80th state organization and the 18th country in DKG on October 14 in ceremonies in Kochi, Japan. Several years in the works, expansion into Japan was sponsored by the Hawaii state organization. Approximately 20 members from Hawaii will be on hand for the founding ceremonies in Japan. Dr. Beverly Helms, international president, will preside over the ceremonies.

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 Kristen Boyd, the Telephone Committee Chairman (915-9579 (c) or 257-5767 (h) or krboyd@vcs.k12.nc.us or Paula Aycock, the Hospitality Chairman, (213-1760 (c) or 456-3766 (h) or paycock1020@yahoo.com) by the cut-off date. 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.

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER – MINUTES MAY 3, 2012

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ridgeway, North Carolina. The evening began at 6:00 p.m. with the initiation of our five new members: Brooke Comer, Alice Jefferson, Gwen Kilian, Louise Mitchum and Joyce Walker. The Initiation Ceremony was conducted by the Membership Committee and President Nancy Tunstall. Immediately following, Scholarship Chair Mary Ann Johnson announced our Nancy Blankenship Grant-in-Aid recipients as Morgan Leigh Coleman and Alicia Steverson. Along with their certificates, Richard Blankenship presented each recipient with a framed photograph of his Mother, Nancy Blankenship, who was such a faithful member of the Gamma Chi Chapter.

Pat Riethmeier gave the blessing. The members enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the St. Paul's Lutheran Women's Missionary League. After the meal, Melanie Burnette led a Memorial Service to remember our departed sisters, Ethel Draper and Lorraine Porter. Afterwards President Tunstall called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were forty members and twelve guests present. Everyone was welcomed by our president.

Minutes were approved as written. Treasurer Shirley White reported a savings balance of \$2,210.15 and a checking balance of \$1,645.96. Copies of the Treasurer's Report were given to each member at the meeting. The report was accepted.

Corresponding Secretary Jeffrey Evans reported regrets from Renee Mizelle and Kristen Boyd. A thank-you note was read from Pat Taylor, Eta State First Vice President, for the hospitality and the stained glass DKG logo rose that she received when she attended our March meeting. Jeffrey reported sending a sympathy card to Dennis Draper and get-well cards to Martha Ann Overby, Hal White, Jr., and Diana Bobbitt. May, June, and July birthdays were recognized.

The Spelling Bee participants, Kay Beaver, Jeffrey Evans, Brenda Holloman, and Chris Skinner were congratulated on making it to the Master Blaster Round. Congratulations were extended to Patricia Williamson for being selected as Northside Elementary School's Teacher of the Year and to Lynn Meyers for being selected as Vaughan Elementary School's Teacher of the Year.

President's Report: Nancy Tunstall reported on the Eta State Convention which was held in Cary. Other members attending were Mary Austell, Debra Clayton, Connie King and Patricia Williamson. Each attendee also shared her experiences at the convention. At the silent auction, our two baskets raised \$250.00. All proceeds (\$1,930) from the silent auction went to the Eta State Leadership Development Fund. Our chapter received the Excellent Chapter Achievement Award, the Newspaper and Website Excellence Award, and Nancy Tunstall was awarded the first ever Golden Key Award for Region III. President Tunstall thanked Connie King for a job well done in chairing the 2012 Convention Planning Committee. Tunstall also congratulated the chapter in the successful completion of the seven goals in the Gamma Chi Action Plan for the biennium. She also informed the chapter that she has been appointed the 2012-14 Regional Director for Region III.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Membership: Melanie Burnette still needs the Biographical Data sheets from anyone who has not yet returned her form. Melanie also announced that she already has a prospective candidate for membership for the upcoming year.

Nominations: No report.

Program: In the absence of Katy Jones, Nancy Tunstall reported that Eta State President Linda Little will be our guest speaker at the next meeting.

Personal Growth and Services: Box Tops and Labels for Education collected at this meeting will go to Mariam Boyd Elementary School. Connie King reported that we collected 212 points and 185 box tops for Vaughan Elementary School at the March meeting.

Professional Affairs/U.S. Forum/Legislature: Mary Austell reminded everyone to vote.

Research: Harriet Banzet encouraged members to visit the completed In Memoriam page on our website and check out the graphics.

Literacy: Mary Brodie Raiford reported that she took sixty children's books to four medical offices. She reminded everyone that books are only collected at the December meeting so please be saving your books for that meeting.

Music: No report.

Scholarship: Mary Ann Johnson encouraged members to apply for our scholarship.

World Fellowships: No report.

Communications: In the absence of Kristen Boyd, President Tunstall reported that September 9 is the deadline for submission of articles for the newsletter and August 31 is the deadline for pictures to be submitted for the new biennium yearbook.

