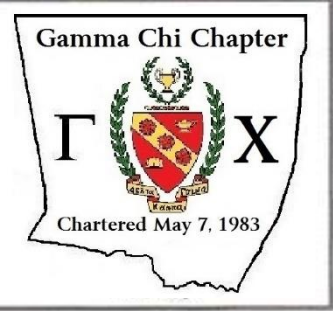




# Gamma Chi Newsletter

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



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The Ever-Widening Circle of Delta Kappa Gamma!

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Greetings Gamma Chi!

By the time you get this, we will be at NC DKG Convention in Durham. If you have not ever been, please try to attend at least one as a Gamma Chi, NC DKG and International DKG member. You will find that you are a part of a huge, wonderful organization that stands on the shoulders of wonderful women supporting wonderful women educators, both active and retired. I am absolutely amazed at the women who give of their talents to provide funding opportunities for women all over the world to do interesting things in their classrooms, to attend professional and leadership training and to provide scholarships for all kinds of endeavors ranging from baccalaureate to post-doctoral endeavors. Your efforts are a part of the larger picture and make these opportunities available and thereby support educators all over the world as well as at the chapter level. If you have been to a convention, please encourage those who have not yet attended one.

During this past quarter, several of us have experienced sisterhood in many new forms. We lost one of our very best friends and members this year and the void will be forever felt. When some of us have experienced loved ones who are sick, so many of you have called, texted messages, sent cards, visited, and prepared meals to support each other. While some did not call or text, etc., you kept up by asking a fellow member. So, while the first paragraph described a group that shares their support in a different way, the support you have provided is amazing and heartwarming.

*(President's Message - continued on Page 2)*



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## MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, May 16, 2024  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
114 Poplar Mount Road, Norlina, NC 27563



Dinner will consist of chicken salad, tossed salad, strawberry salad, marinated carrots, marinated vegetables, potato salad, bread, sweet tea and dessert. Catered by Cheryl Bell - Cost: \$16.00. (Make checks payable to Gamma Chi and write Meal in the memo line or please try to have the correct change.)

**Cut-Off Date: Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> (must pay for meal after that date regardless of attendance)**

- 6:00 p.m. Social Hour
- 6:15 p.m. Memorial Service for Shirley White
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Presentation of Grants/Scholarships
- 7:15 p.m. Group Picture for new brochure
- 7:30 p.m. Induction Ceremony for Teresa Abbott
- 7:45 p.m. Business Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Installation of Officers

Thanks to the **Membership, Nominations and Scholarship Committees** for their hard work. (Note: You do not have to purchase dinner to attend the meeting. That is your choice.)

**Please respond to your Evite as soon as possible and no later than May 5<sup>th</sup>!**

(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.
- ☞ Dues: \$85.00 for active members, \$45.00 for reserve members
- ☞ Completed Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award form; at the end of the newsletter or click [here](#) for the form

## BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

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



## CONDOLENCES TO:

**Debra Clayton** on the loss of her mother and our member, Shirley White, and **Martha Ann Overby** on the loss of her brother, Daniel "Dan" Lewis Bowers. Please keep Debra, Martha Ann and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



*(President's Message - continued from Page 1)*

I thank each of you for the past two years of support. Many of you have been asked to do numerous things and you have always stepped up to the plate. This chapter would not be as successful without the support of Nancy Tunstall. She makes the job of being president of this chapter easy. Believe me when I say this chapter presidency was much easier than a previous four year stint in another chapter without a Nancy Tunstall.

On a very different note, I am so happy to pass the gavel to Sheila. One of the goals that we all have is to nominate worthy educators for membership and do what we can to build leaders in our organization. Sheila Robertson was nominated for membership by me and several others. We recognized what a talented educator she is and what an amazing leader she is. The leadership of Gamma Chi is going to be led by an excellent new president and executive board. Just remember, Sheila's success and the executive board's success must be supported by you to make Gamma Chi the very best chapter possible.

In sisterhood,

[Dr. Sylvia Alston](#)



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

by Debra Clayton, Treasurer



At the March 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 \$72.00 for the afghan raffle; \$122.00 for Schools for Africa; and \$140.00 for the convention project, Durham Rescue Mission.

