

**The Tennessee State Organization of  
The Delta Kappa Gamma  
Society International**



***From the Heart: Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education Worldwide***

**2022-2023 Yearbook**

**Gamma Mu of DKG  
Johnson County, Tennessee**





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## **Mission Statement**

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

## **Vision**

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.

## **Collect**

Give us, O Lord, a realization of what our organization stands for.  
With its high ideals always before us, may our faith and courage never weaken.

Grant that we may be steadfast in our purpose as we endeavor to meet the responsibilities and obligations set before us.

Help us to be truly loyal, one to another and may we strive to become more worthy members of our profession.

And as we pledge anew our services to our noble cause, may unity and cooperation continue unbroken to the end.

## **Pledge**

I do solemnly promise that as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, I will be loyal to the policies and programs of work officially adopted by this Society and I will do my utmost to discharge my part of the responsibilities undertaken by Delta Kappa Gamma.

## **Delta Kappa Gamma Purposes**

- To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
- To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
- To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.
- To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.
- To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.
- To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
- To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

# **The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

**Founded at Austin, Texas  
May 11, 1929**



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*All founders are deceased.*

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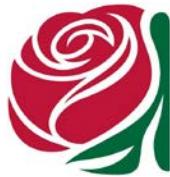
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## **Delta Kappa Gamma Song**

Women teachers to the calling firmly rally,  
Never falling, Duty ne'er upon us palling,  
Staunch, courageous we!  
Loyalty and trust e'er-- heading,  
Minding of our sisters needing,  
Aid and guidance from those leading,  
Helpful may we be!  
Delta Kappa Gamma  
Faith we pledge forever!  
Hand in hand- our loyal band,  
Forward moving ever!  
Onward! 'tis our sisters need us,  
Courage, Faith and honor- lead us!  
Wrongs- in truth and justice heed us!  
Firmly shall we stand!

Guardians of the faith yet sleeping  
For our sisters watch e'er keeping  
Deeds of others now we're reaping  
We for others stand!  
To us pioneers have given,  
We're turn their gifts to heaven;  
Work for others is the leaven-  
That inspires our band!

Oh, Delta Kappa Gamma In thy fold we gather!  
Unity and liberty shall be our watchwords ever!  
Education e'er we'll further;  
Each is bound to each as brother;  
With this faith in one another  
We shall win for aye!

*Words by Annie Webb Blanton and Cora M. Martin  
Music by Lillian Mohr Fox*



**Organized November 30, 1935**

**<http://www.tndkg.org>**

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*(All Tennessee State Organization founders are deceased.)*

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## 2022-2023 TNSO Calendar

### DATES TO REMEMBER



<b>April 9, 2022</b>	Middle Tennessee TNSO Leadership/Committee Training, Madison
<b>April 23, 2022</b>	East Tennessee TNSO Leadership/Committee Training, Oak Ridge
<b>May 1, 2022</b>	Tennessee State Convention Registration Due
<b>May 1, 2022</b>	Electronic Deadline: Lucile Cornetet Seminar Award
<b>May 7, 2022</b>	West Tennessee TNSO Leadership/Committee Training, Jackson
<b>May 15, 2022</b>	Virtual Executive Board Meeting
<b>June 2-4, 2022</b>	Tennessee State Convention
<b>July 1, 2022</b>	Chapter dues submitted to Tennessee State Treasurer
<b>July 12-16, 2022</b>	International Convention, New Orleans LA
<b>September, 2022</b>	Creative Arts Retreat, Middle Tennessee
<b>September 9-10, 2022</b>	Beginning Leadership Management Seminar, Henry Horton State Park
<b>September 23, 2022</b>	Electronic Deadline: Connections Award
<b>October 31, 2022</b>	
<b>November 1, 2022</b>	Electronic Deadline: Proposed Changes to Strategic Plan
<b>December 15, 2022</b>	Chapter Yearbook Submitted to First Vice-President
<b>December 31, 2022</b>	Vision Foundation Applications due
<b>December 31, 2022</b>	Liz Whorley Bradley Application due
<b>February 1, 2023</b>	Electronic Deadline: Tennessee State Scholarship Application
<b>February 1, 2023</b>	Electronic Deadline: International Scholarship Application
<b>February 25, 2023</b>	Middle & High School Essay Deadline
<b>February/March, 2023</b>	Tennessee State Legislative Symposium
<b>March, 2023</b>	Advanced Leadership Seminar, Montgomery Bell State Park
<b>March 15, 2023</b>	Order of Rose Nominations due to Awards Committee
<b>March 15, 2023</b>	Rosebud Award Nominations due to Awards Committee
<b>March 15, 2023</b>	Electronic Deadline: Legislative Award
<b>April 1, 2023</b>	Maycie Chapter Excellence Award Application due to Assigned Awards Contact
<b>April 1, 2023</b>	Chapter Rules for 2021 Review due to Bylaws & Rules Chair (If Review Year for Chapter)
<b>May 1, 2023</b>	Tennessee State Convention Registration due
<b>May 1, 2023</b>	Electronic Deadline: Lucile Cornetet Seminar Award
<b>June 1-3, 2023</b>	Tennessee State Convention
<b>July 1, 2023</b>	Chapter dues submitted to Tennessee State Treasurer
<b>TBD, 2023</b>	International Conference, Detroit Michigan
<b>TBD, 2023</b>	International Conference, Phoenix, Arizona
<b>TBD, 2023</b>	International Conference, Finland
<b>July 2024</b>	International Convention, National Harbor MD
<b>July 2026</b>	International Convention, Aurora CO

## Delta Kappa Gamma Websites

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**Tennessee State Organization**

