



Gamma Gamma Ray



Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

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Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, December 9, 2021, Holiday auction and dinner, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 930 W. Higgins, Rd., Schaumburg, IL.

Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 4:30 PM. Zoom meeting. Leslie Goddard will be our presenter.

Friday, April 29-Sunday, May 1, 2022, DKG-ILSO Convention in Springfield, Illinois.

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.ilsozoom.weebly.com (Note: this is a change.)

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

Announcements

NEW CHAPTER PRESIDENT NEEDED for the next biennium. Chapter President is a great job! I am thoroughly enjoying the job and have learned a lot during my term of office. I have learned a lot of leadership and communication skills, and I have been able to get to know many of the chapter sisters. Please consider taking this position for the next biennium. We all are capable of doing this job, and all of the previous chapter presidents will mentor you.

Also, Board members are needed for the 2022-2024 biennium. The current term for the board ends this spring and we are looking for chapter sisters to guide us through the next term. We hope you will consider joining the Executive Board. It is fun and is a great way to get to know chapter sisters. Nominations are now open for the next slate of officers. For more information, please contact Madelynn Brossard, any of the board members, and/or myself. Thanks! We are all leaders.

Who needs money to pay for tuition or fees for a professional course, certification, or advanced degree that you are taking? There is a lot of money available through DKG-ILSO and also through the Iota Chapter. All you have to do is apply for it. Please let me know and we can help guide you through the process. We have the resources to help find and apply for this money, so just let me know.

Who needs money for special projects at your school? DKG-ILSO has grant money available. All you have to do is apply for it. Let us know and we can help.

A big Shout-Out goes to Mary Wrobel for serving as DKG ILSO State Music Chairperson! Please consider joining the Illinois State Jubilation Singers and plan to sing at the ILSO convention in the Spring.

Book Club

We had an interesting discussion of the book, When the Apricots Bloom by Gina Wilkerson and selected books for the next three months.

For Tuesday, January 18, we will read the Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. This is a fictionalized account of J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle de Costa Greene, an African American woman forced to hide her identity. For more than forty decades she acquired and curated the library's collections.

On Tuesday February 22 we will discuss Kazuo Ishiguro's dystopian science fiction novel Never Let Me Go. In this brave new world, the technology of human cloning is implemented on a full scale for the harvesting of vital organs.

The book selection for Tuesday March 22 is Anxious People by Fredrik Backman. This book is described as a poignant comedy about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious people who find they have more in common than they imagined.

Recently passed meeting

We had a wonderful time at our Cork and Craft night on November 16, 2021. Many thanks go out to Dayna Prochaska for organizing everything for this fun time. Some of us crafted a cork trivet, some of us crafted a cork Christmas tree ornament, and some of us crafted a cork keychain.

Next meeting

Please see below in the Programs section for details of our upcoming Holiday Auction on Thursday, December 9, 2021, starting at 3:15.

COMMITTEE REPORTING

Society Business (Finance, Rules, Research)- Joan Gazdic, jmtg@att.net

No report

Membership, Madelynn Brossard, rtb1445@yahoo.com

Nominations are now open for board positions for the upcoming biennium, which begins June 1, 2022. Please see Madelynn Brossard and/or any board member for more information. We need you!

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

Hopefully this is a good explanation of things...

Last week, the Scout Elves made their visit to our chapter to find out who has been naughty and who has been nice. During the visit, the Tipsy Elf created some mischief and ended up getting touched by a bottle of wine. (Or, did she touch the bottle of wine..?) As a result, she wasn't able to return to the North Pole after Scout Week, but she hasn't lost her magic! She has LOTS of holiday cheer to share!!!

In order to stay on Tipsy and her sidekick, Karyn's, nice list...BRING LOADS OF CASH!!! (And watch for Susan, Dayna, Carol, and Gerie elves to be selling tickets!!!)

For that perfect gift for the wine enthusiasts in your life, we have some unique raffles!

There will be 3 different magnums of Cooper Hawk's wine raffled off! Each magnum raffle ticket is \$5 a piece.

There will be a raffle for "The 12 Nights of Christmas": A wine-themed advent calendar containing 8 red wines, 2 white wines, and 2 sparkling wines. Tickets for this raffle will also be \$5 a piece.

And we have vino stocking stuffers, too! The Tipsy Elf On the Shelf has a variety of wine and/or party related items up for raffle. Each one of these raffle tickets will be \$1 a piece. (Or...if you like a good bargain...you can buy 6 tickets for \$5!!!)

PLEASE WRITE YOUR AUCTION PADDLE NUMBER ON THE BACK OF EACH OF YOUR TICKETS BEFORE DEPOSITING THEM IN THE BAGS IN FRONT OF THE ITEMS YOU HOPE TO WIN!

