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Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

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It's hard to believe my biennium as chapter president is at an end. The past two years have flown by! I've learned so much during these two years, more than I ever imagined, and I've gotten to especially know and embrace so many of you, my chapter sisters. I feel very honored to have served you as your chapter president. But while trying my utmost to lead and represent our chapter in all things DKG, I know I wouldn't have been able to do anything without the support and hard work of our very talented executive board, our past president, Gerie Kay, as well as all our Gamma Gamma members! Even though I'm passing on the presidency to the very capable hands of Kris Beaudette, please know that my support for all of you and our chapter will continue.

During this difficult time staying safe from the COVID-19, I hope everyone is well and full of optimism, and I pray that we will all be able to meet again soon.

*Hugs to you all,
Mary*

On May 7th instead of the scheduled annual May Banquet, our executive board held a Zoom meeting(hosted by Mary Balk). During this important meeting we were able to install our new executive board for the 2020-22 biennium. Here is your new executive board:

President: Kris Beaudette

VP and Chair of Membership: Madelynn Brossard

2ndVPs and Chairs of Program: Judie King and Rose Marie Mincey

Recording Secretary: Sharon Froehlich

Corresponding Secretary: Jacqui Rothman

Treasurer: Linda Stolt

Parliamentarian: Linda Symkowiak

New and continuing committee members:

Society Business: Joan Gazdic

Communications and Marketing: Cheryl Keifer

Educational Excellence/Scholarships: Denise Pawelczyk

Service and Special Projects: Gerie Kay

Congratulations to your new executive board members, as well as our continuing committee chairs and board members! I speak for all of us when I say we are so grateful that you have stepped up to take on this leadership responsibility for our chapter. Because of you, our chapter will continue to be strong and vital, focused on our missions and ever striving toward our purposes.

Please help to support these officers in the important work they will do for our chapter in the next two years.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **May 22**- **The Program Committee** is meeting via Zoom at 9:30am
- **May 28**- **Communications Committee** is meeting at 9m. If you want to attend, please contact Cheryl Keifer ckeifer@gmail.com
- **June 1**- **Our chapter DUES and all VOUCHERS for expenditures(with receipts included) must be submitted to Linda Stolt. Mail to Linda at 1912 Quaker Hollow Ln, Streamwood, IL 60107**
- **June 9**-**The Educational Excellence/Scholarship Committee** is meeting via Zoom at 10am. If you want to participate in this meeting please contact Denise Pawelczyk at dreismom2@yahoo.com
- **June 17 or 18**-**Service and Special Projects Committee** is meeting(location as yet undetermined). Contact Gerie Kay(g54k@aol.com)if you wish to attend
- **June 30**-**Book club** is gathering to discuss, "When Life Hands You Lemons" by Katie Weber. Assuming we won't be meeting in a restaurant, we are looking for someone to volunteer a backyard patio to hold our meeting. If you would like to host this book club, please contact Glenda Klein glendaklein@sbcglobal.net and Sue Wadkins susan.wadkins@sbcglobal.net Thanks!
- **July 16**- All information for the 2020-21 directory must be sent to Cheryl Keifer no later than this date.

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- During the month of May and June we are still collecting for **The Kenneth Young Center**, despite not having a formal walk this year. If you wish to send a check for this important mental health center, please write checks out to **Kenneth Young Center** and send them to **Sudha Byanna** at 59 Germaine Pl., Schaumburg, IL 60173. Thanks! They count on the charitable giving of Gamma Gamma Chapter every year.
- Exciting news! **Giselle Menjivar is our Gamma Gamma Recruitment Grant recipient** and **Jillian Mininni is our Anne Fussell Scholarship recipient!** Please read more about these young ladies in the Educational Excellence Committee report.

- Denise Pawelczyk is also happy to report that **Sue Werner is our Gamma Gamma Scholarship recipient and Gerie Kay is our Love of Learning recipient.** Congrats to them! Please read more details about the courses Sue and Gerie took in the Educational Excellence Committee report.
- If any of our members wants to switch to a new committee, especially if you have been on the same committee for a long time, we encourage you to do that. A change is usually good for all of us and it will give our committees new ideas and a fresh perspective. If you decide to change committees, please let both old and new committee chairs know and be sure and let Cheryl Keifer know for our new directory.
- Cheryl Keifer and the Communications Committee will be working hard to put together our 2020-21 yearbook/directory, and they hope to get it done by July. If you have ANY changes to the yearbook/directory please let Cheryl know soon.
- **Our chapter dues are due June 1st!** As announced many times, our dues will be collected early this year. Instead of October, we need all chapter dues by June. Please send your \$84 check for dues now through May to Linda Stolt:1912 Quaker Hollow Ln., Streamwood, IL 60107-1977
- Any member is welcome to attend more than one committee meeting, but it is important that you attend your own committee meeting, if at all possible. With most of our meetings being conducted via Zoom or other social distancing, it is still important to attend your committee meetings and support our committee chairs. Your committee needs your in-put and help to make important decisions. Make note of the committee meeting date and times and contact your committee chair to let them know you are attending.
- Please check your current yearbooks if you don't remember which committee you are on, or contact our new president, Kris Beaudette at krisbeau@comcast.net. All committee members are also listed under each committee's report in this newsletter.

