



The Gamma Gamma Ray

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

August/September 2016

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, September 13th

Friday/Saturday September 16-17

Friday/Saturday/Sunday, October 7-9

Thursday, October 20,

Saturday, November 12

Tuesday, December 1st

1st DKG meeting- Project Cure

Lambda State Executive Board Meeting-
Bloomington, Illinois

37th Annual Creative Arts Retreat

Lorado Taft Field Campus

Northern Illinois University

See attachment for registration

DKG meeting- **Girls in the Game** and **Ambassador of Good Will**
Lambda State Visitor

Legislative Seminar- Lincoln Library,
Springfield, Illinois

Annual Auction

Websites to Remember:

Gamma Gamma: www.gammagamma75.org*

Lambda State: www.deltakappagamma.org/IL

International: www.dkg.org

Sign in is your member ID (See membership card)

Password is dkg2014society

PROJECT C.U.R.E.

Project C.U.R.E. is the largest provider of donated medical supplies and equipment to developing countries around the world. “**Kits for Kids**” provide personal hygiene and basic medicine cabinet items that are scarce in the developing world. **Project C.U.R.E** developed these kits to give parents in these countries the supplies they need to provide basic care at home. A representative from this organization will speak about the work they do around the world.

Consider bringing any of the following to the September Meeting.

Items Needed:

Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen (Jr. or Regular strength TABLETS,
Box of: adhesive Bandages,
Triple Antibiotic Ointment
1% Hydrocortisone Cream,
Toothbrushes, Hand Sanitizer (travel size), Elastic Bandage, Safety Pins, Combs,
Facial Tissue (Travel sized), Blunt Scissors, Tweezers, Bar Soap, Nail Clippers.

Yes, Traditionally we bring school supplies to this meeting as our service project and if you have already purchased some, please bring them. They will be delivered to the Township as always.

LOCATION: Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church
1600 West Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL
Church Office: 847-882-6116

TIME: 3:30 Set up and Social
4-5:00 Program
5:00 Meeting
Optional Dinner to follow – See sign up sheet on Welcome Table

REFLECTION: Jan Kayson

Hostesses and Greeters: Communications Committee-Chair- Cheryl Keifer
Geri DeFalco, Chris Dick, Carol Escoria, Debbie Goodman
Jane Jedlicka, Jan Kayson, Jane Kennedy, Mary Jayne LaBahn,
Kathy Muench, Carol Nolan, Patricia Rielly, Mary Salee

SERVICE PROJECT: Items for Project CURE (see list above) and/or School Supplies
For Schaumburg Township

FINANCES-DUES

Linda Stolt, our treasurer, will accept dues at either of our first two meetings, (Sept 13 or Oct. 20) or they can be mailed to her (to arrive no later than Oct. 31) to:

Linda Stolt
1912 Quaker Hollow Lane
Streamwood, IL. 60107-1977

Active Members - \$84.00

Active Members with newsletter mailed- \$89.00

Reserve Members - \$42.00

Reserve Members with newsletter mailed - \$47.00

Checks should be made payable to: Delta Kappa Gamma

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 to 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- **LAMBDA STATE THEME** **GROWING, CHANGING, STANDING STRONG**

This summer committees have met and have actively begun their Plan of Work. As a participant at these meetings I enjoyed and witnessed the wonderful ideas shared and the collaboration that will certainly produce a year for Gamma Gamma members to grow, change and stand strong. You will hear more about these plans at our first meeting and find information in the new yearbook.

**PROGRAM Rose Karner-Chair
(Program, Music, Women in the Arts)**

The seeds have been planted for an exciting year of programs. 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, Project C.U.R.E., and you may consult the yearbook for future meeting plans.

**MEMBERSHIP –Mary Wrobel - Chair
(Membership, Necrology, Nominations, Phone Tree, Historian)**

On January 14, 2017 we will be celebrating 50 years since the charter for Gamma Gamma was signed and our chapter had its start. It was 1967. This biennium will be time to “celebrate”, attract vibrant educators to DKG, and continue to make current members feel welcome, included and supported. The membership committee plans to target inactive members and encourage their return.

They are also focusing on other ways to connect current members with others in our chapter. They have created a monthly DKG book club and have already met for 2 months with the August meeting approaching (August 23). ANYONE CAN ATTEND AT ANY TIME. Jump in with your DKG sisters to discuss the selected readings! (or just come)

Contact Mary Wrobel to be placed on the DKG book club list and receive email or snail mail info about future plans.

The golf group has been “on the fairways and greens” since June. Stephanie Grande is the person to contact to receive information. All are welcome to participate. Current active member golfers are : Gerie Kay, Sally Schollar, Rose Karner, , Maureen Briza, Kathleen Stephanson, Stephanie Grande, Adrienne Rovin, Honora Quinn. Also playing are some long time friends. Come play and/or learn to play with them as your schedule allows. The best way to learn is among a group of educators. They are very supportive and know how to motivate new and returning players to golfing.

The chapter brochure has been updated (thanks to Mary Wrobel) and is being presented with a special gift given to our working members as they start their new year. These gifts were created by membership committee members; Jacqui Rothman, Carol Cowen, Sue Werner, Mary Wrobel, Jane Born and Jane Martin. They were hand delivered.

