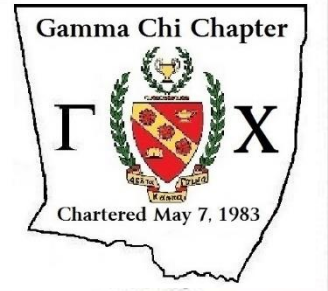




# Gamma Chi Newsletter

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North Carolina State Organization  
Region III, Warren County



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Greetings Gamma Chi Sisters!*

As many of you have heard me say, I am so very proud and honored to be the newly elected president of our Gamma Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. I plan to do my best to serve well and fairly. I am looking forward to facing the challenges that our organization is experiencing.

In thinking about what Gamma Chi means to me, I came up with the following:

- G:** Good Friends! Good Works! Good Times! Gamma Chi Forever Strong! (For those who were not at the July planning meeting, this will be our theme for the duration of my term).
- A:** Ability to make a positive difference in someone's life through networking, grants, scholarships, and new teacher support.
- M:** Many new opportunities for personal and professional growth.
- M:** Motivation that creates an inner drive to support education as well as educators.
- A:** Awesome fellowship opportunities as well as support, both professionally and personally.
- C:** Caring about our fellow mankind, having a cause in life.
- H:** Helping educators both in our chapter, statewide, nationally, and internationally.
- I:** Instigating interesting and informative meetings.

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



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## MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, September 5, 2024

6:00 p.m. Gathering

6:15 p.m. Dinner

6:45 p.m. Program

**Our Program:**

**MAKING A FALL GREETING CARD BY SHEILA ROBERTSON**

7:15 p.m. Business Meeting

**Warrenton Church of God Fellowship Hall**

512 S Main St, Warrenton, NC 27589

Meal Cost: \$15.00; Meal Cut-Off Date: **Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

Make check payable to Gamma Chi

*(Catered by Hilda Cordell; Menu: garden salad, fried chicken, roast beef/gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, cheesecake, sweet potato pie and sweet tea.)*

*(Note: You do not have to purchase dinner to attend the meeting. That is your choice.)*

**To reserve a meal, please respond to your Evite as soon as possible and no later than August 27!**

*(The Warrenton Group will need to bring items for the raffle.)*



## BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ **New Teacher Bag items** that you signed up to bring (or send) or you may make a donation (see p. 3 for SignUpGenius link)
- ☞ **Money** to buy \$1 raffle tickets (proceeds aid our contribution to the NC DKG Educational Foundation & local libraries)

## FUN PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER



At the NC DKG Convention last spring, several of our members (Sheila, Debra, Gail and Norma) attended a fun and easy workshop. Sheila is going to share their experience and teach us how to make a lovely fall greeting card using the Iris Card Folding Method. Iris folding is a card making technique that involves layering paper strips across a cutout shape

following a printed template.

Traditionally, the paper strips form a "swirl" shape similar to the iris of a camera, which is where the technique gets its name.

Sheila will supply the materials, and at the end of her session, everyone should have created their own greeting card.

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

I hope that each of you, as a member of Gamma Chi, shares my enthusiasm and pride in our organization. I look forward to working with each of you to achieve our chapter goals over the next two years. Please mark your calendars now for the meeting dates for this year. They are September 5, December 5, March 6, and May 15. I will see you in September.

In sisterhood,

[Sheila P. Robertson](#)



### BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

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



### CONDOLENCES TO:

**Melanie Burnette** on the loss of her mother-in-law, Anna Jean West. Please keep Melanie and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



### AWARDS AT OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

At our September meeting we will be awarding pins and certificates to members for milestones, member excellence, and perfect attendance. In the interest of time, those receiving the awards will pick up their certificate and pin when they pay for their meal. A group picture of each category will be taken later in the meeting. If you are a recipient, please come to the meeting to receive your award and have your picture taken. Below is a list of the recipients:



**Milestones:** Martha Ann Overby (35 years), Norma Retzlaff (30 years), Nancy Tunstall (25 years), Diana Bobbitt (20 years), Trina Paynter (15 years), Ashley Barnette (10 years), Aimee Cooper (10 years), Evelyn Hall (10 years), Jenny O'Meara (10 years) and Pattie Rodwell (5 years).



**Member Excellence:** Dr. Sylvia Alston, Melanie Burnette, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Norma Retzlaff, Diane Colin, Evelyn Hall, Loree Harris, Sheila Robertson, Rachel Smith and Nancy Tunstall.



**Perfect Attendance:** Ginny Bernard, Melanie Burnette, Betsy Clark, Gail Coleman, Sara Council, Efvelyn Hall, Loree Harris, Renee Mizelle, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Rachel Smith, and Nancy Tunstall.

Congratulations to all the recipients. Please review the Member Excellence Form for the 2024-2025 year located at the end of this newsletter. Activities will begin at this meeting.

Also, perfect attendance will begin with this meeting. As an added bonus for those who have perfect attendance at all four

meetings, your name will be placed in a box for a drawing by the Awards Committee prior to our September 2025 meeting. The lucky winner of the drawing with perfect attendance for the 2023-2024 year is Gail Coleman, and she will receive her September 2024 meal at no charge. Please don't miss a meeting!

### TREASURER'S REPORT

*by Debra Clayton, Treasurer*



At the May meeting, \$103.00 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 \$126.00 for the afghan raffle, bringing the total collected to \$551.00; \$496.00 for the meal; \$32.08 for a key pin and name tag/ribbon; and \$2,417.00 for dues.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer for 2023-2024 (Form 15) was completed and sent in prior to the July 31 deadline to NC DKG Treasurer Leslie Black for compilation before being sent to International Headquarters. Also, the 990-N ePostcard was completed, filed and accepted by the IRS.

