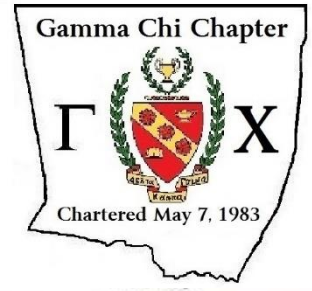




Gamma Chi Newsletter

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



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Good Friends! Good Work! Good Times! October/November/December 2024
Gamma Chi Forever Strong!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings Gamma Chi Sisters!

I want to begin by thanking every member who attended our September meeting in Warrenton. You made my first meeting as president so very easy and comfortable. We got off to a great start with our meal, which was absolutely delicious, as usual. The committee chairs were prepared with information and reports—all I did was the introductions. You are the best group of intelligent, talented women. I want to thank Danylu for the information she shared about the proposed Warren Young Explorers School (Warren YES). As advocates for education, it is so important that we stay informed. All of you were engaged in completing your “paper folding” autumn cards and the completed results were beautiful. I also want to thank all of you for the supplies that you bought and brought to support our new teachers in Warren County. You cannot imagine how much the new teachers will appreciate these supplies and support.

Now, we need to look forward to our next meeting in December. During this holiday season, we all should count our blessings and pause to appreciate our friends and family. We need to remember those who are not as fortunate as we are by our donations for World Fellowship, the Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund and the Warren County Social Services Angel Tree. I was so glad that Diane and Sallye have agreed to provide some holiday music for our entertainment. Their program always gets me in the holiday mood. We will also be exchanging gifts, if you would like to participate—no dirty Santa this year, but keep your eyes open, there may be a very jolly fellow around somewhere. (He is watching to see who is naughty or nice.) There will be more details in our newsletter.

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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, December 5, 2024
Wise Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
1840 US Highway 1 N, Norlina, NC 27563
6:00 p.m. Gathering
6:15 p.m. Dinner & Special Christmas Music
7:00 p.m. Program: **Dr. Carol Maidon, Region III Director**
7:15 Nice Santa Christmas Gift Exchange
7:30 p.m. Business Meeting
Cost: \$15.00 (exact change or make check payable to Wise Baptist Church; Memo line should read DKG Meal)
Meal Cut-Off Date: **Monday, November 25th**
To reserve a meal, please respond to your Evite as soon as possible and no later than November 25th!
(Note: you do not have to purchase dinner to attend the meeting. That is your choice.)
(Norlina Group members will need to bring or send items for the raffle.)

BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ Nice Santa present (no more than \$10.00—see page 2)
- ☞ Pre-school children’s book(s) to be distributed by Santa at the Warren County Santa House, Courthouse Square
- ☞ Money to buy \$1 raffle tickets (proceeds aid local libraries and NC DKG Educational Foundation)
- ☞ Scholarship Fund contribution; if unable to attend, make check payable to Gamma Chi and send it to Debra Clayton, 573 Ridgeway-Warrenton Rd, Norlina, NC 27563 (form is at the end of the newsletter and on our [website](#)—print as many as needed)
- ☞ World Fellowship contribution (\$3 recommended)
- ☞ Angel tree voluntary donation, if desired; see page 5

AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING FORMS:

Gamma Chi Chapter Scholarship & Grant-in-Aid Contribution Form

Print and use as many forms as necessary for the honorarium(s) and/or memorial(s) you wish to make.

Member Prospect Cards

May be turned in at any meeting.

Gamma Chi Chapter Scholarship Application

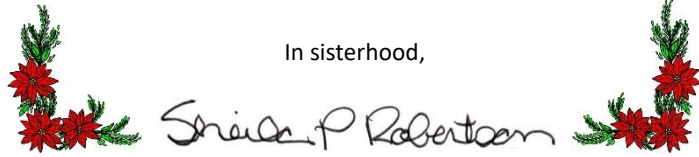
For our members attending graduate school or National Board. Due to Scholarship Chair [Betsy Clark](#) by January 18, 2025.