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**Gamma Mu of DKG Chapter**

<https://dkg-jc-tn.weebly.com/>





## **Gamma Mu DKG Chapter**

Organized 2003 Johnson County, Tennessee

### **Charter Members**

Marilyn Brown - (yom 2000)  
Vida Bunting - (yom 1975)  
Teresa Cunningham - (yom 2000)  
Nancy Davis - (yom 1988)  
Daphne Greene - (yom 2002)  
Barbara Henson - (yom 1986)  
Bridgette Henson - (yom 2001)  
Terri Henson - (yom 2002)  
Beverly McKinney - (yom 1998)  
Teresa Mullen - (yom 1997)  
Jennifer Painter - (yom 1996)  
Dianna Pennington - (yom 1993)  
Donna Poteet - (yom 2001)  
Brenda Potter - (yom 1989)  
Rose Rasmussen - (yom 1995)  
Carol Stout - (yom 1984)  
Andy Wright - (yom 1999)

All charter members were initiated into Alpha Alpha Chapter, Bristol, TN. The date indicates the year of membership.



## Historic Information

In 1929 Annie Webb Blanton founded Delta Kappa Gamma, an honor society for women teachers. She stressed professionalism to the group, calling for leaders “of strong personality, unimpeachable honor, unselfish nature and fine professional attitude.” Here is her story:

On August 19, 1870 in Houston, Texas, my sister Fannie and I were born to Thomas & Eugenia Webb Blanton. We were part of a family of seven children! When I was eight my mom passed away. Shortly thereafter I moved to Lagrange, Texas to live with my grandmother. There, in a tall Victorian house, with its spiral staircase leading to a secret tower, I stayed until I graduated from high school. Since I was too young to enter the University of Texas (I was only seventeen) I began my teaching career in a country school at Pine Springs in Fayette County.

It was a great distance from my home to school, eighteen miles! So, it was necessary for me to board in a farm home near the Pine Springs School. I will never forget the day my brother took me in the buggy to my first day of teaching. As my brother was preparing to leave, I burst into tears. He urged me to return home with him, but I straightened up and said, “No, I came here to teach school and I must carry out my agreement.”

After that teaching experience I moved to Austin. There I taught both elementary grades and high school. In my free hours and during vacations, I attended classes at the University of Texas. I received my Bachelor of Literature in 1899. Two years later I left Austin High School to join the first faculty of North Texas State Normal in Denton, Texas. I stayed for seventeen years.

I not only taught English, but I also helped establish the student publications and guided extra-curricular activities. The students taught me to be the “fairest and squarest” professor on campus!

While at Normal College, I enjoyed watching football games. Since there were no bleachers, I arrived early so I could find a place on the benches along the playing field. I loved sitting in the front row!

Those were busy days for me. I taught five classes a semester, wrote two textbooks, sponsored student clubs, and became an active member of the Texas State Teachers Association. In 1916, with my prominence in the association and my views on the status of women in the teaching profession, I was elected as the first woman president of the State Teachers Association.

“This occasion was perhaps remarkable not because I am the first woman to fill this office, but for the first time it is held by a member of the rank and file of the teaching profession. This is a hopeful sign of the progress of democracy” (Anonymous).

In 1918 I ran for the office of State Superintendent of Public Institution and I won! A Dallas paper even reported that I had an Annie Webb Blanton club and I quote: “The women met in the Neiman-Marcus restroom and enthusiastically endorsed Miss Blanton’s work and pledged themselves to work unceasingly for her nominations and election.”

I was the first woman to be elected to a statewide office in Texas. My, the attention this office brought me! I never lost sight of my priorities to education. “I’ve put into this

undertaking all I have and all I am for the sake of the school, other women, and myself.”

While in office, I worked for many educational measures, particularly for improvements to rural education. “The most important business in which a state can engage is education of her future citizens” (Anonymous).

In 1928 I earned a Master's degree from the University of Texas and became Adjunct Professor of School Administration. Three years later earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Cornell University. In 1931 I returned to the faculty of the University of Texas, and 1933 I advanced to the rank of Professor of Rural Education.

Let me tell you a few things about myself personally. My favorite color is blue. All shades! I love beautiful jewelry. I got some charming and unusual pieces on some of my various trips. One thing that has gotten me through my over-crowded schedule is the ability to sleep! If I got some sleep I wake refreshed and ready to go! My favorite outdoor activity is working with my flowers. My rose gardens are quite famous. Red roses are my favorite!

I could never refuse to help a loved one or a friend. I've even been known to give money to my favorite organization, Delta Kappa Gamma, when funds were low.

One of my greatest achievements came in 1929 when I resolved to form an organization to help remove the barriers limiting the advancement of women educators. I have had an aversion to discrimination for years. I believe that women, if united by bonds of an organization, could fortify one another in accomplishing worthy endeavors.

I studied for a long time what the framework for such an organization should be. I studied for a long time what the framework for such an organization should be. I set a pattern of finances, outlined purposes and policies, wrote the ignition ceremony and the lyrics for the official song. I even selected a name for the organization. I then convinced eleven other women of the potential of such an organization.

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1929, when the Founders, dressed in evening attire, with red candles and red roses displayed in the drawing room, a small brass tray holding bows of crimson and gold, the banquet before the initiation itself and the first election of officers. Thus began the national organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

By the end of the first year I realized that the expansion of Delta Kappa Gamma must be one of my main responsibilities. By 1945 Delta Kappa Gamma embraced all forty-eight states and the District of Columbia. I saw Delta Kappa Gamma grow from twelve to 23,000 members, from one state group to forty-nine state organizations with 625 chapters.