Care Team News:

Please contact Glenda Klein-Mali(and Kris Beaudette) 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.

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, don't forget to let us know if you need our support- The Care Team

COMMITTEE REPORTING

SOCIETY BUSINESS: (Joan Gazdic)

The Society Business committee will meet in early June to draft a proposed budget for 2020-2021. The budget is dependent upon important figures for accuracy:

- An Available Fund Balance from 2019-2020 - dependent upon the Treasurer receiving/paying all vouchers for expenditures through June 2020.
- An accurate count of all active, reserve, initiate, and collegiate members for the 2020-2021 based upon receipt of dues.

Members: Please submit any vouchers for expenditures during 2019-2020 by June 1st, and your dues for 2020-2021 A.S.A.P. Thanks!

The following are members of Society Business: Joan Gazdic(chair), Adrienne Rovin, Mary Marowally, Sally Scholler, Kathleen Stephan森, Linda Stolt, and Charlotte Weber.

Society Business covers chapter finances, rules and research. If you are interested in attending this committee meeting, please contact Joan Gazdic. This committee will be working on the budget for next year.

**Please send your \$84.00 dues for the 2020-21 year to Linda Stolt now:
Linda Stolt 1912 Quaker Hollow Ln., Streamwood, IL 60107-1977**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: (Madelynn Brossard)

Note of thanks from Rose Karner (past chair)

Living in this unique time in our country's history, our chapter's year-end traditions have not been able to take place. One of which is the opportunity to thank all the women that have made these past two years so successful and memorable! As the out-going chair of this committee, I owe a huge THANK YOU to my committee members for all their accomplishments of these past two years! They volunteered to call members, were greeters or helped members at the "welcome table" at our monthly meetings, volunteered for the Nominating committee, or gathered together each summer to put together the photos of our DKG happenings for the year. These are but a few of the many tasks asked of them! When I asked for volunteers, they were always willing to step up to get a job done! It has been my pleasure and honor to work with these women! The successes of this committee, are due to the cooperation, comaraderie, support, positive attitudes, and creativity of these ladies! Jane Born, Madelynn Brossard ,Julie Ehrhardt, Jane Martin, Mary Roeing, Jacqui Rothman, Sue Werner, Maureen Briza, Alice Ryan Stephanie Grande and Nancy Harmon

This committee covers membership inductions and issues, necrology, nominations and Chapter history/archives. If you are interested in attending or joining this committee meeting, please contact new chair, Madelynn Brossard rtb1445@yahoo.com

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: (Cheryl Keifer)

Communications Committee asks that you update your contact information for the fall edition of our Gamma Gamma directory. We need to know about any changes to your name, cell phone number (and home phone number, if you still have one), your home address, and your email address. We would also like to know where you will be teaching/working, if you're not retired, and what leadership position you will be holding within the chapter in the 2020-2022 biennium. Please send updates to me, Cheryl Keifer, at ckeifer@gmail.com, or call 847.305.9404.

Over the next several months we will be continuing in our effort to update our website by working to make it more user friendly and incorporate new committee names, etc. Until we are ready to unveil a finished version of the website, know that it will continue to be available, as it has been, thanks to the work of Kathy Muench and other reliable contributors.

The Communication Committee will be meeting shortly to start work on our next year's yearbook/directory. Cheryl will contact the following members: Cheryl Keifer(chair), Geri DeFalco, Chris Dick, Carol Escortia, Debbie Goodman, Jane Jedlicka, Jan Kayson, Jane Kennedy-Ebner, Mary Jayne La Bahn, Pat Rielly, Mary Salee, Janet Starr, Debra Hopp, Maureen Briza and Kathy Muench(our webmaster).

This committee covers creating our annual yearbook/directory, published newsletters, our chapter website and publicity. Don't forget: this year our directory will be online, on our website. Communications will publish a few yearbooks for those who don't have computers or printers. Please contact Cheryl Keifer if you are interested in attending their meetings or joining this committee.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: (Judie King and Rose Marie Mincey)

Judie and Rose Marie are already beginning plans for new and interesting programs for the 2020-21 year.

The following members are on the Program Committee: Judie King and Rose Marie Mincey(chairs), Mary Balk, Honora Quinn, Merna Folkers, Marge Fox,

Sharon Froehlich, Glenda Klein-Mali, Sherry Magnuson, Dayna Prochaska, Linda Szymkowiak and Cindy Ward.