Gamma Chi Chapter Grant-in-Aid Application

Please encourage a female who is graduating high school, an enrolled college student, or a non-certified employee of Warren County Schools desiring or working toward a degree in education to apply; also due to [Betsy Clark](#) by January 18, 2025.

(President's Message - continued from Page 1)

Our Region III Regional Director Dr. Carol Maidon will be joining this meeting. I know that all of you will make her feel welcome and help to start her holiday season. I have found a very old holiday challenge for us to solve. Brush up on your knowledge of Christmas songs to be ready. There will be a prize for the member who gets all the right answers. Most of all, I want to wish each of you a wonderful holiday season and may all your Christmas dreams and wishes come true!



In sisterhood,

Sheila P Robertson

GUEST SPEAKER FOR DECEMBER



Dr. Carol Maidon, Associate Professor Emeritus at Campbell University, has served as a high school biology and English teacher and an educator and administrator at NC State University, Campbell University, and the Department of Public Instruction over her thirty-five+ year career. A Gamma Iota (Raleigh chapter) member, she has served three terms as president and in many other positions. She has also served on numerous state committees, two convention committees, and a NCDKGEF committee as well as chaired the NC DKG Professional Development, Membership and currently the Planning Committee. She is the new Region III Director. She also serves on the NC Science Teachers Association Board and has worked in numerous positions including president and currently is serving as their treasurer. She volunteers in her church and enjoys travel and photography.

Please be present to welcome Carol to our meeting

NICE SANTA CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE



Who's up for some fun!!!? Each attendee is asked to bring a gift valued at no more than \$10.00. Please wrap your gift attractively, but don't put your name on it. We may

even have a surprise visit from someone special to get our Christmas season off to a special start. You won't want to miss this special event. Let's start the Christmas giving early!



BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

Members with October, November or December birthdays who attend the meeting will be recognized and will receive a present. **Don't miss your birthday meeting!!!**



GAMMA CHI MEMBERS' ENTRIES ACCEPTED INTO THE FALL DKG GALLERY OF FINE ARTS



Disgruntled Rose



Above the Clouds in the Mountains



Dawes Glacier, Alaska



Bald Eagle Diving Off Annette Island, Alaska

The Arts & Humanities Jury of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has accepted Sheila Robertson's entries of *Disgruntled Rose* and *Above the Clouds in the Mountains* and Nancy Tunstall's entries of *Dawes Glacier, Alaska* and *Bald Eagle diving off Annette Island, Alaska* into the Fall 2024 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters.

The new Fall 2024 Gallery will be available for viewing online on November 15. Their work will stay up in the Gallery for six months, after which it will be archived for two years.

Sheila's and Nancy's entries are under the category Visual Arts, subcategory Photography. The judging criteria rubric looked at the theme, composition, and technique of the entries.

The *Disgruntled Rose* photo was taken of the last rose of the season cut before a coming frost. When looking at it, the lower petal outline looked like a frowning mouth making the rest of the rose look very unhappy.

The *Above the Clouds in the Mountains* photo was taken while Sheila and her husband began their drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway outside of Charlottesville, Virginia. Sheila was amazed to be above the clouds.

The *Dawes Glacier, Alaska* photo was taken while visiting Alaska this summer. Nancy had an opportunity to take a boat ride right up to Dawes Glacier. It was magnificent!

The *Bald Eagle diving off Annette Island, Alaska* was taken while on a crabbing boat in Alaska. She got to view bald eagles diving for fish from Annette Island. Their dives were spectacular, and she felt very lucky to get a picture of one of them.

After the pictures are posted, they may viewed by clicking <https://gallery.dkg.org/index.php/photography/>.

The next submission window will begin on January 15, 2025, through February 15, 2025. Submission procedures and judging rubrics may be found by clicking [here](#) (you must be logged into the DKG website to view this page). There are many categories and subcategories. Start preparing your entry now!