All bills for the 2023-2024 year were paid, with a balance of \$6,683.82 left in the checking account. A total of \$4,982.49 was paid for two grants-in-aid, one scholarship, ten professional development grants, and meals for presenters and guests, leaving a balance of \$3,026.85 in the savings account as of August 1. The financial records were audited, and the records were found to be in good order.

The dues for 2024-2025 have been paid and sent to NC DKG and DKG International. With Kay Beaver, Lou Ann Bender, Ann Kilian, Tracy Neal and Hailey Stroud resigning, we have a total of 55 members (40 active, 14 reserve, 1 honorary). The 2024-2025 proposed budgets, based on 55 members, is attached to the newsletter. The budgets will be presented for approval at our September 5 meeting.

At the September meeting when paying by check, please write **separate checks** with the **correct amount** for the meal, beginning teacher items, etc. It will make the bookkeeping so much easier!



### AFGHAN COMMITTEE REPORT

*by Danylu Hundley, Afghan Committee Chair*

This is the meeting when we will launch our annual Gamma Chi Afghan Raffle campaign in support of our Scholarship Fund. Many thanks to Josephine Myrick, Dr. Sylvia Alston's mother, who makes the afghans; Sylvia who provides the yarn; and to our members who have "accepted the challenge" to promote the Afghan initiative by raising \$7,175.00 since the inception of the raffle in late 2011. Due to your efforts, we have been able to award thirteen additional grants-in-aid-scholarships so far. Please plan to pick up your raffle tickets at the meeting. They will be printed in batches of six. The afghan will be raffled off at our May meeting. Loree Harris was our lucky winner for the 2023-2024 year.

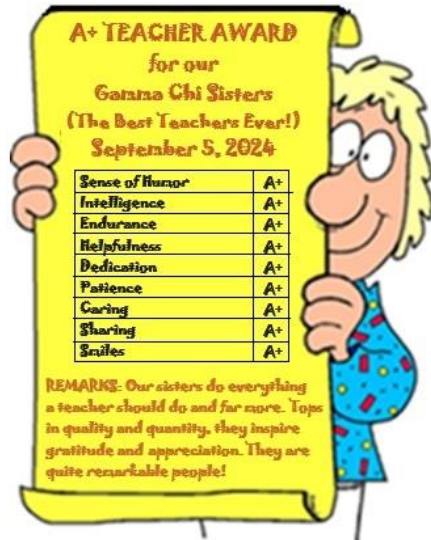


Sold tickets and money may be turned in at the December and/or March meetings and **must** be turned in at the May meeting along with unsold tickets. Tickets will sell for \$3.00. If you prefer not to sell them, please buy them for yourself or loved ones—you may win!

## AWARDS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Dr. Sylvia Alston, Awards Committee Chair

At the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Awards Committee will certainly be fulfilling the second DKG Purpose: "To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education." We will be presenting twelve Member Excellence Awards, twelve Perfect Attendance Awards and ten Member Milestone Awards. Please be there to honor these women.



Attached to this newsletter you will find the new 2024-25 Gamma Chi Member Excellence Award Form. Please take a look at it and note that activities will begin at the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will also be checking attendance in order to present our Perfect Attendance Awards.

The Awards Committee will be recommending nominees for the NC DKG Golden Key Award for Region III and the NC DKG Rising Star Award. Our own Nancy Tunstall (2012), Shirley White (2014), Mary Austell (2017), Mary Catherine Harris (2020), Dr. Sylvia Alston (2022) and Debra Clayton (2023) are past recipients of the Golden Key Award; and Debra Clayton (2016), Ashley Barnette (2017), Evelyn Hall (2019), Betsy Clark (2022) and Sheila Robertson (2023) have received the Rising Star Award. We would like to see some more of our members receive these awards next year at the state convention.



Finally, at the Awards Committee meeting held in July, the names of all the perfect attendance members for the 2023-2024 year were put in a basket for a drawing to see who would get a free meal at the upcoming September meeting. The lucky winner of this year's free meal is **Gail Coleman**. Congratulations to Gail!

## BEGINNING TEACHER SUPPORT COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Norma Retzlaff, Beginning Teacher Support Committee Chair



Many thanks to everyone for their generosity in signing up for items for the New Teacher Bag Project. If you haven't signed up yet, just click on this link: [SignUpGenius](#). Please remember to bring or send these items to the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The bags will be delivered during American Education Week, November 18-22. You will be notified by email of the time and place of the bag stuffing. Everyone is invited to join our committee members for the New Teacher Bag Stuffing. Please

join us in fellowship as we stuff the bags!

Also, please be thinking of ways that we can support our new teachers throughout the year. Any suggestions will be appreciated. We have already provided a breakfast for the new teachers. Please see the following article.

## GAMMA CHI HOSTS BREAKFAST FOR NEW TEACHERS



On July 31 members of Gamma Chi Chapter hosted a breakfast for new teachers who were attending the Warren County Schools New Teacher Orientation session. Members of the chapter welcomed the new teachers and staff and invited them to enjoy a wide variety of breakfast foods and juices prepared by the members. Chapter brochures were given to the new teachers along with an explanation of DKG's mission and purposes. Pictured above, from left, are Beginning Teacher Support Chair Norma Retzlaff, President Sheila Robertson, Debra Clayton, Nancy Tunstall and Gail Coleman. Also providing food was Dr. Sylvia Alston.

## COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Marketing Committee Chair



The July/August issue of *DKG News* is now available online for members. Among other articles, the July/August 2024 issue of *DKG News* contains articles about the 2024 Educators Book Award winner, "Shaping Your Recruitment Plans" by DKG President Debbie LeBlanc, DKGIEF Impact Report, and various ways that chapters support World Fellowship. 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 **November 11**.

## 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 **Tuesday, August 27<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.

### 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 **September 30, 2024**. If you miss this deadline, grants will also be accepted through **January 31, 2025**. For more information about these grants and an application, click [here](#). Here is a summary of available grants:

Educational Foundation grant opportunities for learning and/or literacy projects and for continuing education are now available. Grants of up to \$500 will be awarded in early November.

The Maxine and Don McCall Educational Endowment funds the McCall Gifted Education or Fine Arts grants. This grant is available for teachers of gifted students and teachers in the fine arts. This endowment will award two \$1,000 grants.

The Margaret Church Endowment supports Leadership Development. This endowment makes it possible for teachers to attend personal leadership development classes or conferences, purchase leadership development instructional materials, or attend leadership development training for grades K-12 initiatives. This endowment will award up to \$1,000.

There will be other grants available in the spring. Information will be forthcoming.

*(Just as a side note, Diane Colin applied and received a \$1,000 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grant several years ago which enabled her to purchase tall drums for Vaughan Elementary School's Global Arts Program. Also, applying for one of these grants earns our chapter points on our ROSE Award. Please let Nancy Tunstall know if you do apply. Thanks!)*

### GOT TALENT?

Singers, dancers, musicians, actors, jugglers, magicians, all family-friendly performers, it's your time to shine! The **NC DKG Educational Foundation** is sponsoring an exciting fundraising event, **Spotlight on Talent**, this fall and is looking for entertainers to showcase their talent.

Audition videos are being accepted now through September 23. Access the audition application [here](#). Fifteen acts (individuals or small groups of four or less) will be selected to perform live on

November 16 at Edgecombe Community College's Thomas Fleming Center in Tarboro. Onsite Judges Awards and People's Choice Awards will be given. Please share and invite family, friends, and other community members to participate. Contact [Pat Taylor](#) for more information about the auditions.

### SHOW OFF YOUR TALENT NOW!

The Arts & Humanities Jury of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) will be accepting entries from **August 15 through September 15** into the Fall 2024 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters. The Fall 2024 Gallery works will be available for viewing [here](#) late this fall. The works will stay up in the Gallery for six months, after which they will be archived. Several of our members have had their work on display in the past.



To view the Spring 2024 Gallery, click [here](#). The following statement explains its purpose: *The approved Policy Statement of the Arts & Humanities Jury has at its core the following explanation: "The online Arts & Humanities Gallery shall be maintained so that members of DKG may display their creative arts...and all may enjoy, respect and learn more about excellence in arts and crafts." Visit the gallery often and take advantage of these artistic and creative "gifts to the world."*

There are four categories for submission. They are:

- **Visual** including photography, 2D Art and 3D Art
- **Video** including dramatics, film making, oratory and dance
- **Writing** including essay, playwriting, poetry and short story
- **Music** including original composition

Documents to help you with your submission are found [here](#). Rubrics listed will give you the guidelines. It is easy to submit. Any of our members who have submitted their work will be glad to assist you. These members include Brooke Callahan, Aimee Cooper, Sheila Robertson and Nancy Tunstall.

*(Just as a side note, submitting an item earns our chapter points on our Order of the Rose form. Please let Nancy Tunstall know if you do submit. Thanks!)*

### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR DKG SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications are available beginning July 1 for members pursuing advanced degrees and are due by February 1, 2024. 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.

### DKG CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Did you know that DKG turns 100 in 2029? Plans are already being made to celebrate. Each year, the DKG Celebration Committee is releasing a video celebrating a decade of DKG's history. You can view videos depicting DKG's highlights from the 1930s through the 1960s [here](#) on the website. Begin thinking of ways our chapter can help celebrate!



## NEW BIENNIUM, NEW FACES



Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan  
Tennessee



Candace (Candi) Martin  
Arkansas



Carol Herzog  
Indiana



Nancy Davis  
Tennessee

As we begin the 2024-2026 biennium, we see new leadership at the international and local levels. We welcome Sheila Robertson as our chapter president. We do have a new DKG International president. *Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan* of Tennessee is the new president of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She was elected and installed at the convention in July in National Harbor, Maryland. Dr. Hall-Maughan, the Society's most recent International Achievement Award winner, was formerly the second vice president, and has served in many capacities on both the state and international levels.

Elected to serve with Dr. Hall-Maughan were *Candi Martin* of Arkansas as first vice president and *Carol Herzog* of Indiana as second vice president. *Nancy Davis* of Tennessee was elected as our Southeast Regional Director.

As a note of interest, the state organizations of DKG operate on an odd year biennium. Our NC DKG President Hilda Parlér will remain state president until June 30, 2025. Elections will be held at the state convention next April for state officers for the 2025-2027 biennium for the state. By having even/odd bienniums, DKG does not have a total change in leadership at any given time.

However, the regional directors do follow the even biennium. Therefore, we do have a new Region III regional director for Warren, Vance, Wake, Franklin and Johnston Counties. Her name is *Dr. Carol Maidon*, and we hope to have a visit from her at our December 5, 2024 meeting. Carol is a member of Gamma Iota Chapter in Wake County. She is an Associate Professor Emeritus at Campbell University.



