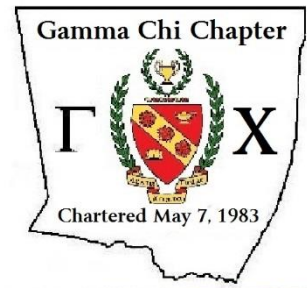


# Gamma Chi Newsletter

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



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is in the air with the azaleas, buttercups, pansies, tulips, and forsythia blooming. Gamma Chi is in full bloom also! We nominated three people for awards: Janis

Meek for the Founder's Award, Mary Austell for the Golden Key Award and Ashley Barnette for the Rising Star Award. I was notified by the Awards Committee Chairman that Janis will receive the Founder's Award at the Sunday morning brunch at the State Convention in Wilmington. Mary Austell will receive the Golden Key award for Region III on Friday evening at the State Convention. She will be the third member from our chapter to receive this award. The other two were Nancy Tunstall (2012) and Shirley White (2014). Since the last meeting Ashley Barnette received a Lucile Cornetet Award. Hopefully, she will receive the Rising Star Award for Region III at the convention. Congratulations to these Gamma Chi sisters for the contributions they have made to education, the community and to Gamma Chi.

Also Gamma Chi has four key women educators who will be initiated at the May meeting: Betsy Clark, Elizabeth Seitz, Maria Smith and Martina Taylor-Fuller. Gamma Chi is not only blooming but rocking!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the May meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

In sisterhood,

Debra W. Clayton

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## MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, May 4, 2017  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
114 Popular Mount Road, Norlina, NC 27563

Hors d'oeuvres will be served prior to dinner. Dinner will consist of a buffet including pork loin with cranberry sauce, gourmet chicken salad, spinach salad, seasoned green beans, small red potatoes with melted butter & parsley, marinated carrots, orange fluff salad, dinner rolls, and a variety of homemade desserts; choice of iced tea, coffee and water. Cost: \$15.00 (make checks to St. Paul's LWML)

**Cut-Off Date: Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> (must pay for meal after that date regardless of attendance)**

- 5:30 p.m. Social Hour
- 6:00 p.m. Initiation Ceremony
- 6:15 p.m. Scholarship & Grants Presentation
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:15 p.m. Celebration of Life Service
- 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting

Thanks to the Membership Committee for their hard work.  
(Note: You do not have to purchase dinner to attend the meeting. That is your choice.)

The Telephone Network should call members for a meal count.  
(St. Paul's Group will need to bring items for the raffle.)

## BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ Money to buy \$1 raffle tickets
- ☞ Turn in your money, stubs and unsold tickets for the afghan raffle. Drawing will be held. You do not have to be present to win. You can still purchase tickets up to the time of the drawing. Tickets are priced at \$3.00 each.
- ☞ Box Tops and Labels for Education; they will benefit our elementary schools and the middle school
- ☞ Completed Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award form; at the end of the newsletter or click [here](#) for the form
- ☞ Bottle tops – see page 2 "Lending a Helping Hand" for details

## GAMMA CHI GROUP PICTURE

Not only do we have much to celebrate at our meeting—initiation of new members, presenting scholarships and grants, sharing our chapter's triumphs at convention—but we also want to take a group picture of our chapter. This picture will be used in various ways, in particular, it will be in our next brochure. **It is very important that you make every effort to attend.**

The group picture will be taken immediately after our Memorial Service for Edith Allen, just prior to our business meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

## MEET OUR FUTURE NEW MEMBERS

We have much to look forward to as we plan to initiate four new members at the May meeting. President Debra Clayton, Treasurer Shirley White and Membership Member Nancy Tunstall provided orientation sessions for these women on March 24 and April 6. Listed below are pictures of our new members and their professional information along with their groups and birthdays so you can start to familiarize yourselves with our soon-to-be new members and bid them welcome!



**Betsy Clark** is a retired middle school English and social studies teacher at Kerr-Vance Academy. She will be a member of the Littleton group. Her birthday is January 8.