CONDOLENCES TO:

Jenny O'Meara on the loss of her mother-in-law, Cheryl Edith Coffman. Please keep Jenny and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Debra Clayton, Treasurer

At the September meeting, \$64.00 was collected from the meeting raffle; this will be used to help our local libraries and the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Other monies received were \$162.00 for the afghan raffle, \$219.00 for the New Teacher Bag Project, \$75.00 for the Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund, \$5.00 for DKG World Fellowship, \$10.00 NC DKG Scholarship Fund, \$5.00 for NC DKG Leadership Fund and \$5.00 for the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Also, meal costs of \$480.00 were collected since the caterer had already received payment.

Please remember that December is our usual time for honorariums and memorials for our Scholarship Fund. You will need to complete the Contribution Form found on [page 9](#) and bring it with you, along with your check or cash. Also, Contribution Forms will be available at the meeting. You can mail it to me if you are unable to attend the meeting. Please do not send cash through the mail. Thank you!

At the December meeting when paying by check, please write separate checks with the correct amount for the meal, Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund, etc. It will make the bookkeeping so much easier!

Thank
YOU!

COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Marketing Committee Chair



The November/December issue of *DKG News* is now available online for members. Among other articles, the November/December 2024 issue of *DKG News* has information about getting published with DKG including how to submit materials to the DKG Leadership Discovery Centre, the DKG Art Gallery and the *Bulletin*. Also, there is information about the 2025 International Conference that will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. To view the publication, you must first login to the [DKG website](#) and then click [here](#).

Please check out the updated Gamma Chi website by clicking <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/>. View the home page and look under the calendar to see who is having a birthday. Also, important DKG events are listed in the calendar for the entire year. The updated Gamma Chi Yearbook has been posted. Because of the personal information, the picture directory is not posted. Anyone not receiving her copy by email should request a copy from [Nancy Tunstall](#).

Our committee would like to encourage everyone, especially committee chairs, to submit news and/or articles to [Nancy Tunstall](#), editor, for publication in the next *Gamma Chi Newsletter*. The submission deadline for the next newsletter will be **February 10**.

HOSPITALITY & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Debra Clayton, Hospitality and Social Affairs Committee Chair

Meal costs are to be paid at each meeting upon arrival.

Members who are unable to attend after responding "yes" to their invite must inform Communications & Marketing Chair [Nancy Tunstall](#) by the cut-off date of **Monday, November 25th**. 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 (she 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.** Also, you are welcome to bring prospective members as guests, but you will be responsible for paying for their meals. Thank you in advance.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Betsy Clark, Scholarship Chair



Please take time to look at the **Dates to Remember** on page 6 to see the deadlines for various scholarships and grants. Also, if you know of a colleague or someone who is pursuing a degree in education, please tell her about our grant-in-aid for non-members. This includes non-certified employees of Warren County Schools who may wish to begin an education degree program. Our application forms can be found on our website by clicking [here](#) or at the end of this newsletter. Our committee will be meeting soon after the January 18 deadline to review applications for our Gamma Chi Scholarship(s) and Gamma Chi Grant(s)-in-Aid. At the December meeting, I will be glad to take any applications that you have finished.

At our December meeting, please remember to bring a contribution for our Scholarship Fund (could be an honorarium or memorial). Also, please see Danylu Hundley and pick up your afghan raffle tickets if you have not already done so. By being members of Delta Kappa Gamma, we are charged with carrying out Purpose 5: *To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships (grants-in-aid) to non-member women educators.* Reminder: you can earn points on your Member Excellence form by contributing to our Scholarship Fund and/or applying for a scholarship.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

by Loree Harris, World Fellowship Representative

World Fellowship provides monetary awards to women from around the world to study in the United States and Canada. Impressive numbers tell the story. Since 1960 1,055 women in 122 countries have received awards totaling \$3,739,250.

DKG is impacting education worldwide through World Fellowship. For more information about the World Fellowship Fund and the application process, you can click on the [Brochures/Flyers page](#).

Gamma Chi Sisters can be a part of this. Please give generously at our December meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please send your suggested minimum of a \$3 contribution to Debra Clayton at 573 Ridgeway-Warrenton Rd, Norlina, NC 27563. Our chapter goal is \$100.00, but we can do better than that. Thank you in advance for your contribution and for continuing this story! In an attempt to better acquaint you with World Fellowship, please read the following article.



