



The Gamma Gamma Ray

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

October 2016

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, October 20. **Gamma Gamma Chapter Meeting**

Topic/ Details : Girls in the Game - Michelle Sperzel and Laura Warren

Teta Minuso, our Lambda State Visitor, will be present for our Open Board Meeting.

October 7th-9th Annual Creative Arts Retreat

Saturday, November 12 Legislative Seminar- Lincoln Library- Springfield, Illinois

Saturday, November 12 Singing in the Rain – Marriot Lincolnshire Theater

Thursday, December 1 Shop 'til You Drop- Annual Auction

Websites to Remember: (hold down Ctrl 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 member ID (see membership card)

Password is dkg2014society

Greetings! We had a great meeting in September with forty- three members and one guest present. It was wonderful to see everyone again! We learned more about Project C.U.R.E and met Walter Johnson, our speaker, who represented the project with a media presentation. Thank you's to Mary Wrobel and the membership committee for helping with the meeting and welcoming us as we entered. (Jacqui Rothman for checking in, Jane Martin for keeping track of the Permission for Photos & Names Forms and Linda Stolt for dues collection.) Thanks to Cheryl Keifer and the Communications committee who were our hostesses and greeted us with yummy treats and a beautiful yearbook (**50 years Golden Jubilee**) as well as all the work that went into producing this directory.

Additional thanks to Sandy Cook, Mary Balk, Jane Martin (Pete Martin), Rose Karner and the Program Committee for the program arrangements and set up. Thanks also to Sandy Cook and the Service Project Committee for collecting and delivering the Project C.U.R.E. and School Supply donations and to everyone for bringing their contributions. As always, thanks to Kris Beaudette for recording and presenting the minutes of the meeting.

A special thank you to Jan Kayson for our Reflection and the tribute to our friend and sister, Mary Guthrie, as we remembered and celebrated her life and contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma.

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS NEWSLETTER

(Open to read or print as needed)

1. Here's a cut & paste project to correct your yearbook. Our apologies go out to Sherry Magnuson and Rose Marie Mincey for switching their pictures. You will find new pictures to insert in your directory. And while you are in your book, correct the February meeting date. Change the 13th to the 14th.
- 2a. Music News from Sue Young, State Music Chair.
- 2b. Chorus registration for April Convention
- 2c. Treble Maker T-Shirt order form (see sample on the welcome table 10/20/16).
3. Legislative Seminar Registration Form (Springfield, Nov.12th).
4. Lambda State Calendar 2016-2017
- 4b. Literacy Project for convention display-instructions (Ask for additional forms)

AMBASSADOR OF GOOD WILL VISITOR TETA MINUZZO

Please join us at our Open Executive Board Meeting beginning at ----to welcome our State Visitor. Teta is a 50 year member of Delta Kappa Gamma. She is a member of Alpha Nu and is a Past President of that chapter as well as Lambda State President (89-91). Her Lambda State current position is Personnel Chair. Teta taught 1st grade for 35 years at Oak Terrace School in Highwood. She lives in Lake Bluff, Illinois.

Along with Teta will be a previous District 54 teacher and friend, Margaret Zaller.

Both ladies know many of our Gamma Gamma members.

GIRLS IN THE GAME PROGRAM

CEO, Michelle Sperzel, M.B.A., C.F.R.E., Board Member and Laura Warren. J.D. (Maureen Briza's niece) will speak to us about a dynamic organization based in Chicago. With them will be an alumna of the program to explain the impact of the program in her life.

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 930 West Higgins Road, Schaumburg IL 60194
(847-885-7010)

Reflection: Gail Poisson

Arrangements: Linda Szymkowiak

Hostesses and Greeters: Membership Mary Wrobel, Chair, Jane Born, Madelyn Brossard, Carol Cowen, Julie Ehrhardt, Erin Felvey, Julie Kenny, Jane Martin, Mary Roeing, Jacqui Rothman, Sue Werner.

Service Projects: 1. Cash donations for the Girls in the Game

(If donating with a check, make payable to "Girls in the Game".

2. \$5 & \$10 gift cards for Kenneth Young's needy families to use at Christmas/Holiday time.

(Suggestions: Food Stores, Walmart, Walgreens, McDonalds, Subway, Target etc.)