**Liz Seitz** is a 9-12 ELA teacher at Warren Early College High School. She will be a member of the Warrenton group. Her birthday is September 29.







**Maria Smith** is a 6-8 Spanish Teacher at Warren County Middle School. She will be a member of the Norlina group. Her birthday is January 1.



**Martina Taylor-Fuller** is a kindergarten Teacher at Mariam Boyd Elementary School. She will be a member of the St. Paul's group. Her birthday is September 5.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

-  **Cecilia Aguilar** on completing training and being Google certified Level II in the use of Google educational applications for the classroom
-  **Donna Liles** on completing training and being Google certified Level I in the use of Google educational applications for the classroom
-  **Trina Paynter** on being presented a check for \$100 by the local chapter of the NC Association of Educators to be used for supplies to celebrate the NEA's Read Across America Day
-  **Nancy Tunstall** on completing the 76-page 2017 Eta State NC Convention program book

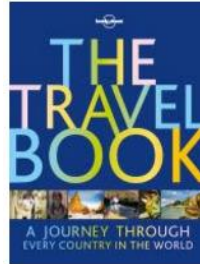
## CELEBRATION OF LIFE



The Celebration of Life service in memory of our beloved Gamma Chi sister, Edith Allen, will be held at our May meeting. Please be in attendance as we remember this remarkable sister, one of our past presidents.

## GAMMA CHI MEMORIALS REPORT

by Elaine Coleman, Gamma Chi Memorials Chair



The Gamma Chi Memorials Committee has chosen *The Travel Book: A Journey Through Every Country* by Lonely Planet as a memorial for Edith Allen. It will be placed in the Warren County Memorial Library.

Each country is profiled by Lonely Planet's expert authors and features details of when to visit, what to see and do, and how to learn more about the country's culture from its film, music, food and drink. Every entry has a map and statistics about the country.

All brand new, incredible photography illustrates each country, depicting what life is like in each nation from photographic portraits of people, beautiful landscape photographs and vibrant street photography.

As an avid traveler, Edith would have loved to read this book.



## CONDOLENCES TO:

**Crystal Brantley** on the loss of her mother, Shirley Peoples Weaver. Please keep Crystal and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

## BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

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



## LENDING A HELPING HAND



Please remember to support our sister, Sheila Robertson, as she has a "Recycle Art Project" planned for Fall 2017. She will need thousands of bottle caps and tops of all different sizes. Let's bombard her with caps at our May meeting!

She can use lids and caps from ketchup bottles, mayonnaise jars, vinegar bottles, soda bottles, water bottles, aerosol container tops, margarine tops, wine plastic bottle tops, liquor plastic tops, spray paint tops, prepared frosting tops, laundry detergent tops, salad dressing tops, toothpaste tops, hand lotion tops, etc. Basically anything, any size that pops off or screws off. Thank you for helping!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ASHLEY BARNETTE



The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation recently announced that Elizabeth Ashley Barnette is the recipient of a Lucile Cornet Individual Professional Development (CIPD) Award valued at \$1,982.71. This award allowed Ashley to attend the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education Comprehensive

Orton-Gillingham Training held in Winston-Salem from April 3-7. Barnette is currently a Special Education Teacher, Resource (all areas), K-5 at Mariam Boyd Elementary School in Warrenton. This training will equip her with a new set of skills for teaching learners with intense needs in the area of reading/literacy. The Orton-Gillingham program is very effective for teaching learners with dyslexia.



The CIPD Award is granted to educators to participate in a growth-promoting learning process that empowers employed educators to further excellence in education. It is sponsored through The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and it is based on a bequest from the Lucile Cornet estate. It pays for registration fees and conference related materials, travel, lodging, food and other expenses necessary for participation in the professional development activities.

Ashley is the first Gamma Chi member to receive a CIPD, but hopefully she won't be the last. Application deadlines are February 1, May 1, and September 1. You will notice that the next deadline is fast approaching. If you have any type of professional development activity in mind, now is the time to apply. Information and applications for all projects may be accessed at [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org).

