



Gamma Gamma Ray



Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter of IL State

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Happy Holidays!



Our December 3rd holiday auction was a huge success! We had 48 members in attendance and 10 guests, including Joan Rog our state 1st VP and Melinda Davis, also on the state executive board.

This year for the first time we had a "wine pull", as well as a wine raffle for a magnum of wine and a "Tipsy Elf" with wine related items, all thanks to the vision and organization of **Denise Pawelczyk**. Our members welcomed the wine pull with great enthusiasm and all the bottles of wine were sold within the first 30 minutes of our holiday auction! We had the largest assortment of silent auction baskets ever, which overall made a tremendous amount of money for us. This year, we also expanded our Garage Sale table to include baked goods, which sold quickly. All in all, I believe this was the most successful Holiday Auction ever, with a total of over \$5,200.00 received for our scholarship funds! Hurray! Donations from people are still coming in, so we don't have the exact total yet, but nonetheless, we have surpassed our giving from previous years. Special thanks to **Mary Balk** and **Honora Quinn**(Chairs of Program), who got to Prince of Peace early to set up the auction. **Madelynn Brossard** supplied the beautiful, new center pieces! We had lots of delicious food thanks to the Program and Auction Committees, as well as Riccardo's Restaurant. Thanks to all our volunteers(and there are many of you!) who helped with the auction! If you weren't able to attend and want to donate to our scholarship funds please send a check made out to Delta Kappa Gamma, with auction in the memo, to **Linda Stolt** at 1912 Quaker Hollow Lane, Streamwood, IL 60107-1977. Thanks!

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **January 14-** Chapter program and meeting: Ted Buckley: “Taking Control-Financial Strategies” at Our Redeemer’s UMC(1600 W. Schaumburg Rd.) at 3:30pm.
- **January 18-** Feed My Starving Children (9-11am) at 740 Wiley Farm Court in Schaumburg. Contact Kris Beaudette if you want to participate.
- **January 21-**Gamma Gamma book club is meeting to discuss “The Gifted School” by Bruce Holsinger. We are meeting at Riccardo’s Restaurant at 5:30pm. Jacqui Rothman is facilitating. Please contact Jacqui if you plan to attend: phrogpad@aol.com
- **February 6-** Chapter program: “**Special Olympics**” presented by Katie McGarvey at Prince of Peace 3:30 pm.

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS and WANT ADS:

- Kudos to our former Chapter Recruitment Grant recipient and now Active Member, **Katie McGarvey**. The Special Olympics soccer team that she coaches at Hoffman Estates High School recently won the IL State Championship! Not only are we proud of HER, but also of all of YOU sisters who supported the Special Olympics fundraiser she recently helped organize!!!
- **Adrienne Rovin** is looking for a good ortho rehab for her husband Ron, who needs rehab for his knees. Please contact Adrienne if you know of a good rehab facility: Adrienne@rovinfamily.com
- 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.

Pat Rielly and Sandy Cook are both home recovering from knee replacement surgery. I hear they are doing well.

Jane Martin recently had minor surgery and is home but having difficulty sitting and doing things around the house. We hope Jane recovers well before the busy holidays! Let her know you are thinking of her.

Carol Escortia's daughter, Jenny Ford, is still struggling with her illness and stroke. Carol is currently in Philadelphia to help her. Prayers and cards are most welcome.

Here is Jenny's address:

**Jenny Ford
4043 Aldine St.
Philadelphia, PA 19136**

Geri DeFalco is home recovering from surgery and hospital stay. We hope she is doing much better!

As always, please keep up the good wishes and prayers for Charlotte Weber's daughter, Katie, especially during the holiday season. Charlotte reports that Katie is holding her own, but is still dealing with difficult struggles. Katie loves to hear from her mom's Gamma Gamma sisters. Here is Katie's address:

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

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 revised Rules and Bylaws of Gamma Gamma Chapter will be presented to our members in January. If you have any questions about these revisions, please contact Joan Gazdic.

