



## Gamma Gamma Ray



### Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

[www.gammagamma75.org](http://www.gammagamma75.org)

January, 2023

#### Important Dates to Remember

**Tuesday, January 31st, 2023** - Martina Mathisen: Architectural Tour of the World, Zoom presentation. 7:00-8:00 PM

**Friday, February 17, 2023** - Checks for "Schools for Africa " service project due to Linda Stolt

**Thursday, March 16th** - Patti Smolin: The Magic of Thrifting at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 3:30 PM Social & Meeting, 4:30 Program

**Saturday, March 18th, 2023** - Cook County Coordinating Council "Doorway to Nature", Allgauer's on the Riverfront (See attachment to Newsletter for more information)

**Tuesday, April 4th, 2023** - New Members Tea at 4:00 PM, Executive board Meeting at 6:00 PM at the home of Madelynn Brossard

**Friday to Sunday, April 21-23, 2023** - Illinois State Organization Convention at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Oakbrook

#### Websites to Remember

(Hold down control key and click to activate link)

Gamma Gamma chapter: [www.gammagamma75.org](http://www.gammagamma75.org)

Illinois State Organization: [www.deltakappagamma.org/IL](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL)

International: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

Zoom links for DKG-ISO programs: [www.ilsozoom.weebly.com](http://www.ilsozoom.weebly.com) (Note: this is a change.)

[www.YouTube.com](http://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:**

### **Gamma Gamma Book Club**

On Tuesday, January 24 we will be discussing the novel, I Must Betray You by Ruth Sepetys via Zoom. Amidst the tyrannical dictatorship of Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania, 17 year old Cristian is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer. The Zoom link will be sent out within a week of the meeting.

We don't have any book selections beyond January, so please submit your suggestions to Susan Wadkins. [susan.wadkins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susan.wadkins@sbcglobal.net)

### **2022 Holiday Auction Results**

Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful DKG members, we raised \$5,178 at our Holiday Auction. I deposited \$2,422 in cash and \$2,756 in checks. This year's total was just shy of our 2019 record of \$5,282. My sincerest thanks to all of the members who made our annual event such a success.

Linda Stolt, Treasurer

### **Nominations for Illinois State Officers and Committee Chairs for the 2023-2025 Biennium**

Click on the attachment to this newsletter to view the slate of candidates nominated for the state officers and committee chairs for the next biennium!

### **On a Sad Note...**

For members who may not have heard the news, Marge Fox, a DKG/Gamma Gamma member for 49 years, passed away in December. She was the epitome of a life long learner! She never stopped learning or teaching! She will be greatly missed. We will be celebrating her life at our May dinner.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTING**

### **Society Business (Finance, Rules, Research)- Joan Gazdic, [jmtg@att.net](mailto:jmtg@att.net)**

There is no new information to share.

### **Membership, Madelynn Brossard, [rtb1445@yahoo.com](mailto:rtb1445@yahoo.com)**

Start thinking about friends and colleagues who you think would be great additions to our chapter. Send your nominations of new members to Madelynn so they can be invited to the New Member Tea in April.

### **Educational Excellence-Scholarship -Denise Pawelczyk, [dreismom2@yahoo.com](mailto:dreismom2@yahoo.com)**

It has been said that you should always count the blessings in your life, and never take them for granted. Well, sisters, this committee feels blessed because of the support of our chapter!

\*A huge "THANK YOU!" to all of you who brought your cash to our recruitment grant fundraiser in December!!!! Our committee headed the wine pull (aka "Boozo Buckets"), magnum of wine raffle, and "Tipsy Elf" raffles. I can share that \$1,033 was raised from

those particular portions of the auction alone! I'm sure I'm like the rest of you, and can't wait to read what the final total for the entire auction was..! (Bottom line: Your generosity is what keeps our grant program growing! Thank you SO MUCH!!!)

\*No denying: It was a group effort that made our portion of the auction so successful! I would be remiss if I didn't thank: Carol McHale, Susan Wadkins, Sudha Byanna, Dayna Procheska, Karyn Baldwin, and Emilee Baldwin. Thank you for all your help--be it wrapping bottles, donating raffle items, making signs, setting up tables, or selling tickets/bottles You are all MAGNIFICENT!!!