Dr. Carol Maidon

### DISCOVER DKG'S LEADERSHIP DISCOVERY CENTRE

by Dr. Phyllis Broughton, NC DKG Leadership Development Chair

Have you been to DKG's Leadership Discovery Centre? You'll find great resources developed by a committee and external resources recommended by DKG. Sign in on the [DKG website](#) and click the Leadership Discovery Centre link. Take the time to browse through both sections as you will find valuable materials that you can use with your members on leadership concepts.

Select the Leadership Vision Blog at the bottom of the website. Key info is provided on leadership topics, blogs, and media resources. I particularly enjoyed Tim Hodges' article "Why Appreciating Teachers is More Important Than You Think." You can find it [here](#). Recognition is a crucial topic in leadership. Hodges notes that "teachers who receive regular recognition and praise are more productive, more engaged at work, more likely to stay with their school, and more likely to receive higher satisfaction scores from students and parents."

We can apply these same principles to our members. As Hodges mentions, "recognition needs to be individualized and authentic." Let's continue to appreciate and recognize the

unique contributions of each member to strengthen our chapter and achieve our collective goals.



### MYSTERY MEMBER

by Nancy Tunstall, Editor

Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member. *While operating her own business, she was approached by the Warren County High School principal to apply for a vacancy and was hired. Thus, her teaching career began! She has since moved up to an administrative position and is very active in DKG.* 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!  
Gamm Chi Forever Strong!**

### 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/>



# CALENDARS FOR THE YEAR

## DATES TO REMEMBER—DKG INTERNATIONAL

- Aug. 15-Sept. 15 Submission period to submit your artistic works to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts
- September 15 Deadline for International Speaker Fund application
- October 1 Deadline to submit to the *Bulletin: Journal*
- October 1 Deadline to submit proposed amendments to the DKG *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* for 2024
- October 31 Website compliance renewal form due
- November 1 Deadline for DKGIEF Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadline: May 1)
- November 1 Deadline for DKGIEF Cornetet Seminar Professional Development application (other deadline: May 1)
- 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 Cornetet 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

- September 14 NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting, Durham
- September 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants application due ([see page 5](#))
- October 27 NC DKG Founders Day (NC DKG will be 90!)
- November 1 Deadline to submit to the *NC DKG News*
- November 16 Spotlight on Talent, Tarboro
- 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
- 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

- September 5 **1st Gamma Chi Meeting**, Warrenton Church of God, Warrenton; (Warrenton Group Hostesses)
- November 11 Deadline to submit to the *Gamma Chi Newsletter*
- 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)



## GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES – MAY 16, 2024

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, hosted by the Saint Paul's Group, met at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church on May 16, 2024. As they arrived, members and guests enjoyed social interactions. Chapter members also took care of various financial and record-keeping responsibilities, including dinner, raffle tickets, scholarship memorials, and annual dues.

President Dr. Sylvia Alston invited everyone to be seated for A Celebration of Life Ceremony as pianist Sallye Duncan played "In the Garden." Dr. Alston welcomed everyone to A Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Shirley Lena Holtzmann White, a lifetime representative of the values of key women educators of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Melanie Burnette had Shirley among us as she delivered a humorous, respectful, exacting tribute to a mentor, fellow educator, and Gamma Chi sister. Dr. Alston asked all present to honor Shirley by continuing her work. She presented the White family with a white rose in honor of Shirley White, who will live forever in the memories of family and Gamma Chi sisters. Family members accepting the rose were Shirley's husband Hal White, Jr., Debra White Clayton and husband J.G., Ashley White and wife Margaret, and Stuart White and wife Virginia Rose.

President Alston returned thanks for the meal and invited guests to head the line for the serving of dinner. Cheryl Bell catered a delicious meal consisting of chicken salad, marinated vegetables, tossed salad, potato salad, strawberry salad, rolls, sweet tea, and cherry crumble with ice cream dessert. The diners thanked her with a warm round of applause.

Following the meal, Dr. Alston called for members and guests to assemble for presentation of certificates to recipients of Scholarship Committee awards. Chair Betsy Clark assisted the Blankenship family, Richard, his wife Elaine, and sister Catherine in recognizing Bethany Bellamy and Lenesha Northington as \$1,000.00 Nancy Blankenship Grants-in-Aid for non-members recipients and Rachel Smith as \$1,000 Nancy Blankenship Scholarship as Gamma Chi member recipient. The chair then assisted Josephine Myrick as she recognized Christine Skinner as recipient of the \$1,000.00 Josephine Myrick Scholarship for a Gamma Chi member. Betsy Clark assisted Debra Clayton in presenting a certificate to Aimee Cooper who received a \$349.00 Shirley White Professional Development Grant to finance her participation in a trauma training program. Chair Betsy Clark presented Shirley White Professional Development Grant Certificates to members who received aid for their attendance at the NC DKG Convention in April. The attendees were Debra Clayton (\$180.07), Gail Coleman (\$135.07), Diane Colin (\$30.00), Sallye Duncan (\$30.00), Robin Edwards (\$250.07), Norma Retzlaff (\$260.07), Sheila Robertson (\$180.07), Rachel Smith (\$260.07), and Nancy Tunstall (\$180.07).

The membership gathered for the Gamma Chi Chapter group photograph.

