

The *Gamma Gamma Ray*

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



May, 2013

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, May 14th: Gamma Gamma's Annual Spring Celebration

June: Chapter Committee Planning Meetings

July 24th – 27th: Northwest Regional Conference, Portland, Maine

Thursday, September 12th: Presenter, Catherine Lee

Gamma Gamma's Annual Spring Celebration of Membership

Please come join us at our spring celebration! We have invited four wonderful women to be initiated, and we want to welcome them warmly. Among others being recognized will be our Recruitment Grant winner, our Literacy Award winner, our two new retirees, Mary Wrobel and Gail Mehlan, and numerous chapter members. JoAnn Bechtold, her son (manager at Poplar Creek), and Carol McHale have worked to make the arrangements appealing and delicious!

Please see attached R.S.V.P. Reservations due to Carol McHale by April 30th.

Date: Tuesday, May 14th

Location: Bridges of Poplar Creek

1400 Poplar Creek Drive

Hoffman Estates, IL 60194

847.884.0219

Time: 3:30 – 4:00: Set-Up and Social 4:00: Meeting and Dinner

Reflection: Maureen Briza

Arrangements: JoAnn Bechtold & Carol McHale

Hostesses: Executive Board Members - *Jane Jedlicka, Maureen Briza, Carol McHale, Rose Karner, Debbie Goodman, Linda Stolt, and Kris Beaudette

Contact: Carol McHale (847.884.1645/teachntech@comcast.net)

Remember: Due to the recent inclement (crazy) weather pattern, we have missed our two last meetings.

However, the **Schaumburg School District Clothes Closet** is still in need of our "gently used" clothing. Chris Dick will be waiting at the door for our contributions with open arms and open bags.

SHARING, SERVING, ENRICHING, CARING, WOMEN TOGETHER

COME AND SHARE AT JUNE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Each of us has a job to do.

Finance and Social Business – 9:30, Thursday June 6th at Charlotte Weber's home

Program – 9:30, Friday June 7th at the Schaumburg Library

Communications – 1:00, Friday June 7th at the Schaumburg Library

Membership – 9:30, Monday June 10th at Jane Martin's home

Service Projects – 10:00 -12:00, Tuesday, June 11th at Riccardo's (Lunch: 12:00-1:00 at Riccardo's-optional)

Special Projects – 1:00, Tuesday, June 11th at Riccardo's (Lunch: 12:00-1:00 at Riccardo's-optional)

We need YOUR input to continue to make our chapter as enjoyable and informative as it has always been.
Although we don't take attendance, we do look at these as required one-time meetings.

Charlotte Weber – 1004 N. Derbyshire Ave., Arlington Heights (847-253-0462) (charlotte.weber@gmail.com)

Jane Martin – 525 Cloud Ct., Schaumburg (847-352-6635) (jpmartinsc@live.com)

Schaumburg Library – 130 South Roselle Rd., Schaumburg (upstairs meeting room) (847-985-4000)

Riccardo's Restaurant – 1170 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg (847-891-7777)

RECRUITMENT GRANT AWARD

Janet Starr, Chris Dick, Sandy Cook, and Jane Jedlicka recently went through the process of choosing a winner for Gamma Gamma's Recruitment Grant. To alert potential applicants, Janet contacted High School District 211's Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and district counselors. Barb Peterson placed the information and application on our website and sent an article to the Daily Herald. Janet received a record number of more than **20** applications. Most of the applicants were so highly qualified that it was difficult to name a winner, but they did! She is a graduate of Enders Salk School in Schaumburg and District 211. Thank you to Recruitment Grant Award Committee for their diligence in this effort.

And thank you, **Sandy Cook**, for maintaining contact with our former recipients. Our winner from four years ago, Nicole Dingraudo, will be attending our May dinner. In response to Sandy's invitation, she wrote:

"I would absolutely love to come on May 14th. That is truly such an honor and I can't thank you all enough! I can still remember that dinner 4 years ago perfectly and how nervous I was! It's really neat to think about how much I've learned these past 4 years. It will be really neat to come back again and meet the new scholarship winner! Thank you so much for everything! You have been such a huge help. Nicki...."

THANK YOU FROM PRINCE OF PEACE

Dear Delta Kappa Gamma Society,

Thank you very much for your generous donations to our preschool and kindergarten. We will get good use out of all of the wonderful items you gave us. We are truly blessed by your support.

Sincerely, the Staff of Prince of Peace Preschool and Kindergarten

NTETP – NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN

- Lambda State is presenting **Taming Technology Seminar** at Bradley University in Peoria on June 18th and 19th. Campus dorm rooms are only \$22.00 a night, but are available in limited numbers. Please check our website for further details. Our own Barb Peterson will be conducting a few of the pertinent seminars. <http://deltakappagamma.org/IL/SpEvents/taming.htm>
- Now, thinking way ahead, save **Thursday, September 12th** to hear our guest speaker, **Catherine Lee**. She is Founder and President of a consulting firm which specializes in communications, international negotiations, multi-national team building, cultural diversity, and leadership development. Catherine is an author, speaker, and training consultant. Recipient of many awards and distinctions in the area of women's business, she has served on several Boards in leadership capacities, including President of a Board of Education for Consolidated District K-12. Come to be inspired and motivated!