Also, many thanks to members paying their dues. \$510.00 was collected for members' dues. If you have not paid your dues yet, **please remember to pay your dues by check or cash at the May meeting.** You can mail a check to me at 573 Ridgeway-Warrenton Rd, Norlina, NC 27563 if you are unable to attend the meeting. The entire amount of dues, \$85.00, **will be due on May 16<sup>th</sup>.** This is assuming that the dues will remain \$85.00. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the amount should remain at \$85.00. Also, if you are a reserve member, the dues should remain at \$45.00. Any questions can be directed to our treasurer, [Debra Clayton](#). Your cooperation and timely payment of dues will make my job so much easier! Members are professionals and are expected to pay their dues without reminders being sent out.



**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER**

**Teresa Abbott** attended our December meeting as Sheila Robertson's guest. She has been presented for membership, approved by our chapter, and she has received orientation. She is a Pre-K Teacher Assistant at Mariam Boyd Elementary School.



We have much to look forward to as we induct and welcome Teresa to our chapter and as we join with her in genuine spiritual fellowship! Please make every effort to be at the meeting and welcome Teresa to our chapter.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY WHITE**



At our May meeting we will pay tribute to the heart and soul of Gamma Chi Chapter, Shirley Lena Holtzmann White, who passed away on March 29, 2024.

Having served 35 years in the Warren County Schools, her career spanned teaching, being a project director and ending as a principal. Her impact on students was immeasurable. She was awarded the Women of Achievement Award in Education by the Warren County Chamber of Commerce.

As a member of DKG for over 53 years, she served as president of Xi Chapter and was a charter member of Gamma Chi. She was our first treasurer and remained in that position until January of this year, serving over 40 years. During her membership, Shirley received many awards for the service she rendered. She was well-known throughout the state and was a friend and mentor to many. Our ad in the convention program book, seen on last page of this newsletter, is a tribute to Shirley.

Quoting from her obituary, "*People will remember Shirley White for her beautiful smile and as a woman who embraced life and had an immense passion for her family, spiritual work, education, and music. She accepted everyone with an open heart. She will be missed by her family, her church fellowship, her friends, her Gamma Chi sisters, students and coworkers who experienced the warmth and kindness of her vibrant spirit.*" To view her obituary in its entirety, click [here](#).

**2024 GAMMA CHI GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

by Betsy Clark, Scholarship Committee Chair



Bethany Bellamy



Leneshia Northington

Our chapter should be proud of the selections they made for our 2024 grants-in-aid, scholarships and professional development grants. The following will receive Gamma Chi Nancy Blankenship Grants-in-Aid: Bethany Bellamy, a teacher assistant at Mariam Boyd Elementary School, whose goal is to become a middle school science teacher, and Leneshia Northington, Dean of Students (support staff), a non-certified employee of Vaughan Elementary School, whose goal is to become an early childhood teacher. Our assistance will aid them in pursuit of their goals.

The member scholarship recipients are Chris Skinner and Rachel Smith. Chris will receive a Gamma Chi Josephine Myrick Scholarship and Rachel will receive a Gamma Chi Scholarship. These scholarships will assist them in obtaining their National Board Certification.

Several members are recipients of the Shirley White Professional Development Grants. Aimee Cooper received a grant to enable her to take a course entitled "Trauma-Informed Professional Practice (TIPP) Certificate Training Program." Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Sallye Duncan, Robin Edwards, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Rachel Smith and Nancy Tunstall received grants to help defray the cost of attending the recent NC DKG Convention.

**COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Marketing Committee Chair



The March/April issue of *DKG News* is now available online for members. Among other articles, the March/April 2024 issue of *DKG News* contains all of the proposed amendments which will be discussed and voted on at the DKG Convention this summer. 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. Anybody 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 **August 15**.

**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 **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</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 (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.

**CONVENTION PROJECT RESPONSE**



Gamma Chi members responded with open hearts to the request to help the 2024 NC DKG Convention project, **Durham Rescue Mission**, NC's oldest and largest long-term homeless shelter, providing food, clothing, permanent supportive housing, vocational training, Biblical counseling, job placement, education, accountability and much more for hundreds of broken men, women and children of Durham, Chapel Hill and Raleigh. The mission offers a solution to homelessness and addiction that goes beyond just meeting basic needs.