President Dr. Alston and the Membership Committee members assembled for new member Teresa Abbott's Induction Ceremony. Dr. Alston, Mary Austell, Renee Mizelle and Aimee Cooper presented the induction criteria and responsibilities of DKG membership. Teresa declared, "I will," to the membership charge, lit the membership candle, signed the membership book and received her red rose, certificate, and name tag/ribbon containing her key pin. The membership pledged support to their new Gamma Chi sister.

President Dr. Sylvia Alston called the Gamma Chi Chapter meeting to order. Recording Secretary Betsy Clark reported that thirty-one members, constituting a quorum, were present. The minutes from the March 7 meeting were approved as printed in the chapter newsletter. Treasurer Debra Clayton gave the treasurer's report, which showed April 30 balances of \$4,930.52 in the checking account and \$6,027.20 in the savings account. The report was approved.

Corresponding Secretary Evelyn Hall reported on cards she had sent to members since the March 7 meeting. Shirley White received a card of friendship. Sylvia Alston's husband George, Donna Liles, and Katrinka Brewer received Get Well cards. Sympathy cards were sent to Debra White following the death of her mother, to Martha Ann Overby following the death of her brother Dan Bowers, to Kay Beaver following the death of her son Daley Ross, and to Melanie Burnette following the death of her mother-in-law Anna Jean West.

Dr. Alston presented a hand-made scrub puff to members celebrating birthdays in April, May, and June. She revealed the May Mystery Member as Mary Austell. She recognized retiring members Sheila Robertson, Patricia Williamson, and Emmy Coleman, whose mother Elaine Coleman stood in for her, and presented each with a red rose.

In the President's Report, Dr. Alston thanked Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Sallye Duncan, Robin Edwards, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Rachel Smith, and Nancy Tunstall for being in attendance with her at the NC DKG Convention. She reported that Gamma Chi received the prestigious Order of the Rose Award for superior chapter achievement and the Communications Excellence Award. Two members were presented milestone certificates: Norma Retzlaff for thirty years of DKG membership and Nancy Tunstall for twenty-five years of DKG membership. Nancy Tunstall commented that the Silent Auction Project was a great success and that the Gamma Chi baskets were very popular. Dr. Alston thanked the membership for their support of her during her presidency and encouraged members to continue with their support of President Sheila Robertson during the coming biennium. She reminded members to sign up for committee memberships when they receive the list. She also reminded officers, committee chairs and related personnel to expect information about the date and location of the planning meeting for the next biennium. Attendance is very important. Members who brought Gamma Chi Member Excellence forms were directed to place them in the appropriate folder; those who did not bring them were instructed to send them to Nancy Tunstall. The report closed with the announcement that the new Region III Director Dr. Carol Maidon will attend our September meeting.

President Alston called for committee reports.

**Afghan:** Chair Danylu Hundley reported \$513.00 received from raffle ticket sales. Josephine Myrick, who crocheted the Afghan, drew Loree Harris's ticket stub and awarded her the Afghan.

**Finance:** Chair Debra Clayton made a motion to approve the recommended annual dues of \$85 for active members and \$45 for reserve members. The motion was approved.

**Membership:** Chair Aimee Cooper presented a request from Mary Austell to be moved to reserve membership status. The request was approved.

**Memorials:** Chair Elaine Coleman reported that a gift would be made to Warren County Memorial Library in memory of Shirley White. She made a motion that the memorial gift budget increase from \$50 to \$75 dollars. The motion was approved.

**Scholarship:** Chair Betsy Clark asked that members, especially those active in the school system, consider joining the committee.

President Dr. Alston asked for reports on reserve members and sick members. Gail Coleman reported that Katrinka Brewer's recent knee surgery was tough. Betsy Clark reported that Donna Liles was recovering from two ankle surgeries.

There was no unfinished business. In new business, Nancy Tunstall mentioned that since, as first vice president, Aimee Cooper would chair the Educational Excellence Committee, she did not need to continue as Membership chair. She asked for members to consider filling this position since the Membership chair would need to attend the New Leader Training Session to be held on June 22, There was no further new business.

Dr. Alston called for retiring and incoming officers to come forward. Elaine Coleman conducted the installation ceremony. She presented red roses to retiring officers President Dr. Sylvia Alston and Recording Secretary Betsy Clark.

Elaine Coleman asked incoming officers to line up for their installation. She read the office description and responsibilities for each officer, and each responded, "I will," when asked if she would perform to the best of her ability. Officers installed for the 2024-2026 are President Sheila Robertson, First Vice President Aimee Cooper, Second Vice President Norma Retzlaff, Recording Secretary Evelyn Hall, Corresponding Secretary Gail Coleman, Treasurer Debra Clayton, and Parliamentarian Nancy Tunstall. Elaine presented each officer with a red rose.

Dr. Alston thanked Gail Coleman and the St. Paul's Group for their hard work, and the membership gave them a round of applause. She adjourned the meeting by tapping the gavel once. She then called incoming President Sheila Robertson forward and passed the gavel to her.