NOTE FROM MAUREEN BRIZA, PROGRAM CHAIR

With the Holiday Auction ONLY 8 months away, the Auction Committee would like you to consider two things that were suggested on the completed survey:

- 1.) If you are willing to contact businesses for donations, **please consider asking them soon**. The businesses might have budgets or timelines for considering donations. Gamma Gamma members really enjoy these offerings. The golf package donation from **Bridges of Poplar Creek** and the **Lynfred Winery** "tastings" donations were highlights of our last auction.
- 2.) The **lovely gift baskets** are also highlights of our sale and very popular. Consider picking up an item or two to 'contribute' to a basket. I will collect these items at each of our meetings prior to Auction time. Sometimes, you can find small items that are really neat or adorable on sale at a favorite shop or at a garage sale. These items might be perfect as part of a larger assortment of items and help to complete a **themed** or **miscellaneous-items** basket. Please email me at maureen3143@comcast.net with any ideas you might have for basket themes, and I will share these ideas at our May dinner.

Thank you! Talk to you soon, Maureen

LAMBDA STATE CONVENTION

We are winners!!! As well as having a fun time with our Gamma Gamma sisters and meeting other DKG sisters from all over the state, we were **Number One** in attendance! We were also honored with a **Certificate of Achievement** in recognition of submitting news to four issues of the **Newscaster** in 2012. A special thank you goes out to **Jane Kennedy-Smith** for her diligence in this department. Much appreciated!

It is always a busy and hectic schedule, from early morning to late evening. My President's Reception started at 9:45 Friday evening. That was 45 minutes past my bedtime! Our very own Charlotte Weber was a Jubilation Singer, and she practiced from 8:30 to 10:00 Friday night, from 6:30 to 7:45 Saturday morning, from 3:40 to 4:40 Saturday afternoon, and from 6:30 to 7:45 Sunday morning. Though the singers are from all over the State and practiced together only at these times, they sang beautifully. Char, it was so lovely to hear the musical numbers.

It was exciting and heartwarming to watch **Jerry Toher** accept the \$3,000 **M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award** on behalf of her granddaughter, **Kristen Toher**, an accomplished ballerina entering her final year at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio. Thank you, **Charlotte Weber**, for writing the Gamma Gamma Chapter recommendation

that paved the way for this award. Delta Kappa Gamma offers a variety of grants and scholarships for all members. Be sure to check our website for further information.

Convention Business meetings held early on Saturday mornings are always long, yawn, and very informative. JoAnn Bechtold and Gail Poisson, chattered away throughout, as did others. However, they have assured us that they were discussing ONLY ☺ Convention business. If anyone should have any questions concerning the DKG business agenda, you know whom to ask.

Interesting Fact: Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has the 5th largest membership in Illinois, totaling 85 women. Let's all take a personal stake in keeping that number on the rise.

Welcome to Delta Kappa Gamma's two newest Chapters – **Alaska's Tau Chapter** and **Estonia's Gamma Chapter**.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOKS AND CONTACT LISTS

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Any changes to contact information, etc. should be sent ASAP to Cheryl Keifer so that our yearbook, phone tree, and data bank can be updated for the coming year. (ckeifer@gmail.com or 240 Tudor Lane, Schaumburg, IL)

Jane's Jottings -1 out of 85 Vignettes-

This is the last Newsletter of the year, and at this time I find myself being thankful to so many who work tirelessly to make Gamma Gamma Chapter successful. The outpouring of encouragement and support I have received has made me realize that I could write '85 vignettes'. I wish to share one which took place at Convention and involved one of our sisters. She has been a Delta Kappa Gamma member since 1947. Over dessert on Saturday night, I was seated at a table with Jerry Toher. It was a crowded room, and many women were standing. Jerry stood up, refusing help from any of those in our party, and dragged her own chair across a carpeted floor and halfway around the table. She then offered it to a younger woman who had been standing. It seemed the most natural thing for Jerry to do – to think of another's well-being and comfort. These values are truly what I have experienced this past year.

I also find myself quite excited and happy knowing that I have another year to serve as President. I look forward to seeing everyone in May.

Most Fondly, and Cheers, Jane

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA WEBSITES

Remember that while checking our very own Gamma Gamma website, also check out the State and International websites. Scholarships are available for continuing studies at the master's and doctorate levels.

Local: www.gammagamma75.org

State: www.deltakappagamma.org/IL/

International: www.dkg.org