At the March meeting, Gamma Chi members contributed

\$140.00 to support this project. Our members attending the convention, Dr. Sylvia Alston, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Sallye Duncan, Robin Edwards, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Rachel Smith and Nancy Tunstall, will be delivering our contribution. Thank you for your generosity!

**MEET OUR NEW OFFICERS**

The following slate of officers for the 2024-2026 biennium was approved at the March meeting. They will be installed at our May meeting.



President Sheila Robertson  
Inducted: May 2016  
Warrenton Group



First Vice President Aimee Cooper  
Inducted: May 2014  
Norlina Group



Second Vice President Norma Retzlaff  
Inducted: October 1994  
St. Paul's Group



Recording Secretary Evelyn Hall  
Inducted: May 2014  
Warrenton Group



Corresponding Secretary Gail Coleman  
Inducted: May 2018  
St. Paul's Group



Treasurer Debra Clayton  
Inducted: May 2007  
St. Paul's Group



Parliamentarian Nancy Tunstall  
Inducted: May 1999  
Norlina Group



## NEW LEADER TRAINING



New chapter leaders for the 2024-2026 biennium should attend the summer New Leaders Training. This event includes information for presidents, treasurers, membership chairs, and educational excellence chairs.

The 2024 summer New Leader Training closest to us will be on **Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**, located at the Wake Preparatory Academy, 14111 Capital Blvd., Wake Forest, NC 27587. It is extremely important that our new leaders plan to attend the training. Registration fee for each attendee is \$30.00 which will be paid by the chapter. Our leaders will need to register starting May 1 by clicking [here](#).

## FINANCIAL WELL-BEING—EVERYONE NEEDS IT!



The Seminar Topics

Registration for the NC DKG's **Building Competency in Planning & Teaching for Financial Well-being** seminar ends May 5. It is a seminar you can't afford to miss. No matter your current level of financial wellness, whether you are working or retired, you will receive information to assist in planning for a fabulous future. Learn more about financial management, investments, maintaining important documents, and the NC Financial Literacy Curriculum K-12.

Make plans to attend this Financial Seminar on June 13, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Alamance Community College in Graham, NC. Members and non-members are welcome. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Lunch, a book, and other resources are included. [Register](#) today!

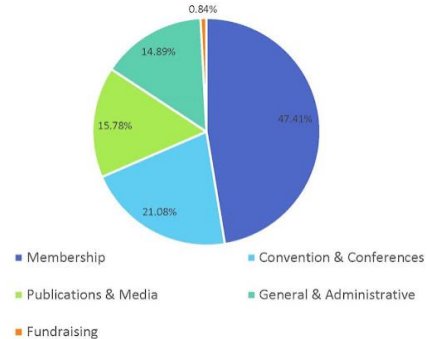
## IMPACT OF DUES

When Dr. Annie Webb Blanton founded our Society on May 11, 1929, she emphasized that we were **"Not a Sorority, but a philanthropic Society."** The twelve Founders saw the need to unite women educators in efforts toward better professional preparation, recognition of women's work in the teaching profession, and scholarships to help those needing further education.

Today we strive to maintain those goals, but as times change, DKG has also evolved into a Society that encourages women educators to be professionals, speak with authority, recognize the global impact of education, be involved in the world, to be leaders. As members of this wonderful Society, we

need a well-thought-out, efficient, modern organizational structure to promote these purposes.

DKG has a structure that is supported by the memberships' dues which in turn supports the purposes of the Society. The \$40.00 active, \$20.00 reserve and collegial, annual dues benefit our organization and offer much to our members in exchange for our membership. We could say our payment of dues keeps DKG financially healthy. Or, as some say, membership dues keep the lights on. ***Your dues and membership have an impact on the organization.***



Looking at the graph above, we can see how our dues make an impact. The largest percentage, 47.41%, goes to the membership. The volunteer members are the members who serve on International Boards, Committees, and Juries. Travel, food, lodging, and supplies for these boards, meetings, and training are covered by the Society. A detailed accounting of these expenditures can be found in the 2022-2024 budget. These trained members are the liaison to state organizations and chapters.

