



# Gamma Gamma Ray

**DKG**  
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY  
FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

## Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter of Lambda State October 2018

Our September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was well attended with 43 members present, as well as 3 guests. The business portion of our meeting covered important committee information for the year, which are included in our meeting minutes which will be posted on gammagamma75.org. Laura Warren and Meghan Morgan presented an inspiring program: Girls in the Game. They talked about the goals and successes of this amazing organization which has helped many inner-city girls achieve their goals. Thanks to our generous member donations we were able to present them with a check for \$255.00, as well as many frisbees!

Thanks to **Rose Karner** and the Membership Committee, our full-time working teachers received beautiful gift baskets of goodies for the coming year. Special thanks to **Madelyn Brossard** for donating the baskets.

Thanks to **Joan Gazdic** and Society Business for providing excellent treats- all at the last minute.

Welcome back to **Alice Ryan**, whose membership with our chapter was reinstated in September!

### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **October 5-7-The DKG Creative Arts Retreat in Oregon, IL.**
- **October 7<sup>th</sup>- Tom Escoria's Memorial Service(Carol Escoria's son)- Roselle School of Music, 217 E. Irving Park Rd. in Roselle on Sunday, at 2 pm.**
- **October 13<sup>th</sup>-Our Saturday lunch meeting at Elgin Country Club!** We will have more opportunity to socialize while enjoying a wonderful lunch. Our program will be Member Collections and we will have fun checking out the various collections of our Gamma Gamma Members. You should have all gotten a flier about this luncheon and program. If you haven't sent Honora Quinn your check yet, but would like to attend, please call her

ASAP!( 224-578-2729). Don't forget to bring your donations for CASA 'Luggage of Love' campaign.

- **October 20- DKG Legislative Seminar** at the Lincoln Public Library in Springfield, IL from 10-4:30pm. See attached registration form.
- **October 23- Our Gamma Gamma book club** is meeting to discuss News of the World -a short novel by Paulette Jiles. We need a facilitator for this book club gathering, please consider stepping up to do this. The book club facilitator makes restaurant arrangements/reservations for those attending and compiles the questions for the discussion. Very easy!
- **October 31-** All Chapter dues must be paid-no exceptions!
- **November 3- Woodcrafter's DIY Studio** 1-4pm at 28 S. Evergreen Ave, Arlington Heights. Contact Rose Karner at 630-291-6445 if you want to attend. Participants pay for their own craft and are also encouraged to bring a snack or drink to share.
- **November 16- Wine Tasting and Food Pairing** at Mary Wrobel's house-861 Lakeside Drive, Bartlett, IL at 7pm. This is a fund raiser for the Anne Fussell scholarship. Mary's son, Sam, will be our wine expert and presenter. This should be a fun evening of fellowship and wine tasting! Cost is \$20, please email or call Mary if you'd like to attend.  
[maryjwrobel@aol.com](mailto:maryjwrobel@aol.com) or 630-639-2700

## CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Details about our **October 13 luncheon and program at Elgin Country Club, 2575 Weld Rd, Elgin**. See attached invitation.
  - \*Our luncheon meeting begins at 11am on Saturday 10/13.
  - \*Members are encouraged to bring their collections to showcase and share with our membership. If you have questions about this contact Marge Fox at 847-426-3754.
  - \*If you are bringing a collection to showcase please email Honora Quinn to reserve a table for your collection items:  
[honoramq@comcast.net](mailto:honoramq@comcast.net)
  - \*We will have a short business meeting during and after the luncheon with our "collections" program after we eat.
  - \*We are collecting items for CASA-'Luggage of Love' campaign  
This program gives children being placed in foster homes a suitcase filled with incidentals, offering an added sense of dignity to the child.

