

## September, 2013

### **Dates to Remember**

Thursday, September 12th: Catherine Lee, Presenter  
Friday-Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>: Lambda State Executive Board Meeting  
Friday-Sunday, October 11th-13<sup>th</sup>: Creative Arts Retreat  
Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>: Decades of Dresses  
Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>: Legislative Seminar

### **Gamma Gamma's First Meeting of the Year**

Please join us on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, for our first meeting and to hear our presenter, **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. Ms. Lee is an author, speaker, and training consultant. She has been the recipient of many awards and distinctions in the area of women's business and has served on several boards in leadership capacities, including President of a Board of Education for a Consolidated District K-12.

Catherine Lee's focus is on women. Come to be motivated!

Immediately following the program and our Gamma Gamma business meeting, we will have pizza delivered from Ricardo's. Hopefully, you will have the time to share dinner with your sisters.

Location:	Prince of Peace Church - 930 West Higgins, Schaumburg, IL
Time:	3:00 Set-Up, 3:30 Social, 4:00 Program, 5:15 Meeting, 6:00 Pizza
Service Project:	School supplies for Schaumburg Township students
Reflection:	Mary Kay Marrello
Arrangements:	Maureen Briza
Hostesses:	Special Projects Committee - *Anne Fussell, Cammy Basak, Jo Ann Bechtold, Kris Davenport, Debbie Faems, Peggy Gire, Keri Gold, Mary Kay Marrello, Christiane Pyzdrowski, Molly Rider, Danielle Silva, Lorena Williams
*Optional:	Ricardo's Pizza - If you plan to stay for pizza, the cost will be between \$5 -\$7, depending on the number joining us. Please email Carol McHale ( <a href="mailto:teachntech@comcast.net">teachntech@comcast.net</a> ) to reserve your spot before Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup> .

## **DUES ARE DUE!**

Please do not delay!

Gamma Gamma dues are needed!

We will appreciate receiving your dues at our first meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send your dues to:

Linda Stolt, Treasurer

1912 Quaker Hollow Lane, Streamwood, IL 60107-1977

Please make the check payable to **Delta Kappa Gamma**

...and make our diligent, hard working Treasurer's life easier!

Active Members: \$84.00

Active Members with newsletter mailing: \$89.00

Reserve Members: \$40.00

Reserve Members with newsletter mailing: \$45.00

## **Save the Dates**

### **#1 Save the Date: Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> - Decades of Dresses**

Due to last winter's inclement weather, we had to cancel the Decades of Dresses program. It has been rescheduled, and hopefully many members will attend the presentation. Special occasion dresses will be showcased. **FOR THOSE OF US WHO LOVE TO SHOP, please come to share some great ideas!**

### **#2 Save the Date: Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> - Our First Social Gathering**

On Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to attend an evening performance at **Puppet Opera** in Rolling Meadows from 6:00-7:30, followed by an optional dinner at **Sam's Restaurant** in Arlington Heights, beginning at 8:00. The performance will be a special tribute to America's "Singing Sweethearts", Jeanette McDonald & Nelson Eddy. Because space is limited, we invite you to secure your spot by sending a check in the amount of \$11.00, made payable to Glenda Klein, to 1558 Coventry Road, Schaumburg, 60195. Also, please indicate whether you will be joining us for dinner afterward.

### **#3 Save the Date: Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

This is REALLY Planning Ahead, but our Auction Committee has some thoughts for you to consider in the coming weeks.....

#### ***It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year (almost!)***

Our Delta Kappa Gamma Auction will be held on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Prince of Peace Church. Because of your generosity in the past, we have been able to not only award a \$1000 grant to a high school senior woman planning to attend college and major in education, but also help support previous grant recipients as they make their way through their undergraduate work.

We had great success at the auction last year and will continue to implement new ideas to help support our cause. One of the most successful activities is the auctioning of theme baskets. These contributions are very generous and always a favorite with the membership. The task of putting a basket together can sometimes be ambitious and, therefore, cost prohibitive. An idea this year is to have the Auction Committee collect donations from the membership and put together the baskets. Our theme suggestions include:

- Movie Night
- Outdoor Concert Picnic
- Recovering from Holiday Stress (Think Spa!)
- A Cozy Wintery Evening
- Gardening

If you would like to contribute to a theme basket, please bring your item(s) to the September, October and November meetings. Maureen Briza, Carol McHale, and Rose Karner will be happy to accept the donations. We look forward to adding these baskets to the generous donations of auction items we receive from you each year to support our scholarship fund. Thank you in advance!