Our next program meeting is Thursday, September 17, 2020-We will be inducting new members, picking up new directory information, and introducing our new executive board.

We have changed our September speaker, Jeff Smith, speaking about "Stress, Wellness and Humor" which will be moved to October.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE-Scholarships: (Denise Pawelczyk)

Many exciting things have happened this month!!! Among the highlights:

*One of our newer active members, **Lauren Haman** (2019), just shared with me that she was identified as 1 out of 7 staff in her district that is strong at building classroom community and positive relationships with students. Because of that, she **has been chosen to lead professional development sessions this summer** for the staff at Maine South High School to learn how to be successful in this in a virtual setting. (Not bad for someone just finishing their first year of teaching!!!)

*The recruitment grant selection committee met via a Zoom meeting this week to choose our 2020 recruitment grant recipients! Many thanks to these dedicated, hardworking, and caring women who helped me in the decision making!!! It was a difficult task with all the fine candidates we had to select from.

I am pleased to announce that **Giselle Menjivar is our Gamma Gamma Recruitment Grant recipient!!!** Giselle is a 2020 graduate of Conant High School. She will be majoring in education at IL State University. Giselle was part of the Educational Internship program at Stevenson Elementary School. She hopes to work with ESL and bilingual students. Quoting Giselle "...When I think of myself as an educator, I see so much more than lessons in a classroom. I know that what goes on inside of the classroom is important, but students' lives after school hours are just as crucial to their academic success....I see myself taking the time to know my students' and their families to find out what it is that I can do to ensure the best learning environment for them....With great anticipation, I am looking forward to the day in which I will be able to call a classroom my own. Until that day, I will continue to work hard to achieve my goals of becoming an exemplary educator that is passionate about education and goes above and beyond to ensure student success."

Jillian Mininni is our Anne Fussell Scholarship recipient!!! Jillian is a 2020 graduate of Schaumburg High School. Jillian is also enrolled at IL State University to study education. It seems fitting that a former student of Anne's will be able to carry on Anne's love of learning and passion of working with young people. To quote Jillian, "...Miss Fussell was my kindergarten teacher. As a nervous kindergartener, she made me feel welcome in her class and I will always remember her as the first teacher I had in elementary school...I remember that everyone loved

it when Miss Fussell would read stories and we would sit on the carpet...During kindergarten I got to make a lot of new friends, had fun while learning new things, and had an amazing teacher!"

(Depending upon "Restart Illinois" protocols, recruitment grant recipients as well as new collegiate members will be honored later this summer.)

*Another rousing piece of news: **Emilee Baldwin has requested active membership in our Gamma Gamma chapter!** Emilee is the daughter of Gamma Gamma member, Michelle Baldwin, and the sister of member, Karyn Baldwin.

Emilee is a 2019 graduate of IL State University with a B.S. in Middle Level Education. She spent the 2019-2020 school year in A Coruna, Spain as a Fulbright English teaching assistant. Now back home, she has accepted a position as a teacher at Winston Campus junior high school in Palatine. (Emilee will be inducted as an active member in the fall with our other new members; pending a lifting of COVID restrictions.)

*Last, but not least, our 2020 **Gamma Gamma Chapter Scholarship recipient is Sue Werner!** Sue took a class on the prevention of feeding, speech, and mouth development problems in children from birth to age 2.

Gerie Kay is this year's recipient of our Love of Learning Stipend! She took a class on senior iPhone and iPad use. (Now we all know who to hit up for advice on their use..!!!) It was an easy selection process; since these two women were our only applicants..! (Hopefully next year, more of you will apply..!)

*NOTE: Thank you to those of you who emailed that you plan on attending **our annual Educational Excellence Committee--Scholarships meeting. It will be held at 10:00am on Tuesday, June 9th, via Zoom.** Sue Wadkins has graciously agreed to set the Zoom meeting up for me. She will be sending you all an email invitation closer to the date!

The Educational Excellence Committee-Scholarships will meet via Zoom on June 9th at 10am. Denise will send out the meeting details to the committee members beforehand. The following members are on this committee: Denise Pawelczyk(chair), Cammy Basak, Sudha Byanna, Nanette Carli, Karen DelVecchio, Peggy Gire, Mary Hurd, Gretchen Mahin, Carol McHale, Judy McGuire, Cindy Nicholson, Mary Stitt, Susan Wadkins, Sandy Cook and Karyn Baldwin.

This committee takes on the chapter scholarships and grants, as well as collegiate mentorship and memberships, almost exclusively. If you wish to learn more about this committee, or want to attend a committee meeting, please contact Denise Pawelczyk.