In 1939, as part of my 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary letter to the members, I wrote “as the ‘Mother’ of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, I would say this to you. It is not the number of our members, nor the degrees and titles which they hold, that really count-it is the quality of these members-their leadership, their ideals, and their spirit, that have made Delta Kappa Gamma what it is today. And the ‘torch’ which the Founders exhort each member to hold aloft is the ideal of service to humanity- a daily and constant service through making ourselves better teachers, and giving our best efforts to the education of youth.

*Presented by Gamma Mu President  
Nancy Davis at the May 2003  
Chapter Meeting*



## Gamma Mu of DKG CHAPTER PAST PRESIDENTS

Nancy Davis	2003-2004
Carol Stout	2004-2006
Donna Poteet	2006-2008
Vida Bunting	2008
Carol Stout	2008-2010
Andy Wright	2010-2012
Beverly McKinney	2012-2014
Sheila Cruse	2014-2016
Nancy Davis	2016-2020
Teresa Mullen & Brenda Potter	2020-2024

\*deceased





**TN State Achievement Award**

Nancy Davis, 2011

**Order of the Rose**

Nancy Davis, 2001

Carol Stout, 2003

Diana Pennington, 2004

Brenda Potter, 2005

Barbara Henson, 2006

Leni Smith 2021

Gay Miller 2022

**Gamma Mu of DKG Chapter Members Currently Serving  
TN State Organization**

**Nancy Davis**

EEC Committee

Music Representative

Chairman: Vision Foundation

**Teresa Mullen, Brenda Potter**

State Projects

**Gamma Mu of DKG Chapter Members Currently Serving  
International Level**

**Nancy Davis**

Chair: Finance Committee



**2020-2022  
Gamma Mu of DKG Chapter Officers  
and Executive Board**

<b><u>President</u></b> Teresa Mullen and Brenda Potter <a href="mailto:mullen12@yahoo.com">mullen12@yahoo.com</a> , <a href="mailto:potterb2@gmail.com">potterb2@gmail.com</a>	
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**Executive Board Meetings**

January 2023	First Christian Church	3:30 pm
June, 2023	First Christian Church	3:30 pm

**Orientation**

Orientation of new members will take place in the spring prior to their induction.

**Induction**

New members are inducted at the August meeting.



## **Gamma Mu of DKG CHAPTER RULES**

# **THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

### **PURPOSE**

**Chapter Standing Rules** are those procedures adopted by vote of the members that govern the administration of the chapter. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised state that procedures that have been followed over a period of time can be written as rules of the organization. Adopting a new rule may be accomplished by a majority vote with prior notice to the meeting. To amend a rule already requires a 2/3 vote with prior notice. No provisions of this document shall be in conflict with those of the Tennessee State Organization(TNSO) of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

### **ARTICLE I NAME**

**The name of this chapter shall be Gamma Mu of the Tennessee State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma International (hereby referred to as the Tennessee State Organization).**

### **ARTICLE II PURPOSES**

**The purposes of Gamma Mu Chapter shall be the seven purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and those of the TNSO.**

**To unite women educators of the world in genuine spiritual fellowship;**

**To honor women teachers who have given or who evidence potential for distinctive service in any field of education;**

**To advance the professional interest and position of women in education;**

**To sponsor and support desirable legislation and initiate legislation and the interest of women educators;**

**To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries;**

**To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action;**

**To inform the membership of current economic, social, political, and educational issues that they may become intelligent, functioning members of a world society.**

## **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

**Membership is in accordance with the CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE II and the STANDING RULES, Section 3. The chapter has full authority for the administration of membership.**

**Membership in the Society shall be by invitation only. Active members shall be women who are or have been employed as professional educators at the time of the election. A person is eligible for membership for up to 5 years past retirement. The membership year is July 1- June 30.**

**A. There are four classes of membership:**

- 1. ACTIVE:** Members who have been duly elected by a professional vote of the members and who meet the financial obligations of induction, or members who transfer from another chapter, may be active members of Gamma Mu Chapter.
- 2. RESERVE:** as defined by the 2002 International convention. “Reserve membership shall be granted only to those who are unable to participate fully in the activities of the chapter because of physical disability and/ or geographical location.”
- 3. HONORARY:** Special friends of education may be invited to become honorary members of the chapter.
- 4. COLLEGIATE** members shall be undergraduate or graduate students who meet the following criteria:
  - a. Undergraduate student collegiate member shall**
    - (1) be academically and professionally in the field of education; and**
    - (2) be enrolled within the last two years of their undergraduate education degree**
  - b. Graduate student collegiate members shall have graduate standing in an institution offering an education degree and have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education. When a collegiate member starts her career as a paid educator, she will pay active dues and become an active member. If a collegiate member does not pursue a career as an educator, her membership will expire upon graduation or withdrawal from the education degree.**

**B. The Membership Committee shall have applications to nominate new members available at all meetings and at the March meeting, will accept nominations. At the April meeting, the Executive Board will recommend the number of members to be accepted. “The candidates for active membership shall be voted upon in a chapter meeting by ballot. The election shall be either by preferential ballot or by**

approval of 4/5 of the ballots cast.” (Constitution of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 1998 p. 2) The 2002 International Convention now allows chapters to determine manner of voting for new and reinstated members. Orientation of new members, conducted by the Membership Committee, will take place prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Orientation is to acquaint new members with goals and policies of the Society. A reorientation from time to time is desirable for all members. The Membership Committee conducts the induction for new members. The chapter will decide if and when to have an induction ceremony.

C. The chapter also has the flexibility to nominate, accept, and induct a new member(s) any time during the year.

D. Membership may be terminated by a letter of resignation approved by the membership or by failure to pay by July 1<sup>st</sup>, the required dues of the Society. A resignation from membership must be presented to the chapter president and voted upon by the chapter. The resignation should carry with it an explanation for withdrawal. Prior to the vote, the president should contact the member and explain other options. Chapter minutes must include the names of members terminated, including the reason and date of termination.

