



**The Gamma Gamma Ray
Newsletter of Gamma Gamma Chapter,
Lambda State Organization,
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

October 2014

Dates to Remember:

Friday-Sunday, October 10th-12th	Creative Arts Retreat
Thursday, October 16th	DKG 'Ambassador of Good Will'
	STEM by THE SCIENCE ACADEMY OF CHICAGO
Saturday, October 18th	Lambda State Legislative Seminar
Thursday, November 13th	'Vino Van Gogh' Social Event
Thursday, December 4th	'Shop 'til You Drop' Annual Auction

Websites to Remember:

Gamma Gamma: www.gammagamma75.org
Lambda State: www.deltakappagamma.org/IL
International: www.dkg.org

Greetings! We had an awesome meeting in September and I hope you were able to attend. There were 43 members and 1 guest present to walk down memory lane with Leslie Goddard as she shared her delightful presentation, Remembering Marshall Field's. Thank you's all around go to "our village": Gerie Kay and the Membership Committee for helping with the meeting and welcoming us as we entered, Adrienne Rovin and the Society Business Committee members who were our hostesses (loved the Frango Mints) and greeters, Mary Wrobel, Linda Stolt, Linda Szymkowiak and the Program Committee members for the program and site arrangements, Barbara Peterson and the Communications/Publicity Committee for delivering our dazzling directories, and Rose Karner for recording the minutes. Thank you to Sandy Cook and the Service Projects Committee members for collecting and delivering the school supplies donations and to everyone for bringing a "trunkful" to donate. I would like to extend a very special thank you to Sandy Cook, Charlotte Weber, Denise Pawelczyk, and Debbie Goodman for the beautiful tribute they gave in honor of our friend and sister, Anne Fussell.

Ambassador of Good Will Visitor-Dr. Margaret Trybus

Please join us at our Open Executive Board Meeting, beginning at 3:00 P.M., to welcome Dr. Margaret Trybus. Dr. Trybus of Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, IL, serves as a Professor of Educational Leadership and Associate Dean of Graduate Studies. We will be holding a regular meeting where we will be sharing our Committees' Plan(s) of Work, our programs and projects. This meeting is usually a little longer, therefore the need to begin a little earlier than usual. ☺ We will also **vote to approve** this year's budget. The program will follow the meeting.

Science Academy of Chicago Program

Azra Jacupovic serves as the Admission Officer & Outreach Coordinator of the Science Academy of Chicago, located in Mt. Prospect. The Science Academy of Chicago is a non-profit, nondenominational, independent day school for students from preschool (3yrs of age) through 12th grade and is fully accredited by the Illinois Board of Education. The goal of SAC is to fully prepare students beyond college through STEM/STEAM focused curriculum.

Ms. Jakupovic will present an overview of the SAC curriculum, extracurricular activities, programs geared for student support, and unique ways that the SAC program offers encouragement and challenge for female students. She will bring young women students who participate in the robotics club.

Location: Prince of Peace, 930 W. Higgins Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60194 847.885.7010

Time: 2:30 Set-Up & Social, 3:00-4:30 Open Executive Board Meeting, 4:30-5:30 Program, 6:00 Optional Dinner (restaurant to be determined)

Reflection: Camille Basak

Arrangements: Merna Folkers and Linda Szymkowiak

Hostesses and Greeters: Communications/Publicity-Barbara Peterson, Chair, Dorothy Clair, Geri DeFalco, Chris Dick, Carol Escorcia, Debbie Goodman, Jan Kayson, Cheryl Keifer, Kathy Muench, Carol Nolan, Patricia Rielly, Mary Salee, Jane Kennedy

Service Project: Pads Items for Prince of Peace-men's socks, heavy paper plates and bowls, bottled water, packaged snacks as chips, cookies etc., small tubes of toothpaste, small soaps, napkins, cash to be put toward long underwear or winter needs.

This Prince of Peace site has been operating for twenty-five years! The site operates every Friday night and volunteers are always needed. Many people sign up for a once a month schedule, but substitute or occasional help is welcome. Providing food or serving meals are some of the ways one can help.

If anyone is interested in being a regular or substitute volunteer for this worthwhile organization, call Bonnie at 630.220.1034 or Michelle at 847.227.7642.

DUES

Dues are as follows:

Active Member: \$84.00

Active Member with newsletter mailed: \$89.00

Reserve Member: \$40.00

Reserve Member with newsletter mailed: \$45.00

Checks should be made payable to: Delta Kappa Gamma

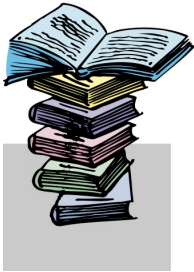


Linda Stolt will accept dues at our October 16th meeting or they can be mailed to her (to **ARRIVE** no later than October 31st) to:

Linda Stolt
1912 Quaker Hollow Lane
Streamwood, Illinois 60107-1977

Please pay your dues in a timely manner. Linda will be glad to speak with you should you have any extenuating circumstances regarding dues.

