



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

September 2014

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, September 9th	Remembering Marshall Field's, 1 st DKG meeting
Friday-Saturday, September 19th-20th	Lambda State Executive Board Meeting
Friday-Sunday, October 10th-12th	Creative Arts Retreat
Thursday, October 16th	STEM by THE SCIENCE ACADEMY OF CHICAGO and DKG Ambassador of Good Will (State Visitor), 2 nd DKG meeting
Saturday, October 18th	Lambda State Legislative Seminar

Websites to Remember:

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

Remembering Marshall Field's

Please join us on **Tuesday, September 9th**, for our first meeting. Leslie Goddard, author of Remembering Marshall Field's will be our speaker. If your childhood memories include Aunt Holly and Uncle Mistletoe, having lunch around the Christmas tree in the Walnut Room, and the magnificent holiday windows, you are certain to enjoy her presentation. Leslie not only takes us down memory lane, but provides us with a history of Marshall Field's. In addition, you will be able to purchase a copy of her book for yourself or holiday giving.

After the program, we have a very full meeting beginning with a remembrance/farewell to Anne Fussell coordinated by Sandy Cook. Our colleague, dear friend, and DKG sister passed away suddenly and unexpectedly this summer. She will be sorely missed. On a brighter note, we will be initiating and welcoming Stephanie Grande as the newest member to our chapter. All of this plus we will be hearing (briefly) from our Committee Chairs about all of the exciting plans they have in the works and our Treasurer on the state of our finances.

Location: Prince of Peace, 930 W. Higgins Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60194 847-885-7010
Time: **3:30** Set-Up & Social, **4:00-5:00** Program, **5:00** Meeting, **6:00** Optional Dinner at Chili's Restaurant, 2220 Barrington Road, Hoffman Estates, IL (because of several factors, we need to break from the tradition of "pizza" after the first meeting and try "chili" instead ☺)

Reflection: Sandy Cook

Arrangements: Linda Stolt

Hostesses and Greeters: **Society Business**-Adrienne Rovin, Chair, Felicia Cichy, Joan Gazdic, Stephanie Grande, Mary Guthrie, Mary Marowally, Sally Scholler, Kathleen Stephansen, Linda Stolt, Charlotte Weber

Service Project: **School Supplies** to be donated to Schaumburg Township

Speaking of Finances: DUES

The good news is that our dues will remain the same for the year. They 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, our Treasurer, will accept dues at either of our first two meetings, September 9th or October 16th, 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 does a remarkable job of keeping our accounts in perfect order and attending to all required financial reporting on behalf of the membership. We can help by making sure we meet the deadlines, the sooner the better. Linda will be glad to speak with you about any extenuating circumstances regarding dues.

Committee Work



We all know it takes a village to raise a child but I also think it takes a village to have a thriving, dynamic Delta Kappa Gamma chapter as we do. This summer each of our committees met separately and developed their **Plan of Work** and then the Executive Board came together so that each committee's plan could be shared. I felt privileged to be a part of each of those meetings and witness the wonderful ideas shared and collaboration that occurred to produce what is going to be an exciting year for us. You will be hearing about those plans at our first meeting and then, in more detail, at our October meeting when we receive our

Ambassador of Good Will. Below are a few of the highlights from the meetings.

Society Business (Finance, Rules, Research): Adrienne Rovin, Chair

The budget proposal was developed and it was determined that we will be able to continue to provide the opportunity for our recruitment grant winners currently in college to apply for \$200

toward books. Vouchers need to be submitted to Linda for reimbursement of expenses; the form can be found on our website and needs to be dated between 07/01 and 06/30/2014 for the year 2014. At the Executive Board meeting, it was reported that our Form 15 balanced to the penny☺, our taxes have been filed, and Joan Gazdic will audit the books. Chapter rules can be found on our website.

Program (Program, Music, Women-in-the-Arts): Mary Wrobel, Chair

An exciting year of programs was tentatively planned and those plans have all been confirmed. The programs, dates, and venues can be found in your Directory (available at our first meeting) and will also be on the website. You've already read about our first meeting; our second meeting, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), promises to be enlightening; it will follow our Open Executive Board Meeting where we will be sharing our Chapter's work and plans with our visiting Ambassador of Good Will. Because we have so much to accomplish, we will be starting the meeting earlier (3:00 P.M.) and hope that many of you will be able to fit it into your schedule. I'm sure Mary looks forward to sharing the rest of the plans in September.

Membership (Membership, Necrology, Nominations, Phone Tree, Historian): Gerie Kay, Chair

The membership's Action Plan includes the 4 R's-Recruitment, Retention, Reactivation, and Recognition. They discussed ways to attract vibrant educators to DKG as well as insure that current members feel welcome, included, and supported. They are exploring ways for members to get to know each other better so expect some fun surprises. Filling out one's bio is also encouraged. New this year will be one or two greeters at the door to welcome, direct, and assist where needed. The hostess committee for the evening is asked to provide the greeters. Good news and bad or sad news may be sent to Mary Roeing (MaryRoeing@yahoo.com/ 847-524-1829), our corresponding secretary. Any news, information, or requests to be shared with members may be sent to Maureen Briza. President, (maureen3143@comcast.net/ 630-845-4088).