E. A member may be reinstated by written request and by meeting the financial responsibilities of membership. There is no reinstatement fee according to the 2002 International Convention.

F. Only active and reserve members may transfer membership.

## ARTICLE IV FINANCE

### A. Dues and Fees

1. Dues and fees are paid annually by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Payment includes International, State, and Chapter dues. The total amount will be determined by membership.

#### Dues

- a. ACTIVE: International , State, Special Scholarship, Chapter, Induction fee optional.
- b. RESERVE: International, State, Special Scholarship
- c. HONORARY: International
- d. COLLEGIATE: International

**2. Deadline for payment of annual dues is no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, members shall be dropped for non-payment of dues and fees (Constitution of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 1998, p. 3). For membership or reinstatement between July 1 and December 31, the member shall pay dues and scholarship fee for the current year. New members shall also pay the induction fee of \$7.50, which is to be retained by the chapter. For membership or reinstatement on and after January 1, the member shall pay one-half the international and state membership dues, in addition to the full scholarship fee. New members shall also pay the induction fee. Chapter dues may also be pro-rated.**

**3. Occasionally, contributions may be collected from members for special Chapter, State, or International programs.**

#### **B. Financial Controls**

- 1. The Financial Committee shall submit a budget to the Executive Board annually at the summer meeting. The budget will be presented to the chapter members at the August meeting.**
- 2. Dues will be raised in keeping with State and International raises and the general economy.**
- 3. The Chapter Treasurer shall sign checks covering chapter expenditures.**
- 4. The fiscal year begins July 1st and ends June 30th.**
- 5. Books shall be closed and annual audit will be made by members of the Finance Committee before June 30th of each year.**
- 6. At the beginning of her biennium, the chapter president or co-presidents shall be awarded the President's Pin(s). The cost of the pin(s) will be paid from the chapter's treasury.**
- 7. The Chapter provides funds to the President(s) to assist with expenses incurred while attending State and International meetings. On even numbered years, funds are also provided by the Chapter for the incoming President(s) to attend the TNSO Convention. If the president's expenses are less than budgeted, expenses for other chapter members in attendance may be paid.**

### **Article V Officers and Related Personnel**

**A. Chapter officers (except the parliamentarian and the historian) and the Nominations Committee shall be elected in even numbered years and take office July 1st, following election. The term of each elected officer shall be two years, and no office (except the treasurer) may serve in the same office longer than two terms in succession. Vacancies in office shall be filled by appointment by the President(s). Elected officers include:**

**PRESIDENT(s):** The President or co-Presidents shall preside at chapter meetings and those of the Executive Board. The President(s) shall appoint committee chairmen and members and shall be an ex-officio member(s). The President(s) shall demonstrate leadership in development of chapter organization, and shall participate in state and international programs. She(They) shall, if possible, attend TNSO State Convention and the Leadership Seminar for Presidents, and additional meetings, conferences, and programs when necessary.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:** The First Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President(s). She serves as program chairman. The program committee is composed of the chairman of the Program of Work.

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:** The Second Vice President shall preside over chapter meetings and Executive board meetings in the absence of the President(s) and First Vice President. She will develop the year book, serve as the chairman of the Summer Gathering (see duties as defined in Article X-D), and assist the First Vice President with programs, if necessary. Yearbooks should be distributed at the September meeting or at the latest, in November. It is the duty of the Second Vice President to guarantee that members receive their yearbooks by distribution at the meeting or by delivery by hand or email. The Second Vice President shall mail either by U.S. mail or email to TNSO First Vice President and other State officers by December 15th each year.

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate notes on business and make available for approval at the following meeting. After approval, the minutes shall be filed properly for future reference. The Recording Secretary also maintains a record of attendance at meetings.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for mail and communication, reporting on these as necessary. She will submit articles to The Tomahawk (local newspaper) about chapter news. She is also responsible for selecting gifts and for sending flowers and cards when necessary (see duties as defined in Article X-B).

B. The Treasurer shall be elected and shall be responsible for receipts and expenditures. She shall make a report at each business meeting. She is an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee. Chapter treasurers will maintain an accurate and current membership roster.

C. The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the President(s), is not a chapter officer, and serves as an ex officio member, without vote, of the Executive Board. She will be in charge of the Visual Arts display at TNSO Convention for Gamma Mu Chapter.

**D. The Nomination Committee shall present officer nominations at the November meeting. Members will vote on the new slate of officers immediately following the presentation. Installation of new officers will take place during the April meeting.**

## **ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**A. The Executive Board shall be made of elected officers, the Parliamentarian, Treasurer, and committee chairs.**

**B. It is the duty of the Board to discuss and organize the chapter's business and to make recommendations to the chapter. In case of pressing problems, when a chapter meeting is not feasible, the Executive Board may take action for the chapter.**

## **ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES**

**A. Standing Committees in the chapter shall correspond to those in TNSO and Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Duties and responsibilities of each committee are defined in parent publications.**

**B. Standing Committees**

**1. Society Business Committees shall include:**

- a. Finance:** Shall submit a budget annually at the summer Executive Board meeting. On transition year, the committee shall submit a budget to the Executive Board prior to the August meeting. The committee will complete an annual audit of the books before June 30th.
- b. Leadership:**
- c. Membership:** Shall make an application for new members available at every meeting. They will conduct the Orientation for new members, induction, necrology services, and present a program for Founder's Day.
- d. Nominations:** Shall present a slate of officers at the November meeting, take a vote on the slate of officers, and conduct the installation of new officers at the April meeting.
- e. Expansion:**
- f. Legislative:** Shall keep the chapter informed of current legislative activities related to education and encourage member involvement on boards, commissions, and community/state decision-making. She shall attend the TNSO Legislative Symposium in February (if possible). She shall invite legislative/ community leaders to speak at chapter meetings.
- g. Rules (by-laws) See Article XI**

**h. Historian/ Scrapbook:** Compile throughout the year any information about the Gamma Mu membership, history, newspaper articles, etc. that would help to preserve an accurate account of chapter history.