Conventions and conferences constitute 21.08% of the total dues received. Our Society plans and conducts biannual conventions and conferences that promote the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. These bring together members for renowned speakers, breakout sessions, and camaraderie. Every member is eligible and encouraged to attend these conferences and conventions.

General and administrative purposes use 14.89% of the international dues collected. Our dues pay for the Society's operational expenses, such as postage, telephone, taxes, and fees. Technology, iMIS database and website, printing, and office supplies are also included. There are 16 full-time staff members divided into four teams: Executive Services, Accounting, Technology, and Membership Services. Member dues pay for these salaries, taxes, and benefits. These excellent employees keep our Society running.

Publications and media receive 15.78% of the dues received. This amount includes the cost to produce and mail the *Bulletin* and *Collegial Magazine*, a stipend for the editor of the *Bulletin* and *Collegial Magazine*, the cost to print and mail *DKG News* for members electing to receive a paper copy in the mail, and a stipend for the editor of the *DKG News*.

Fundraising is less than 1% at .84% of the dues' usage.

You can view the Society's budget by going to the DKG website under Resources, then clicking on Finance Tools. You will find an icon for the approved budget, and you can browse through the numbers at your leisure. To get the budget approved, it must go through several steps. First, the Finance

Committee creates the budget, then it is reviewed by the Administrative Board. The budget is only approved when there is a majority vote in favor of the budget by the Executive Board; your dues are spent very carefully.

Dr. Blanton would be proud of the “modern” DKG Society and how we have embraced our vision of “Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.” *Your dues and membership have an impact on our Society. Thank you!*

*(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), April 10, 2024.)*

**DO CHAPTERS NEED TO VOTE TO APPROVE NEW MEMBERS?**

The International Membership and Expansion Committee continues to be asked this question.



Once upon a time in DKG, a vote was required to accept new members into the Society. However, this requirement was dropped several years ago and **DKG DOES NOT** require voting on new members.

While DKG has dropped the voting requirement the DKG Constitution states under Article III Membership Section C Election, “A candidate for active or collegiate membership shall be selected by the method established by the chapter’s rules.”

Many chapters are changing their chapter rules to eliminate voting on members. This is something we may want to consider.

Remember, members who recommend prospective members know the people they are recommending so if someone is recommended by a member, they should be encouraged to attend the orientation and join the Society. We should all work to make the Society as welcoming as possible. Being open and receptive to those who want to join should be a priority for everyone.

*(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), March 7, 2024.)*



**MYSTERY MEMBER**

by Nancy Tunstall, Editor

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?*

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!**

**2022-2024 GAMMA CHI THEME**  
*The Ever Widening Circle of Delta Kappa Gamma!*

**DKG VISION STATEMENT**  
*Leading Women Educators*  
*Impacting Education Worldwide*

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

Please submit events, celebrations,  
 recognitions and news to:  
 Editor/Webmaster: [Nancy Tunstall](#)

**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/>

**DATES TO REMEMBER—DKG INTERNATIONAL**

May 1	Deadline for DKGIEF Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadline: November 1)
May 11	DKG’s Founders Day (DKG will be 95!)
May 15	New chapter officers report due
May 15	Deadline to submit to the <i>Bulletin: Journal</i>
July 9-13	DKG International Convention, Gaylord National, National Harbor, Maryland
2026	
June 30-July 4	DKG International Convention, Gaylord Rockies, Aurora, Colorado

**DATES TO REMEMBER—NC DKG**

April 26-28	NC DKG Convention, Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham, NC (hosted by Region III)
May 1	Deadline to submit to the <i>NC DKG News</i>

**DATES TO REMEMBER—GAMMA CHI**

May 7	Gamma Chi’s Founders Day (we’ll be 41!)
May 16	<b>4th Gamma Chi Meeting</b> , St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Ridgeway (St. Paul’s Group hostesses)
May 16	Dues due to Debra Clayton (\$85 Active, \$45 Reserve)
August 15	Deadline to submit to the <i>Gamma Chi Newsletter</i>

## GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 7, 2024

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, hosted by the Littleton Group, met at Littleton Baptist Church on March 7, 2024. As members arrived, they enjoyed fellowship time and took care of various financial responsibilities and opportunities, including, dinner; raffle tickets; Schools for Africa through UNICEF; and Durham Rescue Mission, the 2024 NC DKG Convention project.

