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November 2019

Winter came early this year! Bundle up and watch for ice!

Several of our members went to see "Anything Goes" at the Metropolis in Arlington Hts. On Nov. 2nd and had a great time! I planned on going but the flu kept me home. I'm determined to make it next year, and hopefully more of our members will join us. Thanks to Dayna Prochaska for organizing this wonderful social event for our chapter.



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **November 21**-Gamma Gamma book club is meeting to discuss "Carnegie's Maid" by Marie Benedict. We are meeting at Riccardo's Restaurant at 5:30pm. Linda Szymkowiak is facilitating. Please contact Linda if you plan to attend: linda827@comcast.net

➤ **December 3- Gamma Gamma Holiday Auction!** At Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Come and bring friends! Members are arriving as early as 2:30 to set-up. Please plan to arrive by 3:30. We will get started early this year with our auction beginning at 4pm.

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS and WANT ADS:

- **Get ready for a new and fun activity this year at our Holiday Auction! Prepare yourself to have a jolly time at our wine pull, magnum raffle, and Tipsy Elf raffle!!!**
- **The wine pull will consist of 20+ bottles of wine valued from \$10 to \$25 dollars. Chapters members will simply pay \$10 to one of the elves at the table, and pull the bottle of wine that they choose! (No tickets involved!) The color of the tissue paper indicates what is inside: Red for a red wine, white for a white wine, and green for a bottle that falls "in between". To add to the excitement, two of the bottles will also have certificates for a wine tasting taped to them! Cooper's Hawk Winery and Lynfred Winery both contributed wine tastings!**
- **The magnum raffle will involve purchasing a special \$5 ticket. (PLEASE write your paddle number on the back of your ticket before depositing it in the designated raffle bag.) The magnum is 1.5 liters of "Dodici" wine. It is a special blend prepared by Cooper's Hawk winery. It consists of 75% Barbera and 25% Sangiovese red wines. This magnum was bottled for Cooper's Hawk's 12th anniversary in 2017, and will age nicely through 2025. It's value is over \$60.00. It will make a great addition to a party or a special holiday dinner!**
- **There WILL be a Tipsy Elf On the Shelf raffle!!! Tickets will cost \$1 per 1 ticket, or \$5 for 6 tickets. PLEASE NOTE: These will be different colored tickets than the magnum raffle. (Members will write their paddle number on these tickets also.) These tickets will be placed in raffle bags that are labeled in front of each raffle object. We have WONDERFUL items to raffle off!!! Each item is wine or appetizer related, and will make a nice addition to your party products, or a nice hostess gift to give at the holidays!!!**
- **No worries about remembering all of these directions! We will have signs to help, and of course, my elfin helpers will be glad to explain things to you!! Karyn Baldwin and I will be selling wine pulls...Sudha Byanna will be selling tickets for the magnum raffle...and Michelle Baldwin and Susan Wadkins will be selling tickets for the Tipsy Elf On the Shelf!!**
- **Rachel Maniscalco, one of our recruitment grant recipients and current collegiate member, is interested in volunteering in a school over her winter break. She will be home in Palatine and available Dec. 9-20. Rachel is currently in her junior year at ISU majoring in Early Childhood Education. If any of our active teachers is able and willing to have Rachel spend**

some time in your classroom, she would be most grateful for this additional experience. Rachel is aware that many school districts currently have restrictions about volunteers and may require a background check. She is happy to supply any information needed. Please contact her if you are willing to have Rachel in your classroom in December: rachm2021@gmail.com or 847-219-3760

- We aren't doing Elf on the Shelf this year, but if you made items to sell, including baked goods, bring them, price them and put them on the Garage Sale/Bake Sale table. Our members are always looking for items to purchase (without always bidding for them)
- Remember to periodically check out our chapter website (www.gammagamma75.org) which is beautifully managed by our webmaster, Kathy Muench. Our website password is: GG#75DKG. You can print our new yearbook information. All the information in our 2019-20 yearbook can be found on our website.
- Also, don't forget to check out our state organization website, www.deltakappagamma.org/IL . You may need to use your member number, found on the back of your yearbook, as a password.

