



The Gamma Gamma Ray

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

March/April 2017

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, March 16

DKG Meeting

Legislative Update - Guest Speaker-Linda Lucke, Lambda State Legislative Chair Elections – Voting for new Gamma Gamma members - Memorial Ceremony for Felicia Cichy

Thursday, April 6th

Candidates for Membership “Get Acquainted Tea” with Gamma Gamma Executive Board Members.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday April 21, 22, 23, 2017

Lambda State Convention

Hilton St. Louis Frontenac, ST. Louis Mo

Thursday, April 27th

Dove Chocolate Extravaganza (See directory p. 16)

Tuesday, May 2nd

Gamma Gamma’s Annual Spring Banquet & Celebration of Membership 50th **Anniversary**

Saturday, May 6th

Kenneth Young Center 5K Run/Walk

Monday-Tuesday, June 20th - 21st

Taming Technology Seminar Bradley University, Peoria, IL.

Websites to Remember: (hold down control key and click to activate link)

Gamma Gamma: www.gammagamma75.org*

Lambda State: www.deltakappagamma.org/IL

International: www.dkg.org

Sign in is your membership ID (see membership card)

Initial Password is dkg2014society

ATTACHMENTS

1. New member summaries
2. Chapter profile
3. Kenneth Young Walk
4. Get Connected Educational Opportunities for DKG Members
5. Chapter minutes (February 14, 2017)
6. Professional Development – Cornetet Awards

Love was surely in the air at our **February 14 meeting** for which many obstacles were overcome with the help of all. Our attendance - 27 members and 2 guests. The scheduled program "Secrets Your Green Thumb Neighbors Might Not be Sharing" will continue to be a secret until a future date. Unexpected family matters caused our speakers to bow out.

Since our service project was to benefit Phil's Friends, we called upon Judy Briggs, our sister member, to give us background and detail about this local charity and tell us what she does as a volunteer. She surely showed her love and dedication to this cause which gives comfort to cancer sufferers. Our donations were well received. Thank you to all who brought items from the suggested list. We participated by adding color to the lives of those afflicted with cards and boxes decorated to cheer those who receive them from the Phil's Friends organization as they bring hope to cancer patients. If you know of anyone who might like to receive contact from Phil's Friends or if you would like further information, contact Judy Briggs or Phil's Friends directly.

1350 Lake Street, Suite 1, Roselle, Illinois 60172 (224-653-8315) www.philsfriends.org.
Thank you, Judy, for a great presentation.

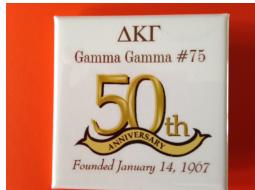
6 nominees for membership were presented by their sponsors. They are:

Patricia Hanish, Susan Wadkins, Patricia "Tish" Chapman, Sharon Froelich, Judy King and Karen Delvecchio. Karen, a previous member of our chapter (2003-2008), returns to us by reinstatement. Summaries are available in **ATTACHMENT 1** of this newsletter.

Please read and review them. We will vote at the March meeting.

We are updating our Chapter Profile as required by Lambda State. If you were not at the February meeting or if you did not fill out the profile survey, we will have surveys and the directions available at the March meeting. The survey is also available in **ATTACHMENT 2**. Please fill them out and turn them in so our data will be compile and as accurate as possible.

A Yummy thanks goes to the Special Projects Committee for the Valentine refreshments.



Our chapter Anniversary Button was distributed to those at the meeting and mailed to those "out of state" members. Wear them proudly as we celebrate our 50th year as a Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. If you did not receive yours, look for it at the March Meeting. The buttons were designed by Jacqui Rothman.

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting is March 30th and will be facilitated by Mary Balk. Mary will let us know in a few weeks where we will meet. In the meantime read The Light We Can Not See by Anthony Dooer to discuss at our next meeting.

Chapter Bazaar items are taking shape.

The Rules, Finance and Research Committee would appreciate contributions from the membership. They plan to sell used jewelry pieces. All of us surely have pieces that we can spare. Please bring items to the March meeting.

The **Membership Committee** has purchased kits to make fun magnets. These could be used for individuals or with classes, groups or family members as a craft project. The magnets represent Earth Day and Patriotic holidays such as: Memorial Day, Fourth of July, etc. Completed magnets will also be sold.

The **Special Projects Committee** will sell snack bags. Salty and sweet! At convention one is always in the market for something to munch.

The **Program Committee** is making wine glass coasters of fabric.

Profits from these items will bring our Chapter 75% of the purchased prices. This money will be placed in the Anne Fussell fund.

25% will go to the Lambda State fund of our choice. (Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Women in the Arts, Grant-in Aid Fund, or Scholarship Fund)

Individual Members can also decide to make something for our Bazaar table. All items must be turned in by April 19.