Communications/Publicity (Directory, Publicity, DKG-State News, Website, Newsletters, Web Watchers): Barbara Peterson, Chair

Communications keeps chapter members informed and connected through maintaining the website and publishing the annual chapter directory. Please send any changes/corrections of your personal information to Cheryl Keifer (ckeifer@gmail.com/ (847-524-4230). They seek opportunities to publicize information about the Society, its Purposes, its programs of work, and the noteworthy achievements of its members. This year they are exploring the possibility of creating a Facebook page and working on developing a brochure specific to our chapter. They help keep us informed about international and state organizational news and opportunities and send news of our chapter programs, projects, and activities to the state organization.

Service Projects (Personal Growth & Services, Professional Affairs, Scholarships): Sandy Cook, Chair

The committee was pleased to learn that past recruitment grant winners currently in college will continue to be eligible this fall to apply for \$200 (each) toward books. The committee endorsed continuing to keep in touch with the girls and to invite the winner to return to speak after her college graduation. They discussed how to improve the mentoring program currently in place for the girls. The year's service projects were decided upon and aligned with programs. Each service project will be found in the newsletter for the month. The service project for the month of September is the collection of school supplies to be donated to Schaumburg Township.

Sandy's son, Michael, presented on our new international project this year called Kits for Kids sponsored by an international group called Project Cure. He is an integral part of this organization, and made an excellent presentation. Service Projects and Special Projects will be working closely together on this and you will hear more about it at our September meeting. Finally, Sandy will be forming an ad hoc committee to develop an additional Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship in Anne Fussell's memory which will be funded through Anne's brother Jon. Anne was an excellent leader for special projects and a strong advocate for international projects.

Special Projects (International Projects, Literacy, Legislation): Kris Beaudette, Chair

In addition to our new international project, Kits for Kids, we will continue to participate volunteering for Feed My Starving Children. The date is confirmed for Saturday, January 10, 2015, 11:30-1:30 P.M. We will continue to provide subscriptions to three magazines to WINGS. Book reviews are invited to be submitted by all members for publication in the newsletter to either Kris Beaudette (KrisBeau@comcast.net) or Maureen Briza (maureen3143@comcast.net). Literacy was also very dear to Anne's heart so I would like to name the newsletter section containing book reviews after her. If anyone has any thoughts about this, please send them to me at the above email. Book swaps will happen in October, February, and May. The sharing of important legislative information and updates was discussed. A list of current local legislators can be found on our chapter website and will be updated after the November/2014 election. Kris will continue to forward legislative updates that are received from Linda Stolt to the membership.

Lambda State

This year, the Creative Arts Retreat at the Lorado Taft Campus in Oregon, Illinois will be held October 10-12, 2014. The registration form was in the last NEWSCASTER. It can also be found on the Lambda State website and Barb Peterson has added it to our website. Barb regularly attends and reports that it is a great time!

The Lambda State Legislative Seminar will be held at the Lincoln Public Library in Springfield, IL on October 18, 2014. The registration form can be found in the Newscaster and our website, courtesy of Barb. The morning begins with light refreshment followed by presentations on common core, teacher licensure, and legislative updates.

There are two calls for presenters...one for the Lambda State Convention to be held April 24-26, 2015 at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center in Lombard, IL. Share your knowledge and skills with your peers. This call for presenters will be found in the Fall Newscaster. Even if you don't want to present, please mark these dates in your calendar and plan to attend. The convention is so so close and a wonderful way to understand/experience this wonderful organization of which we are part. On Sunday morning, there will be a white rose ceremony as a remembrance of those sisters we have lost during the year and Anne will be included. Our attendance would honor Anne; the service is truly moving.

The second call for presenters is for the Taming Technology Seminar scheduled for June 22-24, 2014 at Bradley University. Lambda State is looking for a wide range of presenters for our members that includes those with beginning to very high skills. If you are interested in being a presenter, please talk with Barb Peterson. I know I have interest in being an attendee.

Happy Birthday to You!

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

Debbie Goodman	09/07
Nan Carli	09/14
Mary Roeing	09/30
Barb Troeger	09/30



Our Condolences

Please join me in expressing our sympathy to Barb Peterson on the death of her mother, Veronica Elizabeth Mijan, early in August.

Miscellaneous

Our directory will be available to you at the September meeting. If you know anyone who is unable to attend but you will see, please pick up her copy. The directory is filled with important information. Also, our website is phenomenal and has a wealth of information as well as FORMS on it. If you are as scattered as I am at times, it will behoove you to write down those websites in an easily accessible place so you may refer to it.



Maureen's Musings

Gamma Gamma Chapter #75 is a wonderful organization in which to belong. I thank my sponsors and wonderful friends, Glenda Klein and Joan Gazdic, for asking me to join and I thank my longest and dearest friend, Jane Jedlicka, for asking me to get more involved. I am sometimes hesitant to "take a risk" but I am so glad I have because the relationships, support, intellectual stimulation, and venue to contribute in a meaningful way are amazing. Please consider getting more actively involved if you can and let us know if there is anything we can do to help you feel more welcome and included. This is a group of exceptional women and you are one of them!