



## The Gamma Gamma Ray

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

### November-December 2015

#### Dates to Remember:

**Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Bunco with Gamma Gamma Friends  
Annual Holiday Auction  
Feed My Starving Children  
Zen Doodling Art and Fun

#### Websites to Remember:

**Gamma Gamma:** [www.gammagamma75.org](http://www.gammagamma75.org)\*  
**Lambda State:** [www.deltakappagamma.org/IL](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL)  
**International:** [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

### JOIN US FOR BUNCO

If you have never played B-U-N-C-O before, relax! It's R-E-A-L-L-Y easy! If you have played, you can help coach those who haven't. Check out the interesting historical facts in our Directory and plan to come for some serious social time. This is a great way to get to know other members and have fabulous fun. The venue is new to us:

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

Please note that it is the church on the north side of Schaumburg Road just past Springinsguth Rd. Set-Up/Social begins at 4:00 p.m., Bunco is at 4:30 p.m., and dinner break is at 5:30 p.m. Beverages and table snacks will be provided. For those interested, we will be ordering pizza and salad from Riccardo's Restaurant. Please bring cash to pay for the pizza; the cost will be determined by the number of people ordering. Contacts for the evening are Mary Balk (847.843.0283) and Cheryl Keifer (847.305.9404).

### JOIN US FOR BRING A FRIEND, AND SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP! – ANNUAL AUCTION

**It is never too early to shop for the holidays!** Members and friends are invited to attend the annual holiday auction and party. Please bring an item for our elves to put up for auction and money for spending. Baked goods are being requested for "Elf on the Shelf" and the garage sale is BACK! A light dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. for \$5.00 per person. Attached please find the Auction invitation to be returned to Mary Wrobel as well as a separate invitation to send to a friend/s. The more, the merrier ☺ and the more funds we can raise to support our Annual Grant-in-Aid.

**3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Set-Up/Social  
4:00 p.m. Meeting/Reflection  
4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Auction/Dinner**

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
930 West Higgins Road  
Schaumburg, IL 60194  
Church Office: 847.885.7010**

**Reflection:** **Judy McGuire**  
**Arrangements:** **Linda Szymkowiak (847-302-2380)**  
**Contacts:** **Mary Wrobel (630-837-5977)**  
**Hostesses and Greeters:** **Program Committee:** \*Mary Wrobel, Chair, Amy Bouchard, Mary Balk, Merna Folkers, Marge Fox, Carol McHale, Gail Mehlan, Dayna Prochaska, Linda Szymkowiak, Cindy Ward, Karen Weinzierl **AND**  
**Service Projects Committee:** \*Sandy Cook, Chair, Judy Briggs, Sudha Byanna, Nanette Carli, Tracy Cory, Joyce Dunne, Nancy Harmon, Mary Hurd, Mary Jayne LaBahn, Gretchin Mahin, Judy McGuire, Cindy Nicholson, Denise Pawelczek, Gail Poisson, Janet Starr, Mary Stitt, Rita Tweed

**LAMBDA STATE**  
[www.deltakappagamma.org/IL](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL)

**The Lambda State Convention, April 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2016** will be held at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel, Decatur, IL. Mark your calendars now to attend; Decatur has been revitalized and there is a whole lot to experience. I urge you to incorporate the convention into your plans; we will have a wonderful, uplifting and educative time. And, if you are musically inclined, **share** your musical talents. Sign up to sing as a member of the Lambda State “Jubilation Singers” and/or play in the Lambda State Instrumental Ensemble at Convention. New scheduling this year means that both singers and instrumentalists will be able to attend all Workshop Sessions without rehearsal conflicts. Registration forms can be found on the Lambda State website.

**Scholarships/Stipends:** If you are working on an advanced degree and/or want to attend an educational conference or a personal enrichment workshop, Lambda State may be able to help. Lambda State has money available to award to members for scholarships and special study stipends. Applications may be obtained online at the Lambda State website. Click on Committees, then Scholarship to find the application, guidelines, and the rubrics. All applications are due **January 9, 2016**. The process is by electronic submission. There are thousands of dollars to be awarded!