The following items are needed:

- Age 0-6: Diapers, tear-free wash/shampoo, pajamas, blanket, teddy bear(boy), doll(girl)
- Age 7-13: Body wash, shampoo, pajamas, blanket, book, learning activity
- Age 14-21: Body wash, shampoo, deodorant, gift card(Visa/MC, Target, grocery)

➤ If you have not yet picked up your DKG chapter directory/yearbook, please contact Cheryl Keifer and make arrangements to get your book. [ckeifer@gmail.com](mailto:ckeifer@gmail.com). Our directories hold a lot of important information about our chapter, our programs and events. Don't forget to get yours!

➤ **Care Team News:**

Please contact Glenda Klein-Mali(and Mary Wrobel) if you have any news for the Care Team. We also love to hear your good news and celebrations! Let us know what you would like shared with Gamma Gamma sisters via newsletter or other announcements.

- I want to pass on this information regarding the memorial service for Carol Escorcia's son, Tom. It will be held at the **Roselle School of Music, 217 E. Irving Park Rd. in Roselle on Sunday, October 7th at 2 pm**. The memorial will be held in the lower level of the music school and of course, music will be involved. Carol has appreciated the many cards of condolences that she has received since Tom's passing.
- Joyce Dunne has moved around a lot in the past several months but here is her permanent address for now:

Sunrise of Buffalo Grove  
 180 West Half Day Road  
 Buffalo Grove, IL 60089  
 You can call her at 847-478-8484 (the general number at Sunrise)

- We ask for continued prayers for Katie Weber(Charlotte's daughter). Katie is going through some difficult treatments and prayers and cards are welcome. She loves to get cards from her mom's DKG sisters, especially funny and uplifting ones! Here is Katie's address:  
**Katie Weber**  
**3039 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.**  
**Seattle, WA 98144**
- It was wonderful to see **Kathy Stephansen** at our Sept meeting. Kathy gave us a heart-felt thank you for all the cards and support sent to her since the start of her cancer treatments. Fortunately, all

our prayers and good wishes worked because she is doing very well and she looks fantastic!

- **Chapter dues** are \$84 (or \$42 for reserve members). Please pay your dues to our treasurer, Linda Stolt. You can mail your checks to her address: 1912 Quaker Hollow Lane, Streamwood, IL 60107. Don't forget, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline!
- **When you receive your membership card please keep it in a secure place as this will be your permanent card.** DKG will no longer be issuing new membership cards each year.
- **Stephanie Grande is stepping down as the Golf Outings coordinator.** Come spring the Chapter Golf Group will need a new coordinator to set up golfing dates. If you love to golf, please consider taking over this position for 2019.

## COMMITTEE REPORTING

### SOCIETY BUSINESS: (Joan Gazdic)

The Financial Policies to clarify the Chapter By-Laws, which Joan mentioned at the September meeting are posted on our web site. Feel free to email Joan Gazdic([jmtg@att.net](mailto:jmtg@att.net)) if you have any questions about our chapter rules, especially any recent changes or addendums. Please email Linda Stolt ([lindast05@hotmail.com](mailto:lindast05@hotmail.com)) if you have a question regarding budget, expenses, vouchers and reimbursement.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: (Rose Karner)

The emphasis this year is to encourage more members to attend our programs and to participate more in our chapter activities. We also want to maintain contact with all our members and encourage members to invite guests to the meetings and social events.

Our **November 3 WoodCrafter's DIY Studio** fun event is just around the corner. This social event is open to family and friends and is from 1-4pm. Bring a snack or drink to share. Please call or email Rose Karner ( 630-291-6445 or [rkarner@me.com](mailto:rkarner@me.com)

If you haven't introduced yourself to our new members please do so. They are **Debra Hopp, Tish Chapman, Michelle Baldwin, and Karyn Baldwin. Alice Ryan** was recently reinstated to our chapter. Please welcome her back!

It is not too early to be thinking of future nominees for membership! We all know women educators who would add so much to our organization! This fall, the Program Committee have scheduled interesting programs and enjoyable social events. Invite five people to our meetings and events, especially to the Holiday Auction! Hopefully, these educators will want to become members of our awesome chapter!

