

# The Gamma Gamma Ray

Newsletter of the  
Gamma Gamma Chapter of Lambda State  
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



October 2012

## Dates to Remember:

**Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – Good Will Visitor and Debut of Gamma Gamma's Own Website**

**Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> - Sharing the Blessings of the Harvest**

**Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – 'Shop 'til You Drop' Annual Auction**

## **'Ambassador of Good Will' Visit - Open Executive Board Meeting**

Come join us and greet our Lambda State Ambassador of Good Will, Diane Kettelson. She is coming all the way from Minooka, IL. Diane is a good friend of our very own Barb Peterson, who is also a State Ambassador of Good Will. Our Gamma Gamma chapter has so much "good will" to share with Diane: our Committees' Plan(s) of Work, our programs and projects, and the introduction of our new chapter website.

### **Debut of gammagamma75.org**

We have been given Barb Peterson's personal GUARANTEE that all online members will benefit from her presentation of this website. It's easy enough for anyone to use, regardless of skill level. Members will receive a thorough explanation of the entire website. Our younger members will provide some helpful tips for those of us who have experienced a later start to the world of technology!

Please remember to bring your LAPTOPS, TABLETS, and SMARTPHONES!

**Date:** Thursday, October 25

**Location:** Schaumburg Library, 130 South Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL 60193 (847-985-4000)

**Time:** 3:15-3:45 Set-Up and Social  
3:45-4:45 Open Executive Board Meeting  
4:45-6:00 Program

**Service Project:** Schaumburg S.D. #54 Food Pantry Donation

**Reflection:** Julie Rowe

**Arrangements:** Carol McHale

**Hostesses: Communications Committee:** \*Barbara Peterson, Geri DeFalco, Carol Escoria, Jan Kayson, Cheryl Keifer, Kathy Muench, Patricia Rielly, Martine Ross, Julie Rowe, Mary Salee, and Jane Kennedy-Smith

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**Dues are still due**

**Please send checks to:**

**Linda Stolt, Treasurer**

**1912 Quaker Hollow Lane, Streamwood, Illinois 60107-1977**

**Make check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

**Active Members: \$84.00   Active Members with newsletter mailed: \$89.00   Reserve Members: \$40.00**

**Memberships will be rendered temporarily inactive until dues are received if not before October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Contact Linda with any and all concerns. ([lindast05@hotmail.com](mailto:lindast05@hotmail.com) / 630-872-6431)**

**Save the Date**

**Thursday, November 15th  
“Sharing the Blessings of the Harvest”**

We will be packing **MannaPack** rice meals for children in need worldwide at the **Feed My Starving Children** site in Schaumburg. For all who attended last year it was an enlightening and gratifying experience. Working side by side with our chapter sisters, knowing we were packaging nutritious sources of food for children, was fun and so worthwhile. **BRING A FRIEND** to help. The more **PEOPLE**, the more nourishing **PACKETS** and the more **CHILDREN** fed!

We will meet at Panera's on Golf Road at 4:30 for an optional dinner. More info to follow.

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And then, before we know it, the **Annual “SHOP ‘TIL YOU DROP” Auction** will be rolling around on **Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>!** Mark down the date on your calendar, and start saving your money!

**Scary Legislative News**

Legislation Chair Anne Fussell and Treasurer Linda Stolt attended the Lambda State Legislative Seminar in Springfield recently. They will share “News We Must Use” at our next meeting. Be aware that on November 6<sup>th</sup> the ballot will include an opportunity to vote for or against an Illinois Constitutional Amendment. According to the Legislative Information section of the Illinois Teachers’ Retirement System, the amendment would:

*require all legislation, ordinances, rules and resolutions that increase public employee pension benefits to receive a three-fifths majority vote of the governing body considering the proposal before it takes effect.*

*The amendment would govern the actions of the General Assembly, county, township and city governments, school districts and special districts throughout the state.*

**THERE ARE THOSE THAT WANT TO MAKE CHANGES TO OUR ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION WHICH NOW GUARANTEES THAT BENEFITS PREVIOUSLY SECURED CANNOT BE TAKEN AWAY.**

**ALL** members need to be thoroughly informed about this piece of legislation. The recommendation is that we vote against this amendment and encourage all friends and neighbors to do the same.

**September Meeting**

A heartfelt "Thank you" to...