First Vice President Sheila Robertson welcomed the membership and special guest, NC DKG President Hilda Parlér. Loree Harris returned thanks for the soup and salad meal prepared by several members of the Littleton Group. Ladies enjoyed potato soup, chicken tortilla soup, chicken chili soup, green salad with all the fixings, ham sliders, tea, and water. Caramel cake, Mississippi mud cake, and gluten-free cookies completed the meal. The attendees showed their appreciation with a sound round of applause.

First Vice President Robertson introduced members Diane Colin and Sallye Duncan who took the group on a musical tour of Ireland. They presented five instrumental numbers playing Irish whistles, Irish drum, flute, and piano. Members smiled, and swayed to *Foggy Dew*, *The Sally Gardens*, *Belfast Horn Pipe*, *The Waves of Killkee*, and *The Celtic Hymn*. Everyone participated in the final number by singing along to *Danny Boy*. Robertson presented a red rose bouquet to each musician in appreciation for her preparation and performance.

NC DKG President Hilda Parlér, introduced by First Vice President Robertson, brought greetings from NC DKG. In her remarks she emphasized that diversity in membership at all levels is necessary to the survival of the society. Active teachers from elementary, middle and high school levels bring experiences, strategies, and projects to the Gamma Chi table. Diversifying into educational careers outside the traditional classroom will bring in members with different points of view and broaden the base of new memberships. She encouraged the chapter to enhance initiatives to recruit new members, to reinstate former members, to retain active members, and to recognize members for their service and contributions to the work of the Gamma Chi Chapter. **RECRUIT! RETAIN! RECOGNIZE! – NC DKG Forever Strong!** Robertson presented President Parlér with a red rose and announced a Gamma Chi donation to the NC DKG Educational Foundation in her honor.

First Vice President Robertson called the business meeting to order. Recording Secretary Betsy Clark reported that attendance constituted a quorum with twenty-five members and one guest present. Minutes of the last meeting, which were printed in the March 2024 *Gamma Chi Newsletter*, were approved as printed.

Corresponding secretary, Evelyn Hall, reported sending Get Well cards to Kay Beaver (knee surgery), Norma Retzlaff (Covid), Shirley White (cancer), and Betsy Clark (ovarian surgery). Thinking of You messages were sent to Debra Clayton and Shirley White. Ashley Barnette received a Sympathy Card after the death of her mother-in-law. Melanie Burnette had sent the chapter a card thanking the group for remembering a milestone birthday.

Presiding Officer Robertson recognized members who celebrate birthdays in January, February, and March with a scrub puff from President Dr. Sylvia Alston. These remembrances are the handiwork of honorary member Josephine Myrick. Robertson revealed Debra Clayton as the Mystery Member for March.

First Vice President Sheila Robertson mentioned that President Dr. Sylvia Alston had sent in the President's Report to NC DKG. Also sent in was the Order of the Rose for chapter achievement and Gamma Chi's nominations for the Golden Key Award: Norma Retzlaff, the Rising Star Award: Gail Coleman, and the Beginning Teacher Award: Robin Edwards. The form for Communications Excellence has also been sent in. Robertson encouraged members to attend the 2024 NC DKG Convention, which is hosted by our Region III. Pride in Gamma Chi and fellowship with members from across the state make attending NC DKG conventions memorable. She encouraged members to contribute to the Durham Rescue Mission Convention Project and passed around the collection basket. She reminded members that the DKG International Convention is in National Harbor, Maryland, July 9-13. Registration is open through June 9.

Several committees made reports,

**Awards:** Nancy Tunstall reported for Chair Ashley Barnette. For the first time Gamma Chi has nominated a member for the Beginning Teacher Award of Excellence. Robin Edwards received a trophy in recognition of her nomination.

**Educational Excellence:** As the committee chair, First Vice President Robertson made a presentation about the hardships and deprivations that limit educational opportunities for children in Africa, where millions of ten-year-olds cannot read. Many homes have none or fewer than three books. She passed the basket for donations to Schools for Africa, an annual DKG project.