DKGIEF:

WORLD FELLOWSHIP

Contributions to World Fellowship, one of the nine funds

managed by the DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) change lives.

A World Fellowship recipient from Ukraine said that DKG support for women gives her a sense of empowerment because DKG members have encouraged her with their words and financial support. "I've been very touched by this endless support, and I honestly feel like they are helping me to mentally survive these dark times away from home."

A World Fellowship recipient from Kazakhstan said, "I hope to return to my country and apply my knowledge to make the lives of kids with special needs better. I am grateful to DKG for this life-changing opportunity."

The amounts and numbers of World Fellowship awards depend on contributions to the fund. Your donation helps other women become future leaders around the world. Your gift to the World Fellowship Fund through DKGIEF supports the dreams of countless women and impacts countless others.

(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), May 5, 2022.)

GAMMA CHI REPRESENTED AT CONVOCATION



On August 19, 2024, three Gamma Chi Members, from left, Beginning Teacher Support Member Gail Coleman, Beginning Teacher Support Chair Norma Retzlaff, and President Sheila Robertson, represented Gamma Chi at the Convocation for Warren County teachers. They provided information about Gamma Chi and DKG.

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF NC DKG



NC DKG was founded 90 years ago on October 27, 1934. It is important to recognize the founders of our state organization as they took the lead in making North Carolina the seventh state organization to join DKG International. We were originally called Eta State since Eta was the seventh letter of the Greek alphabet (pronounced ay-tah). After constitutional changes in 2018 mandating states be named by geographical regions, Eta State's name changed to The North Carolina State Organization, abbreviated NC DKG.

The twelve founders were respected North Carolina leaders in education. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for paving the way for us to belong and participate in this honorary society for key women educators. A history of NC DKG can be found on the [website](#).

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COULD YOU USE \$500 OR \$1,000?



The Board of the NC DKG Educational Foundation continues to work diligently to fulfill its purpose of supporting learning and literacy projects and the professional development of NC educators. The deadline for the Foundation grants is **January 31, 2025**. For more information about these grants and an application, click [here](#).

PLEASE COMPLETE SURVEY



If you haven't already done so, please complete the Chapter Demographic Survey. It only takes a couple of minutes. The final due date is December 15, 2024. The results will be sent to President Sheila in January

2025. The more members who complete the survey, the more accurate our chapter snapshot will be.

The goal of the survey is to give our members information to use when recruiting and retaining members. If you have any questions, email NC DKG Membership Chair [Tammy Cullom](#). Here is the survey link: <https://forms.gle/F1yuwtsvBFuVEJeG9>

LET'S GIVE OUR SUPPORT NOW AND LATER!

by Janie Webb, NC DKG First Vice President

President Hilda has sent out various emails with links and information, but we truly do not know the extent of the devastation in western North Carolina. Several counties in our beautiful state are facing serious conditions and issues for some time to come and are struggling right now to survive day-to-day. As chapters and members, there are many ways to assist efforts. Remember that Educational Excellence within our chapters includes helping others through service projects. Many agencies are working diligently to meet victims' needs. Let's make a strong effort to support their determination to assist. To get up-to-date information, you can go to <https://www.ncdps.gov/our-organization/emergency-management/hurricane-helene>.

We must reach out to sisters in chapters that have been affected to determine needs now, but do not stop there. Remember them throughout the next year and determine how your chapter can assist now and then. President Hilda has named these efforts as a second service project for our 2025 convention, but do not wait until then to be involved. Much is needed now to meet immediate survival needs, but more will be needed later to meet the needs of students who will be returning to their classrooms and some sense of normalcy. This is so important to our interest in Educational Excellence. Let's work together to show the people of western North Carolina that we care about them and their access to education!



APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR DKG SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications are available beginning July 1 for members pursuing advanced

degrees and are due by February 1, 2025. Begin planning now since applications call for transcripts, letters of recommendation, status of program documentation, and the completed application form.

