



Gamma Gamma Ray

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FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter of Lambda State November 2018

Our October 13th gathering was a fun group of 20 members present at our luncheon meeting at the beautiful Elgin Country Club. Four of our members displayed their lovely collections and talked about items they brought and how they got started collecting. **Honora Quinn** displayed her exquisite collection of plates, some of which are antiques. **Glenda Klein-Mali** brought her huge collection of foreign coins from the many countries she has traveled to. **Joan Gazdic** showed her beautiful needlepoint pieces, many of which are framed, and the quilts she has lovingly made over the years. **Marge Fox** talked about her doll collection, including her many “topsy-turvy” dolls.

We were pleased to have **Joyce Dunne** and **Gretchen Mahin** join us at our luncheon! We had the opportunity to present them with their 40 year member certificates. I'm happy to report they are both doing well.

The business portion of our meeting covered important committee information for the next few months, and we had a good discussion regarding the new changes to DKG which will be going into effect this year.

Thanks to **Honora Quinn** for setting up this Saturday meeting at her country club. It would be nice to return to the Elgin Country Club again.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **November 3- Woodcrafter's DIY Studio** 1-4pm at 28 S. Evergreen Ave, Arlington Heights.
- **November 16th- 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! Spouses/friends are welcome! Cost is \$20 per person, please email or call Mary if you'd like to attend. maryjwrobel@aol.com or 630-639-2700

- **November 27th- Our Gamma Gamma book club** is meeting at Riccardo's Restaurant at 6pm. Please let Mary Wrobel know if you plan to attend (maryjwrobel@aol.com). We're doing something different this time. We are all coming with our favorite books(or the one we recently enjoyed) to briefly share at our gathering. We are all curious about the books our members love to read and recommend for the group. This will be the last book club meeting until January, as we are not meeting in December. Be sure and join us!
- **December 6th- Our annual HOLIDAY AUCTION at Prince of Peace Church!** Set-up is 3pm, reflection and brief meeting at 4 with auction immediately after. **Rose Marie Mincey** is giving our reflection and the **Special Projects and Communication Committees** are arranging a delicious dinner catered by Riccardo's Restaurant. If you plan to attend send a check(\$8.00 per person) made out to Kris Beaudette, and send to Kristine Beaudette 719 White Willow Bay, Palatine, IL 60067. Remember to bring your checkbook and items to our auction: silent auction baskets, items for the auction table, baked goods or other homemade items for Elf on the Shelf, and second-hand items for the garage sale table. Hope to see all our members there!

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Congrats to **Karyn Baldwin and Sandy Cook!** They are submitting an application for the Lambda State Foundation Grant for Educational Studies to construct a reading garden at Huff Elementary School with the help of master gardeners, **Cheryl Keifer and Chris Dick**. More information to follow, as volunteers from our chapter will be needed to help bring this vision to fruition. I have great confidence they will get this grant!
- **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 your Gamma Gamma sisters via newsletter or other announcements.
 - I'm happy to announce **Michelle Baldwin's** husband and **Karyn Baldwin's** dad underwent successful surgery for a tumor on his kidney. I believe he is home now and continues to do well.
 - **Carol McHale** has been undergoing chemotherapy treatments for lymphoma and I'm sure she would appreciate prayers and cards of support. It's been a difficult and exhausting process for her. She regrets that she hasn't been to any of the chapter meetings and

events this fall, and sadly she won't be able to attend the holiday auction in December. She's not up for visits or calls at this point, but a card or email would be much appreciated, as well as your healing prayers.

**Carol McHale
1513 Coventry Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60195**

- **Joyce Dunne** so appreciates all the well wishes and cards from her DKG sisters! Thanks to all of you and continue to stay in touch with Joyce-she loves hearing from us! Here is her address:

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)

- I haven't heard from **Charlotte** recently, but I believe her daughter, Katie still needs our prayers. Keep up the good wishes and prayers! Here is Katie's address:

**Katie Weber
3039 18th Ave. S.
Seattle, WA 98144**

The HOLIDAY AUCTION will be here soon and WE NEED AUCTION VOLUNTEERS! We have a few volunteers but still need many more. Here is the list of volunteer help needed:

- 1 more person needed for set-up
- 2 more auctioneers
- 1 person to purchase pointsettias/center pieces
- 4 people to arrange and price auction items
- 1-2 people to set-up Garage Sale table
- 2 people to arrange items on Silent Auction table and check for bidding sheets
- 2 people to set-up and run Elf on the Shelf
- 3 volunteers from Membership Committee to sign-in members, pass out paddles and collect money
- 3 volunteers from Program Committee to be greeter, door holder and help carry in auction items, as needed.
- 1 more person to help with clean-up

Please Email Mary Balk(mbalk1127@comcast.net) or Honora Quinn(honoramq@comcast.net) if you can volunteer.

COMMITTEE REPORTING

SOCIETY BUSINESS: (Joan Gazdic)

Nothing new to report at this time. Feel free to email Joan Gazdic(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) 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.

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 year and next, the Program Committee has 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! We need to start submitting new member applications in January. A Membership Application is attached. Please give an application to someone(or more) who you want to nominate for membership.

Remember, DKG International has expanded its definition of potential members to now include any woman who is a paid educator. This opens the door to women who instruct in businesses, trade schools and religious organizations.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: (Cheryl Keifer)

Hopefully by now, everyone has received her yearbook! The yearbook is a good source of information for our chapter's 2018-19 year. Please refer to it for all you need to know this year.