**SOCIETY BUSINESS – Adrienne Rovin - Chair
(Finance, Rules, Research)**

The budget proposal was developed and it was determined that our budget will allow us to increase some of the line item amounts. We will continue to support our Recruitment Grant winners with funds to apply toward their college books.

At Executive Board it was reported that Form 15 required from Lambda State had balanced and sent to State and that our taxes have been filed.

Chapter rules can be found on our website. Rules will be reviewed at least once in a biennium.

COMMUNICATIONS – Cheryl Keifer- chair
(Directory, Publicity, DKG-State News, Website, Newsletters, Web Watchers)

Communications Committee has updated and expanded the standard 'Name and Photo Permission Slip' required by Lambda State for pictures that are shared in the **Newscaster** and could subsequently be uploaded to the state website. In addition, we are hoping to add photos to our private Gamma Gamma website and to our new Gamma Gamma Facebook page. The website will require a password to access and the Facebook page, also private, will be seen only by those members registered with a designated Chapter member/administrator. (You do not need to be on Facebook in order to have this apply to you.) From time to time we might also have opportunities to publish photos in local newspapers, etc.

See attachment to this newsletter to find and download the form we must keep on file indicating whether or not you are willing to have your name and pictures included in the sharing that has been described above. Print your copy, complete the form and send or give it to Jane Jedlicka or Pat Riley.

Jane Jedlicka (3420 N. Bosworth Ave., Chicago IL 60657) and Pat Rielly (107 E. Barrett Lane, Schaumburg, IL, 60193 will be collecting your permission slips via snail mail and at the September meeting.

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).

SERVICE PROJECTS – Sandy Cook – Chair
(Personal Growth & Services, Professional Affairs, Scholarships)

Service Projects met jointly with Special Projects and had a productive meeting sharing ideas from the past, as well as for the present and future. They are excited to try new things and continue with successful projects.

Sandy's group will present a new highlight for our newsletters called; VOLUNTEER and OPPORTUNITIES KNOCKING. **See the attachment** to this newsletter from Cammie Basek Re: Special Invitation to an Author Visit.

If any member is a volunteer for an organization and has an event or special project coming up, they can send Sudha Byanna, Gerie Kay or Sandy Cook an email giving the particulars and a brief description of the organization. In this way we can begin to inform members of new volunteer opportunities in our area. The intent is not that everyone must participate. Only if you are interested and have time to share. It is impressive to hear how many members are volunteering in really worthwhile organizations.

Scholarships: In order to receive more applications for our Recruitment Grants, the committee will expand the exposure of these opportunities by advertising in a variety of local newsletters and publications such as: The Herald, Kenneth Young, School Zone, and Cracker Barrel). The committee is also considering visiting high schools and opening the applications to all seniors who live in the 211 attendance area...lifting the restriction of public school attendance.

They will continue mentoring Recruitment Grant Winners, students applying for Florence A. Cook Scholarship and members interested in applying for state and international grants.

This years service projects will be found in the newsletter for the month and in your yearbook directory.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS Kris Beaudette – Chair
(International Projects, Literacy, Legislation)**

You have already read about our international project Kits for Kids –Project C.U.R.E. and we will continue to participate volunteering for Feed My Starving Children (January 14, 2107)

Literacy goals are underway with our DKG Book Club meetings. Occasional Book Swaps will continue at meetings. Bring or Take books as desired. Extras are donated to the Library.

A list of suggested readings can be found on the Lambda State Website.

The Sharing of important legislative information and updates will be presented at meeting and our March meeting will focus on an Illinois Legislative Update and a special speaker.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Members of Gamma Gamma Executive Board met on August 3rd at Itasca Country Club to review all summer committee meetings. All committee chairs reported good attendance and great ideas from their members.

Gerie Kay, Mary Wrobel, Adrienne Rovin and Rose Karner attended the **2016 Training for Chapter Leaders Workshop** in Mt. Vernon on June 11 and Linda Stolt attended in Ottawa on June 18.

**NEWS
(Good, Bad or Sad)**

Send to Mary Roeing@yahoo.com 847-524-1829, our corresponding secretary. Also any news, information, or requests to be shared with members may be sent to Gerie Kay, President g54k@aol.com 847-524-8995.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

SEPTEMBER

07 Debbie Goodman
14 Nan Carli
30 Mary Roeing

OCTOBER

01 Cheryl Keifer
07 Gail Mehlan
10 Lorena Williams
11 Pat Rielly
15 Joan Gazdic
17 Marge Fox
24 Kathleen Stephansen
25 Jacqui Rothman
28 Rose Karner

OUR CONDOLENCES

Please join me in expressing our sympathy to Mary Balk on the death of her mother, Virginia Punchner, who passed away on August 12th after an eight month battle with declining health.

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 State Convention in April will be upon us sooner than we think. I have asked each committee to come up with some item to sell at the Chapter Bazaar. We keep 75% of the sales and 25% goes to the State Fund of our choice. It is a great opportunity for committees to get together and have some fun. Put on those thinking caps and get started. The Convention is April 21-23 at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac, St. Louis, MO. Why not pencil it in your calendar now?

Gerie's "give and take"

As you can see, your chapter is on a roll for a great year. It is a pleasure to work with so many wonderful ladies as we start this new biennium. When you stay involved you really feel the pride in being a member. I am so proud to represent you as President.