## TREASURER'S REPORT

by Shirley White, Treasurer



At the March meeting, \$50.00 was collected from the meeting raffle; this will be used to help our local libraries and to help pay for the paving brick at Eta State NC Headquarters in honor of our chapter. Purchased afghan tickets have so far brought in a total of \$414.00. We have one more meeting to reach our goal of \$500.00. All sold and unsold tickets are due at our May meeting. Please support your chapter by buying your unsold tickets. Who knows, your ticket might be the winning ticket!

Thank you, Gamma Chi Sisters, for generously donating to the Schools for Africa project. At the March meeting, a total of \$100.00 dollars was received.

Also received for the Eta State NC Convention Project Hope Harbor Home was \$80.00 in cash and checks. The amount plus any additional amounts given will be delivered to the convention by our attendees.

## DUES PAYMENT PLAN

by Shirley White, Treasurer

Gamma Chi members who prefer to make payments on their dues rather than pay the full amount at our October meeting will need to begin payments after July 1. Our fiscal year ends on June 30, and our books must be closed out at that time. Our new year begins on July 1.

For making payments, the following plan should be followed (there will be no reminders made):

1<sup>st</sup> payment - \$20.00 by July 5<sup>th</sup> (must be after July 1)

2<sup>nd</sup> payment - \$20.00 by August 5<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> payment - \$20.00 by September 5<sup>th</sup>

Final payment - \$25.00 at the meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>

For those who do not care to take advantage of the payment plan, the entire amount of dues, \$85.00, will be due on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the first meeting. This is assuming that the dues will remain \$85.00. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the amount should remain \$85.00. Any questions can be directed to our treasurer, Shirley White at [shirleylenawhite@gmail.com](mailto:shirleylenawhite@gmail.com).

## HOSPITALITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS REPORT

by Paula Aycock, Hospitality and Social Affairs Chair

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

Members who are unable to attend after making a commitment to



purchase the meal must inform the Telephone Network Chair Nancy Tunstall, at [nancytunstall@gmail.com](mailto:nancytunstall@gmail.com) or 252-456-2051 (h) by the cut-off date of **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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.

## MYRTLE BEACH—THE PLACE TO BE THIS SUMMER!



The Southeast Regional Conference for eleven southeastern states will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC this summer. How DKG impacts literacy, leadership, and personal/professional growth is the focus for the July 19-22

conference. Conveniently located ten minutes from the airport and boardwalk and five minutes from Broadway at the Beach, the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel is just right for your conference and vacation pleasure! Click [here](#) to make reservations.

With miles of beautiful sandy beaches, first-class live entertainment, exciting attractions for everyone, endless shopping, exquisite dining and so much more, *Myrtle Beach is where you belong.* (Taken from *DKG News*, Jan/Feb 2017)



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### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT . . .

I'm so excited and I just can't hide it. It's convention time and I think you'll like it!

Region IV is working hard to make sure you have a wonderful experience at this year's convention. Hurry to Wilmington and take advantage of opportunities for sight-seeing, shopping, and eating in The Port City before convention activities begin! Reserve a spot on the guided tour of the Bellamy Mansion Friday morning. Be in your seats at 7:00 pm Friday evening so you don't miss a minute of the performance by *The Steel Cats* from New Hanover High School. It's okay if you find you can't stay in that seat, something about steel drum music makes you want to move! Celebrate member and chapter achievements on Awards Night. Meet our Southeast Regional Director, Linda Navorska, a South Carolina neighbor. Lend your voice to the Convention Chorus or sit back and enjoy the beautiful music presented by this group under the direction of Kiki Neale. Attend the NC DKG Educational Foundation meeting and participate in the election of new state officers at the Eta State business meeting. Get updated information about current legislative issues and the potential impact on NC students and teachers from Dr. June Atkinson. Select from a variety of interesting breakout sessions. Enjoy fellowship and congratulate chapter presidents on a successful first year at Saturday evening's Reception and Banquet. Experience the Ceremony of Remembrance and celebrate the lives of beloved sisters. Be inspired by featured speaker Dr. Kaye Dotson and entertained by humorist Ann Ipock. Attend the Sunday Brunch and see the presentation of Rising Star Awards and Eta State's highest honor, The Founders Award.

