



The Gamma Gamma Ray

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

October 2015

Dates to Remember:

Friday-Sunday, October 9th-11th

36th Annual Creative Arts Retreat

Tuesday, October 13th

LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs, 2nd meeting

Thursday, November 5th

Bunco with Gamma Gamma Friends

Tuesday, December 1st

Annual Auction

Websites to Remember:

Gamma Gamma: www.gammagamma75.org*

Lambda State: www.deltakappagamma.org/IL

International: www.dkg.org

JOIN US FOR LCC K-9 COMFORT DOG PROGRAM, et al

At Gamma Gamma's second meeting, **Tuesday, October 13th**, learn about **Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog Program**, and meet a special golden retriever ambassador of goodwill. **K-9 Comfort Dogs** are specially trained to provide children and adults with companionship and interaction during times of stress. **LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs** have been requested by schools, hospitals, nursing homes, churches and other groups. This program has gained national attention and is frequently in the news. These special dogs have been of assistance following natural disasters throughout the U.S. and Canada.

We have a very full meeting planned, including an initiation ceremony. We will meet at **3:30 PM** for set-up & social time; however, there is no exact schedule available at this time. I will include it when I send out the reminder. Please remember to bring any 'good reads' you wish to pass on to other members via our book exchange.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
202 E. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173
Church office: 847-885-3350

Reflection:

Jane Jedlicka

Arrangements:

Linda Szymkowiak (847-302-2380)

Hostesses and Greeters:

Society Business – Adrienne Rovin*(Chair), Joan Gazdic, Stephanie Grande, Mary Guthrie, Mary Marowally, Sally Scholler, Kathleen Stephansen, Linda Stolt, Charlotte Weber

Service Project:

**District 54 Food Pantry Items
Cash Donations for Comfort Dogs**

DUES ARE DUE

Active Member:	\$84.00
Active Member with newsletter mailed:	\$89.00
Reserve Member:	\$42.00
Reserve Member with newsletter mailed:	\$47.00

Checks should be made payable to Delta Kappa Gamma

Linda Stolt will accept dues payment at our meeting, October 13th. **Dues mailed to Linda Stolt must arrive no later than October 31st.**

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

All dues must be paid by October 31st. Linda will be glad to speak with you about any extenuating circumstances regarding dues.

LAMBDA STATE

www.deltakappagamma.org/IL

The **36th Annual Creative Arts Retreat** will be held at the Lorado Taft Campus, Northern Illinois University in Oregon, IL on Columbus Day weekend, October 9th-11th, 2015. The registration form is in the Summer/2015 and Fall/2015 Newscaster and can also be found on the Lambda State website. Although registration was due Tuesday, September 15th, you can still attend if you postmark your registration by October 1st and pay \$10 more. I had a sneak preview of the crafts being made and they are adorable.

The Lambda State Convention, April 15th-17th, 2016 will be held at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel, Decatur, IL. Mark your calendars now to attend as we were told Decatur has been revitalized and there is a whole lot to experience ☺. I urge you to incorporate it 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 players will be able to attend all Workshop Sessions without rehearsal conflicts. Registration forms can be found on the 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 can be obtained online at the 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 application. There are thousands of dollars to be awarded!

Literacy

Janet Starr recommends The Quartet by Joseph J. Ellis. This book is for history buffs who want to discover some back door politics that gave rise to the USA. The quartet includes Washington, Hamilton, John Jay and James Madison. It was one thing to throw off British rule aka the American Revolution but quite another to figure out a Constitution to replace the Articles of Confederation. We all learned about these figures and these documents, but the details of how we took victory and forged a federal government is the heart of this book. The states were very provincial in their thinking and configuration. The many years between the Declaration of Independence and the constitution took planning and work to develop a grand experiment. We were fortunate to have such willing thinkers and doers. 220pages + appendix, notes and index.

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

It was so wonderful to see so many of you at our first meeting of the year; and, it is such a blessing to have each one of you contribute your talents to the well-being and success of our chapter. There were 41 members and 3 guests in attendance. Thank you goes to Gerie Kay and the Membership Committee for the delicious comfort treats and to Cheryl Keifer and the Communications Committee for the distinguished directories. Thank you, Honora Quinn, for the gift of your beautiful reflection. The program was fabulous even in the dark☺. There was a power outage for the entirety. I was mesmerized by the portrayals of the citizens of Spoon River; the imagery was so vivid. There were a few characterizations that particularly touched me as I am sure there were a few that had a special meaning for you. Just a great way to begin our year!

Kudos to Karen Weinzierl, a chorus and music teacher at Eisenhower Junior High School in Hoffman Estates and one of our own, for winning an Award of Merit in the classroom teacher category.

Please correct the email address of Lorena Williams in your directory. It should read lorenawilliams19@comcast.net.

Lambda State, in an attempt to go Green, is working with sending the Newscaster electronically. We have submitted all email addresses we have on file for this purpose. The Newscaster is also password protected and will change periodically. Currently, the password is found in Word 4, line 6 of the DKG song. Fortunately for us, the DKG song can be found on page 16 of our directory. Each of us will also need to sign a release form that gives permission to post our picture or our name in the Newscaster. We will discuss this at the October meeting. And, as long as we are on technology, I am excited to tell you that Kathy Muench has **officially** regained access to the website. That means we will be able to update it soon. **A million thanks Kathy!**



October

- 01 Cheryl Keifer**
- 07 Gail Mehlan**
- 10 Lorena Williams**
- 11 Pat Rielly**
- 15 Joan Gazdic**
- 17 Marge Fox**
- 17 Bonnie Tuggle**
- 24 Kathy Stephansen**
- 28 Rose Karner**

Bonnie Tuggle is turning **80!** Cards can be sent to her at Alden Gardens, 258 East Army Trail Road, #504, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

November

- 02 Jan Kayson**
- 06 Carol Cowen**
- 14 Gail Poisson**
- 25 Keri Gold**
- 27 Mary Balk**

Maureen's Musings

I had the opportunity to attend the Executive Board Meeting of Lambda State the weekend following our meeting; and, I must say that I was impressed with our new leaders at the helm. In all things Delta Kappa Gamma, I am refreshed and energized and proud to be a member of our Society. There is much to be shared, many opportunities of which to avail ourselves, and much fun to be had. We love you, our dear sisters, and want to see you as much as possible throughout the year.