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)

Any member personal information changes need to be sent to me, **Cheryl Keifer**, ASAP (ckeifer@gmail.com) so that we can keep our data base up to date.

Also, **Mary Marowally** has changed her email address to kittymary1@aol.com.

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)

Everyone did an excellent job following our suggestions for donated items for our annual holiday auction! We had fewer items to auction and many more silent auction baskets than in previous years. We also had many garage sale items including baked goods to sell outright to attendees. The wine pull was a huge success!

Mark your calendars for **January 14th! Our program for that day is Ted Buckley: "Taking Control-Financial Strategies"- 3:30 at Our Redeemer's UMC**(1600 W. Schaumburg Rd). This is a great presentation, which we know everyone will benefit from. Service and Special Projects Committee are hosting.

Please remember to bring new/unopened packages of youth size PJs and underwear & toiletries.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE-Scholarships: (Denise Pawelczyk)

Many thanks to our chapter members who enthusiastically embraced and participated in this year's inaugural wine pull, magnum raffle, and Tipsy Elf raffle! The wine pull itself sold out in 30 minutes!!! Two lucky participants not only pulled bottles of wine, but also deluxe wine tasting certificates donated by Lynfred Winery and Cooper's Hawk Winery! **Melinda Davis**, one of our state visitors, was the lucky winner of the Dodici XII magnum of wine! The assorted wine and appetizer related items were in hot demand based on the tickets sold at the Tipsy Elf raffle! All in all, the combined activities raised \$654 in donations for our auction!!! Many thanks to those on the committee who helped me! I couldn't have done it without these elves: **Carol McHale, Sudha Byanna, Susan Wadkins, and Karyn and Michelle Baldwin!!!** (What I thought would be one year activities for our auction just might make a come back next year based on popular demand..!!!)

*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.

Chapter Members, I need your help: **The Cook County Coordinating Council offers an award for outstanding student teachers.** We do not have any grant recipients or collegiate members who student taught this past semester. Do any of you know an exemplary student teacher who you would like our chapter to nominate? Please look over the following attachment(at the end of the newsletter), and then contact me, Denise Pawelczyk, at dreismom2@yahoo.com . THANK YOU!!!

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

At our meeting on **January 14, 2020**, we are inviting our members to **bring new and unopened packages of youth-sized pajamas, underwear, and toiletries.** We will be donating these to a local charity. Thank you!

We are scheduled for a packing session at **Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, January 18, 2020, at 9:00-10:30.** Please note that they have moved and are now at 740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg, IL. Please contact Kris Beaudette at Krisbeau@comcast.net or 847-431-1254 (voice or text) if you are able to participate. If you have already signed up, no need to confirm. We have you signed up! There will be an optional lunch afterwards at Jason's Deli

*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](#)

During this season of gift giving, we are reminded that the gifts we share don't have to be wrapped presents or something we purchase, we:

Give the gift of time
Give the gift of talent
Give the gift of kindness
Give the gift of concern

I thank all of you for all the gifts you give to Delta Kappa Gamma

➤ Speaking of gifts, we hope all of you will share your time and talents at the **Delta Kappa Gamma, Illinois State Organization Convention at the Marriott St. Louis Airport** coming up April 24-26, 2020. You can be part of the program, whether it be by conducting a ten minute takeaway, a one hour session, or a poster session. Complete the call for presentations form on the website today or use this link: <http://deltakappagamma.org/IL/LSConvention/20/2020%20Convention%20Call%20for%20Presentations.pdf>. Please send it to Educational Excellence Chair, Joan Rog, by Dec. 15 at storm2457@att.net. Send

yearbooks to Joan, Kammie, and myself as well. We have 37 chapter yearbooks now.

