



Gamma Gamma Ray



Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

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September, 2022

Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, September 15th, 2022. Chapter meeting at St. Peter Lutheran Church at 202 E. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg. 3:30 is Setup & Social time and the Business meeting at 4:00. At 4:30, our speaker, Amy Novick from Clutter Care, will be sharing with us how to organize our homes.

Friday & Saturday, September 16-17, 2022. DKG-ISO Executive Board Meeting in Bloomington, Ill. The chapter president will attend.

Tuesday, October 18th, 2022. Chapter meeting at Our Redeemers United Methodist Church, at 1600 W. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg. Program - Current Educators Discussion.

Sunday, November 13th, 2022. An outing to see the musical: *A Christmas Story* at the Lincolnshire Marriott Theater. Dinner afterwards.

Tuesday, December, 6th, 2022. Holiday auction and dinner. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 930 W. Higgins Rd., Schaumburg.

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

Announcements

The DKG-ISO has continued offering great Zoom sessions. I will send out the link each week and hope you will continue to find sessions that are of interest to you and/or look like good fun to participate in.

Gamma Gamma Book Club

Books selected for the rest of 2022 and the beginning of 2023 include the following:

September 27 – The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen, 83 . years old by Hendrik Groen. 2014. This curmudgeon is an 83 year old resident of a care home in Amsterdam. He begins a diary recording the daily tribulations of life in an institution surrounded by his peers and confronted by the health challenges that come with being an octogenarian.

October 27 –The Second Life of Mirelle West – by Amanda Skenandore, 2021. This is based on the true story of America's only leper colony.

November 29 - Crying in H Mart – by Michelle Zauner, 2021. This memoir by the singer revolves around Zauner's mother and her deterioration and death from cancer.

No meeting in December

January 24 – I must Betray You – Ruth Sepetys, 2022. Amidst the tyrannical dictatorship of Romania's Nicolae Ceausescu seventeen year old Cristian is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer.

All Book Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month, except for November, at **7:00 via Zoom**. The Zoom link is given the week prior to the meeting. Contact Susan Wadkins if you have questions.

DKG International Convention

July 12-16, 2022

New Orleans, Louisiana

I was one of 27 Illinois State Organization members in attendance at the convention. Our current state president, Joan Rog, did a wonderful job of keeping us active and involved. We were there for many reasons, including supporting and congratulating Debra LaBlanc (an ISO past president) as she was inducted as the International President.. There were 850 total members representing 17 countries.

We participated in business meetings, an amazing Celebration of Life Ceremony. Music, tours, workshops, guest speakers and time for New Orleans food and fun with our Delta Kappa Gamma sisters.

I hope to share more with Gamma Gamma about this experience at a future chapter meeting.

Gerie Kay

Recently Passed Meetings

On July 26, the collegiate members, along with their mentors, had their summer get-together.

The Executive Board met in August and planned out our 2022-2023 year. We are looking forward to a great year!

Next Meeting

Our next chapter meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 18th** at Our Redeemers Methodist Church at 1600 W. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg. The Setup and social time will begin at 3:30 and the business meeting is at 4:00. The program will be a roundtable discussion on teaching during the COVID pandemic. On the panel will be some of our members that taught during that time, with Denise Pawelczyk leading the discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTING

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

Please note that the approved Chapter Budget for 2022-2023 is attached including the update of the estimated fund balance and total cash available as of July 1, 2022. Please keep a copy of this Budget for your reference.

Thanks, Joan Gazdic

Membership - Madelynn Brossard, rtb1445@yahoo.com

We would like to welcome our new members: Carly Brossard, Denise Caliendo, Dana Giannelli, Candi Kuczynski, Holley McGee, Jennifer Navarrete, Emily Ostermann, Nancie Watkins, Linda Wright.

All 19 of our working members will receive a Back to School "Goodie Bag". We wish you a healthy and productive year!

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

*A gathering was held in July for past and present mentors and mentees to share and support one another. The focus was on tips for the upcoming school year, and memories of teachers' impacts. A highpoint was Giselle Menjivar and Jillian Mininni proudly being inducted as collegiate members of our chapter. As a service project, undergraduates brought school supplies which have been shared with several schools of need, and mentors and young educators donated bottles of wine for this year's auction.