The St. Paul's Group conducted the raffle with numerous members taking home a nice prize.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betsy Clark, Recording Secretary

**Active Members Present:** Teresa Abbott, Kirby Alston, Dr. Sylvia Alston, Mary Austell, Ginny Bernard, Crystal Brantley, Melanie Burnette, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Elaine Coleman, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Aimee Cooper, Sara Council, Sallye Duncan, Shannon Fuller, Evelyn Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Brenda Holloman, Danylu Hundley, Laura Kearney, Renee Mizelle, Jenny O'Meara, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Christine Skinner, Rachel Smith, Kathy Stewart, Nancy Tunstall, and Patricia Williamson

**Active Members Absent:** Ashley Barnette, Kay Beaver, Lisa Bender, Diana Bobbitt, Katrinka Brewer, Brooke Callahan, Jill Coleman, Robin Edwards, Linda Hall, Katy Jones, Donna Liles, Tracy Neal, Pattie Rodwell, and Michele Stallings and Hailey Stroud

**Reserve Member Present:** Brenda Fuller

**Honorary Member Present:** Josephine Myrick

**Guests Present:** Bethany Bellamy, Catherine Blankenship, Elaine Blankenship, Richard Blankenship, J.G. Clayton, Maggie King-Harris, Leneshia Northington, Tongia Northington, Hal White, Jr., Ashley White, Margaret White, Stuart White, and Virginia Rose White

## GAMMA CHI CHAPTER PLANNING/EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 20, 2024

The Gamma Chi Chapter Planning/Executive Board convened on July 20, 2024, at the Littleton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall with Past-President Dr. Sylvia Alston presiding. After calling the meeting to order, she and Nancy Tunstall presented the Gamma Chi Chapter Strategic Plan for the 2024-2025 biennium. Following a suggestion by Sheila Robertson, "Good friends! Good Works! Good Times! Gamma Chi Forever Strong!" was adopted as the Gamma Chi Chapter Theme for the 2024-2026 biennium. The rest of the proposed plan was approved by the group.

In other business, Dr. Alston reminded committee chairs or their designees that each committee should meet and set biennium goals. The group discussed each committee's responsibilities and concerns.

**Awards** – Chair Dr. Alston stated that nominations for the Golden Key award and the Rising Star Award will be presented at the September meeting to allow time for completing the application. Membership Milestones, Member Excellence, and Perfect Attendance certificates and pins will be awarded at the September meeting. Item 21 on the Member Excellence Award Form was changed to: \_\_\_ 21. Contribute at least \$25 to our Scholarship Fund. Contribution should be made at December meeting but can be made at any time. The form is on the website. (10 pts. for each multiple of \$25). The amount had originally been \$10.

**Beginning Teacher Support** – Chair Norma Retzlaff reported that the New Teachers Bag Project would continue. She will gather necessary information and get it to Nancy Tunstall who will create a SignUp Genius for members to select what they will bring to the September meeting. There was discussion of other activities such as notes and cards of encouragement throughout the year and emphasizing Gamma Chi to new teachers. The discussion was tabled with no further action.

**Educational Excellence** - The group addressed Gamma Chi meeting dates and programs resulting in the following schedule:

- (1) September 5, 2024 – Recognitions: Member Excellence, Milestones, and Perfect Attendance; Program: Region III Director Dr. Carol Maidon
- (2) December 5, 2024 – Program: Dirty Santa and Christmas Carols
- (3) March 6, 2025 – Program: Irish themed music and entertainment
- (4) May 15, 2025 – Induction of new members, presentations of scholarships and grants-in-aid
- (5) September 4, 2025 – Recognitions: Member Excellence, Milestones, Perfect attendance; Program to be determined
- (6) December 4, 2025 – Program: new NC DKG president, Christmas music
- (7) March 5, 2026 – Program: presentation by a member to be determined, possibly about the Warren County Farmer's Market
- (8) May 14, 2026 – Induction of new members, installation of new officers, presentations of scholarships and grants-in-aid

**Educational Law and Policy** – Chair Loree Harris voiced concern over lack of NC DKG direction for the committee. With input from her and Debra Clayton, the group decided to prioritize prayer for unity and to await direction from NC DKG.

**Membership** – In the absence of Chair Jenny O'Meara, the group discussed the continuation of the recruit, reinstate, and retain emphasis, seeking out women to recommend for membership, and completing or updating member's biographical sketches. There was a discussion of reserve membership requirements, but no action was taken.

**Scholarship** – Chair Betsy Clark reported the need for continued emphases on members applying for local state and international scholarships and for members to encourage students and teacher assistants to apply for grants-in-aid. Members are encouraged to give to the scholarship fund annually.

**Music/Fine Arts** – In addition to a musical program during each year, Nancy Tunstall encouraged members to make submissions to the DKG Fine Arts Gallery. Submission dates are August 15 through September 15.

**Communications and Marketing** – Chair Nancy Tunstall reported that publicity efforts will continue with newspaper articles and updated brochures. The updated picture directory and biennium yearbook are available.

**Finance** – Debra Clayton reported that work on the budget is in progress.

**Nominations** – Chair Sara Council emphasized encouraging new officers to serve a second term and/or to train those who will replace current officers.

**Planning** - Chair Dr. Alston suggested that the committee meet in 2025 to refine activities for the rest of the biennium.

**Chapter Rules** – Chair Norma Retzlaff reported that a review is necessary before the end of the biennium to bring rules in line with decisions made at DKG Convention in July 2024.

**Hospitality** – Chair Debra Clayton reported that dinner meetings will continue with the current schedule and locations. The collection of money for meals may need attention.

**Remembrance** – Sending of birthday cards to all members and Christmas and Easter cards to reserve members will continue.

**Gamma Chi Memorials** – Upon the death of a member(s) the memorial books will count as the Warren County Memorial Library donation.

**Afghan** – The committee will conduct the raffle as in 2024. Danylu Hundley may address any changes.

The group approved the following Gamma Chi projects for the 2024-2025 biennium.