Whether you pack up the family and head to Wilmington or make this a Girls' Weekend, you are sure to have a grand time at the 2017 Eta State NC Convention!

See you there!

*sheila*

### ETA STATE NC AUTHORS IN LATEST DKG BULLETIN: JOURNAL



Did you know that six Eta State members have been published in the latest *DKG Bulletin: Journal*, the International DKG journal that is online at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)? To read the articles in the online journal, you will need to be logged on to the website.

The latest Journal has the theme of Systems to Address Quality Teaching. The Eta State NC members featured are Drs. Angela Kern, Laura Lowder and Ann Crutchfield from Pfeiffer University; Susan Kuenzel,

*Eta Data* editor; and Dr. Donna Cotton from Wilkes County Schools. Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, Eta State NC Executive Secretary, is a member of the DKG Editorial Board.

Both the research journal (published online three times a year) and the new magazine, *Collegial Exchange*, published twice a year, are member benefits. Both have articles and ideas that can be used for chapter programs. Submissions are always welcome, and the guidelines and directions are posted online.

### TECH TIP—EVITE

One of the ongoing challenges in planning our meetings is getting an accurate count of those planning to attend. We currently use the Telephone Network where four dedicated women contact their group soliciting a response. This is a time-consuming process as the women wait for replies and then have to relay the information to the person who tallies the total and relays it to the hostess.



Perhaps we should consider using another approach, like Evite. What is Evite? It is an event organizer that creates an online invitation that is referred to as "an Evite." The Evite is then emailed to all those invited to attend the event. It doesn't require those receiving the Evite to sign up for anything special. All members need to receive an Evite for a meeting is an email address. All you would have to do is click YES or NO regarding your plans to attend the meeting. The sender could check the tally at any time.

For more information on Evite, you can visit their site: <http://www.evite.com/>. You might want to consider using Evite for the next event that you plan.

### MYSTERY MEMBER



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *She grew up in eastern NC and her father was a Baptist minister. She began her career as a first grade teacher in Benson. She was media specialist at Northside before she retired. She joined DKG in 1988 and has served as chapter president twice, among other positions. Who is she?*

If you do not know who the member is, you can find the answer by reading our members' biographies by clicking [here](#). The name of our mystery member will be revealed at the meeting.

#### DKG VISION STATEMENT

*Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education Worldwide*

#### ETA STATE VISION (VIEW)

*Voices of Influence Empowering  
North Carolina Women Educators*

#### 2016-2018 INTERNATIONAL THEME

*DKG: Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education Worldwide*

#### 2015-2017 ETA STATE THEME

*"Create the Future—Imagine, Inspire, Ignite"*

**Check them out often!**

**GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:**

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

**ETA STATE WEBSITE:**

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

**DKG WEBSITE:**







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

## GAMMA CHI—AN AWARD WINNING CHAPTER

The seven Gamma Chi members planning to attend the 2017 Eta State NC Convention should enjoy one of the best conventions ever! Preparations have been made, and Wilmington and the nearby beaches beckon. Those planning to attend the convention are Mary Austell, Ashley Barnette, Debra Clayton, Evelyn Hall, Dr. Janis Meek, Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White. This is the largest number of members to ever attend a state convention! We are on track to come home with many awards. Below is an ad that we are placing in the convention program book to recognize and honor our nominees for the individual awards.