**2. Program of Work Committees shall include:**

**a. Program (See Article V-A, First Vice President)**

**b. Achievement /Personal Enrichment:** Shall be responsible for putting together goodie bags for the new teachers at the beginning of the year, plan activities (outings, dinners, etc.) for members, and to highlight members during the year at chapter meetings. This committee will present the Gamma Mu Achievement Award at the Summer Gathering.

**c. Music:** Music shall be provided at all meetings and during special programs. Shall lead members in the Delta Kappa Gamma song which is used at ceremonies, as well as other Society functions.

**d. Educational Excellence:** Shall select the Good Neighbor Award for 6 - 12 students and plan a reception/ drive through event at the end of the year to recognize these outstanding leaders. Submit ideas for community projects. Write letters to congratulate each Teacher of the Year in every school in the system as well as the district winners.

**3. Other Committees**

**a. Communications:** Publish the newsletter for each meeting and send a copy to TNSO President, TNSO Editor, Area I Director, and TNSO Communications Chairman. The newsletter is distributed to all members. Submit articles to TNSO News about Gamma Mu members.

**b. Technology:** Shall update the Gamma Mu website as needed and to keep membership abreast of information on the website.

**c. Scholarship:** Shall make members aware of scholarships available through Delta Kappa Gamma at the state and international levels, provide information to all educators in the Johnson County School System about the annual Gamma Mu Grant in Aid Scholarship that is available. Scholarship Committee will choose from applications for the educator who best qualifies to receive the Gamma Mu Grant in Aid Scholarship. The winner will be presented with a check at the March or April meeting.

**d. High School Essay:** In order to encourage students to participate in the TNSO Essay Writing Contest, a mini contest in Johnson County has been established with an award of \$25.00 and a certificate for the winner. The committee will distribute copies of the theme to English teachers. All essays will be forwarded to the state chairman with no identification of the Gamma Mu winner. For every essay that is submitted to the state, each recipient will receive a \$25 stipend, not

to exceed four essays. The local winner(s) will be announced and presented with the monies and certificate(s).

4. Ad Hoc committee includes: Project(s)/special committees will be appointed by the president(s) as needed.

## **ARTICLE VIII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Parliamentary Authority shall be derived from the Constitution and By-laws and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and TNSO Bylaws. Robert's Rules of Order shall determine questions on procedures.

## **ARTICLE IX MEETINGS**

A. Regular meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday evening in August, September, October, February, March, and April, with November meetings held on Monday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Chapter meetings may be face-to-face, through electronic communications, or a combination of the two as long as members may hear and actively participate in the meeting. Matters needing immediate action may be voted upon by mail or electronically. A majority vote of chapter members is required for this action. Ratification of mail voting must be made at the face-to-face meeting. No proxy voting.

B. Meeting dates/times may vary at the discretion of the Executive Board

C. The place for meetings is set by the hostess committee and approved by the Executive Board.

D. Reservations, collection of dinner costs, and decorations are the responsibility of the hostess committee.

## **ARTICLE X CHAPTER CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS, AND POLICIES FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS**

A. When a TNSO officer visits Gamma Mu Chapter, the state organization is responsible for food and lodging.

B. The Corresponding Secretary shall select another member to help her WITH gifts, memorials, etc.

1. GIFTS are given by Gamma Mu when a member marries or has a baby (\$10.00).

2. A member who is hospitalized receives a bud vase (locally).

3. A member ill at home may receive a card(s) showing the concern of our members.

4. At the death of a member's family (parent, child, sister, brother, husband) will call for a \$10.00 contribution from the treasury to a charity of the member's choice.

**C. Hostess Responsibilities:** Every member is assigned a position on a hostess committee. The chairman of the committee will be assigned by the President(s) and will be designated in the Yearbook. The major duties of the hostess committee include confirming the meeting with the restaurant, determining the menu/refreshments, decorating and if desirable, furnishing favors, calling/emailing each member to inform her of the date, time, place of the meeting confirming whether or not the member will be eating at the upcoming meeting and collecting meal costs from members prior to the meeting. The money is turned over to the treasurer who sees that obligations are met.

**D. The Membership Committee** is responsible for the Orientation of new members prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Second Vice President is chairman of the Summer Gathering.

**E. The Membership Chairman** directs a Necrology Service at the death of a member.

**F. Community service projects** will be initiated on a yearly basis.

**G. Other ceremonies** may be held (Founder's Day, Rededication, etc.) in keeping with the guidelines set forth in the Ceremonies Book.

**H. Reports requested from state organizations and chapters** shall be submitted in the format specified by Society Headquarters.

## **Article XI AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER STANDING RULES**

The Bylaws Committee may make amendments to the Chapter Standing Rules after a study. Their findings shall be presented to the membership for vote. A majority shall be required. No provisions of this document or supplementary documents shall be in conflict with those of TNSO and The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Gamma Mu Chapter rules shall be amended automatically by the Bylaws Committee to comply with the Constitution, International Standing Rules, and The Tennessee State Organization Bylaws and Standing Rules. Notice of automatic updates shall be published in our chapter newsletter and on our chapter website.