AND...The wine pull will be back!!! To make sure that everyone has a fair chance, we will start the wine pull later in the evening. Each draw will cost \$10...NO TICKETS NEEDED!!! (You will be receiving a color coded card when you register upon arrival at the auction--you will need it later for the wine pull--so don't loose it in all the excitement..!)

This year only one draw per person will be allowed. (We ran out of wine in less than a half hour last year...so this gives everyone an opportunity to bring home some tasty wine for their holiday entertaining..!) Each bottle of wine is wrapped--so it's a blind draw. Red wines are in red paper...white wines in white paper...and rose, bubbly, and fruit wines are in green paper. Bottles that were donated are each \$10 or more in value...so it's a deal!

Viva la vino!!! Let's raise some money for our Gamma Gamma Recruitment Grant!!!

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

Our Holiday Auction is coming soon on Thursday, December 9, 2021, starting at 3:15. Please remember to bring \$10 cash or a check made out to Mary Balk for our auction dinner next week. Our dinner is being catered by Riccardo's and we all know that their food is delicious. Guests and prospective members are welcome.

Our January meeting is a Leslie Goddard Zoom presentation on January 25, 2022 at 4:30 PM. More information will follow as we get closer to that date.

Communication, Cheryl Keifer, ckeifer@gmail.com

Please keep us informed of any contact information changes. Thanks!

Please feel free to post information about our chapter on our chapter's Facebook page, and also on the DKG-ILSO Facebook page.

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

Thank you for your generous donations of books, hats, and gloves/mittens for our November service project. The donated items went to schools where our members are teaching, including Rupley (Diana O'Donnell), and the schools where Karyn Baldwin, Emilee Baldwin, and Michelle Baldwin are teaching. Thank you to all for your generosity.

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 to be 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

Please let us know of any opportunities that might interest our members. This might include job opportunities for members or their friends and families, or it might include items to sell, such as cars, boats, tickets, etc.

Kris' Corner

On behalf of the entire Executive Board of Gamma Gamma chapter, I wish you all the best for a happy and healthy holiday season. We all celebrate the holidays with our own traditions and I hope you are all fulfilled with the love and company of family and friends.

Lorena participated in a Zoom meeting from DKG-ILSO on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Here are the notes that were published from that meeting. Lorena, thank you for sharing these notes.

Hello, wonderful DKG women (registrants for the DEI webinar),

We are sharing the following ideas generated in the follow-up meeting (What's DEI? What is all the fuss?) on Tuesday, November 16, from 5:30 EST to 7:00 EST. The attendees shared the following takeaways on diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. Please feel free to share these ideas with others for consideration and actions. Our bottom-line takeaway was to ensure that all members feel included and have a sense of belonging with all practices and policies resulting in fairness and equity.

1. Operate under the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging so that they are all in place.
2. Be a leader on boards and committees, apply for scholarships, and break down barriers and eliminate stereotypes.
3. Discuss with chapter members: How does our chapter adapt to different members? Or do our new members have to adapt to the chapter?

4. Use images and photos of persons who represent multiple cultures to avoid stereotypes.
5. If people are not attending meetings, reach out to find out why they are not attending.
6. Make meetings meaningful—make the business part a small part of meetings.
7. Be courageous and speak up when things aren't right and are not acceptable. Why do members not speak up?
8. Open membership to younger people and create more exposure to diversity.
9. Help people grow new members (mentoring)
10. Prepare activities to meet the needs of other members and not just those on the Board.
Ask members for their expectations and needs. Planning groups tend to plan for what THEY like rather than what others would like.
11. Open the eyes of everyone. When people see a person in a wheelchair, they sometimes tend to see the obstacles rather than the opportunities. See the person first and not the disability.
12. Find the treasure in the varied backgrounds of others.
13. Expose teacher cadets at high schools to DKG now. Younger teachers are feeling threatened by school boards and parents and are leaving the profession.
14. Practice reverse mentoring. Have different members of generations teach something to someone in another generation.
15. Recognize and leave implicit biases at the door.
16. Tap into the change agents to help reorganize the thinking.
17. Consider developing a position statement written by the group to share with other chapters.
18. One chapter was asked by a collegial member, "What is DKG's policy on equity?" How does one answer that question?
19. Discuss the following questions to create change:
 - a. What practices within a chapter are exclusionary and which are inclusionary?
 - b. Can chapters work to identify those practices and then create a goal to change one thing
20. Participate in a Learners Forum (idea from Helen Lamos-Palmer, Ontario, Canada). Each person speaks on their passions.
21. Accept everyone for who they are – I did not know of exclusion. This conversation is very important to us.
22. Offer a conference workshop or key speaker on DEI, scholarships, awards and reach out more to learn about growth and perception.
23. Be mindful of including older members who are no longer capable.
24. Be a problem solver. Identify a process to resolve all problems.

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