

Gamma Gamma Ray



Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

www.gammagamma75.org

June, 2022

Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, June 2, 2022, 4:00 on Zoom. Programs Committee meeting. Zoom link will be sent closer to the meeting.

Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 10:15 AM, Communications Committee meeting. Panera Bread, 100 W. Higgins Rd., South Barrington, IL. Contact Cheryl Keifer or Debbie Hopp for more information.

Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 1:00 PM via Zoom. Annual meeting of the Educational Excellence Committee—Scholarships.

Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 1:00 PM, Annual meeting of the Service and Special Projects Committee.

June 21-23, 2022, DKG-ILSO annual Creative Arts Retreat. See Newscaster or contact Mary Wrobel for more information. Or see the DKG-ILSO website or visit DKG-ILSOWIACAR on Facebook.

Kenneth Young Walk- Saturday, June 25, 2022. Check in begins at 8:00 a.m. and the run/walk starts at 9:00 a.m. This is a family/pet friendly event. For more information, please contact Sudha Byanna at 847-212-6407 or sbyanna@gmail.com

August, 2022, date TBA, Semi-annual Gamma Gamma Executive Board meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2022, Chapter meeting, St. Peter Lutheran Church.

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

DKG 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-ILSOWIACAR- This is the Facebook page for the Illinois State Organization Women in the Arts Creative Arts Retreat. This retreat will be in-person in 2022.

Announcements

Dues Reminder from Linda

If you have not done so already, kindly mail me your membership dues asap. The address is below.

Active members - \$84.00

Reserve members - \$42.00

If you receive your newsletter via U.S. mail, please add \$5.00 to your check. All checks must be **received by June 15, 2022**, and should be made payable to "Delta Kappa Gamma."

Vouchers

Please submit any vouchers for reimbursement to Linda Stolt at 1912 Quaker Hollow Ln., Streamwood, IL, 60107-1977. Original receipts must be attached. The vouchers are available on our chapter website, www.gammagamma75.org

Book Club

On June 28 at 7:00 we will discuss the Indigo Girl by Natasha Boyd. This novel is historical fiction based on real life agriculturist, Eliza Lucas, who figured out how to grow and extract dye from indigo plants on her plantation in South Carolina, which eventually brought great wealth to the territory.

The July 26 selection is Wish You Were Here by Jodie Picoult. Set in the early months of the pandemic, this novel is about an ambitious young woman, Diana, who gets stranded on Isabela Island in the Galapagos Island by herself when the island goes on lockdown. Her boyfriend, who was supposed to be there with her is busy tending to Covid patients at a New York hospital.

The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende is our August 23rd selection. This novel focuses on two women, Irina Brazil, a young woman with a dark past who has moved to work at a convalescent home, and Alma Belasco, a screen printer who is a resident of the home.

Zoom links will be sent a week prior to the meeting.

Recently passed meeting

Our Spring Celebration of Membership was a huge success! We announced our scholarship winners and our other chapter awards. Lorena Williams presented our Reflection. I asked her if it was okay to publish the text of her Reflection, and here it is:

**Reflection presented by Lorena Williams,
on the occasion of her 50th anniversary of membership in DKG, Gamma Gamma chapter
Annual Celebration of Membership May 5, 2022, Poplar Creek Country Club**

President Beaudette, members and guests. Today's reflection is aimed at stimulating the personal and professional growth of our members and guests. I have selected introspections and guides from Bindu Desai. We've had similar career paths. She, in Bollywood, as an actress, and I, in Schaumburg, as an educator, who was fortunate enough to be invited to become a member of DKG 50 years ago. Bindu's life was filled with family responsibilities, as was mine.

Another reason to share reflections from her works is the deep respect she holds for sisterhood. "Women who understand how powerful they are, do not give in to envy over meaningless things. Instead, they fight to maintain the beautiful bond of sisterhood. These are the real women who know that we need each other's love and support to survive in this world.

Love is the essence of being a woman. We must be that light of love that seals the bond and unique beauty of our sisterhood. As a breath of fresh air, Bindu encourages us to love, cheer, and inspire each other. Additionally, she reminds us to accept criticism if it is constructive. Use it to head in a direction that will make you a better person. Encourage your goals, dreams, and your mission. Never forget to whisper words of encouragement to your sisters and to others. Surround yourself with healthy males and females who will help you pursue your mission.