- If you have expertise in technology and would be willing to share it the Communications and Marketing Committee is looking for you! Individuals who are willing to share their expertise in technology at convention in a **ten minute takeaway session or a one hour session** on topics such as: Google Apps, the Cloud, or Cyber Safety, or any other popular topic in technology. Please contact Communications and Marketing Chair, Mary Jane Sterling sterling@fsmail.bradley.edu to help everyone out!
- We are most excited to announce that our **International Visitor will be the President of Delta Kappa Gamma International, Cathy Daugherty**. Cathy hails from the state of Virginia and was a former Latin teacher. We are so honored that she will be a gift to us at our state convention at the Marriott at the Saint Louis Airport.
- Make **room reservations for our convention in Saint Louis!** Remember that we do have a block of rooms for Thursday night, thanks to the work of Sylvia Olson. Online **registration for the convention will open on January 1**. Remember our goal is to have 352 members present.
- Debbie Lambeth has been busy preparing for the Leadership Academies so please give Delta Kappa Gamma, Illinois State Organization the gift of your leadership by attending **one of the three leadership academies** on Friday before convention April 24, or choose June 6 or July 16. The registration form is here: <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL/LeadershipDev/2019-2020%20LEADERSHIP%20Academy%20Fillable%20Form.pdf> Be a leader in our organization!
- I continue to be amazed at the talents of our members. Many of you are artists, many of you write, many of you sell good products. How about being a vendor at our convention this year? If you would like to do so, please contact our exhibits coordinator, Joan Rog, at storm@2457.net. Sign up to be a vendor today.
- Share your fashion expertise at this year's convention when we open the convention in style with the talent of some of our members who will perform with the theme: "Meet Me in St. Louis." **We will have a style show of vintage hats so begin your search for your perfect vintage hat to wear!**
- Delta Kappa Gamma, Illinois, gives many gifts to its members. Encourage someone to **apply for a scholarship:** <http://deltakappagamma.org/IL/scholarship.htm>. The deadline is January 9. Encourage a student to apply for the **Florence A. Cook and the Grant-in-Aid**. Deadlines for both of those are February 1 and forms can be found here <http://deltakappagamma.org/IL/EducationalExcellence/index.html>.
- Training is another gift we give to members. **Teach to Lead** is a wonderful opportunity for educators in a given school building to come together to problem solve and to be assigned to a coach. Learn all about it through the video produced by Debbie LeBlanc featured on our Facebook page (look for Friday, Nov. 22 post from Bev and Faith Hernandez Skinner). This year's Teach to Lead will be March 6-7, 2020 at the Radisson in Bloomington-Normal. Donations to this wonderful conference can be made by going to the Teach to Lead section on the website and clicking on donate.

- 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.

Upcoming state activities:

- **Dec. 15, 2019:** deadline to receive Workshop Presenter Applications
- **January 6, 2020:** Applications for the state organization Editor and Treasurer are due
- **January 9, 2020:** applications for DKG member scholarships are due
- **February 1, 2020:** applications for Florence A. Cook and Grant-In-Aid scholarships are due

UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Adrienne Rovin(Dec 16), Michelle Baldwin(Dec 17), Nancy Gaughan(Dec 22), Jane Kennedy-Ebner(Dec 29), and Jane Jedlicka(Dec 31) Mindy Jones(Jan 6), Sherry Magnuson(Jan 7), Sally Scholler(Jan 7), Judy McGuire(Jan 10), Kris Davenport(Jan 11), Peggy Gire(Jan 11), Stephanie Grande(Jan 18) and Rita Tweed(Jan 23) Happy Birthday, Ladies!

Mary's Missive

Despite fewer members attending this year, our holiday auction was hugely successful! I still don't have the final count, but I know we took in more than \$5,200! I believe that is a record, and I know the Educational Excellence Committee will put it to good use toward our scholarships. Thanks to all of you who donated your time, auction items and money to our holiday auction this year. I am So proud of all that our chapter does-Gamma Gamma is the best!
I wish you all a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year! Enjoy all the season festivities and see you all in 2020!

Mary

ATTACHMENTS:

- December Newsletter
- Pre-Convention Historic Trip registration
- New Member Application
- CCCC Award application for outstanding Student Teacher