Miscellaneous: *****

*Book Exchange Table Bring a book to share. Take away books you want to read.

**Optional Dinner – Bahama Breeze 406 E. Golf Road, Schaumburg, 60173

***Dues are Due (Checks payable to Deltas Kappa Gamma)

Active \$84. Active with newsletter \$89. Reserve \$42. Reserve with newsletter \$47.

Note. You may claim your dues on your taxes under Professional Expenses.

****Commitments for the Nov. 12th Lincolnshire Social Event is due and payable to Dayna Prochaska. Tickets are \$35. **We need more attendees** to make our block. Come and enjoy the company and the 'Singin in the Rain'. Relatives and Friends are welcome to join in this Delta Kappa Gamma Social Event with an optional Dinner after the play.

LAMBDA STATE CONVENTION/BOOK DISCUSSION AND GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER BOOK CLUB NEWS

The following two books have been chosen by the Lambda State Literacy Committee for the book discussion sessions at the Lambda State Convention, April 21-23, 2017 at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac, St. Louis, MO .

They are: [Ties that Bind](#) by David Isay and [Nightingale](#) by Kristen Hannah.

Our chapter book club is ahead of the game as they have already read and discussed Nightingale. Book discussions at convention sessions are well attended, lively and interesting

Our chapter book club is currently reading The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion . Our discussion meeting is planned for October 25th. All are welcome to join in at any time. Contact Mary Wrobel. Jane Jedlicka is hostess for the October meeting. (Place to be announced.) November Book Club will be hosted by Stephanie Grande. The book chosen is an autobiography, Finding My Way by Dianna Nyad. (Date, Place & Time TBA)

LAMBDA STATE NEWS

At the State Executive Board Meeting in Bloomington, September 16 & 17, all state officers, personnel and Society Mission and Purpose Chairs gave their reports.

Motions made and passed (in brief) are as follows:

To adopt the audit, that a stipend of \$1200 be paid to Jean Tulin as webmaster, that one or two LCD projectors be purchased ,that the Lambda State Action Plan for Renewal be adopted, that the following chapters be dissolved with regret.

Beta Upsilon Chapter Organized October 26, 1963

Plans for any of these chapter members choosing to remain in DKG (State and International) and /or join another chapter by transfer are being implemented.

Contact Gerie Kay for any additional details about these motions or content of the meeting.

GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER NEWS

The “buckets” of support created by the Membership Committee and delivered to members who are full time employees were received with surprise and joy as their new teaching year began. To those members who are part time employees here, there and everywhere, we send a “*virtual bucket*” of support for your endeavors this teaching year.

Have you decided on a prospective member? If so, please fill out a green prospect card which may be found on the Welcome Table. If not, keep thinking! Take home a prospect card to place on your refrigerator as a reminder. Let's keep our chapter growing!

Also think of guests you might invite to attend our Auction. Invite them! December 1 is not far away.

Active Teachers, keep your eyes open for student work which could be displayed at the April Convention. Contact Kris Beaudette, our Literacy Chair.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Let's make the effort to keep in touch with our homebound members. Cards, notes, and phone calls are appreciated!

Suggestions: Felicia Chichy and Jerry Toher (See your directory for contact information.) Even if you don't know them personally, a note from a DKG sister with a "hello" is a breath of sunshine for them. Give a phone call to members you notice have not been at meetings to let them know what's happening and know that we hope to see them soon.

Please pick up your Golden Jubilee yearbook/directory at our next meeting and /or sign out another member's copy to bring to them. Remind them of any corrections.

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES

10-01 Cheryl Keifer	10-25 Jacqui Rothman
10-07 Gail Mehlan	10-28 Rose Karner
10-10 Lorena Williams	11-02 Jan Kayson
10-11 Pat Riley	11-06 Carol Cowen
10-15 Joan Gazdic	11-14 Gail Poisson
10-19 Marge Fox	11-25 Keri Gold
10-24 Kathy Stephansen	11-27 Mary Balk



GERIE'S GIVE & TAKE

Being your President really keeps Delta Kappa Gamma on my mind. I even find myself humming the DKG song!

"Women teachers to the calling..."

We have a wonderful chapter which keeps growing- not only in membership but in activities and opportunities to share our experiences, talents, and gifts with others.

"Helpful may we be!"