**GAMMA CHI CHAPTER**  
**AN AWARD WINNING CHAPTER!**  
*Located in Warren County, Region III*

Gamma Chi Chapter is proud of all our members especially our 2017 nominees for the:

 <b>Founders Award</b>	 <b>Golden Key Award</b>	 <b>Rising Star Award</b>
 <i>Dr. Janis Meek</i>	 <i>Mary Austell</i>	 <i>Ashley Barnette</i>

Here is a list of the possible (and very probable) awards for our chapter and our members:

The **Superior Chapter Achievement Award** is given to those chapters scoring at least 600 points on their Chapter Achievement form. This form assesses a chapter's leadership, representation, communications, projects, action plan, attendance, and contributions/support to International and Eta State NC activities. We have 635 points so we will definitely be receiving this award! To see our form, click [here](#). Gamma Chi has received this award in 2013, 2014 and 2015. (We just missed receiving it last year when the total points required went from 500 to 600 points.)

The **Presidential Chapter Achievement Award** is given to those five chapters who have qualified for the Superior Chapter Achievement Award and earn the highest number of points. We certainly have a possibility of receiving this award since our point count exceeds the minimum of 600 points. We have received this award in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

The **Communications Excellence Award** is a new award this year designed to recognize chapters for superior accomplishments in greatly enhancing chapter communications. Our chapter has met the four requirements for this award.



The **Golden Key Award** is given to honor members who have made significant contributions to DKG at various levels of the Society. The recipients are dedicated members who are the backbone of their respective chapters. They have a deep and abiding love for DKG and demonstrate their commitment by being involved in local, state and international initiatives. Their chapters are stronger and more successful because of their tireless efforts and service. This award was first given in 2012

with each region having one nominee selected each year. The recipients receive a certificate and unique golden key pin. Nancy Tunstall was our first recipient in 2012, and Shirley White received it in 2014. Our 2017 nominee is **Mary Austell**.

By the vote of the 1981 convention, a **Founders Award** is set aside to honor a NC woman who has made an outstanding contribution to the improvement of the quality of human life through education, research, publications or service. **The award is the highest honor Eta State can bestow on a woman.** Since its inception, seventeen women have received this award. In addition to the honor, the recipient receives a financial award. It is only given in odd years. Our nominee this year is **Dr. Janis Meek**.

The **Rising Star Award** is intended to recognize and encourage key women educators in their early years of active membership in NC Delta Kappa Gamma. The award was first given at the 2016 state convention. Only twelve women from across the state were selected for this honor representing our twelve Eta State NC founders. Our own Debra Clayton was one of the first recipients. The recipients receive a certificate and unique rising star pin. Our nominee for this award is **Ashley Barnette**.

Needless to say, our attendees can hold their heads high as they attend this convention. Our president, Debra Clayton, has been asked by the Awards Committee to be on a panel at their workshop to offer tips on our chapter's success. It would be great if our entire chapter could be present to enjoy all the spiritual fellowship that will be in abundance at the convention! Maybe more will be in attendance next year.

## GAMMA CHI'S FUTURE LEADERS

Gamma Chi took a step towards creating its future when at the last meeting it voted to pay the \$60 registration fee plus \$15 skills assessment fee and gas for up to three of our younger members to attend the Leadership Development Seminar on June 23-25 at Camp Caraway in Sophia, NC.

Three of our members, **Diane Collins, Jenny O'Meara and Erin Simons**, have registered to attend. We are very proud of these women, and look forward to hearing from them at our October meeting about the seminar.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

April 28-30	<b>Eta State NC Convention</b> , The Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington, NC (Region IV)
May 1	Deadline for applying for a Cornet Individual Professional Development Award
May 4	<b>4th Gamma Chi Meeting</b> , St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway
May 15	Deadline to submit to the <i>Bulletin: Journal</i>
June 23-25	<b>Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar</b> , Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, NC
July 19-22	<b>Southeast Regional Conference</b> , Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC
August 1	Deadline to submit to the <i>Bulletin: Collegial Exchange</i>
September 11	Deadline to submit to the <i>Gamma Chi Newsletter</i>
October 5	<b>1st Gamma Chi Meeting</b> , Enterprise Baptist Church, Littleton

Please submit events, celebrations, recognitions and news to:  
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## GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MINUTES – MARCH 2, 2017

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Robinson Ferry Restaurant in Warrenton on Thursday, March 2, 2017. A 6:00 p.m. social hour was followed by dinner. Mary Catherine Harris offered a blessing before the meal.