- a. New Teacher Bag Project: \$100 plus donations by members
- b. Scholarship of \$1,000; Grants-in-Aid of \$1,000; Professional Development Grant of up to \$500
- c. Warren County Memorial Library donation or memorial gift of \$75
- d. Littleton Library donation of \$50
- e. American Cancer Society (Relay for Life) donation of \$50
- f. World Fellowship donation of at least \$100
- g. Children’s books donated by members at December meeting; suggested donation to Shade Tree Gathering/Grace Ministries
- h. Meeting Raffles to finance donations to local libraries and to DKG Educational Foundation (at least \$50)

Dr. Alston reminded committee chairs to notify Debra Clayton or Nancy Tunstall of supply needs.

Nancy Tunstall reported that the Order of the Rose is due March 1, 2025. The necessary checking off of 37 items should be no problem.

Dr. Alston adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betsy Clark for Evelyn Hall, Recording Secretary

**Members present:** Dr. Sylvia Alston, Betsy Cark, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Aimee Cooper, Sara Council, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, and Nancy Tunstall

**Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
2024-2025 Proposed Budget for Checking Account**

**Checking Account**

Balance Brought Forward July 1, 2024	\$ 6,683.82
<b>Estimated Receipts:</b>	
Dues:	
International	40 @ \$40.00 Active \$ 1,600.00
	14 @ \$20.00 Reserve \$ 280.00
State	40 @ \$15.00 Active \$ 600.00
	14 @ \$2.00 Reserve \$ 28.00
Chapter	40 @ \$30.00 Active \$ 1,200.00
	14 @ \$23.00 Reserve \$ 322.00
Pins and Ribbons	5 @ \$27.00 \$ 135.00
World Fellowship, Emergency Fund and other International Funds	\$ 200.00
Girls Initiative to Revitalize Learning and Success (Girls' education in Africa)	\$ 100.00
NC DKG Funds	\$ 50.00
NC DKG Educational foundation	\$ 50.00
Meetings Raffles (4 @ \$50.00)	\$ 200.00
<b>Total Estimated Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 4,765.00</b>
<b>Total Available for Budgeting</b>	<b>\$ 11,448.82</b>
<b>Estimated Expenses:</b>	
<b>Dues and Fees</b>	
Dues:	
International	40 @ \$40.00 Active \$ 1,600.00
	14 @ \$20.00 Reserve \$ 280.00
State	40 @ \$15.00 Active \$ 600.00
	14 @ \$2.00 Reserve \$ 28.00
NC DKG Scholarship Fees	54 @ \$0.20 \$ 10.80
Gamma Chi Scholarship Fees	54 @ \$0.80 \$ 43.20
<b>Total Dues and Fees Disbursed</b>	<b>\$ 2,562.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
President's Expenses: Conventions, Workshops	\$ 800.00
Webspace Rental for One Year	\$ 36.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 836.00</b>
<b>Meeting Expenses:</b>	
Induction (Dinner, Roses)	\$ 110.00
Pins and Ribbons (Recouped by inductees)	\$ 135.00
Memorial Service (Meals for family members)	\$ 60.00
Gifts and Flowers	\$ 200.00
Stationery and Supplies	\$ 75.00
Postage	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Meeting Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 630.00</b>
<b>Special Expenses</b>	
Memorial Expenses (\$50 transferred to Scholarship Fund; Bud Vase to homes)	\$ 75.00
Brochures	\$ 150.00
<b>Total Special Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 225.00</b>
<b>Contributions:</b>	
State Funds - Headquarters - 54 @ \$3.00; Scholarship (\$25); Leadership Development Fund (\$25); NC DKG Educational Foundation (\$50) (Last three recouped by members)	\$ 262.00
International Funds - World Fellowship (\$100); Emergency Fund (\$50) Other International funds (\$50); (recouped by members)	\$ 200.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 462.00</b>
<b>Special Projects</b>	
Warren County Memorial Library (recouped by raffle)	\$ 75.00
Littleton Library (recouped by raffle)	\$ 50.00
New Teacher Bag Project	\$ 100.00
New Teacher Breakfast	\$ 50.00
Girls Initiative to Revitalize Learning and Success (Girls' education in Africa)	\$ 100.00
American Cancer Society (Relay for Life)	\$ 50.00
Recognitions (Pins for Member Excellence, Pins for Milestones, Perfect Attendance Pins, Birthday Gifts, etc.)	\$ 300.00
Advertisement in 2025 NC DKG Convention Program	\$ 150.00
<b>Total Special Projects</b>	<b>\$ 875.00</b>
<b>Total Estimated Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,590.00</b>
<b>Estimated Balance June 30, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 5,858.82</b>

Budget is based on \$85.00 per Active Member and \$45.00 per Reserve.