*Good news! Jada Coakley, who graduated this past spring from U of IL—Urbana-Champaign, is now teaching at Niles West High School! She is teaching math and AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination).

*In fact, ALL of our young educators are happily employed!!!

*Not sure if you saw on Facebook, but Lauren Haman received meritorious service recognition in the Early Career Educator category of the IL State Board of Education's "Those Who Excel" program. Way to go, Lauren!

*Recently neaToday published an article titled "Missing: Future Teachers in Colleges of Education". It talked about more and more stressed out teachers leaving the profession, and the falling number of college students enrolled in education related majors. I'm so thankful for the support and forward vision of

the Gamma Gamma chapter! We are THERE for our future and young educators!!! Gamma Gamma's strong sisterhood truly does strive to aid in the advancement of education!

*Drumroll please!!! Nancy Harmon's husband, John Harmon, is graciously funding a third scholarship for the Gamma Gamma chapter to award to a deserving female high school graduate. The Nancy J. Harmon Memorial Scholarship will be awarded in 2023; along with the Gamma Gamma Recruitment Grant and the Anne V. Fussell Memorial Scholarship. A tribute to Nancy will be added to our Gamma Gamma website for applicants to learn more about Nancy and the incredible academic and life lessons she shared with her students. More details of John Harmon's donation in Nancy's name will be presented at the September meeting.

*Mark your calendars for our chapter's October meeting! Members of our chapter who were students and teachers during COVID will present a panel discussion on what it was like to navigate the COVID classroom. (Questions welcomed!)

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

Amy Novick will be presenting on Clutter Care. Need some help getting organized? Amy has some answers! She will focus on home organization as well as digital organization

Hostesses: Communication Committee

Arrangements: Judie King

3:30 – Set-up/Social/Meeting

4:30 – Presentation.

Reflection by Sharon Froehlich

Communication-Deb Hopp, debhopp@comcast.net

The updated directory for 2022-2023 will be distributed at our meeting on September 15th.

A big thank you to Pat Riley who coordinated the publication our 2022-23 directory. Also a thank you to Cheryl Keifer, Mary Salee, Maureen Briza, MJ LaBahn, Jane Jedlicka, and Deb Hopp for helping with the editing.

If your information changes (phone number, name, address, etc.) please inform Pat Riley.

Deb Hopp is the new chair for the communications committee. "Thank You!" to Cheryl Keifer, the outgoing chair, for helping to make the transition an easy one.

Submitted by Deb Hopp

Service and Special Projects- Cindy Sheely, sheelyj@sbcglobal.net

Hi DKG Sisters,

We will be collecting school supplies at our September meeting. Boxes will be located by the door. If you are currently teaching and have a need for certain supplies, please let me know. We have already had a request for pencils.

Thank You,

Tish Chapman, tishchapman4@yahoo.com

Bring A Book, Take A Book, or Just Recycle

We will be collecting used books again for recycling between members, or to go to libraries. The Roselle and the Elk Grove Libraries will be taking any books that are in good shape that we donate. Please bring any to our in-person meetings. Thanks.

Cindy Sheely

Care Team News:

Please contact Glenda Klein-Mali (and Rose Karner) 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

Rose's Ramblings

I hope all my DKG sisters had a wonderful summer!

Welcome to the new biennium!! Ushering in a new biennium means welcoming new faces to the Executive Board of Gamma Gamma. In addition to myself, Rose Karner, as your president, please welcome Deb Hopp as the chair of Communications and Cindy Sheely, the chair of the Service and Special Projects Committee. We know they will do a great job! (A big "Thank you!" to Kris Beaudette, Cheryl Keifer, and Gerie Kay for their leadership, especially challenging during the pandemic years! They did a phenominal job!) Fortunately for us, all the rest of the Board members have returned! They bring with them all their experience, knowledge, and positive attitudes! Working with such a great group of people, I know that Gamma Gamma is going to have a wonderful year!!!