As many as 30 scholarships are awarded each year to members pursuing advanced degrees. Sign into the [DKG website](#) then click MYDKG and click Apply/Submit to apply for a scholarship.

DKGIEF: EMERGENCY FUND



Hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and even volcanic eruptions are just a few of the natural disasters that may face DKG members throughout the seventeen countries that make up our Society. When DKG members, no matter their location, are confronted with destruction brought on by a force of nature, they know that help in the form of a \$500 USD check to assist in moving forward is available. It's a unique practice and a benefit of membership that has been in effect since 1948!

Where do you begin when a natural disaster occurs? That is a question that at least 124 DKG members have asked during the last year and to which they have received an answer from our Society. A simple notification from their state organization president to the executive director in Austin netted \$500 USD for each qualified request. While this sum will not address the full expenses tied to a natural disaster, it begins the process of rebuilding. More importantly it comes with a message of HOPE and CARE. DKG members regularly contribute to the Society's Emergency Fund knowing that it will make a difference in the lives of members when they most need it. It may even, in turn, make a difference in their own lives in a similar situation. We never know when a force of nature may wrack havoc any more than we know to whom that disaster may hit.

While natural disasters can occur at any time, it is the summer months when property-destroying storms most often occur. Don't let the 2021 storm season be the one when DKG falls short in helping members facing the aftermath of a natural disaster. Give to the Emergency Fund today and make a difference tomorrow!

[Follow this link on the DKG website to donate to the Emergency Fund or any of the other eight funds under DKGIEF.](#)

(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), July 8, 2021.)



**ANGEL TREE: HELPING SOCIAL SERVICES
HELP CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**



We have received a letter from the Warren County Department of Social Services requesting our help with their Angel Tree program. It is designed to help needy families receive Christmas. They greatly appreciate all gift cards, monetary funds, unwrapped toys/clothing, hats, coats, gloves, puzzles, and anything that can be donated. They work with the entire family and therefore are able to accept donations for all ages including adults.

Gifts for older children are really needed—most people choose the younger children. Walmart gift cards are accepted or any gift card. Any donations brought to the meeting will be delivered to Social Services.

They would appreciate our continued support, and they will be accepting donations now through December 13, 2024. If you have any questions about this request, please call Social Services at 252-257-5007 or 252-257-5002.



MYSTERY MEMBER

by Nancy Tunstall, Editor

Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *Born in Mt. Olive, she grew up with eight siblings. She spent her career as a teacher and school counselor. She made incredible contributions to the NCAE during her career. She has also been a faithful member of DKG for many years. Annually she performs quite a service for the chapter. Who is she?*

The name of our mystery member will be revealed at the meeting. Please complete your biographical sketch for an opportunity to be our Mystery Member. Contact [Nancy Tunstall](#) for information about completing your biographical sketch.

DKG MISSION STATEMENT
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education

2023-2025 NC DKG THEME
Recruit! Retain! Recognize!
NC DKG Forever Strong!

2024-2026 GAMMA CHI THEME
Good Friends! Good Work! Good Times!
Gamma Chi Forever Strong!

DKG VISION STATEMENT
Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide

NC DKG VISION (VIEW) STATEMENT
Voices of Influence Empowering
North Carolina Women Educators

DATES TO REMEMBER—DKG INTERNATIONAL

November 8 Cornet Individual and Professional Development Awards applications due (this has been extended)

December 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*

2025

Jan. 15-Feb. 15 Submission period to submit your artistic works to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts

February 1 Deadline for scholarship applications to DKG International; \$6,000 for master's, \$10,000 for doctor's

March 1 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*

March 1 DKGIEF project applications due

May 1 Deadline for DKGIEF Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadline: November 1)

May 11 DKG's Founders Day (DKG will be 95!)