Use this form to keep a track of your attendance, participation, financial contributions, networking, and lifelong learning as a Gamma Chi member between September 5, 2024 and May 15, 2025. The goal is to earn 150 or more points. For those with 150+ points, submit your completed form to Dr. Sylvia Alston, Awards Committee chair, on May 15, 2025 or shortly thereafter. Recognition will consist of presentation of a certificate and pin at the September 4, 2025, 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 5, 2024; 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on December 5, 2024; 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on March 6, 2025; and 4<sup>th</sup> meeting on May 15, 2025. (5 pts. each meeting, 20 pts. maximum)
- \_\_\_\_ 2. Attend one or more days of the 2025 NC DKG Convention in Charlotte on Friday-Sunday, April 25-27, 2025. (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 5, 2024. (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 5, 2024 for the New Teacher Bag project. (10 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 15. Bring a children's book(s) to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on December 5, 2024. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 16. Apply for a scholarship: Gamma Chi Scholarship (deadline: Jan. 18, 2025), NC DKG Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2025) and/or 2025 International Scholarship (deadline: Feb. 1, 2025). 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 15, 2025. Dues must be paid by June 30. (20 pts.)
- \_\_\_\_ 21. Contribute at least \$25 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 \$25 contributed throughout the year, no maximum)
- \_\_\_\_ 22. Sell at least 6 Afghan Raffle tickets with money turned in by May 15, 2025. (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 by February 1, 2025 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 Debra Clayton, 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)

- \_\_\_ 25. Make a contribution to the NC DKG Scholarship Fund by February 1, 2025. 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 Debra Clayton, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 26. Make a contribution to the NC DKG Leadership Development Fund by February 1, 2025. Make check payable to Gamma Chi Chapter and on the Memo line write "NC DKG Leadership Development Fund" or make the check to NC DKG – Leadership Development Fund. Give the check to Debra Clayton, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 27. Make a contribution to the NC DKG Educational Foundation by February 1, 2025. 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." Give the check to Debra Clayton, Treasurer, who will mail the contributions as a batch from our chapter. (5 pts.)

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

- \_\_\_ 28. Visit, call and/or write a reserve member. (5 pts. each, 20 pts. maximum)  
List reserve member(s) contacted: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 29. Tell your colleagues about DKG and Gamma Chi Chapter along with its projects. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 30. Check out from Nancy Tunstall and read *Our Heritage—Volume I, Volume II, and/or Volume III*. (5 pts. per volume, maximum 15 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 31. Visit and peruse our website at least four times at: [www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi). (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 32. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG website at least four times. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 33. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the NC DKG website at least four times. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 34. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the. DKGIEF page (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 35. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the NC DKG Educational Foundation website. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 36. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the US FORUM website. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 37. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the DKG Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 38. Using the link found on Gamma Chi website, visit and peruse the NC DKG Facebook page. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 39. Read the Chapter Rules found online at our website. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 40. Read the Gamma Chi Chapter History 1983-2012 and/or 2012-Present found on our website. (5 pts., maximum 10 pts.)
- \_\_\_ 41. 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:**

- Cornet Award** –Cornet 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.)

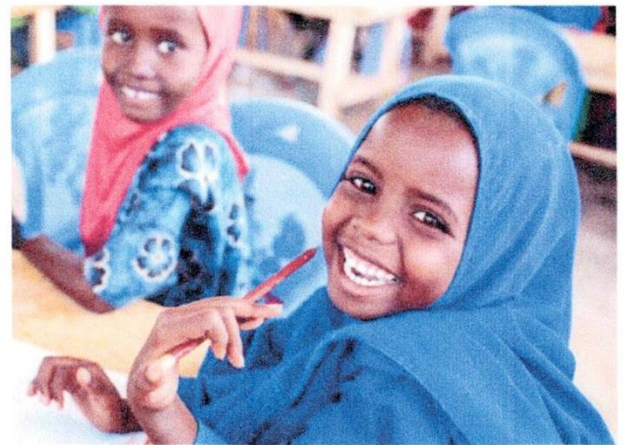


for every child

This new initiative was adopted this summer at the DKG International Convention. It is replacing the Schools for Africa project. Please read over the information below and we will discuss this new project at our September meeting.

## GIRLS INITIATIVE TO REVITALIZE LEARNING AND SUCCESS (GIRLS)

**Given the setbacks caused by COVID-19, now is the moment to make critical investments and get education back on track for girls.** Your generous investment would support UNICEF's "Girls Initiative to Revitalize Learning and Success" (GIRLS) Fund to make progress on girls' education in Africa. The GIRLS Fund will achieve results by directing critical funds to African countries where girls' education has been identified as a challenge. Funding will also strengthen global girls' education expertise and ensure coordination and support across country offices. This flexible funding mechanism will enable UNICEF to commit funds in areas of girls' education where they will have the greatest impact.



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Because investing in girls' secondary education is one of the most transformative development strategies, UNICEF will prioritize efforts that enable all girls to complete secondary education and develop the knowledge and skills they need for life and work. The initiative will also engage boys and men in efforts to address harmful social norms that impede prosperity for girls.

The initiative aims to:

- 1) **get a better understanding of** the current barriers and bottlenecks facing girls in Africa;
- 2) **address harmful social norms** that impede prosperity of girls;
- 3) **deploy technology** to accelerate results in girls' education;
- 4) **mount global advocacy and leadership** through a Global Platform; and
- 5) **develop a Technical Advisory Panel (TAP)** to tap into expertise on gender equality and women's empowerment' and change the trajectory of learning and earning outcomes for girls and young women.

Responding effectively to girls' education barriers requires UNICEF to continually pioneer new solutions that work in complex situations. This innovative funding mechanism will help us leverage additional capital to advance gender-equitable education systems in Africa that empower girls. Flexible funding allows UNICEF to meet the changing needs of children throughout the pandemic and into recovery. UNICEF can address gaps and meet needs in underserved areas. The funding also allows UNICEF to work hand in hand with local governments and communities to deliver on their priorities in girls' education.

**By partnering with UNICEF, you have an opportunity to help bridge the gender divide in education and support quality learning for girls across Africa. Together, we can guarantee the next generation a better life than the last.**

## DKG Prospect Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

## DKG Prospect Card

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