My personal reflections: Every woman has the power to transform her world. Each of you has a story to tell, a lesson to teach, and wisdom to share. Life is a beautiful masterpiece bound together by your experiences. So, open up and share your story. Become an inspiration to others. You can make a difference, because you matter. You were created with purpose. Live your life with intention. Now, go out there and make a difference by being the difference.

Next meeting

Our first meeting of next year will be Thursday, September 15th at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Schaumburg feature Amy Novick on organizing your home, "Clutter Care."

COMMITTEE REPORTING

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

No report this month. Just a reminder, if you need to refer to the chapter budget or rules, they are posted on our website, www.gammagama75.org.

Membership, Madelynn Brossard, rtb1445@yahoo.com

Welcome to all of our new members! We look forward to getting to know all of you. We hope you are able to join in your committee meetings this summer and get to know Delta Kappa Gamma.

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

**Reminder: Our annual committee meeting will be held at 1:00pm on Wednesday, June 8th, via Zoom. Zoom link information has been sent. Please check your inbox.*

**Congratulations to collegiate member, Steffi Delgado, for putting on a successful NIU senior presentation titled "Mexican Composers Vocal Repertoire and the Musical Styles of Mexico"! (Steffi will be finishing up her undergraduate work this fall as she does her student teaching at a variety of buildings and grade levels in U-46.)*

****Big time kudos to our young educators and our seasoned veterans who taught yet another overwhelming school year; teaching not just content, but how "to do school" again to their students. You made it through a challenging year--helping your kids learn, putting smiles on their faces, and helping them grow. I salute you, and I know the rest of your Gamma Gamma sisters do, too!!!***

**Thank you to our Recruitment Grant Application Subcommittee for all of your input and hard work! Special thanks to Cammy Basak for taking such excellent notes and formatting our ideas into a revised rubric!*

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

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Communication, Cheryl Keifer, ckeifer@gmail.com

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

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Congratulations to our committee member, Katie McGarvey, on the completion of her Master's Degree in Reading Education from Concordia University Chicago! Way to go, Katie!

I (Kris) am always working on sharpening my technology skills, but I messed up and did not send on this lovely thank you letter that we received from Raquel Kim and her team at the Glenview School District. Here it is:

March 28, 2022

Kris Beaudette, President
Delta Kappa Gamma
Gamma Gamma Illinois State Organization
krisbeau@comcast.net

Dear Kris,

On behalf of Glenview Community Consolidated School District 34, Henking Elementary School, Lyon Elementary School and Westbrook Elementary School, we would like to extend our gratitude for the clothing donation that the Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) members of the Gamma Gamma chapter provided to our students most in need. Your generosity will ensure that our students will benefit from new clothing for this spring season.

Sincerely,

Raquel Kim
Director of EL/Bilingual Programs
DKG Gamma Gamma member '21

Patty Puetz
Henking Principal

Stefanie Shefler Patrick Hoeft
Lyon Principal Westbrook Principal

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 feel free to send us information about jobs, volunteer opportunities, and major items to sell or rent (e. g cars, homes, vacation rentals or time shares, etc.) We will publish it in this space.

Kris' Corner

This is the last newsletter that I will be writing, as my term as Chapter President comes to an end on June 30, 2022. This has been an outstanding experience for me, and many of you have heard me say this several times. I have learned a lot during this time. I have gotten to know many of you through the work of this job.

I have learned a lot about DKG, which has been invaluable. I know that all of us are important to this organization, so please continue to participate in all that you can. I encourage you to “step out of your comfort zone” with this group, because that is where the magic happens. Reach out to a new person, volunteer for a new task, or accept a role that might be unfamiliar. Everyone is here to help you grow.

I welcome our new Chapter President, Rose Karner. She is ready and will do a fabulous job as Chapter President for the 2022-2024 biennium.

Our Executive Board members are truly the Dream Team. They know how to plan and get the job done, and that is what makes our chapter great. It has been my honor and privilege to work with all of them.

Have a great summer, and we will see you in the Fall.