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. We can also be discreet, if you don't wish to announce your situation to all chapter members.

***If any one of our members needs a ride to our Holiday Auction please let Glenda Klein-Mali know now. We want all of our members to make it to our Holiday Auction this year!**

glendaklein@sbcglobal.net

Pat Rielly and Sandy Cook are both home recovering from knee replacement surgery. Hopefully, we will see both of them at our Holiday Auction!

Remember: many of our chapter sisters have health issues or other situations they are dealing with which prevent them from coming to meetings. If you haven't heard from a Gamma Gamma sister in a while, please take a moment to call or email her. We can all do our part to check on our members and support them when they need us most.

To all our Gamma Gamma sisters, we wish you all great health this holiday season, but don't forget to let us know if you need our support- The Care Team

COMMITTEE REPORTING

SOCIETY BUSINESS: (Joan Gazdic)

The Rules Committee and select members of the Executive Board have finished revising the Rules and Bylaws of Gamma Gamma Chapter. Thanks to Joan Gazdic for heading this committee and putting all these revisions in our Bylaws. Everything looks good and up to date.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: (Rose Karner)

❖ **Don't forget to look for new members to recommend for our chapter! The Member Application is attached. January will be here before we know it and new member applications are due before February.**

And as always, don't forget to invite women to one or more of our meetings so they can see what our chapter is all about. We are always looking for new members!

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: (Cheryl Keifer)

According to our checklist several members have not picked up hard copies of the printed version of this year's directory. It includes: Member Data Sheets, Programs-at-a Glance pages, and the Standing Committee sheet. If you have already printed these pages on your own, you won't need these. If you still want us to bring your hard copy to the next meeting in December, please know that we will have them available for you, or call or email Cheryl (847-524-4230/ckeifer@gmail.com) so we can make other arrangements.

According to our records we still have copies for the following people:

Bilski, Byanna, Carli, De Falco, Del Vecchio, Dick, Ehrhardt, Escoria, Gaughan, Gire, Goodman, Grande, Jones, Magnuson, Mahin, Martin, Mc Garvey, Poisson, Stitt, Troeger, Weber, Grapenthin, Maniscalco, Navarrete, and Schultz.

And don't forget: The entire Gamma Gamma Yearbook is online!

REMINDER: Be sure to add the following **directory access information** to the contacts on your cellphone so that you will have it with you and be able to open the directory when you are away from home.

Add contact: **DKG**

Under 'Notes' add:

- **gammagamma75.org**

- our Gamma Gamma password: GG#75DKG

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: (Mary Balk and Honora Quinn)

Our Holiday Auction is just around the corner! Don't forget our Holiday Auction is Tuesday, December 3rd at Prince of Peace Church. Welcome and reflection are at 3:45 and the auction starts at 4pm! Thanks to the many people who have signed up to help!

Please plan to bring items for our auction table, or baskets for our Silent Auction, and items for our Garage Sale/Bake Sale Table and money(\$1dollars, \$5, \$10 and \$20) for buying items, raffle tickets and wine! Bring your checkbooks for everything else!

Don't forget to send a check of \$8 to Mary Balk, or let her know if you plan to pay for your dinner at the door- mbalk1127@comcast.net or send checks to Mary by November 24th at 134 Dunlap Place, Schaumburg, IL 60194.

AND as you think about the items you would like to donate for the auction...please consider purchasing more consumable items, such as packaged food items, gift cards, coffees/teas, sweets, certificates for services, spa treatments, dinners, classes, etc. Many of us have reached that point where we are trying to minimize 'the stuff' we accumulate and are trying to downsize and simplify our lives as well as our homes.

Also remember that gift baskets are a great moneymaker at the auction and a fun item to purchase. Grab a friend or two or three and put together a gift basket to donate. Be creative! Listed below are just a few suggestions for gift baskets for the Silent Auction:

- movie night
- outdoor concert picnic
- personal spa items (or recovering from Holiday Stress!)
- hostess baskets
- gardening
- wine baskets
- grandparent survival basket
- new baby basket
- college care package
- staying cozy on a wintery evening
- family game night

We need lots of volunteers to make the night successful. For each volunteer, it's not a lot of work so **PLEASE** if you are willing to help, contact Honie Quinn or Mary Balk to ask what you can do to help out.