October Book Swap



DKG members,

We are having our ever-popular Book Swap. Members can swap, share, and give away any books you have finished reading. Anyone can take a book, even if you don't bring one to contribute. Happy reading!

Sincerely,
The Special Projects Committee

Lambda State Convention Book Discussions

The following two books have been chosen by the Lambda State Literacy Committee for the book discussions at the Lambda State Convention, April 24-26, 2015, at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center in Lombard, IL. They are The Fault in Our Stars, by John Green and The Rector's Wife, by Joanna Trollope. I hope you will read them (if you haven't already) and participate in the book discussions. I did that a couple of years ago at convention and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Under the Wide and Starry Sky: A Novel by Nancy Horan Reviewed by Camille Basak

Robert Louis Stevenson was a prolific poet, novelist, essayist, travel writer, and a beloved literary celebrity in the late 1800s. His most famous works include *Treasure Island*, *Kidnapped*, and *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. Behind this talented man stood a woman who herself longed to be a writer, but rather served as his nurse, travel companion, editor, advisor, and wife. This woman was Fanny Van de Grift and her story is told by Nancy Horan in *Under the Wide and Starry Sky: A Novel*.



R.L. Stevenson fell desperately in love with this divorcee while carousing with friends on the French Riviera. Fanny was considered a rather wild and independent American who seemed to ignore many of the acceptable social mores of the times. Despite the ten-year gap in their ages, love took hold and they married. She travelled the world with him in search of a climate and environment that would mend his weakened lungs and be a source of inspiration for his writing. From the Napa Valley to the south of France to the Pacific Islands and to his homeland in Scotland, oftentimes subsisting on the generosity of beneficiaries and depending on her skill at working the land, Robert and Fanny developed friendships with the natives and explored the

land and sea. During these adventures, they found many of the characters and settings for his writing and a foundation for their politics.

Fanny had an indomitable spirit and was instrumental in Stevenson's success, but never seemed to find respect for her contributions to his career, nor satisfying outlets for her own real passions which led to unbearable consequences. Horan did extensive research to capture the essence of her characters' lives, the times in which they lived, and the exotic locations where they set up house. She excites the reader with dialogue and interactions that bring them to life as real human beings experiencing the joys and disappointments that come with fame and living in someone's shadow.



Lambda State

Please refer to the Lambda State website and Fall 2014 Newscaster for planned events, committee ideas and state projects. Below are some highlights of already mentioned opportunities along with some new information.

Creative Arts Retreat, October 10th-12th, Lorado Taft Campus, Oregon, IL. Last day to submit application is 10/1/2014.

Lambda State Legislative Seminar, 10/18th, Lincoln Public Library, Springfield, IL. Registration form is due 10/4/2014.

The Lambda State International Projects Committee has planned a state-to-state visit to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for members on June 20th –June 28th, 2015. Contact Donna Bowen, Chair, and she can give you details about the cost and itinerary.

Lambda State Convention, April 24th-26th, Westin Lombard Yorktown Center, Lombard, IL. This is the year for the Literary Arts Recognition Program. Creative writing from students in Grades K-12/GED will be displayed at convention. The due date for participation is March 1, 2015. Information and forms can be found on the website under Committees/Literacy. It would be great for an active teacher from our chapter to get involved with this project.

Taming Technology for Learning and Leisure-June 22-24, 2015, Bradley University, Peoria, IL. Registration opens on March 1, 2015 and Registration deadline is June 8th, 2015.

Happy Birthday to You!



Please join me in wishing a Happy Birthday to our Sisters born in October!

10/01	Cheryl Keifer	10/15	Joan Gazdic
10/04	Barbara Peterson	10/17	Marge Fox
10/07	Gail Mehlan	10/24	Kathleen Stephansen
10/10	Lorena Williams	10/28	Rose Karner
10/11	Pat Reilly		

Congratulations!

Please join me in congratulating JoAnn and Roger Bechtold on celebrating 47 years of marriage! Wonderful!



Our Condolences



Please join me in expressing our sympathy to Madelynn Brossard on the recent death of her uncle.

News You Can Use!

Jon Fussell, Anne's brother, will be setting up a scholarship fund in her name to be awarded by Gamma Gamma Chapter. Memorials and condolences may be sent to him. Checks should be made payable to Jon Fussell. Please see the email blurb sent to you with his address.



Maureen's Musings

I was profoundly impacted a few weeks ago during a subbing experience I had. I was working with a student with Down Syndrome whom I have worked with a few times and have a beginning relationship established. I was walking her back to class and we encountered a tiny girl in first grade sitting by her locker crying uncontrollably. My student became visibly upset, turned to me with her face and voice filled with compassion and said, "Ms. Briza, help her!" I can get back to my class on my own." Her empathy and willingness to immediately help touched me. I can't help but think of the wonderful women in Gamma Gamma who are so caring and compassionate, willing to jump in and help, whatever the need or cause. It blesses my heart.