



Gamma Gamma Ray



Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

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March, 2021

Important Dates to Remember

March 4 (Thursday,) Game Night- 3:30 Business meeting and 4:30 will be Zoom Bingo (prizes will be awarded!) See Programs section for more information. Zoom information will be sent separately.

March 5 (Friday), 12:30-3:00. Service project drop-off at St. Peter's Church (the day after our zoom meeting.) The church is located at 202 East Schaumburg Road in Schaumburg. There is a sheltered portico drive through at the main entrance where a collection car will be parked.

March 6, 2021, (Saturday) Cook County Coordinating Council at 12:00 noon. Virtual "luncheon" program with Chapter award and Student Teacher award. All members are invited to join the meeting. Zoom information has been sent and will be re-sent closer to the date.

March 23 (Tuesday) Book Club. Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce, 2020

April 8, 2021, (Thursday). New Member Tea (virtual) and Zoom Executive Board Meeting.

April 10th, 9-11 am, is Feed My Starving Children. More information to come about signing up for this opportunity.

Tuesday, April 20-Wednesday, April 28, 2021. Illinois State Convention on Zoom. More information to follow. Please visit the DKG-ISO website to register for the convention at <http://deltakappagamma.org/IL/LSConvention/index.htm> Registration is free and easy to do.

May 20 (Thursday) Book Club- The Four Winds by Kristen Hannah, 2021.

June 15 (Tuesday) – Book Club- This Is How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel, 2017.

Websites to Remember

(Hold down control key and click to activate link)

Gamma Gamma chapter: www.gammagamma75.org

Illinois State Organization: www.deltakappagamma.org/IL

International: www.dkg.org

Zoom links for DKG-ISO programs: www.nuchapterDKG.weebly.com

www.YouTube.com. Subscribe to this channel: Delta Kappa Gamma, Illinois, Key Women Educators. Many/most of the slide shows from Zoom programs are saved to this channel. The Zoom sessions are not recorded, but the slides that the presenters used are all saved here, for your convenient viewing.

Facebook Pages to visit:

DKG-Gamma Gamma Chapter

DKG-Illinois Key Women Educators

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

DKG-ILSOWIACAR- This is the Facebook page for the Illinois State Organization Women in the Arts Creative Arts Retreat (virtual.)

Announcements

DKG-ISO Convention

Make sure and register! The information has been emailed and is also in the "Important Dates" Section.

Book Club

Here are the selections for the next few months:

March 23 (Tuesday). Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce, 2020. Two unlikely explorers forge a profound friendship while on a hunt for a rare beetle.

April - no Book Club due to state convention

May 20 (Thursday) - The Four Winds by Kristen Hannah, 2021. This is a stirring tale of love and hardship in Dust-Bowl America.

June 15 (Tuesday) - This Is How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel, 2017. The novel is about a transgender child Claude/Poppy born into a large loving family, how that family comes to accept that Claude wants to be a girl, and about the secret they keep until it explodes.

All Book Club meetings are at 7:00 on Zoom. (Link sent closer to the meeting)

Recently passed meeting

We opened up our February meeting to other chapters and we got great feedback about our business meeting and about our fabulous program with Leslie Goddard. We even had a participant from out of state. Thank you to the Program committee!

Next meeting

We are looking forward to our meeting on March 4 at 3:30 for business and at 4:30 for Zoom Bingo. This will be great fun! Kudos go out to Rose Marie Mincey and Judie King and their committee for planning this fun activity. Can't wait! Zoom information will be sent separately.

COMMITTEE REPORTING

Society Business- Joan Gazdic, jmtg@att.net

Committee members, anticipate a meeting in late March via Zoom to draft a Chapter Budget for 2021-22. Prior to this, Linda Stolt, Kris Beaudette and I will meet virtually to draft preliminary figures based upon 2020-2021 expenditures and anticipated fund balance as of July 1, 2021. With the collection of our annual dues in the spring, Delta Kappa Gamma International is now requesting that Chapter Budgets be formulated and approved before/at the last meeting this spring. Reminder, the structure and format of the budget is set by the Illinois State Organization of DKG. (Just as an IRS-1040 ;)

Committee chairs, please inform Kris or me of any specific ideas that might impact our next year's budget. Currently, meeting expenses of the Educational Excellence-Program committee have been anticipated to be no more than \$1000. Expenses of all other committees and officers (other than the president) have been anticipated to be no more than \$800. Additional details are available in the 2020-2021 Budget which was distributed to all members last fall; it is also available on our chapter website.

Madelynn, we appreciate any updates on possible new members. Denise and mentors will be encouraging our recruitment grant recipients entering their junior year to become collegiate members. We certainly would welcome any of our graduating seniors to become chapter members as soon as they have secured full time teaching positions for the fall.

Cheryl, as Communications Committee Chair, we welcome your participation during finance discussions regarding the yearbooks and website. Prior communications between you and your committee members, Kathy Muench (website), Kris, and/or I would be most helpful.

Membership, Madelynn Brossard, rtb1445@yahoo.com

Nominations are due as soon as possible to Madelynn. The nominations forms have been emailed to all members.

Educational Excellence-Scholarship -Denise Pawelczyk, dreismom2@yahoo.com

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE (Submitted by Denise Pawelczyk)

Can anything top the snow melting? Yes, it can! The Educational Excellence Committee has a lot of sunshine to share!

*Eden Schultz, 2016 Gamma Gamma recruitment grant recipient and collegiate member has been announced as Student Teacher of the Year by the Cook County Coordinating Council!

*Steffi Delgado, 2018 Anne Fussell Scholarship recipient and Gamma Gamma collegiate member, has been announced as DKG IL State Organization's recipient of the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award!

