



The Gamma Gamma Ray

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

January-February 2016

Dates to Remember:

Saturday, January 16th
Thursday, February 11th
Thursday, March 10th
Tuesday, April 5th
Friday-Sunday, April 15th-17th
Thursday, May 5th
Tuesday-Saturday, July 5th-9th

Feed My Starving Children
Zen Doodling Art and Fun *Venue change
Cuban Discovery with Glenda Klein-Mali
Candidates for Membership 'Get-Acquainted Tea'
Illinois Lambda State Convention
Annual Spring Celebration of Membership
2016 International Convention

Websites to Remember:

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

Feed My Starving Children

I am hoping to see you, your families, and guests on Saturday, January 16th, at our FMSC packing session located at 1072 National Parkway, Schaumburg, IL (parking lot entrance-Remington Road). Thank you, Kris Beaudette, for organizing this. Please notify Kris at KrisBeau@comcast.net if you are interested in joining us and have not yet signed on. Remember your cereal boxes with your saved change and/or other monetary donations which are very needed to help pay for the cost of the food we are packing. The FMSC Market Place will be open for the purchase of handcrafted gifts as well. Then, plan to nourish yourselves with food and friendship at the optional lunch at Jason's Deli, 1530 McConnor Pkwy, Schaumburg, IL. This is one of my favorite activities to participate in as a DKG member ☺.

JOIN US FOR ZEN DOODLING ART and FUN with MARY MORAWSKI

Zen Doodling is easy-to learn, relaxing and a fun way to create beautiful images by drawing a series of simple yet structured patterns. It increases focus and creativity and provides artistic satisfaction along with an increased sense of personal well-being. Zen Doodling is enjoyed all over the world across a wide range of skills, interests and ages. Life can be thought of as an art form, and the Zen Doodle method is an elegant metaphor for deliberate artistry in life. With Zen Doodling anyone can make intriguing designs with simple repetitive patterns. And even though Zen Doodling has a specified series of steps, the results are always unique expressions that transcend any rules. Let's Zen Doodle! **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE!**

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

3:30 p.m. Set-Up/Social
4:00 p.m. Meeting/Presentation of Nominees for membership and Proposed Slate of New Officers
4:30 p.m. Program

Arrangements: Gerie Kay (847-524-8995) Mary Balk (847-989-9574)

Contact: Mary Wrobel (630-837-5977)

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

Service Project: Breakfast Items for Campanelli Breakfast Club

Book Exchange: Remember to bring books to share with fellow members.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....A proposed recommendation for a new slate of chapter officers for the 2016-2018 biennium will be presented at this meeting. If you would like to be considered as a candidate on the slate, please notify Gerie Kay (g54k@aol.com/847-524-8995) by Tuesday, January 19th. Nominations for membership in Gamma Gamma will also be presented and discussed at this meeting. Nomination forms are DUE either before (to Gerie Kay) or at this meeting. We hope to have many new prospective members. Nomination forms have been available at our meetings; you can also find the new form on the Lambda State website under Forms/Membership forms. The forms on the Lambda State website are arranged alphabetically by name. The previous forms are on Gamma Gamma's website. Either form will be accepted; it is important to include identifying and contact information for the proposed candidate. Thank you, Gerie Kay and Membership Committee, for your diligent work.

LAMBDA STATE
www.deltakappagamma.org/IL

The Lambda State Convention, April 15th-17th, 2016 being held at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel, Decatur, IL will be here before you know it. Registration forms for EVERYTHING and Housing Information are included in the Winter 2015 Lambda State Newscaster as well as on the Lambda State website. In order to "Make the BLOCK" party (select all three convention special meals and reserve a room for two nights, a hotel reservation must be completed and a convention registration form that includes the three special meals must be submitted no later than April 1, 2016. Even if you are not planning to come to all of the convention, there is a late charge for meals if the registration form is postmarked after 4/1/2016. The deadline for Chorus and Instrumental Registration is February 15, 2016. Remember that all singers and instrumentalists will be able to attend all Workshop Sessions without rehearsal conflicts. Attending the state convention is very rewarding and gives one a deeper understanding of this wonderful organization. We also have a

grand time with one another and partying is definitely on the agenda. Please consider making attendance a part of your plans.

AND did you see that the 2016 International Convention is going to be in Nashville, TN, July 5-9? Ladies, we NEED to go. I think it would be an awesome experience to connect with other members from around the world so please start thinking about it. The registration form will be printed in the January-February issue of the DKG NEWS and will also be available for online registration on the events page on the DKG website. To register online, members will need to sign in using the member ID as the username and the default password, dkg2014society.

