



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

January/February 2015

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, February 10th

Thursday, March 12th

Tuesday, April 7th

Friday-Sunday, April 24th-26th

THE HEART OF GIFTEDNESS

THE HISTORY OF SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP "GET-

ACQUAINTED TEA" with the EXECUTIVE BOARD

LAMBDA STATE CONVENTION

Websites to Remember:

Gamma Gamma: www.gammagamma75.org

Lambda State: www.deltakappagamma.org/IL

International: www.dkg.org

BEST AUCTION EVER!

We had 49 members and 13 guests come together for a warm, wonderful celebration and fund raising effort. And, oh my, what fun everyone had! Although **all** are to be thanked for coming and contributing to this function, there are some that I would like to highlight. Thank you, **Mary Wrobel**, for the many hours of planning and coordination. Thank you to our hostess committees, **Program and Special Projects**, for the delicious food and to **Judy McGuire** and **Sue Werner** for the lovely poinsettia centerpieces. Thank you to our **AMAZING** auctioneers, **Rose Karner**, **Carol McHale**, **Char Weber**, and **Mary Wrobel**, whose entertaining marketing kept those bids rising. Thank you to **Denise Pawelczyk** for running Elf on the Shelf and to **Sally Scholler** for running the 50/50 and delivering our auction proceeds safely. We extend a huge thank you to **Mary Balk** and **Honora Quinn** who quietly kept track of bids and collected the receipts. We also thank those who couldn't be with us but sent a monetary donation. And my final thank you goes to **Kris Beaudette**, **her husband**, and **Dorothy Clair**. Kris was able to convince Dorothy to share her famous salad dressing recipe and Kris and her husband cooked up a huge batch to sell. The sale of the dressing was phenomenal and many were thrilled to have it return to the auction. We were so glad that Dorothy was in town and able to be with us. The garage sale, the new addition to the auction, was well received and many want to see it return next year.

DRUM ROLL PLEASE!

Proceeds from the auction totaled **\$3513.85**. **WAY TO GO MEMBERS AND GUESTS!**

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:

On January 10th, we had an impressive turnout of 27 members and 32 guests who joined together to pack meals for children in need. **Tracy Cory** repeated as the member bringing the most guests with her group of **9**; **Jane Kennedy** was not far behind with her group of **5**. **Bravo!** This international project was dear to **Anne Fussell** and we missed her warm presence. **Kris Beaudette** has taken the reins and we thank her for arranging this worthy activity. We had a good time socializing and movin' to the music as we packed the lifesaving nourishment headed for Haiti. Some of us continued the fellowship at Jason's Deli afterwards. This successful event was fulfilling and fun!

THE HEART OF GIFTEDNESS

Please join us on **Tuesday, February 10th**, for our program. Sandra Schmulbach was one of the first classroom Demonstration Teachers for the State of Illinois, a Consultant then Director of a state Gifted Education center, Founder and Director of a Field Study program for gifted students, founding member of Illinois Association of Gifted Education, Consultant, Adjunct Professor and Author.

What's at the heart of identifying gifted students? What are the discerning characteristics we attribute to giftedness? What are all the possible ways to get to the "sharpness" of giftedness? What are all the possible benefits and liabilities of living our giftedness? What are all the possible ways we can support giftedness? What are all the possible ways we can bring the heart of giftedness to our educational systems?

During our time together, we'll share thoughts, curiosities and discoveries about the heart of the nearly 50-year old box of Illinois' Gifted Program.

RECOMMENDATION/S FOR MEMBERSHIP is/are due at this meeting and will be presented. Forms for nomination of new members can be found at our website under **RESOURCES/FORMS**. We have lost members this year and now number 71 Active and 9 Reserve. Please help keep our group going strong by recommending prospective new members.

Sandy Cook will be collecting the items you have been gathering for our **SERVICE PROJECT, PROJECT CURE/KITS FOR KIDS**. The **INFORMATION SHEET** with the items needed is attached to this newsletter. We only need to focus on #2 and #3. Sandy will personally deliver the items; a **\$5** donation will help cover international shipping costs for the kits. Please bring your items in to the meeting; she will not be able to be out in the parking lot. **Let's fill Sandy's car to the brim for this worthy cause!**

Location: Prince of Peace, 930 W. Higgins Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60194 847-885-7010

Time: 3:00 Set-Up and Social, 3:30 Meeting, 4:30-5:30 Program

Reflection: Honora Quinn

Arrangements: Marge Fox and Linda Szymkowiak

***Hostesses and Greeters: Service Projects Committee:** Sandy Cook, Chair, Mary Ann Bilski, Judy Briggs, Nanette Carli, Tracy Cory, Joyce Dunne, Nancy Harmon, Mary Hurd, Rose Karner, Gretchen Mahin, Judy McGuire, Gail Poisson, Denise Pawelczyk, Molly Rider, Janet Starr, Mary Stitt, Geraldine Toher, Rita Tweed

***Please note that Hostesses and Greeters have been changed from the information in the Directory.**



There will also be a book exchange at this meeting.
Please bring any books you wish to pass on to other members to read.