President Debra Clayton called the meeting to order, expressing thanks to the hosting Warrenton group. Mary Catherine Harris, recording secretary, gave the attendance report, with 28 members present.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved. Shirley White, treasurer, noted a correction to the previous treasurer's report to reflect an addition of \$0.01 in interest earnings. She reported current balances of \$1,888.80 in checking and \$6,527.60 in savings. The report was accepted and filed. Shirley read a letter of thanks on behalf of the Littleton Library for the chapter's donation.

Aimee Anderson, corresponding secretary, reported attendance regrets from Donna Liles and Jill Coleman. Other regrets were heard for Sharon West and Renee Mizelle.

Members with February, March, and April birthdays were recognized. Ashley Barnette was revealed to be the Mystery Member. Congratulations were announced from the newsletter, with the addition of Cecilia Aguilar. Jenny O'Meara was congratulated on her recent engagement.

In her report, President Clayton confirmed submission of Annual President and Necrology Reports, as well as information for Founders Award, Chapter Achievement Award, Golden Key Award, Rising Star Award, and Communications Excellence Award. She reminded members of the Eta State NC Convention in Wilmington in April, which she, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White plan to attend. She reminded also of the Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar to take place in Sophia in June and the Southeast Regional Conference scheduled for July in Myrtle Beach.

The following reports were given:

- Nancy Tunstall, reporting for Educational Excellence in place of Patricia Williamson, spoke in support of the Schools for Africa project and reminded members of the opportunity to donate at the meeting.
- Reporting for Membership chair Jennifer Wilker, Nancy Tunstall invited members to submit Prospect Cards for potential new members. On behalf of the Membership Committee, Nancy submitted the following persons for acceptance into membership: Betsy Clark, Maria Smith, Martina Taylor-Fuller, Earline Clanton, and Elizabeth Seitz. Motions to accept were considered one by one, and each motion was passed. Nancy also announced a request from Sharon West to be placed on Reserve status. This recommendation from the Membership Committee was passed.
- Aimee Anderson, reporting for the Scholarship Committee, made the motions from the committee to approve the following: Ashley Barnette, scholarship; Kelsie Clary, grant-in-aid; Mila Alston, grant-in-aid, Tiffany Thorpe-Hunter, grant-in-aid. Each motion was considered separately, and each motion was passed.
- Sylvia Alston, on behalf of the Awards Committee, presented the Rising Star Award to Ashley Barnette.

There was no Unfinished Business.

As matters of New Business, several motions were considered. Nancy Tunstall made a motion that Gamma Chi Chapter pay the \$60 registration fee plus \$15 skills assessment fee and gas for up to three of our younger members to attend the Leadership Development Seminar June 23-25 at Camp Caraway in Sophia, NC, on a first come, first served basis, and that the payment should come from our Scholarship Fund. The motion, seconded by Loree Harris, was passed. Nancy also made a motion that up to two of our members who decide to attend the Eta State NC Convention be pre-approved to have their registration fee and gas paid by a Professional Development Grant on a first come, first served basis. Loree Harris seconded the motion, which was passed. A third motion by Nancy, seconded by Shirley White, was that we support the Eta State NC Headquarters by purchasing a Paving Brick to honor our chapter, with the funds coming from our raffle and supplemented from chapter funds. The brick would read: Gamma Chi Chapter of Warren County Est. May 7, 1983. Motion passed

Jenny O'Meara presented an insightful program on *The Three Greatest Lessons I Learned Teaching in Burkina Faso*.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m., followed by the raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Catherine Harris, recording secretary

Active members present: Sylvia Alston, Aimee Anderson, Mary Austell, Paula Aycock, Harriet Banzet, Ashley Barnette, Ginny Bernard, Crystal Brantley, Anna Brickey, Brooke Callahan, Debra Clayton, Elaine Coleman, Diane Colin, Evelyn Hall, Patricia Hargrove, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Danylu Hundley, Tracey Neal, Jenny O'Meara, Karen Paynter, Mary Brodie Raiford, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Charis Shattuck, Erin Simons, Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White.