- Mary Wrobel for her Reflection on her initial teaching experiences. Yes, Mary is an amazing writer and performer. This sounded like a great Chapter One for a future book.
- Barb Peterson and JoAnn Bechtold for their delightful explanation of their experiences at the International Delta Kappa Gamma Convention in New York City. However, I recall little mention of the actual conference!
- Program Committee for arranging and hosting the meeting. They took to heart streamlining our snacks, and even at that Maureen was still begging people to take home the leftovers! Maureen collected the surveys and will report the results.
- Membership Committee who signed everyone in and got them seated on time while Linda was collecting the dues.
- Everyone who came early to help with the set-up, and to
- Nanette Doubler, who realized that my technological skills in the preparation for this event would not have allowed the presentation to begin! She and Anne did some extra running around for us.
- Chris Dick and her Committee Members who then take our donations to the proper destination. I must confess that I forgot to bring the September Service Project school supplies for Schaumburg Township. I will not forget my donation to the #54 Food Pantry in October.
- And, last but not least, to Barb Peterson for getting Gamma Gamma's 2012-13, newly streamlined, but much anticipated yearbook ready in time for our first meeting. It's a beauty!

**NTETP! ---- Never Too Early To Plan! ---- News!**

- 1.) **Lambda State Convention**: April 12th-14th in St. Louis. At Convention you will learn so much regarding **DKG International Society**. Carpooling is strongly recommended, and it's so much more fun than traveling alone. Let's consider the **Chapter Bazaar**. Remember that we will receive 75% of the total sales, with the other 25% donated to a Lambda State fund. So, who are our creative sisters with a bit of extra time on their hands?
- 2.) **Panama Journey**: The International Projects Committee invites you to journey to Panama, "the crossroads of the world". Our DKG sisters will explore this fascinating country. The state-to-state visit will take place **February 18th-27th, 2013**. Check DKG International Projects Committee on the DKG website for additional information.

## Book Recommendation

### **THE PARIS WIFE** by Paula McLain, 2011

Though deeply in love in the early 20's, the young Hemingway's are ill-prepared for the hard-drinking and fast living of Jazz Age Paris, which hardly values traditional notions of family and monogamy. Surrounded by beautiful women and competing egos, Ernest struggles to find the voice that will earn him a place in history, pouring all the richness and intensity of his life with his wife Hadley and their circle of friends into the novel that will become The Sun Also Rises. Hadley, meanwhile, strives to hold onto her sense of self as the demands of life with Ernest grow costlier and her roles as wife, friend, and muse become more challenging. Despite their extraordinary bond, they eventually find themselves facing the ultimate crisis of their marriage - a deception that will lead to the unraveling of everything they have fought so hard to protect. This is a heartbreakingly beautiful portrayal of love and torn loyalty. We know, sadly, that in the end Hemingway wrote that he would rather have died than fallen in love with anyone but Hadley. By JoAnn Bechtold

## Announcements and Reminders

- If you have not yet received your 2012-2013 yearbook, please know that those books not yet claimed will be available at the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you will not be able to attend, please ask a friend to pick up your book for you, or contact Barb Peterson to make other arrangements.
- FYI: Christiane Pyzdrowski has a new email address: [kikipyz@gmail.com](mailto:kikipyz@gmail.com).

### *Jane's Jottings*

I attended my first Lambda State Executive Board Meeting the weekend of September 21<sup>st</sup>, along with past State President Barb Peterson. It was quite thrilling to witness the State Board in action. Approximately 78 Illinois State Chapters were represented. Motions for Approval on various topics were stated, discussed and approved. As one can imagine, this Holiday Inn Convention room was not filled with quiet, demure, passive women. This was a passionate crowd, with much to discuss. The Saturday meeting ran an hour late, which I thought was most acceptable due to the full agenda. As people were shuffling papers, moving in their chairs, reaching for their sweaters or jackets, grabbing their purses, one last motion was presented. In the very back of the room, in a quiet voice, the Beta Lambda Chapter President from Springfield called for a Motion of Dissolution for her chapter. The room became silent, and, with sadness in our voices, the motion was carried.

This is not our chapter's story, nor can it be our chapter's future history. Let us all be responsible for those who have been introduced into our society and ever vigilant to insure that new members will thrive in our Gamma Gamma community.