LAMBDA STATE



The Lambda State Convention, April 24th-April 26th, at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center in Lombard, IL is fast approaching. I hope you are planning to attend; it is truly a wonderful event where you can gain a deeper understanding of the organization, learn, strengthen bonds with friends, and make new friends. It is a **WHOLE LOT OF FUN!** Information and registration forms can be found in both the Winter 2014 Newscaster and the State website. There is more information at the website than in the newscaster so I encourage you to look there. When on the website, go to **FORMS**, then scroll down to number **22, LAMBDA STATE CONVENTION 2015**. You will find Convention Registration, Convention Menus, Hotel Registration, and Preconvention Tour in particular. Barb Peterson has advised that it is important to make your hotel reservation as soon as possible as rooms with two beds in them book quickly. It is also important that **ALL** members' names are attached to rooms because names are individually entered in room block prizes and the hotel needs to know the names of all guests for emergency purposes.

CALLING ALL ARTSY/CRAFTY GAMMA GAMMA MEMBERS

Put on your creative thinking caps! Lambda State holds its **Chapter Bazaar** at this convention. Each chapter has the opportunity to sell items or conduct a raffle. The items may be either handmade, purchased items, or food items such as candy and cookies. Each chapter retains 75% of their sales and donates 25% to a Lambda State Fund. Let's talk about this at our next meeting; perhaps; we can form an "ad hoc" committee of those interested and come up with a plan. Registration to participate in the Bazaar is due March 1st.

Happy Birthday to You!

Please join me in wishing a Happy Birthday to our Sisters born in January and February!

January

01/02 Tracy Cory
01/06 Melinda Jones
01/07 Sally Scholler
01/10 Felicia Cichy
01/10 Judy McGuire
01/11 Kris Davenport
01/11 Peggy Gire
01/18 Stephanie Grande
01/22 Amy Bouchard
01/23 Rita Tweed

February

02/15 Jane Martin
02/16 Erin Felvey
02/22 Charlotte Weber
02/25 Mary Ann Bilski
02/26 Merna Folkers



KUDOS TO BARB PETERSON!

Be sure to check out the great article on the **FRONT PAGE** of the Winter 2014 Lambda State Newscaster welcoming Barb as the new Lambda State Executive Assistant. Barb is **AMAZING** and will be such an asset to Lambda State as she is to us.

MAUREEN'S MUSINGS



I always experience a letdown after the holidays and the usually dreary days of January and February (although not such bad weather this year so far) and sometimes feel like hibernating for these two months. I am able to plow through it mostly because of my friends and the times we share together. I must say that being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma has brought me new friendships and closer friendships and has given me the opportunity for many great new experiences with friends. Hope to see you February 10th!

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR INFORMATION SHEET

ABOUT

KITS for KIDS



Easy as 1-2-3-4-5

Our Kits for Kids provide personal hygiene and basic "medicine cabinet" items that are scarce in the developing world. If a child gets hurt, families might have to travel a long distance by bicycle, bus or even on foot to receive care at the nearest hospital or medical clinic. Working with pediatricians and nurses, Project C.U.R.E. developed Kits for Kids to give parents in developing countries the supplies they need to provide basic care at home. A bar of soap encourages hand washing, too. Kits for Kids is a great service learning project or family activity! **Project Cure is the largest provider of medical equipment and supplies in the world**

1 Request your bags. Visit www.projectcure.org/programs/kidskits

2 Donate \$5 per Kit for international shipping. Visit www.projectcure.org/give/give-money, or include a \$5 check in your completed Kit bag. *After receiving the completed request and donation, your Kits will be shipped to you within 5-7 business days.*

3 Fill your kit with a variety of the following items:

Junior acetaminophen (tablets)*	Insect repellent
Junior ibuprofen (tablets)*	Safety pins
Box of adhesive bandages*	Lice shampoo
Triple antibiotic ointment*	Sling
1% hydrocortisone cream*	Dressing tape
Bar soap*	Comb or brush
Toothbrush*	Facial tissues
Hand sanitizer*	Blunt scissors
Burn ointment	Tweezers
Elastic bandage	Sunscreen

** Indicates priority item*

4 Drop or ship filled Kits to your local Project C.U.R.E. warehouse or collection center. Find a list of our locations at www.projectcure.org/about/us-locations.

5 Include your name and email in the space provided on the bag tag, drop tag in the Kit bag and track your Kits!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

We identify, solicit, collect, sort and distribute medical supplies and services according to the imperative needs of the world.