Active members absent: Cecilia Aguilar, Kay Beaver, Diana Bobbitt, Kristen Boyd, Melanie Burnette, Jill Coleman, Sallye Duncan, LaTrenda Hawkins, Heidi Hogan, Brenda Holloman, Katy Jones, Laura Kearney, Ann Kilian, Lynne Lassiter, Donna Liles, Janis Meek, Renee Mizelle, Martha Ann Overby, Trina Paynter, Jamie Pernell, Diane Reavis, Chris Skinner, Kristin Speakman, Charlene Spence, Jennifer Wilker, Patricia Williamson.

## 2016-2017 GAMMA CHI MEMBER EXCELLENCE AWARD FORM

Use this form to keep a track of your attendance, participation, financial contributions, networking, and lifelong learning as a Gamma Chi member between October 6, 2016 and May 4, 2017. The goal is to earn 150 or more points. To receive recognition, submit your completed form to Sylvia Alston, Awards Committee Chair, on May 4, 2017 or shortly thereafter. Recognition will consist of presentation of a certificate and rose pin at the October 5 2017 meeting and notification of the award to the member's supervisor. Members achieving this award will have their picture taken for a newspaper article and the Gamma Chi website.

### Member's Attendance:

- \_\_\_ 1. Attend the following meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on Oct. 6, 2016; 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on Dec. 1, 2016; 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on March 2, 2017; and 4<sup>th</sup> meeting on May 4, 2017. (5 pts. each meeting, 20 pts. maximum)
- \_\_\_ 2. Attend one or more days of the 2017 Eta State Convention in Wilmington on Friday-Sunday, April 28-30. (10 pts.)

### Member's Participation:

- \_\_\_ 3. Wear your keypin to each of the regular meetings. (5 pts. each meeting, 20 pts. maximum)
- \_\_\_ 4. Recommend a worthy candidate for membership using a Prospect Card available at meetings or online. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 5. Serve as an officer. (10 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 6. Serve as a committee chair. (10 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 7. Actively serve on a committee. (5 pts. each committee, up to 3; 15 pts. maximum) List the committee(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 8. Present a program at a Gamma Chi meeting. (10 pts.)  
List title and date of program: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 9. Present a session/program at an Eta State Convention or other DKG meeting outside of Gamma Chi. (20 pts.) List title, date, and location of session/program:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 10. Apply or be nominated for a Delta Kappa Gamma award at the state or international level. (20 pts.)  
List name of award: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 11. Submit your biographical sketch by December 1, 2016. (10 pts.) (Contact Nancy Tunstall for info and/or help)
- \_\_\_ 12. Bring an item for the raffle when it is your group's turn. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 13. Participate when it is your group's turn to be hostesses for the meeting. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 14. Bring an item(s) to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on Oct. 6, 2016 for New Teacher Bag project. (10 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 15. Bring a children's book(s) to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on Dec. 1, 2016. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 16. Bring Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education to each of the regular meetings. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)
- \_\_\_ 17. Apply for a scholarship: Gamma Chi Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2017), Eta State NC Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2017) and/or 2017 International Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2017). All forms are online—check our website. (5 pts. each, 15 pts. maximum)
- \_\_\_ 18. Apply for a Gamma Chi Professional Development grant at least one month prior to a regular meeting. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 19. Turn in a THAT Program (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) Volunteer Hours Report by Dec. 1, 2016. Form is on our website. Continue keeping track of your volunteer hours for beginning teachers—you will be asked to turn in a form each year at the December meeting. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 20. Respond promptly to your Telephone Network Group Chair to let her know if you are attending a meeting or not. (5 pts. each meeting, maximum 20 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 21. Serve as an ebuddy to those members who do not have email or serve as a mentor to new members. (5 pts. each, 10 pt. maximum) Name(s) of your ebuddy \_\_\_\_\_ and/or Name(s) of your mentee \_\_\_\_\_