SPECIAL SERVICE PROJECTS: (Gerie Kay)

Kris Beaudette, past Chairperson

Thank you to all of our committee members and all chapter members for all of your hard work and participation on all of our projects over the last several years. We have planned and carried out many projects, including collections of food for food banks, school supplies for Schaumburg Township and for District U-46, socks/underwear/pajamas for families in need, cash for several local organizations, and gift cards to support our collegiate members and Special Olympics fundraisers. We have supported our international causes with Feed My Starving Children and Marion Medical Mission, we have encouraged awareness of the legislative process, and we have promoted literacy through our book swaps, Book Club, and Literacy Award winners.

I have enjoyed being chair of this committee and encourage all of our members to consider chairing a committee at some time. I am stepping into my new role and welcome Gerie Kay as the new Chair of Service and Special projects. Congratulations and best wishes to Gerie for taking this leadership position!

Gerie Kay, Cindy Sheely, Katie McGarvey, Jo Ann Bechtold, Kris Davenport, Debbie Faems, Keri Gold, Mindy Jones, Mary Kay Marrello, Lorena Williams, Tish Chapman, Rita Tweed and Michelle Baldwin.

This committee will take over local and international service projects, as well as continue with DKG legislation and literacy.

If you wish to attend this committee meeting in June, please contact Gerie Kay.

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

Unfortunately, the International DKG Convention, which was to be held in July has been cancelled.

41st Annual Creative Arts Retreat has been cancelled for this year.

Upcoming Events:

- **July 15- Tech Seminar** on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at the Illinois Education Association building in Bloomington, Illinois.
- **August 5- Celebrating Women Educators-** Your \$30 ticket includes a meal, shopping, socializing and a celebration of women educators! Email Kammie at execassis@lambdast@gmail.com to reserve a ticket!
- **Sept. 24 and 25-** State Executive Board Meeting in Bloomington, IL and the Leadership Academy training

We are offering many Upcoming Zoom Meetings:

***SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2020—BASICS FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS—TEN TIPS TO MAKE YOUR BIENNIAL SPECTACULAR—ZOOM, 10:00 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M. FREE CONFERENCE CALLING—KAMMIE RICHTER AND BEV JOHNS**

***WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020—TREASURERS WORKSHOP, 10:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.—ZOOM—SHARON VINSON**

***THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020—LEARNING TO USE POWERPOINT, 7:00 P.M.—ZOOM—MARY JANE STERLING**

***THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020—COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING—START SPREADING THE NEWS—ZOOM 7:00 P.M.—MARY JANE STERLING**

***SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020—COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING—START SPREADING THE NEWS—ZOOM 9:00 A.M.—MARY JANE STERLING**

***WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020—THE BASICS OF YOUR CHAPTER RULES—1:00 P.M. PRESENTED BY BRITTA PETERSON**

***MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020—THE BASICS OF GOOGLE DOCS, PART 1 —7:00 P.M. PRESENTED BY JEAN TULIN**

***MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020—THE BASICS OF GOOGLE DOCS, PART 2—7:00 P.M. PRESENTED BY JEAN TULIN**

COMING SOON—EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE—PRESENTED BY CAROLYN GODBY AND DEBRA LEBLANC

As a result of the cancellation of our April 2020 convention:

1. Our Memorial Service planned by Linda Adcock will be held for two years in 2021.
2. Our recognition for longevity of members will be celebrated for two years in 2021.
3. There will be two Achievement Award Winners announced by Joan Funk next year—one for 2020 and one for 2021.
4. Our scholarship and stipend award recipients will be mailed their checks, will be featured in the *Newscaster* and will be featured on Facebook. Celebrate these members achievements at your chapter level. Thanks to Delores Jones for her work on the scholarships.
5. Our Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant Recipients and our Grant in Aid are being mailed their checks and hopefully when chapters can meet again, you can recognize them. Some have already been recognized on Facebook and they will be featured in the *Newscaster*. Thanks Joan and the EE committee for their work.

6. Pending your approval, we will be having a version of the **Art Mart at our Fall Board meeting**. Keep making those projects.
7. Watch for information about how we will handle the book discussions that were planned for you by Carolyn Broadhead and her Literacy Committee.
8. The annual reports for each officer and committee chair will be posted on our website.

It is easy to lose our sense of balance as we worry about the coronavirus and stay at home orders. We have to work especially hard to ensure that we look forward, while at the same time use this precious time we have to focus on family and friends, to learn new skills, and to appreciate what we have.

Bev Johns
DKG State Organization President

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Honora Quinn(May 27), **Cindy Ward**(May 31), **Denise Pawelczyk**(June 12),
Sandy Cook(June 19), **Cindy Nicholson**(June 19), **Gretchin Mahin**(June 22),
Debbie Faems(June 23), **Mary Salee**(June 30). Happy Birthday, Ladies!

ATTACHMENTS:

- **May Newsletter**