## **Book Review**

### **The Paris Wife** by Paula McLain

Reviewed by our very own Jo Ann Bechtold

I've read this book several times and was totally captivated each time. This is an excellent choice for a book club discussion. You'll not be disappointed. **The Paris Wife** is a deeply evocative story of ambition and betrayal. It captures a remarkable period of time and a love affair between two unforgettable people: Ernest Hemingway and his wife Hadley.

Chicago, 1920: Hadley Richardson is a quiet twenty-eight year old who has all but given up on love and happiness – until she meets Ernest Hemingway and her life changes forever. Following a whirlwind courtship and wedding, the pair set sail for Paris, where they become the golden couple in a lively and volatile group – the fabled “Lost Generation” that includes Gertrude Stein, Ezra Pound, and F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald.

Though deeply in love, the Hemingways are ill-prepared for the hard-drinking and fast-living life 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 Hadley and their circle of friends into the novel that will later become **The Sun Also Rises**.

Hadley, meanwhile, strives to hold on to her sense of self as the demands of life with Ernest grow costly 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've fought to maintain.

**The Paris Wife** is all the more poignant because we find that later in life, Hemingway wrote that he would rather have died than fallen in love with anyone but Hadley. This book is a historical fiction, written by Paula McLain, 2011 – 314 pages.

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

Yes, we are thinking *way, way ahead*, but **Lambda State Convention** will be held in St. Louis next April. It truly is an enlightening and rewarding experience, not to mention lots of fun. Gather some friends and plan on carpooling to St. Louis for this get-away weekend.

The **Creative Arts Retreat** will be held October 11th – 13<sup>th</sup>, at Lorado Taft Field Campus in Oregon, Illinois. If any members have yearnings to get in touch with their creative needs (art, crafting, acting, singing, etc.) in a rustic woodland setting, please consider attending this event. The Lambda State website will have information needed for registering for yet another get-away weekend.

### **The Future 2014-2016 Gamma Gamma Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs**

For those interested in becoming more involved in our society, please consider an option to serve on the Gamma Gamma Executive Board or as Committee Chair. The benefits are numerous. They include the chance to further develop your leadership and problem solving skills and the opportunity to create many more meaningful and everlasting friendships. The time commitment is limited because in Gamma Gamma we try to share the load. You will soon be receiving more information and a special synopsis of responsibilities of the various officers and committee chairs from Sue Werner. Be on the lookout for it!

### **Announcements and Reminders**

- Be sure to check your Yearbook, which, thanks to Barb Peterson, will be available at our first meeting and contains all the information you need to know for the upcoming year. Please note when your Committee will be hostessing a meeting or if you have been selected to lead a Reflection.
- Our Corresponding Secretary, Debbie Goodman, wants to share our member news. Please contact her with “celebrations” and items you think might be of interest to fellow members.

- Thank you, Linda Stolt and Anne Fussell, who keep us informed regarding the always pertinent legislative news.

### **Jane's Jottings**

Though I have been retired for four years, I am sure the “significance of late August/early September” will never leave me. For those who know me, I am a “hot summer, sundresses and sandals” lady. I love to wake to the intense chattering of birds at 4:30 AM in the spring and the early morning sun filtering in through my windows.

Now the birds are singing less, and the cicadas are filling the nights with their loud tunes. I was always a lucky one, however, who loved my work as an Early Intervention/Early Childhood Social Worker in District 54. So the cooler days and quieter, darker mornings of fall meant getting back to the work I loved and working with all my endearing EI and EC families and staff.

This is the beginning of my last year as Gamma Gamma President, and I am looking forward to every minute of it. I have thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of this position. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all who made last year so fun and easy – my Executive Board, my 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents, my Committee Chairs, Nanette, Cheryl, and Past Board and Committee Chairs.

CHEERS to a great 2013-2014 for Gamma Gamma!