*Dayna Prochaska has volunteered to be our second 2021 recruitment grant mentor! We welcome both her and Susan Wadkins to our community of mentors and mentees!

*Kris Beaudette, Sandy Cook, Susan Wadkins, Lauren Haman, Karly Grapenthin, and Eden Schultz joined me for an international conversation via Zoom about our mentoring/collegiate member program. We were contacted by the Beta Chapter of Calgary, Canada! It was exciting to spread the word about what our chapter is doing!!!

*Jon Fussell called to share his thanks for the cards and notes that he received from members of our chapter! He was deeply touched by the kind words that were written!

Programs- Rose Marie Mincey rmincey@comcast.net / Judie King, judo1108@aol.com

1. Our Zoom Bingo Night is coming March 4 at 4:30 PM!! We will have a business meeting from 3:30 to 4:30. Kris will be sending out 2 emails – one with the Zoom link and one with the Bingo link. We are sending them out separately to make it easier to open them in 2 separate windows, which you will need in order to play the game. The email Kris sends with the Bingo game link will include some directions that will (hopefully) help you do this.
2. Saturday, April 10, 9-11 am, is our packing date for Feed My Starving Children. As you can imagine, they have many protocols in place because of Covid. Groups of 5 are together and are not socially distanced. You will only be placed with people from your group. You will be required to wear a mask. We understand that many of you will not be comfortable doing this activity, especially the unvaccinated. There is no pressure to participate. Those who are willing to participate must email Sharon Froehlich (skfroehlich@hotmail.com) by March 7 to let her know, so we can plan our group numbers. Thank you!
3. Our May 6 spring banquet at Poplar Creek is officially cancelled, but we are working on a scaled back outdoor event in late May/early June. Stay tuned!! News about this soon.
4. Thank you for your flexibility with all of our changes this year!! Who would have thought, eh?

Communication, Cheryl Keifer, ckeifer@gmail.com

Please always notify us if there are any changes to your contact information and emergency contacts. We want to make sure that you are receiving all of the information. Thanks.

Service and Special Projects- Gerie Kay, Geraldine_kay@comcast.net

(Local and International, Literacy and Legislation)

Debbie Faems, co-chair for the March Project.

The **Service Project for March** is the collection of NEW socks, underwear and pajamas for children in need, sizes 2T to 12 years. Please leave the tag on if you purchase pajamas. Please note there does seem to be a great need for underwear. The drop off site is at St. Peter's Church on Friday, March 5 which is the day after the March 4 Zoom meeting. The church is located at 202 East Schaumburg Road in Schaumburg. There is a sheltered portico drive through at the main entrance where a collection car will be parked. Drop off hours are available from 12:30 to 3:30. Thank you for contributing to this worthy cause. Some of the items will go to the students of Karyn Baldwin at Huff School in District U-46 and some of the items will go to the students of Diana O'Donnell at Rupley School in CCSD59.

Legislation

The Illinois State Organization Legislation Committee has approved our chapter's nomination of State Representative Michelle Mussman for a Legislative Certificate of Appreciation. Michelle and our chapter will be recognized at the virtual state convention in April and then a framed certificate will be mailed to Gamma Gamma to present to Representative Mussman in person. The award session is scheduled for Sunday morning, April 25 from 10:30am – 12:30 am. More info will follow.

Literacy

The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a presentation by Michelle Duster, the great granddaughter of Ida B. Wells on **Monday, March 15, at 7:00 PM** in honor of Women's History Month. Ms. Duster recently published the book, *Ida. B. the Queen: The Extraordinary Life and Legacy of Ida B. Wells*.

Ida is a Chicago treasure of whom we can all be proud for her activism in civil rights and the abolition of lynching, her fight for the right for women to vote, and her posthumous receipt of the Pulitzer Prize. If you'd like to learn more about the "life and legacy" of this remarkable woman, join us for this event.

Registration is through the Barrington Library.

Camille Basak

Co-Director of Programs

League of Women Voters of the Palatine Area

International Service Project

Our goal for April is to support a hospital and maternity hospital in Bukoba with cash donations to be used to purchase beds and bedding. This hospital is located in the city of Bukoba in the United Kingdom of Tanzania, Africa. The hospital is overcrowded and often mats are set up in hallways to access overflow. When women come to the hospital to have their babies, they are required to stay at least two weeks after the baby is born. They do this as a precaution to make sure that the mother and baby are well and that the baby gets vaccinated. The women travel

great distances to get to the hospital and often are unable to return which is why the two week stay is important.

The current prices in the market now are as follows: A complete bed with bedding costs 520 USD. The bed itself 300, mattress 150, bed sheets (2) 40, blanket 15, pillow and case 15. It would be wonderful if Gamma Gamma could donate at least one bed with bedding. Let's see what we can accomplish for this worthwhile cause.

Tish Chapman suggested this project. Her church, St. Raymond De Penafort in Des Plaines, has contact with the hospital and has supported them in the past.

Checks can be sent to our treasurer, Linda Stolt, at 1912 Quaker Hollow Lane, Streamwood, Illinois 60107. Please place Bukoba Hospital on the memo line.

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

Opportunities

Let us know if you have job or volunteer opportunities or significant items to sell (e.g cars, houses.) We can publish them here.

Kris' Corner

Ladies, we have made it through a long period of time with the pandemic and we are getting through it! Thank you so much for all of your committee work, your positive attitudes, your cooperation, and your enthusiastic participation in our Zoom meetings and service projects.

The great news is that many of us have received at least one Covid vaccine. This is so encouraging and I want to quote a great comment made by our own dear Carol McHale, "Let the possibilities begin!"

Onward to new possibilities!