**Rules revised: November, 2022**  
**Carol Stout, Chair**  
**Bylaws Committee**



## 2022-2024 Chapter Committees

**Dates for Committees and Description of Committee Reports:** All committees will meet during the September meeting to set goals for the biennium and will report to the membership. Additional meetings may be necessary to do the work of the committees. A written report for the chapter president and the chapter secretary should be prepared for inclusion in reports to the state as well as being part of the chapter history.

### **SOCIETY BUSINESS**

#### ***Standing Committees***

##### **ARCHIVE/SCRAPBOOK**

**Will maintain materials that are important to chapter history and organize them into standard format; will create scrapbooks for the current biennium using standard format**

**Name (Chair),** Summar Eller

**Committee Member Names** Taffy Dugger, Evelyn Ainsworth

##### **COMMUNICATION / PUBLICITY**

**WEBMASTER/NEWSLETTER** - Will gather information for monthly communications; prepare, post, and distribute monthly newsletter; regularly update chapter website; submit articles to local newspapers & to *DKG TN News*.

**Committee Member Names:** Newsletter: Misste Phillippi

**WEBMASTER:** Nikki Campbell **ARTICLES:** Rose Rasmussen

##### **FINANCE**

**Will submit a budget annually at the Summer Executive Board Meeting. Will complete an annual audit of the books before June 30<sup>th</sup>. Will prepare the annual budget to be presented to the membership for vote at the August meeting.**

**Name (Chair),** Barbara Henson, **Committee Member Names** Andrea O'Donnell, Andy Wright, (Advisory, Nancy Davis), Ex Officio-Teresa Mullen and Brenda Potter

##### **MEMBERSHIP**

**Will make an application for new members available at every meeting. conduct the Orientation for new members, take care of new member nominations and inductions; plan a meeting focusing on membership, and present a program for Founder's Day (March 2024)**

**Name (Chair),** Nancy Davis

**Committee Member Names** Trudy Kittle, Andrea O'Donnell, Christi Blankenbeckler,

##### **NOMINATIONS (Every Biennium)**

**Will submit a slate of new officers for the 2024-2026 biennium and will conduct the elections of officers by the November meeting 2023. Installation of officers will be at the March 2024 meeting.**

##### **RULES**

**Will review and prepare an update of the Gamma Mu Chapter Rules, present the update to the chapter for vote, and insure that updated copies are sent to the Tennessee State Organization Rules chair.**

<p><b>Name (Chair),</b> Carol Stout <b>Committee Member Names</b> Sheree Shemees, Vida Bunting</p>
<b><u>AD HOC COMMITTEES</u></b>
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN (AD HOC)</b>
<b>Will review and prepare an update of the Strategic Plan, review all objectives and activities of the plan at Executive Board meetings and determine the status of each and the need for additions, and post an updated action plan on the chapter website.</b>

President Name Teresa Mullen/Brenda Potter

**CHAPTER EXCELLENCE (AD HOC)**

**Will work toward leading Gamma Mu Chapter to receiving a chapter excellence award at the Tennessee State Convention.**

President Name Teresa Mullen/Brenda Potter

**Society Mission and Purposes**

**EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

**Shall select the Good Neighbor Award and plan events to recognize those students. Write letters to congratulate and recognize each Teacher of the Year in every school and the system as well as the district winners.**

**Chair:** Sheila Cruse, **Committee Members:** Christi Blankenbeckler, Evelyn Ainsworths, Summar Eller

**LEGISLATIVE**

**Report to the membership pertinent legislation; and promote and report on the Legislative Symposium. Work to achieve the Legislative Award (Maycie Points)**

**Name (Chair),** Sheila Cruse **Committee Members** Taffy Dugger, Rose Rasmussen

**CHAPTER PROJECTS/ Programs**

**Will inform and encourage chapters to participate in all chapter projects. Will also be in charge of the chapter's monthly programs. Will keep the chapter updated on these so they can be prepared to actively participate.**

**Name (Chair)** Laura Baird (VP) **Committee Member Names** Any needed members

**SCHOLARSHIP/DKG GRANT-IN-AID/High School Essay**

**Will inform members of International and Tennessee State scholarships available to those working on advanced degrees; collect and evaluate Grant Name DKG grant-in-aid applications from High School(s) and select recipients of grants; collect and evaluate applications for the Gamma Mu Classroom Grant. Will inform and encourage students at JCHS, JCMS, and Johnson County Elementary targeted grades to enter essay competition and send entries to Tennessee State Organization High School/Middle School Essay chairman.**

**Chairman:** Ginger Johnson **Committee Members:** Andy Wright, Rose Rasmussen

**Achievement/Personal Enrichment)**

**Will plan and coordinate any special events of the chapter, such as silent**

**auction, fund raising, outings, dinners, etc. for members, highlight members at chapter meetings, and present the Gamma Mu Achievement Award at Summer outings.**

**Chairman** Carol Stout **Committee Member Names** Ginger Johnson, Trudy Kittle

### **Music**

**Music shall be at all meetings and during special programs. Will lead members in the Delta Kappa Gamma Song which is to be used at ceremonies, as well as other Society functions.**