May 15 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*

July 29-Aug. 2 DKG International Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana

2026

June 30-July 4 DKG International Convention, Gaylord Rockies, Aurora, Colorado

DATES TO REMEMBER—NC DKG

November 16 Spotlight on Talent, Tarboro

December 15 Deadline to complete Chapter Demographic Survey

2025

January 31 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants application due

February 1 Chapter president annual report due

February 1 NC DKG Scholarship application due

February 1 Deadline to submit to the *NC DKG News*

March 1 ROSE, Golden Key, Rising Star, Beginning Teacher and Communications Excellence forms due

March 21-23 NC DKG Leadership Seminar, Asheboro, NC

April 25-27 NC DKG Convention, Hilton Charlotte University Place, Charlotte, NC

May 1 Deadline to submit to the *NC DKG News*

DATES TO REMEMBER—GAMMA CHI

December 5 **2nd Gamma Chi Meeting**, Wise Baptist Church (Norlina Group hostesses)

2025

January 18 Deadline for scholarship applications to Gamma Chi; also, deadline for grant-in-aid applications to Gamma Chi

February 10 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*

March 6 **3rd Gamma Chi Meeting**, Littleton Baptist Church. Littleton (Littleton Group hostesses)

April 21 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*

May 7 Gamma Chi's Founders Day (we'll be 42!)

May 15 **4th Gamma Chi Meeting**, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway (St. Paul's Group hostesses)

May 15 Dues due to Debra Clayton (\$85 Active, \$45 Reserve)

Please submit events, celebrations, recognitions and news to:

Editor/Webmaster: [Nancy Tunstall](mailto:nancy.tunstall@dkg.org)

Check them out often!

GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:

<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/>

NC DKG WEBSITE:

<http://www.ncdkg.org/>

DKG WEBSITE:

<http://www.dkg.org/>



GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, hosted by the Warrenton Group, met at Warrenton Church of God Fellowship Hall on September 5, 2024. Members socialized and took care of various financial responsibilities prior to the tasty meal. Hilda Cordell and her team catered a dinner of garden salad, fried chicken, roast beef/gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, sweet desserts, lemonade, and iced tea. Members gave her an appreciative round of applause for the delicious dinner.

Following dinner President Sheila Robertson called the meeting to order and shifted her program activity of creating fall card art to the end of the evening's agenda. After that activity concluded, Aimee Cooper presented Sheila with a red rose in appreciation of her guidance in providing directions and assisting members with their creations. President Robertson took time briefly at the start of the meeting to remind members of upcoming dates and deadlines and provided more details in her President's Report.

Recording Secretary Evelyn Hall stated that the 28 members present constituted a quorum. There was also one guest, Josalyn Thompson, in attendance. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Treasurer Debra Clayton reported a checking account balance of \$2,182.53 and a savings account balance of \$6,010.52. The report was approved.

Corresponding Secretary Gail Coleman read a note of thanks and appreciation from the Friends of the Littleton Library for Gamma Chi's monetary gift in honor of Josephine Myrick.

President Robertson recognized July, August, and September birthdays with a gift choice of adult coloring book or various word puzzle book along and sharpened, colored pencils. She also announced that the Mystery Member is Debra Clayton.

Recording Secretary Evelyn Hall reported on the July 15 meeting of the Executive Board and Planning Committee meeting. Actions taken were the approval of the 2024-2026 Gamma Chi Chapter Strategic Plan, approval of the meeting dates for this biennium, and approval of the same projects funded at the same level as the previous biennium.

Sheila Robertson's President's Report encouraged members to be aware of deadlines and dates. The next NC DKG Educational Foundation Grant deadline is September 30, 2024, with the next deadline January 31, 2025. September 15 is the deadline for submissions to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts. November 1 is the deadline for DKGIEF Cornet Individual Professional Development and DKGIEF Cornet Seminar Professional Development applications. She also reminded members to plan to attend and be involved in the NC DKG Convention in Charlotte on April 25 – 27, 2025.

Afghan Committee Chair Danylu Hundley joyously reported that \$162 has already been turned in for the afghan raffle.