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** (Cheryl Keifer)

If you weren't able to pick up your yearbook at the last meeting be sure to get it this month. If you won't be attending the October meeting, please ask a friend to pick your book up for you. We've still got a large number of them and won't be able to mail them all.

If you've found any errors in the book or have other changes in your personal data throughout the year, please call or email Cheryl Keifer ([ckeifer@gmail.com](mailto:ckeifer@gmail.com) / 847-305-9404) ASAP. She will update the data base and alert Kathy to change what's online and Executive Board for member contact purposes (newsletter, schedule changes, emergency announcements, etc.).

Also, remember that you can now find everything that's in the book at our Gamma Gamma website thanks to our roving webmaster, **Kathy Muench**.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** (Mary Balk and Honora Quinn)

**Our Holiday Auction is coming!!** Please let Mary and Honie know if you want to volunteer for any of the following auction jobs: auctioneer, set-up, clean-up, silent auction table set-up, Elf on the Shelf, auction table set-up, garage sale table, table center pieces, poinsettias purchase for the tables, 50/50 raffle. As always, we will need lots of volunteers and help for this. Email Mary Balk([mbalk1127@comcast.net](mailto:mbalk1127@comcast.net)) or Honora Quinn([honoramq@comcast.net](mailto:honoramq@comcast.net))

The following are the programs for our 2018-19 year. Please make note of them on your calendars. Detailed descriptions are in the new directories/yearbooks.

**Saturday October 13-** Elgin Country Club-member collections and lunch beginning at 11am. Please see the attached invitation.

**November, 3, 1-4pm.** Woodcrafters DIY studio in Arlington Heights-contact Rose Karner if you want to attend this social event.

**Friday, Nov. 16-** Wine Tasting and Food Pairing at Mary Wrobel's 7-9pm. This is an Anne Fussell scholarship fund raiser.

**Thursday, Dec. 6-**Holiday auction and dinner at Prince of Peace! We hope everyone can be there!

**Jan. 19, 2019-** Feed My Starving Children

**Thursday, Feb. 7-** Charles Butler Technology seminar at Our Redeemer's church  
**Tuesday, March 12-** Music and its effects on the Brain-our state ambassador will be attending.

**Thursday, April 11-** New Member Tea and Executive Board meeting, location to be determined.

**Tuesday, May 7-** Spring Celebration of Membership at Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club.

**Thursday, September 19, 2019**-Get and Stay organized

**EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE:** (Denise Pawelczyk)

The Educational Excellence Committee is looking to create a list of members who would consider becoming a part of our mentoring group, as we add new young women to our growing list of grant and scholarship recipients. Please contact Denise Pawelczyk at [dreismom2@yahoo.com](mailto:dreismom2@yahoo.com) if you want to be a mentor.

Remember to mark your calendars: the deadline for the Gamma Gamma Scholarship and the Love of Learning stipend is no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Just a reminder: Detailed descriptions of our service projects are in the new directories/yearbook, upcoming newsletters and on our gammagamma75.org website. Please make note of these service projects on your calendars.

**December:** Fundraising for recruitment grants. If you can't attend please send a check donation to Linda Stolt, made out to Delta Kappa Gamma.

**January:** Donations to Feed My Starving Children. If you can't attend please send a check or give monetary donations to Kris Beaudette.

**February:** Retired cell phones for "Cell Phones for Soldiers"

**March:** New/unopened packages of youth sized underwear for Schaumburg Community Closet and "SIMEK'S food products for personal consumption.

**April:** Art Mart donations TBD

**May:** Donations to Kenneth Young Center collected at our May dinner or mailed to Sudha Byanna, and school supplies for students.

**June:** We will be collecting School supplies for the 2019-20 school year at our committee meetings.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:** (Kris Beaudette)

I am not able to attend the biennial DKG Legislative Seminar but I hope some of you will consider attending it. The presenters are all excellent. I have heard prior presentations by Ralph Martire and Rick Frankenfeld, and they provide a lot of good information about what is going on with the legislative process. Please let me know what questions you might have about the seminar.