**Chairman:** *Nancy Davis* **Committee Members:** *Andy Wright*



## Gamma Mu of DKG Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Birth -day</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone (423)</u>	<u>School Status</u>
Evelyn Ainsworth	<a href="mailto:eainsworth@jocoed.net">eainsworth@jocoed.net</a>	Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	128 Shaw Ward Rd Butler, TN 37640	423-768-3343	Doe/2009 Active
Laura Baird	<a href="mailto:lbaird@jocoed.net">lbaird@jocoed.net</a>	Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	164 Southgate Dr Elizabethhton, TN 37643	423-291-1899	Doe/2015 Active
Alicia Bauguess	<a href="mailto:abauguess@jocoed.net">abauguess@jocoed.net</a>	Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	821 Hospital Rd Mountain City, TN 37683	423-471-1427	Mountain City 2015 Active
Christi Blankenbeckler	<a href="mailto:cblankenbeckler@jocoed.net">cblankenbeckler@jocoed.net</a>	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1147 Pleasant Valley Road Mountain City, TN 37683	423-727-9057	Roan Creek 2017 Active
Vida Bunting	<a href="mailto:vida.bunting@gmail.com">vida.bunting@gmail.com</a>	Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	3972 Big Dry Run Rd Mountain City, TN 37683	423-727-7288	Retired 2002 Charter
Nikki Campbell	<a href="mailto:ncampbell@jocoed.net">ncampbell@jocoed.net</a>	July 26th	1363 Shingletown Road Mountain City, TN 37683	423-444-9288	Roan Creek 2021 Active
Sheila Cruse	<a href="mailto:stcruse@yahoo.com">stcruse@yahoo.com</a>	Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	195 Robin Hill Lane Mountain City, TN 37683	423-727-4111	Retired Principal 2011 Active
Nancy Davis	<a href="mailto:Nini02@embarqmail.com">Nini02@embarqmail.com</a>	Dec 27 <sup>th</sup>	941 A Davis Lane Mountain City, TN 37683	423-727-5972	Rhea Valley Music 2002 Active
Summer Eller	<a href="mailto:seller@jocoed.net">seller@jocoed.net</a>	Jan 24th	155 Volunteer Drive Mountain City, TN 37683	423-418-0654	Roan Creek 2021 Active
Barbara Henson	<a href="mailto:hensonbarbara4@gmail.com">hensonbarbara4@gmail.com</a>	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	261 Calvary Lane Mountain City, TN	423-727-	Retired 2002

			37683	9182	Charter
Carol Hieronymus	<a href="mailto:hieronymuscj@gmail.com">hieronymuscj@gmail.com</a>	Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	841 Laurel Road Mountain City, TN 37683	423-202-2194	Retired 2018 Active
Ginger Johnson	<a href="mailto:johnsongw@hotmail.com">johnsongw@hotmail.com</a>	June 25 <sup>th</sup>	159 Circle View Dr Mountain City, TN 37683	423-202-0688	Laurel 2014 Active
Trudy Kittle	<a href="mailto:Tkittle189@gmail.com">Tkittle189@gmail.com</a>	Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	1919 Red Brush Road Mountain City, TN 37683	865-805-1176	Retired 2018 Active
Teresa Mullen	<a href="mailto:Mulent12@yahoo.com">Mulent12@yahoo.com</a>	Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	671 Circle Dr Mountain City, TN 37683	423-727-4174	Retired 2002 Charter
Misste Phillipi	mphillippi@jocoed.net	Jan 27th	1065 Sundown Road Mountain City, TN 37683	423-440-5834	Mountain City 2021 Active
Andrea L. O'Donnell	<a href="mailto:aodonnell@jocoed.net">aodonnell@jocoed.net</a>	April 11th	975 Cold Springs Road Mountain City, TN 37683	774-274-0746	Roan Creek 2020 Active
Brenda Potter	<a href="mailto:bpotter2@jocoed.net">bpotter2@jocoed.net</a>	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	4101 Cold Springs Road Mountain City, TN 37683	423-727-9717	Retired 2002 Charter
Rose Rasmussen	<a href="mailto:hrhrose@gmail.com">hrhrose@gmail.com</a>	Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	944 Sage Valley Circle Mountain City, TN 37683	423-727-9798	Attendance FRC Director 2002 Charter Active
Sheree Schemes	<a href="mailto:catsounds@msn.com">catsounds@msn.com</a>	Jan 11th	661 Atwood Point Butler, TN 37640	423-768-2069	Retired 2020 Active
Leni Smith	<a href="mailto:Les1122@embarqmail.com">Les1122@embarqmail.com</a>	Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1967 Callalantee Drive	423-727-1947	Retired 2010

			Mountain City, TN 37683		Transfer
Carol Stout	<a href="mailto:cstout@jocoed.net">cstout@jocoed.net</a>	Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1996 Pine Orchard Road Mountain City, TN 37683	423-76 8- 2038	Retired 2002 Active
Andy Wright	<a href="mailto:wrightat@hotmail.com">wrightat@hotmail.com</a>	Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	929 N Church St Mountain City, TN 37683	423-72 7- 7048	Gifted Educator 2002 Charter Active





## Gamma Mu of DKG Chapter Projects



### Annual Grant in Aid for New Teachers

Each year Gamma Mu of DKG honors a second or third year teacher with a Grant in Aid. New teachers must submit an essay giving details as to a project they wish to implement in their classrooms. The projects are judged and the winner receives funding for the project.

#### Gamma Mu of DKG Grant In Aid Recipient

<b>Date</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
20 22	Katarina Finney		
20 21	Nathan Jones	New Teacher Scholarship	
20 20	Jennifer Holt	New Teacher Scholarship	
20 19	Laura Baird	New Teacher Scholarship	
20 18	Heather Savery	New Teacher Scholarship	



### Gamma Mu of DKG Good Neighbor Award

The Good Neighbor Award Program has been a hit ever since first suggested by Sheila Cruse. Each year, middle school teachers select five students as good neighbors. These students are honored for consistently demonstrating the qualities we want in our neighbors: compassion, kindness, and generosity. Each recipient receives a framed certificate to honor their exemplary neighborly qualities, a personalized copy of Shel Silverstein's classic book, "The Giving Tree" and a goody bag filled with items donated by local businesses. These students have their photo taken along with a write-up in "The Tomahawk", our local newspaper. Parents and grandparents are invited to the ceremony. Special Guests are invited from Johnson County Central office, local school board members and state representatives for our region.