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 / 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 WILL SOON BE HERE!! This is our biggest and most important fund-raiser of the year. If you can't attend, please consider a significant donation. 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, etc. As always, we will need lots of volunteers and help for this. Please Email Mary Balk(mbalk1127@comcast.net) or Honora Quinn(honoramq@comcast.net) if you can volunteer.

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.

Mark your Calendars!

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! This is our big fund-raiser for our scholarship/grant recipients. The money we collect dictates the amount of money we can give to the girls.

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 "Luggage of Love" items collected at our October meeting were delivered and GREATLY appreciated by their outreach and volunteer coordinator. She was amazed by our chapter's generosity and wanted to learn more about our organization!

*December's service project is to spend, spend, spend money at our chapter auction. Proceeds will benefit the Anne Fussell Scholarship. If you cannot attend the auction, you can still donate! Please mail a check to Linda Stolt (1912 Quaker Hollow Lane, Streamwood, IL 60107). Checks should be made out to DELTA KAPPA GAMMA with "AUCTION" written in the memo line.

*Sandy and Denise were recently involved in a "Go To Meeting" with Dr. LeBlanc, Jennifer Stringfellow, and Joan Rog. The purpose of the meeting was to share about our chapter's mentor program, and to discuss DKG International's amendment to allow collegiate membership. Outcomes of the meeting included: An invitation to write an article for the Newscaster, an invitation to present our chapter's mentor timeline at the state spring convention, and the "official okay" to invite our four junior and senior grant recipients to become a part of our chapter: Lauren Hamen, Brittany Moran, Karly Grapenthin, and Eden Schultz. (See a short bio of the girls below. Their mentors will share more at our December meeting; where a vote by the chapter will be taken.)

The first few weeks of November will be busy ones for Denise and Sandy as they visit the Educational Internship Classes in School District 211. They plan on sharing with the students what DKG is all about, the chapter scholarships and grants that are available, our chapter's mentoring program, the new collegiate membership opportunities, and extending an invitation to the girls and their teachers to visit chapter meetings.

Grant Recipients Being Considered for Collegiate Membership Induction into the Gamma Gamma Chapter:

Brittany Moran, Lauren Haman, Karly Grapenthin, and Eden Schultz.

Brief Biographies of our 4 college nominees to our chapter

“Brittany Moran is a senior at Ball State University. She is an elementary education major with an emphasis on reading. She will be starting her student teaching after winter break. She will be working in a 4th grade classroom at Orchard Park Elementary School in Carmel, IN. She is a recent IRTA scholarship winner.”

“Lauren Haman is a senior at IL State University. She is majoring in secondary education with an emphasis on math. She will be starting her student teaching next semester at a school to be determined.”

“Karly Grapenthin is a junior at Northern IL University. She is majoring in Special Education and is also working on an ESL endorsement. She was awarded the Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant by Lambda State this year.”

“Eden Schultz is a junior at Concordia College Chicago. She is a very busy music education major; as principal clarinetist in the wind symphony and orchestra jazz band.”

Please see **News from Lambda State** to get detailed information about this new collegiate initiative.

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)

Save the date- Saturday, January 19th for Feed My Starving Children.

NEWS FROM LAMBDA STATE: Submitted by Denise Pawelczyk

Per Helen Popovich, PRP, International Parliamentarian, Updated 10/3/18:

*"The 2018 convention amended the DKG Constitution to include a new classification of Society members; **collegiate members** (Constitution, Article III, B.4). Because the constitution determines who is eligible for membership in the Society, state organization bylaws limiting those classifications are now null and void. Chapters can currently induct collegiate members.*

Collegiate members must pay international annual dues of \$20.00 (International Standing Rules 4.11). Note, however, that the Constitution, Article IV, Section B. 1 & 2 was not amended to require collegiate members to pay either an induction fee or a scholarship fee.

The state organization has the authority to determine the amount of collegiate members' state organization dues, however, the amount "shall be an amount determined in accordance with the state organization bylaws" (Constitution Article IV. A. 2). Thus, collegiate members may not be

charged state organization dues unless the bylaws are amended to include a provision for collegiate members' dues.

The chapter has the authority to set the amount of the chapter dues, however the amount shall be "an amount determined in accordance with the rules set by the chapter" (Constitution, Article IV, A. 3). Thus, collegiate members may not be charged chapter dues unless the chapter rules are amended to include a provision for collegiate members' dues."

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UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Jan Kayson(Nov 2), **Carol Cowen**(Nov 6), **Gail Poisson**(Nov 14), **Keri Gold**(Nov 25), **Mary Balk**(Nov 27), **Debra Hopp**(Nov 27), Mary Jane La Bahn(Dec 8), Barb Keegan(Dec 11), Adrienne Rovin(Dec 16), Michelle Baldwin(Dec 17), Nancy Gaughan(Dec 22), Jane Kennedy-Ebner(Dec 29), and Jane Jedlicka(Dec 31). Happy Birthday, Ladies!

ATTACHMENTS:

- **November Newsletter**
- **Recommendation for Membership**
- **Holiday Auction Invitation and RSVP**

Mary's Missive

I'm so proud of the Gamma Gamma Chapter of women! We are a busy, talented and hardworking group, and as I continue to get to know each of you more I realize just how amazing you all are. We can accomplish so much!

I know we are also very giving women, and I hope to see many of us at our December 6th holiday auction.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

Mary