Awards Committee Chair Dr. Sylvia Alston presented the annual awards as follows. Milestone pins and certificates were awarded to Martha Ann Overby (35 years); Norma Retzlaff (30 years); Nancy Tunstall (25 years); Diana Bobbitt (20 years); Trina Paynter (15 years); Ashley Barnette, Aimee Cooper, Evelyn Hall, and Jenny O'Meara (10 years); and Pattie Rodwell (5 years). Receiving pins and certificates for Perfect Attendance were Ginny Bernard, Melanie Burnette, Betsy Clark, Gail Coleman, Sara Council, Evelyn Hall, Loree Harris, Renee Mizelle, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Rachel Smith, and Nancy Tunstall. Recognitions with pins and certificates for Member Excellence went to Dr. Sylvia Alston, Melanie Burnette, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Evelyn Hall, Loree Harris, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Rachel Smith, and Nancy Tunstall. The Awards Committee selected Evelyn Hall to receive the Golden Key Award and Sara Council to receive the Rising Star Award. A motion was made to choose these two to be our nominees for the state awards of the same name to be given at the state convention in April. The motion was enthusiastically approved. Photographs of all honorees present were taken. President Robertson encouraged members to fill out the Member Excellence check list, beginning now for an award next fall.

Beginning Teacher Support Chair Norma Retzlaff reported that there are approximately 25 beginning teachers in Warren County Schools with the final number to be determined soon. The committee will prepare new teacher bags for distribution during National Education Week November 18-22. Dates are being finalized for members to come together and prepare the bags for distribution. Members will receive an email when the date is set. Norma thanked members who hosted a breakfast for new teachers who were attending the Warren County Schools New Teacher Orientation session on July 31. Chapter brochures were given to the new teachers along with an explanation of DKG's mission and purposes.

Communications and Marketing Chair Nancy Tunstall reminded members that an updated yearbook and picture directory have been distributed by email to all members. She also reminded members to take copies of the new brochure to share and distribute to recruit potential new members.

EEC Chair Aimee Cooper shared information concerning a new initiative approved at the summer DKG International Convention. This initiative, GIRLS by UNICEF (Girls Initiative to Revitalize Learning and Success), replaces Schools for Africa, and is designed to make progress on girls' education in Africa. The EEC made a motion to adopt this project and fund it as we did Schools for Africa. The motion passed.

Nancy Tunstall represented Membership Committee Chair Jenny O'Meara, and commented on the importance of completion of member biographical profiles and to seek worthy candidates to consider for membership. She also presented a motion that the chapter accept the resignations of Kay Beaver, Lou Ann Bender, Ann Kilian, Tracy Neal and Hailey Stroud and reserve status for Mary Austell, Ashley Barnette and Lisa Bender. The motion passed.

Finance Committee Chair Nancy Tunstall presented budgets for 2024-2025. She noted that a line item for GIRLS for a minimum of \$100 will be added. The membership approved the proposed budgets.

Scholarship Committee Chair Betsy Clark reported that two grant-in-aid recipients plan to reapply for funds in the upcoming grant cycle.

Memorials Chair Elaine Coleman reported that donations of recent Caldecott and Newbery book award winners were made to Warren County Memorial Library in memory of Shirley White.

World Fellowship Chair Loree Harris reminded members to bring donations for this cause to the December 5 meeting. There was no unfinished business.

President Robertson indicated there was a new business item and called on Danylu Hundley. She shared information concerning Warren Young Explorers School (YES). Warren YES is a proposed Paideia charter school in Warren County. Danylu distributed a handout and invited members to visit the school's website for additional information.

President Robertson adjourned the meeting.

Rachel Smith and Warrenton group members conducted the raffle and distributed numerous gift bags to lucky ticket holders.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Hall, Recording Secretary

Active Members Present: Teresa Abbott, Dr. Sylvia Alston, Diana Bobbitt, Crystal Brantley, Katrinka Brewer, Melanie Burnette, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Elaine Coleman, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Aimee Anderson Cooper, Sara Council, Robin Edwards, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Brenda Holloman, Danylu Hundley, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Chris Skinner, Rachel Smith, Nancy Tunstall, and Patricia Williamson

Active Members Absent: Kirby Alston, Ginny Bernard, Brooke Callahan, Jill Coleman, Sallye Duncan, Shannon Fuller, Katy Jones, Laura Kearney, Donna Liles, Renee Mizelle, Jenny O'Meara, Pattie Rodwell, Michele Stallings, and Kathy Stewart