Thanks,  
Kris Beaudette  
Special Projects Chairperson/Legislative

*Dear DKG Sisters,*

*This special mailing is to remind you all that the DKG Legislative Seminar is fast approaching, so don't delay submitting your registration! I am very excited with this year's line-up of speakers, and am expecting a great seminar experience. We will be hearing from Sean Denney, an IEA lobbyist, on the state of educational legislation, and the implications of the upcoming election for education in the state. He will be followed by Mr. Ralph Martire, of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, on education funding in Illinois. We will also have presentations by Mr. Rich Frankenfeld from TRS regarding current issues with pensions, from the Illinois State School Board on current education concerns, and from Mr. Jeff Leverich, from the Great Lakes Center for Education Practice and Research. This promises to be an engaging and fact-filled day, so please let your chapter sisters know, and encourage them to attend.*

*To help with registering, we have extended the registration deadline to October 8, 2018. A registration form is attached to this mailing, so please consider attending this event, and don't delay submitting your registration.*

*Hoping to see you all there,*

*Linda Lucke*

*State Legislation Chair, Delta Kappa Gamma*

## **NEWS FROM LAMBDA STATE:**

I attended my first Lambda State Executive Board meeting on Sept 21 and 22, and learned a lot! Here is some of the important information shared at that meeting:

- ❖ The name of our society- Delta Kappa Gamma will remain the same. No changes at this time.
- ❖ We will no longer be called Lambda State. All state societies will be referred to by the state name. We are now called Lambda State Illinois

- ❖ **Communications and Publicity has been changed to Communications and Marketing**
- ❖ **New members are no longer “initiated” but “inducted”**
- ❖ **DKG is now accepting collegiate women-juniors and seniors in college studying to be teachers-for membership. These college women will pay only \$20 dues to International.**
- ❖ **DKG will accept any woman as a member who is a paid educator. This opens the door to religious educators, trade schools, businesses, etc.**
- ❖ **Non-members(but potential new members) can attend our state convention**
- ❖ **Each chapter must create their budget by spring, since dues will now be due by June 30<sup>th</sup>, as of 2019.**
- ❖ **Each chapter will send their own international dues directly to international**
- ❖ **A special training will be given to chapter treasurers in February 2019. Detailed information about this will be sent to chapter presidents and treasurers. Chapter treasurers are also encouraged to attend convention in 2019 for further training.**

We are Key Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide – always *Expect Great Things!*

#### **UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

**Cheryl Keifer**(Oct 1), **Lorena Williams**(Oct 10), **Pat Rielly**(Oct 11), **Joan Gazdic**(Oct 15), **Marge Fox**(Oct 17), **Karyn Baldwin**(Oct 20), **Kathy Stephansen**(Oct 24), **Jacqui Rothman**(Oct 25), **Rose Karner**(Oct 28), **Jan Kayson**(Nov 2), **Carol Cowen**(Nov 6), **Gail Poisson**(Nov 14), **Keri Gold**(Nov 25), **Mary Balk**(Nov 27), **Debra Hopp**(Nov 27) Happy Birthday, Ladies!

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- **Invitation to our Oct 13 luncheon meeting at Elgin Country Club**
- **Legislation Seminar Registration Form**
- **October Newsletter**

*Mary's Missive*

*Lambda State IL is sponsoring an 8-day trip to Cuba from March 20-27, 2019. If you are interested in taking a trip to Cuba and spending time with your DKG sisters, please let me know ASAP. If you book this trip through Lambda State by Oct. 19 you will save \$100. per person.*

*Fall is my favorite time of year. I love the colors, the crisp autumn air and all the fall activities and holidays. I especially look forward to our chapter fall programs: our luncheon meeting at the beautiful Elgin Country Club, our social gatherings at the WoodCrafter's DIY Studio and wine tasting at my house, and of course our holiday auction on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the lovely fall season and I hope to see most of you at our chapter programs!*

*Mary*