And don't forget: Invite family and friends to our Holiday Auction!!

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE-Scholarships: (Denise Pawelczyk)

Remember, the Holiday Auction supports our scholarship funds, college students' needs, and our collegiate members. Please give and purchase generously.

*Delores Jones, IL State Scholarship Committee Chair, wanted me to remind all of you that there are scholarships and stipends available to IL State Members of DKG. \$3,000 from the Emilie U. Lepthien Scholarship is available to a member who is working toward her PhD in administration. A \$2,000 scholarship will be given for UNDERGRADUATE (attention collegiate members) or GRADUATE work for members enrolled in courses of six hours or more at an accredited college or university after the 2020 IL state convention. IL State also has available funds to award up to \$2,000 for special study stipends to support educational activities not in a degree program. Criteria and application forms can be downloaded from the IL State Organization website Lambda State of Delta Kappa Gamma International Just click under the heading "Committees" and then download the forms or you can go directly to forms and download the applications there as well.

SERVICE AND SPECIAL PROJECTS: (Kris Beaudette and Gerie Kay)

We don't have a service project in November, but we hope all our members plan to attend the holiday auction on December 3rd. Bring items to donate for the auction and your money to spend. If you can't attend the auction, please consider a monetary donation to support our scholarship funds. Our scholarship funds depend on the money we raise at our holiday auction!

*Our book swap will continue and **Cindy Sheely** will help with taking any leftover books to the local library for donation.

NEWS FROM IL STATE: www.deltakappagamma.org/IL

Bev Johns is inviting all Illinois DKG members to join our new state organization Facebook page. Please consider joining, if you haven't already: [DKG-Illinois Key Women Educators](#)

- Applications for the Editor and Treasurer positions are online and need to be returned to LaVonne Chaney no later than January 6, 2019. Look among your chapter members and consider a worthy individual.
- To nominate a person for a Legislative Certificate of Appreciation, a chapter leader needs to go to the DKG Illinois State Organization website www.deltakappagamma.org/IL, click on Committees and then Legislation. In this section is a 4-page document with information about the Certificates, Guidelines, and the 2-page application. Applications are due electronically to Legislation Chair, Janet Kilgus, at djkilgus@frontier.com no later than February 1, 2020. Certificates will be awarded at the DKG Illinois State Organization Convention, April 24-26, 2020, in St. Louis. These are presented at the breakfast on Sunday morning.
- Please consider being a presenter at our 2020 state convention. Presentations can be a 10-minute Takeaway Session, a 45 minute Session, or a Poster Session. The convention will also include vendors again, as well as the Art Mart (with an Under the Sea theme). [A Call for Workshop Presenters](#) application is attached to this email.
- The convention will again have a fun, day-long [Pre-Convention Trip](#) to the historic town of Kimmswick, MO. See attached registration for details and remember this trip fills up fast!

Upcoming state activities:

- Dec. 15, 2019: deadline to receive Workshop Presenter Applications

UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Keri Gold(Nov. 25), **Mary Balk**(Nov. 27), **Debra Hopp**(Nov. 27), **Mary Jayne La Bahn**(Dec. 8), **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!

Mary's Missive

I hope many of you are thinking about the auction and starting to plan what you want to bring. And don't forget to invite your friends! The holiday season has begun, and as usual it's a busy time for all of us. That being said, I hope to see all of our members at our annual Holiday Auction- it's not only a great time to give toward our scholarships and service projects, but it's a wonderful opportunity to see all our members together and catch-up.

I wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving!

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ATTACHMENTS:

- **November Newsletter**
- **Holiday Auction invitation**
- **Call for Workshop Presenters-2020 Convention**
- **Pre-Convention Historic Trip registration**
- **New Member Application**

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