### Member's Financial Contribution:

- \_\_\_ 22. Pay Membership Dues by 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting on Oct. 6, 2016. Dues must be paid by Oct. 31 or member is dropped. (20 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 23. Contribute at least \$10 to our Scholarship Fund. Should be made at the December meeting, but a contribution may be made at any time. Contribution form is on our website. (5 pts. for each multiple of \$10 contributed throughout the year, no maximum)
- \_\_\_ 24. Sell at least 6 Afghan Raffle tickets with money turned in by May 4, 2017. (10 pts. for each set of 6 tickets sold, no max.)
- \_\_\_ 25. Make a contribution to World Fellowship at the December meeting. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 26. Make a contribution to Schools for Africa at the March meeting. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 27. Make a contribution by February 1, 2017 to an International Fund—Educational Foundation Fund, Emergency Fund, Golden Gift Fund, International Speakers Fund or Scholarship Fund. You may make your check payable to Gamma

Chi Chapter or, since these fund donations are tax deductible, make payable to DKG. In either case, specify on the Memo line of your check the fund to which you are contributing. Give your check to Shirley White, Treasurer. Checks will be mailed to International Headquarters as a batch to give our chapter credit. A brief description of each fund is provided at the end of this form. (5 pts. each, 25 pts. maximum)

- \_\_\_ 28. Make a contribution to the Eta State NC Scholarship Fund by February 1, 2017. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write "Eta State NC Scholarship." Give the check to Shirley White, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 29. Make a contribution to the Eta State NC Leadership Fund by February 1, 2017. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write "Eta State NC Leadership." Give the check to Shirley White, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 30. Make a contribution to the NC DKG Educational Foundation by February 1, 2017. Make check payable to Gamma Chi or, since these fund donations are tax deductible, make payable to NC DKG Educational Foundation and on the Memo line write "NCDKGEF." (5 pts.)

**Member's Networking and Lifelong Learning:**

- \_\_\_ 31. Visit, call and/or write a reserve member. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)  
List reserve member(s) contacted: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 32. Tell your colleagues about DKG and Gamma Chi Chapter along with its projects. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 33. Check out from Nancy Tunstall and read *Our Heritage—Volume I, Volume II, and/or Volume III*. (5 pts. per volume, maximum 15 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 34. Visit and peruse our website at least four times at: [www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi). (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 35. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG website at least four times. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 36. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Eta State NC website at least four times. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 37. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse Schools for Africa. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 38. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Educational Foundation website. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 39. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the NC DKG Educational Foundation website. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 40. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the US FORUM website. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 41. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 42. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Eta State Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 43. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the Gamma Chi Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 44. Read the Chapter Rules found online at our website. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 45. Read the Gamma Chi Chapter History 1983-2012 and/or 2012-Present found on our website. (5 pts., maximum 10 pts.)

According to my calculations, I have earned \_\_\_\_\_ points.

Signature of Member \_\_\_\_\_

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**Descriptions of International Funds:**

**Educational Foundation Fund** – any educator may apply for project grants. Projects must meet one or more of the following:

- (1) Support and encourage intercultural understanding, (2) Encourage standards of excellence in education, and (3) Assist and cooperate with schools, colleges, universities and other persons, organizations, trust funds or foundations in support, encouragement and improvement of education. Also Cornet funds are available for professional development for individuals and for seminars.

**Emergency Fund** – members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wild fires and other natural disasters may be recommended by their chapter and state organization president to receive a \$500 Emergency Fund Award.

**Golden Gift Fund** – provides for a member to attend a two-week leadership/management training seminar held in early July at the Red McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin in even numbered years.

**International Speakers Fund** – the purpose of ISF is to facilitate exchange of Society speakers among member countries and help unite women educators of the world. The ISF committee considers requests for ISF speakers from state organizations twice annually. We have an IS at our Eta State NC Convention each spring.

**Scholarship Fund** – members may apply for a \$6,000 scholarship to assist them with their graduate studies (\$10,000 for doctoral studies—approved at the 2012 International Convention).