LITERACY

Sudha Byanna recommends Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. Loved this beautifully written book that is narrated by a young boy coming of age. Tragedy unexpectedly strikes his family, and he finds himself thrust into a world full of secrets, lies, and betrayal which force him to mature beyond his years. The characters came to life for me, and as a reader, I felt emotionally attached to so many of the characters that I was sad when the book ended. Highly recommend this book!

Thank you for the book review, Sudha, and thank you, Keri Gold for arranging the book reviews.

The Lambda State 2016 Convention Book Talks are: It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens by danah boyd (lower case requested by author) and The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins.

It is time to nominate a recipient for our chapter's annual Literacy Award, which we will present at the annual Spring Celebration. Please start thinking of a person who would be a good candidate for this award. It will be someone who has made a noteworthy contribution to literacy for any group of persons. Please send all nominations with a description of their work to Kris Beaudette, at KrisBeau@comcast.net.

GAMMA GAMMA NEWS

The AUCTION was fantastic and a huge success thanks to ALL of you. We had 47 members and 7 guests in attendance and the money raised was \$3475.70. This was \$38.15 less than last year and a huge accomplishment. YOU are all to thank; I would like to give a special shout out to Mary Wrobel and Sandy Cook for taking the reins on planning and to the other members of the ad hoc planning committee, Cheryl Keifer and Carol McHale. Thank you to our hostess committees, Program and Service Projects, for the delicious appetizers, desserts, and sandwiches. As always, our auctioneers, Rose Karner, Carol McHale, Gail Poisson, and Char Weber were AMAZING. Thank you goes to Sue Werner for the lovely centerpieces and to Denise Pawelczyk for running Elf on the Shelf and leading us in the fun carols. Thank you goes to Glenda Klein for the lively piano accompaniment to Bid n' Give. Another thank you goes to Kris Beaudette and Stephanie Grande for running the 50/50 and to Mary Balk and Honora Quinn who kept track of the bids and collected the receipts. I think we must also thank Lee Cook, Sandy's husband, for producing so many adorable gifts for auction from his winter workshop©. And, while I have mentioned these people by name, I am just continually awed by the generosity of our membership and the willingness to pitch in with whatever is needed so, again, **THANK YOU ALL!**

ART MART 2016 The Women in the Arts will be sponsoring the Art Mart at this year's Lambda State Convention in Decatur. The proceeds from the Art Mart benefit the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award which is awarded to worthy candidates every two years. In 2013, Kristin Toher, granddaughter of Jerry Toher, received a \$3000 award to continue to pursue her studies as an accomplished ballerina. The overall theme for this year's Art Mart is The Year of the Tree: Branching Out in the Arts. Each chapter is asked to contribute a piece of Art to benefit the M. Josephine O'Neil Scholarship. The Art Work can focus on items from nature, such as tree art, wooden pieces of all kinds, natural products (wool, yarn, cotton, etc.), garden art, paper, quilting, or family trees-anything to do with trees or nature will work. Please be thinking about what we could contribute, especially you creative and artistically talented members ☺. We need to let the WIA Chair, Athena Columbus, know what our themed artwork will be and the price we would like to ask. Two years ago Joyce Dunne contributed a wedding quilt she had received from her family. It was one of the most, if not THE MOST, desired piece there and brought in a very high sum that was contributed. We are not going to have much time at the February meeting to discuss this so if you have ideas please send them to me or Mary Wrobel. Thanks!

With sadness, I want to let you know that Jane Born's mother, Mary Louise Hogan, peacefully passed away on January 5th in St. Louis surrounded by family members. She was 95. A memorial service will be held in St. Louis. Cards of condolence may be sent to: Jane Born, 1584 N. Windsor Drive, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

Just a reminder that if you would like to make a memorial donation on behalf of either Anne Fussell or Mary Guthrie, checks can be made to Delta Kappa Gamma with their name/s written on the memo line and sent to: Linda Stolt, 1912 Quaker Hollow Lane, Streamwood, IL 60107-1977.

Please join me in wishing a Happy Birthday to our Sisters born in FEBRUARY AND MARCH!

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

- 02** Judy Briggs
- 14** Chris Dick
- 20** Carol Escoria
- 27** Geri DeFalco
- 31** Maureen Briza



Maureen's Musings

I hope you all had wonderful holidays with time to affirm/ renew your relationships with family and friends. As we embark on 2016, please put Delta Kappa Gamma events on your calendar. There are many wonderful programs planned as well as many opportunities for service. Please share your news and/or needs. Thank you all for being the fabulous group of women you are.