Honorary Member Present: Josephine Myrick

Reserve Member Present: Martha Overby

Guest Present: Josalyn Thompson



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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

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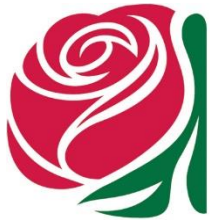
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Norlina, NC 27563



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GAMMA CHI CHAPTER
GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION FORM

INFORMATION:

1. A \$1,000 award will be given for use towards tuition or books. The check will be mailed directly to the institution that the recipient will be attending.
2. Applicant **must be** a female who is graduating high school, an enrolled college student, or a non-certified employee of Warren County Schools desiring or working toward a degree in education.
3. Application deadline is **Saturday, January 18, 2025**.
4. This grant-in-aid is renewable each year that the recipient is actively pursuing a degree in education, but *recipient must re-apply each year*.
5. Applicant must be a resident of Warren or Vance Counties or a non-certified employee of Warren County Schools.
6. Application should be mailed or e-mailed to:
Betsy Clark, Scholarship Chair
129 Vaughan Gin Rd
Macon, NC 27551-8987
252-586-4585 (h) or 252-204-1820 (c)
clarbetsy32@gmail.com
7. To receive the award, the recipient **must provide** her letter of acceptance, her student ID# and address of institution she is attending no later than **April 21, 2025** to Debra Clayton, Treasurer, 273 Ridgeway-Warrenton Rd, Norlina, NC 27563.
8. A recipient **is expected to attend** the Gamma Chi meeting on **May 15, 2025** to receive her award and have her picture taken for publication in local newspapers and on the Gamma Chi website. She and one person accompanying her, preferably her mother, will be treated to a celebratory dinner.
9. After receiving your award, we request that you update us on your progress at the end of your school year.

APPLICATION:

1. Personal Data:
Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Status (check one): ___ Graduating High School Student
 ___ College Student
 ___ Other (describe) _____

If you are a graduating high school student, check academic standing in class:
___ Upper quarter ___ Second Quarter ___ Third Quarter ___ Fourth Quarter

2. Complete a typed response on a separate paper. In a well-organized paragraph or essay, relate details that have led you to pursue a career in education. Include personal experiences, people who have been influential in your making of this decision, your specific goals as you pursue your studies and career path, and any other details that express your determination to become an educator.
3. How will this \$1,000 be beneficial in your pursuit of a degree in education?

4. List activities.
 - a. Professional
 - b. Community

5. List honors.
 - a. Professional
 - b. Community

6. Include your fall transcript.

7. List two references (one must be an educator):

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date _____



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GAMMA CHI CHAPTER
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

INFORMATION:

1. A \$1,000 award will be given for use towards tuition/books or National Board Certification. The check will be mailed directly to the institution with which the recipient is pursuing an advanced degree or credential.
2. Applicant ***must be*** a member of the Gamma Chi Chapter pursuing a graduate degree in the field of education or working on National Board Certification.
3. Application deadline is **Saturday, January 18, 2025**.
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APPLICATION:

3. Personal Data:

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

4. Why do you want to pursue a graduate degree or obtain National Board Certification (use a separate paper, if necessary)?

3. How will this \$1,000 scholarship be beneficial to you?

8. List activities.

a. Professional

b. Community

9. List honors.

a. Professional

b. Community

10. List two references (one reference must be an educator):

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date _____

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ADDENDUM TO THE GAMMA CHI NEWSLETTER

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NC DKG CONVENTION
AT THE HILTON CHARLOTTE UNIVERSITY PLACE, CHARLOTTE, NC
APRIL 25-27, 2025



2025 Convention Plans Taking Shape

Start making your plans now!

Here is what is currently available:

General details can be found in the [bird's eye view](#).

Workshop proposals can be [submitted](#) now through February 15.

The vendor [form](#) will open December 1.

[Registration](#) will open on February 1.

Program ads can be submitted via this [form](#) beginning February 1.