**Nominations:** Nancy Tunstall reported for the committee in the absence of Chair Ashley Barnette. The committee presented the following slate of officers for the 2024-2026 biennium: Sheila Robertson for President,

Aimee Cooper for First Vice President, Norma Retzlaff for Second Vice President, Evelyn Hall for Recording Secretary, and Gail Coleman for Corresponding Secretary. The committee motion carried.

**Scholarship:** Chair Betsy Clark recommended Bethany Bellamy, a teacher assistant at Mariam Boyd, and Lenasha Northington, a non-certified substitute at Vaughan, to receive the Nancy Blankenship Grants-in-Aid and Chris Skinner and Rachel Smith to receive member Scholarships. The committee motion carried. She also recommended Aimee Cooper to receive a \$349.00 Professional Development stipend. The committee motion carried.

There were no other committee reports.

Presiding Officer Robertson called for reports on sick and reserve members. Nancy Tunstall read an update from Debra Clayton on Shirley White's condition, and Jill Coleman gave a report on a recent visit to Shirley.

There was no unfinished business.

In new business, First Vice President Robertson urged members to read the chapter bylaws and become familiar with committee responsibilities and encouraged each member to sign up for one or more committees. There will be a sign-up sheet to be filled out before the May meeting. Nancy Tunstall made a motion that Professional Development Funds pay for registration and rooms for all Gamma Chi members attending the NC DKG Convention. These funds will also pay for meals for first-time attendees. The motion was seconded and carried. Registration forms must be turned in to Nancy Tunstall or to Debra Clayton, Treasurer, in order for the chapter to meet its financial responsibilities.

A committee to prepare the silent auction basket(s) for the convention consisting of Nancy Tunstall, Betsy Clark, Rachel Smith, and Sheila Robertson was formed.

First Vice President Sheila Robertson reminded members of the DKG International Convention in National Harbor, Maryland in July. She reminded members of the installation of new officers, the induction of our new member, and the awarding of grants and scholarships at the May meeting.

First Vice President Sheila Robertson adjourned the meeting.

The Littleton Group conducted the raffle with numerous members and the guest taking home prizes.

Respectively submitted,  
Betsy Clark, Recording Secretary

**Active Members Present:** Ginny Bernard, Katrinka Brewer, Melaine Burnette, Betsy Clark, Elaine Coleman, Gail Coleman, Jill Coleman, Diane Colin, Sara Council, Sallye Duncan, Robin Edwards, Shannon Fuller, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Brenda Holloman, Laura Kearney, Donna Liles, Renee Mizelle, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Rachel Smith, and Nancy Tunstall

**Active Members Absent:** Kirby Alston, Sylvia Alston, Mary Austell, Ashley Barnette, Kay Beaver, Lisa Bender, Diana Bobbitt, Crystal Brantley, Brooke Callahan, Debra Clayton, Aimee Cooper, Danylu Hundley, Katy Jones, Tracy Neal, Jenny O'Meara, Pattie Rodwell, Chris Skinner, Michele Stallings, Kathy Stewart, Shirley White, and Patricia Williamson

**Honorary Member Present:** Josephine Myrick

**Guest Present:** NC DKG Hilda Parlér

Use this form to keep a track of your attendance, participation, financial contributions, networking, and lifelong learning as a Gamma Chi member between September 7, 2023 and May 16, 2024. The goal is to earn 150 or more points. For those with 150+ points, submit your completed form to Ashley Barnette, Awards Committee chair, on May 16, 2024 or shortly thereafter. Recognition will consist of presentation of a certificate and pin at the September 5, 2024, meeting and notification of the award to the member's supervisor, if requested. 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 September 7, 2023; 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on December 7, 2023; 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on March 7, 2024; and 4<sup>th</sup> meeting on May 16, 2024. (5 pts. each meeting, 20 pts. maximum)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Attend one or more days of the 2024 NC DKG Convention in Durham on Friday-Sunday, April 26-28, 2024. (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(s) for membership using a Prospect Card available at meetings or online. (5 pts. each)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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, 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 workshop/program at the NC DKG 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 or update your biographical sketch by December 7, 2023. (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) or donation to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on September 7, 2023 for the New Teacher Bag project. (10 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Bring a children's book(s) to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on December 7, 2023. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Apply for a scholarship: Gamma Chi Scholarship (deadline: Jan. 18, 2024), NC DKG Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2024) and/or 2024 International Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2024). All forms are online—check our website. (5 pts. each, 15 pts. maximum)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Apply for a Gamma Chi Professional Development grant. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Respond **promptly** to your Evite to indicate if you are attending a meeting or not. (5 pts. each meeting, maximum 20 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Serve on a NC DKG committee. (10 pts.)