## LITERACY

**Jo Ann Bechtold** recommends Daniel James Brown's book "The Boys in the Boat". This is an outstanding true account of a nine man crew that captured the gold medal in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. The story is told through the eyes of Joe Rantz, a remarkable man who overcame much adversity to be that the team endured-the Depression and political hostilities in Europe. He portrayed athletes who lacked the amenities, family devotion, and corporate scholarships that today are pretty much viewed as essential for achieving success. The characters thrive to be champions in rowing as well as in life. This story is not just about the mechanics of rowing but about overcoming obstacles and winning against all odds. This book pulled me in from the first page-entranced with his style and format and one that I highly recommend. The printed pictures of this era that he has printed in the book bring to our attention the visual of the life they lived. Great Read and a good book for your book club discussions! Enjoy!

**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.

## GAMMA GAMMA NEWS

**Comfort** was shared all around at our October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting as we met **Zippy**, a trained Comfort Dog. She interacts with people at churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, events, and in disaster response situations. A dog is a friend who brings a calming influence, allowing people to open up their hearts and receive help for what is affecting them. We learned from our speakers about the training comfort dogs undergo as well as several heartwarming examples of the help they provided and the difference they made in lives. Our own **Jane Jedlicka** then spoke about **Olive**, her therapy dog. She talked about the incredible joy Olive brought to everyone she touched, including many students in **School District #54**. The program generated a vigorous discussion among members and guests ☺. We had 28 members and 2 guests present. **Comfort** was shared through the wonderful treats provided by the **Society Business** committee chaired by **Adrienne Rovin**. Many thanks go to the members of **Society Business** for not only providing treats but for their diligent work on reviewing our Rules, recommending changes, and reviewing the proposed changes at the meeting. We will be voting on the proposed rules changes at our meeting in December. And lastly, **comfort** was given and received with the beautiful memorial **Gerie Kay** gave for **Carol Fancher** who passed away on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

**Dues are done!** Thank you so much for submitting them in a timely manner and **thank you**, Linda Stolt, for managing them.

Lambda State made an agreement with Delta Kappa Gamma International to keep a file of written permissions to post names, addresses, e-mails, and/or photos on the Lambda State Website or Facebook page. With that, we need to keep a file of written permissions for all members, speakers, guests, business establishments where meetings take place and photos are taken in order to post in the Newscaster. I will be bringing these forms to our upcoming meetings, so please remember to complete one and return it to me. Thank you in advance.

As you know, our dear **Mary Guthrie** passed away in her Mt. Prospect home on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 94. There was a visitation and service on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> which was beautiful and moving and arranged by **Cheryl Keifer**. **Mary's** family has approved the following donations if you are so inclined. Checks can be made to Delta Kappa Gamma-memo line: Mary Guthrie-for Scholarship Fund and sent to: Linda Stolt, 1912 Quaker Hollow Lane, Streamwood, IL 60107-1977 and/or South Church-memo line: Mary Guthrie Memorial and sent to Attn: Pastor Rick Kesler, 503 S. Emerson, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056.

**Mary Wrobel** is a member of the Elgin Master Chorale. She would like to invite you to a concert on **November 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.** at the **Bizzard Theatre** at **Elgin Community College**. They are singing **Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle**. It is a beautiful but difficult piece.

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

**DECEMBER and JANUARY!**



**DECEMBER**

08 Mary Jane LaBahn  
11 Barb Keegan  
15 Patricia Homp  
16 Adrienne Rovin  
22 Nancy Gaughan  
29 Jane Kennedy  
31 Jane Jedlicka

**JANUARY**

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

#### **MAUREEN'S MUSINGS**

The holiday season is already upon us and I marvel at how quickly time passes by. I have spent some fabulous time with friends and family this Fall and I am so thankful for the gift of health and opportunity to do this. We have lost two very dear sisters this October; what stands out to me as we remember them is how their gift of friendship/teaching impacted so many lives. I am thankful for all of you, wish you meaningful connections and experiences during the holidays, and HOPE to see you at the events and celebrations we have planned.