Request and Reminders from Lambda State

Debbi Le Blanc, First Vice President, Chair , Educational Excellence committee would like the names of any chapter member who has achieved a **Doctorate Degree** or **National Board Certification** between March 1,2016 and March 1, 2017. Please send your name to Gerie g54k@aol.com or Debbie dieblancedd@gmail.com (control + click to follow these links).

At convention, there are two workshops, Boxes and Bags (offered Friday evening) and Zentangle (offered Saturday afternoon), which require a nominal fee of \$5.00 and a reservation to attend. If you are attending the April Convention, please email your name to Debbie Le Blanc so a spot will be reserved for you in the workshop. The fee will be collected at the workshop.

If you are planning to attend the Lambda State Convention in St. Louis, please send in your registration. Forms can be found in attachment 4 and 5 of the January/February newsletter or in the Newscaster Volume 72, Issue 2 Winter 2016.

CHAPTER MEETING March 16, 2017 AN ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Our guest speaker, Linda Lucke, Lambda State Legislative Chair will discuss the status of the Illinois State Legislature and how it impacts our teachers and educational issues.

LOCATION: Our Redeemer United Methodist Church 1600 W. Schaumburg Rd, Schaumburg 60193 (847-882-6116).

TIMES 3:30 Set up/Social and Voting for new members

4:00 Meeting/Memorial for Felicia Cichy

5:00 Program 6:00 Optional Dinner TBA

SERVICE PROJECT: Paper products for Dist. 54 Food Pantry

REFLECTION and MEMORIAL Joan Gazdic

ARRANGEMENTS Mary Balk, Jane Martin

HOSTESSES & GREETERS – Society Business Committee, Adrienne Rovin, chair.

Joan Gazdic, Stephanie Grande, Mary Marowally, Sally Scholler, Kathleen Stephansen, Linda Stolt, Charlotte Weber

BOOK EXCHANGE

Bring books to share with fellow members. You may take any books of interest to you. Books that remain are donated to the library.

RAFFLE

We will have a \$1.00 a chance or \$5.00 for 10 tickets raffle.

1st prize – Wine tasting for two at Cooper's Hawk

2nd prize – A basket of goodies (cheese, crackers, salmon, cookies, candies, etc.)

All proceeds will be donated to our Anne Fussell Recruitment Grant fund.

Please participate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Katie Mac Garvey and Britt Moran!!!!

Two of our past grant recipients have been chosen for state awards.

Thanks to Sandy Cook and her committee for recommending the girls and seeing that their applications were in order and on time to apply to the state committee.

(See our chapter web site to note the requirements for these special awards.)

TAXES

As you prepare your Federal and state taxes, please remember that dues for professional organizations such as Delta Kappa Gamma, IEA, NEA, NEA-R, and IRTA **are deductible** expenses; but auctions purchases, cost of meals, etc. are not deductible.

OUR MAY SERVICE PROJECT- Kenneth Young Walk

See **attachment 3** for information about this event and suggested procedures for donating. Questions? Contact Sudah Byanna

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

02 Judy Briggs
14 Chris Dick
20 Carol Escorcia
27 Geri De Falco
31 Maureen Briza



APRIL

01 Dorothy Clair*
03 Julie Kenny*
07 Sue Werner
10 Mary Hurd
14 Mary Stitt
21 Nancy Harmon

* Recently resigned but still remembered.

OUR CONDOLENCES to Sandy Cook and her family for the recent death of her father, Stan Benton and to the family of Felicia Cichy, our sister and one of our charter members.

GERIE'S GIVE AND TAKE

I must admit that I have not always read the DKG publications such as the Newscaster, News, Bulletin, Journal, etc. from cover to cover. I am more of a "skimmer" with attention to topics and pictures that interest me. However, once you get involved in Executive Board, you find valuable information in these. Did you know that currently one can receive all of these by "email"? I recently learned that the estimated cost of sending a first class letter to each member is almost \$40,000.

Email messages have no cost.

Even if we choose to receive all communications electronically, we must be sure that we are receiving information and keep current with any changes to our email addresses.

“A blast email in December to all members in the DKG data base went to 40,000 – 50,000 members. About 10,000 were returned as undeliverable for various reasons: outdated email addresses, deemed by the server as SPAM, due to the number of recipients, ‘.org’ emails rejected by school/institutional addresses.”

Is your email on file correct and acceptable for emails from our organization?

I know it will be a difficult choice for me to receive all DKG communications electronically, since I love having a hard copy in my hands. This choice is not mandatory. We can still receive “snail mail”.

I do see benefits: no piles of stuff lying around to be recycled later, saving paper and trees, savings of money for the organization, being informed promptly without waiting for mailings, and moving forward with technology skills.

Let me know if I can help you with this change. GK