**Member's Financial Contribution:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Pay Membership Dues by 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting on May 16, 2024. Dues must be paid by June 30. (20 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. 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)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Sell at least 6 Afghan Raffle tickets with money turned in by May 16, 2024. (10 pts. for each set of 6 tickets sold, no maximum)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Make a contribution to World Fellowship at the December meeting. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Make a contribution to Schools for Africa at the March meeting. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. Make a contribution by February 1, 2024 to a DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) Fund—Cornet Award, Educational Projects, Educators Award, Emergency, Eunah Temple Holden (ETH) Leadership, Golden Gift, International Speakers, or Scholarship. 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, 40 pts. maximum)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Make a contribution to the NC DKG Scholarship Fund by February 1, 2024. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write "NC DKG Scholarship" or make the check to NC DKG – Scholarship Fund. Give the check to Shirley White, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)

- \_\_\_\_ 27. Make a contribution to the NC DKG Leadership Fund by February 1, 2024. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write "NC DKG Leadership" or make the check to NC DKG – Leadership Fund. Give the check to Shirley White, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 28. Make a contribution to the NC DKG Educational Foundation by February 1, 2024. 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:**

- \_\_\_\_ 29. Visit, call and/or write a reserve member. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)  
List reserve member(s) contacted: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ 30. Tell your colleagues about DKG and Gamma Chi Chapter along with its projects. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 31. Check out from Nancy Tunstall and read *Our Heritage—Volume I, Volume II, and/or Volume III*. (5 pts. per volume, maximum 15 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 32. Visit and peruse our website at least four times at: [www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi). (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 33. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG website at least four times. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 34. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the NC DKG website at least four times. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 35. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse Schools for Africa. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 36. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKGIEF page (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 37. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the NC DKG Educational Foundation website. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 38. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the US FORUM website. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 39. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 40. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the NC DKG Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 41. Read the Chapter Rules found online at our website. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 42. Read the Gamma Chi Chapter History 1983-2012 and/or 2012-Present found on our website. (5 pts., maximum 10 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 43. Check out from Nancy Tunstall and read *Delta Kappa Gamma in North Carolina, DKG in NC 1989-1997, DKG in NC 1997-2007, , and/or DKG in NC 2007-2017*. (5 pts. per volume, maximum 20 pts.)

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

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

**Descriptions of DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) Funds:**

**Cornetet Award** –Cornetet funds are available for professional development for individuals (applications due November 1 & May 1) and for educational seminars (applications due November 1).

**Educational Projects** – 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. (Applications due March 1)

**Educators Award** – Selected women authors receive cash awards for non-fiction writing impacting education.

**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.

**ETH Leadership Fund** – Supports superb speakers for international meetings and other leadership events.

**Golden Gift Fund** – Provides for a member to attend a one-week leadership/management training seminar usually held in early July at the Red McCombs School of Business, University of Texas, at Austin in even numbered years (now called DKG Ignite).

**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 ISF at our NC DKG Convention each spring. (Applications due September 15.)

**World Fellowship Fund** – Assists women from around the world to attend graduate school in the U.S. or Canada.

**Scholarship Fund** – Members may apply for a \$6,000 scholarship to assist them with their graduate studies (\$10,000 for doctoral studies). (Applications due February 1.)

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**Dedicated  
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for 53+ Years**

**Gamma Chi  
Treasurer  
for 40+ Years**



**Gamma Chi  
Charter Member**

**Sang in the  
Convention  
Chorus**

**Golden Key  
Recipient**

**Shirley White**  
**GAMMA CHI'S TREASURED ROSE**

**A dear friend and mentor to many,  
Shirley demonstrated the DKG  
genuine spiritual fellowship in  
everything that she did!**

**We love you, Shirley!**

Gamma Chi Ad for the 2024 NC DKG Convention Program Book  
*(It was submitted prior to her death.)*