<b>Gamma Mu of DKG Grant Award Winners 2021-2022</b>		
Katie Timbs	Landon Searless	Jackson Clifton
Charity Weaver	Gunnar Hutchins	Payton Grizzle
Noah McQueen		

 **Schools for Africa**

Schools for Africa became DKG's first official international project in 2010. Currently the project works with 13 countries in sub-Saharan Africa including Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Sierra Leone and Guinea Bissau. The SFA mission involves providing access to quality basic education for children, focusing on girls, orphans and other vulnerable youngsters

## **Gamma Mu of DKG Meetings for 2022 – 2023**

**June 24, 2022**  
**First Baptist Church Park**  
**4:30 p.m.**

**Meditation/ Collect/Inspiration:** Teresa Mullen

**Business:** State Executive Board Meeting  
State Convention  
New Members  
Maycie Points  
Installation of New Officers  
Achievement Award



**Program:**  
Summer Tea to welcome new members for the 2022/2023 year

**Special Guest: Dr. Elaine Vaughan**

**Hostess:** all members

### **July 2022**

Teacher Basket for August County Wide In-service  
Collection of items for the basket raffle



### **August , 2022**

**Local Deli 4:30 PM**

**Meditation/ Collect/Inspiration:** Brenda Potter

**Program:**

- New Members Induction
- Update Yearbook



- Gifts for New Teachers- send out invitations

**Hostess: Dinner Out!**

**September 27, 2022**

**First  
4:30 p.m.**

**Meditation/ Collect/Inspiration:** Sheila Cruse

**Business:**

Carol Stout will explain plans for the pecan sales.

Ginger will go over the Grant-in-Aid Award.

Plans will be made for the Good Neighbor Award.

Creative Arts Retreat Sept 30-Oct 1, 2022

Trunk or Treat at Central Office October 31,2022

Committee assignments will be made.

Yearbook review



**Program:**

Recognition of new teachers

collection of stuffed animals, books and blankets for the sheriff's department

Ice Cream Social

Drawing for Prize for new teachers who attend

**Hostess:**

Christi Blankenbeckler, Vida Bunting, Barbara Henson, Leni Smith

**October 25, 2022**

**First Christian Church**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Meditation/ Collect/Inspiration:** Brenda Henson

**Business:**

Strategic plan update

Treasurer 990-N Report

Changes in DKG Newsletter

Yearbook evaluation

Pecan update

Good Neighbor Award

Samaritan's Purse Shoe

Box/Close to Your Heart Program



**Program:**

**Special Guest-** Johnson County School Board Member

Put together Trunk or Treat (Glow sticks,bracelets) bags

- Theme- Education will help light the way

**Hostess:** Teresa Mullen, Evelyn Ainsworth, Rose Rasmussen, Carol Stout, Sheree Schmees, Taffy Dugger

## **November 2022**

**First Christian Church**

**4:30 PM**

**Business:**

**Call to Order Teresa Mullen/Brenda Potter**  
**Meditation and Collect Carol Stout**  
**Minutes/Correspondence Leni Smith**  
**Treasurer's Report Barbara Henson**

**Business**

1. Laura- Programs and Projects for 2022-2023
2. Pecan Update-Carol Stout
3. Chapter Yearbook due- Dec.15, 2022 (Carol H.)
4. Essay Contest
5. New Teacher Scholarship Winner- Ginger, Andy
6. Vision Foundation-Nancy (Due Dec. 31, 2022)
7. Recommendation for Membership-Nancy
8. Teddy Bear Collection for ER children- to be collected at the February Meeting
9. February Meeting--Andy



**Reminders**

1. Communications and Marketing Videos (If you are doing these, the deadline is Mar. 15)
2. Area 1 Brunch- Dec.10, 11:00 (Look for Invite on our page or the messenger for more info).
3. Membership Moments- If you have not done so, turn those in to Teresa or Brenda
4. Membership Opportunities and Discounts – check tn.dkg.org under RESOURCES/MEMBERSHIP

**Program-** Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box/Close to Your Heart Program

**\*Laura Baird**

**Hostess:** Nancy Davis, Carol Hieronymus, Brenda Potter, and Nikki Campbell

## **January 2023**

**First Christian Church**

**4:30 PM**

**Program:** Executive Board Meeting

## **February 2023**

**First Christian Church**  
**4:30 PM**

**Program:** Book Review "Rubies in the Rubble"/Schools for Africa

Bring bears for local emergency room for young children checked into the emergency room

**Hostess:** \*Shelia Cruse, Andy Wright, Ginger Johnson, Misste Phillippi



## **March 2023**

**First Christian Church**  
**4:30 PM**

**Program:** Founders Day (Installation of Officers)  
Notes of Encouragement Present and  
Past Teachers



**Hostess:** \* Summar Eller, Laura Baird, Trudy Kittle,  
Andrea O'Donnell, and Alicia Bauguess

## **April 2023**

**First Christian Church**  
**6:00 PM**

**Program:** Good Neighbor Awards  
Reception

**Hostess:** all members



## **May 2023**

## **Johnson County Library**

**4:00-7:00**

**Program:** Imagination Library- members sign up to assist the library staff and volunteers with the Imagination Carnival.

## **Gamma Mu of DKG Chapter dedicates the 2022-2023 Yearbook**

In Loving Memory of

### **Barb Gratsch**

Inducted in 2010 (Transfer)

Barb was a beautiful soul who was taken away from us too soon. She will forever have a place in our hearts.

Carol Hieronymus