Hospitality and Social Affairs: Paula Aycock thanked the ladies of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League for preparing the delicious meal and expressed that the membership is looking forward to meeting in Littleton this October.

Telephone Network: No report.

Remembrance: Shirley White sent Easter cards to reserve members. She read a thank-you note from reserve member Melba Johnston for the card which included a contribution for the Scholarship Fund. Birthday cards are being sent by Danylu Hundley and Brenda Holloman.

Gamma Chi Memorials: Elaine Coleman reported that we donated *Creating Innovators* to the Warren County Library in memory of Ethel Draper.

Chapter Rules: Nancy Tunstall reported that our Chapter Rules are up-to-date, but have not yet been approved by the Eta State Rules Committee.

History: In the absence of Mary Catherine Harris, Nancy Tunstall reported that Mary Catherine has completed the Gamma Chi History.

Afghan: Sylvia Alston introduced her mother, Josephine Myrick, who made the afghan for the raffle for the Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Myrick has already made another one for us to raffle in the upcoming year. This year we raised \$793.00. Mary Austell sold the winning ticket to Casey Grant.

Women of Warren: A motion was made for Connie King to be our nominee this year. Motion was carried. The event will be held on October 13.

Other Reports

Connie King will be visiting reserve member Edith Allen. Sick Members: Martha Ann Overby is better.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – None.

Elaine Coleman conducted the installation of our new officers and thanked the retiring officers for their work and dedication to Gamma Chi. The new officers are President Nancy Tunstall, First Vice President Mary Brodie Raiford, Second Vice President Mary Catherine Harris, Recording Secretary Jeffrey Evans, Corresponding Secretary Sallye Duncan, Treasurer Shirley White and Parliamentarian Harriet Banzet. Shirley White presented Nancy Tunstall with a red rose for her dedication as our chapter president this past year. The raffle was held with funds raised going to the Scholarship Fund. Nancy Tunstall thanked the ladies of the LWML for the delicious meal. The meeting was adjourned at ~ 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debra W. Clayton, Recording Secretary

Gamma Chi Chapter
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2012

The Executive Board of Gamma Chi Chapter met on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Catherine Harris. President Nancy Tunstall presided. Members present were: Harriet Banzet, Jeffrey Evans, Mary Catherine Harris, Mary Brodie Raiford, Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White. Nancy Tunstall called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Motion was made by Nancy to retain Shirley White as treasurer. Mary Brodie Raiford seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Shirley presented the proposed 2012-2013 checking account budget and dues to finance the budget. Estimated receipts - \$6,194.17; estimated expenses - \$5,762.64; estimated 6/30/13 balance - \$431.43. After discussion, Mary Brodie Raiford made a motion to accept the proposed checking account budget and dues and Mary Catherine Harris seconded. Motion passed. The proposed checking account budget and dues will be recommended to the membership.

Nancy recommended that we establish a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) grant of \$500.00 and encourage members to apply. Applications will be available from the Scholarship Chair or found online. A member would need to apply one month prior to a scheduled meeting and funds would have to be available. Mary Brodie Raiford made a motion to accept the grant proposal and Mary Catherine Harris seconded. Motion passed. The NBCT Grant will be recommended to the membership.

Shirley presented the proposed 2012-2013 savings account budget. Estimated income - \$3,855.37; estimated disbursements - \$1,524.00; estimated 6/30/13 balance - \$2,331.37. Mary Brodie made a motion to accept the budget and Mary Catherine seconded. Motion passed. The proposed savings account budget will be recommended to the membership. With the savings account being in good shape, members decided to use three of the meeting raffles to support the Warren Memorial Library, the Norlina Library and the Littleton Library. The March meeting raffle would be used to help the Spelling Bee Team buy more misspelled words.

Nancy discussed the proposed revisions to Gamma Chi Chapter Rules and explanations of why they are needed. Shirley made a motion to accept revisions and Jeffrey Evans seconded. Motion passed. The revisions to the chapter rules will be recommended to the membership.

After this biennium, Nancy proposed that only new members receive a Gamma Chi yearbook for reference. The updated portions of the yearbook would be placed on the website thus saving the expense of printing. The directory with members' addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses would be updated and distributed to all members every year. Mary Catherine made a motion to accept this proposal and Mary Brodie seconded. Motion passed. The online yearbook will be recommended to the membership.

Mary Brodie moved to keep the Strategic Action Plan (SAP) the same as the final version discussed at the August 12th planning meeting. Mary Catherine seconded. Motion passed. The SAP will be recommended to the membership.

Our planned program speakers for 2013-2014 will be as discussed at the August 12th planning committee meeting.

With no further business, Nancy adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Jeffrey Evans, Recording Secretary

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