\*And what's a wine pull without the wine?!! All of the bottles of donated wine were thanks to the Educational Excellence Committee, past and present mentors, our young educators, and the Gamma Gamma Executive Board. Merci, gracias, danke, grazie!!!

\*Even more gratitude is being shared with our chapter for supporting the gift card service project for our undergraduate mentees. A total of \$300 in gift cards was divided and distributed to our mentors to be given to the future educators they are working with. These young women have been told that the cards are from our chapter, and they acknowledge how much they appreciate our support...and how much these cards help them out! Sooooo...kudos and kisses to my Gamma Gamma sisters, yet again!!!

\*Thank you to those past and present mentors who braved the cold (and were healthy enough to attend) our winter in-person mentor-mentee support meeting on December 28th! Mentors and future educators had discussions ranging from fieldwork to student teaching...tips for resumes...ideas for job searches...as well as teaching trends projected for 2023.

Last, but not least:

\*A reminder that our Gamma Gamma Recruitment Grant, the Anne V. Fussell Memorial Scholarship, and Nancy J. Harmon Memorial Scholarship application is available to high school senior women who attend schools in School District 211 or who are nominated by a Gamma Gamma chapter member. This is a new criteria, and allows for students outside of D211 to apply! Do you know anybody who plans on majoring in education and might benefit from not only the monies, but also the direction our mentoring program provides? If so, please point them to our website: [gammagamma75.org](http://gammagamma75.org) where the application can be found.

\*Speaking of applications: Don't forget--We should ALL be lifelong learners! So, get out there, my friends! This new year, look into something new to try! Did you know our chapter offers money for personal and professional growth? (You can find the applications for the Gamma Gamma Scholarship and the Love of Learning Stipend on our website--check it out!!!)

**Programs- Rose Marie Mincey [rmincey@comcast.net](mailto:rmincey@comcast.net) / Judie King, [judo1108@aol.com](mailto:judo1108@aol.com)**

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**Communication- Deb Hopp [debhop@comcast.net](mailto:debhop@comcast.net)**

If your personal information, such as phone #, address, or email address changes, please inform Deb Hopp, or one of the Communication Committee members so our records can be updated.

**Service and Special Projects-Cindy Sheely [sheelyj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sheelyj@sbcglobal.net)**

During January our DKG chapter will be supporting Schools for Africa, which is a DKG international Project campaign by UNICEF. This campaign promotes education for African children through the creation of new schools and rehabilitation of already existing ones. Schools for Africa recognizes the need for quality education and safe environments for learning, with a specific focus on girls, orphans, and vulnerable children. Additional goals for the schools are the access to clean water, school supplies, separate sanitation facilities, proper school furniture, and learning about basic life skills. Countries served are those in sub-Saharan Africa.

Please support this worthy mission to help those children receive this quality basic education. Make out your check to DKG and send it to our chapter treasurer, Linda Stolt, 112 Quaker Hollow Lane, Streamwood 60107. Please send your check to Linda no later than 17th. **Friday, February, 17th.**

**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

**Opportunities**

It is not too late to share your musical talent at the convention! Whether you sing or play an instrument, please contact our own Mary Wrobel (state Music chair!) by email ([maryjwrobel5@gmail.com](mailto:maryjwrobel5@gmail.com)). You will soon hear from the choir director and receive your music as well as a CD to help you practice. Please consider being a part of the state convention!

## **Rose's Ramblings**

This year, we are fortunate that our Illinois State Convention will be held nearby in Oak Brook, at the Double Tree by Hilton the weekend of April 21-23! It is a weekend of having fun with old friends, meeting new ones, sharing experiences, and hearing new and different perspectives on learning, teaching, and the many opportunities to grow our DKG members and chapters.

Registration information and dates for the pre-convention tour (The Little Traveler and 3rd Street restaurants and shops!) and the convention are on the Illinois State Organization website. Also, if you register on or before April 1st, 2023, you'll pay a discounted rate for registration and meals.

Making hotel reservations can also be done through the same website. The Double Tree has already opened hotel room registration online. The cut off date to register for the DKG block of rooms is April 5th, although it would be best to register sooner than later. If you prefer to make your hotel reservation via telephone call 1-800-HILTON. Members should mention the group name, DKGILSO, and the dates of the convention, April 21-23, 2023, in order to move forward in booking.

I hope to see a lot of my Gamma Gamma sisters in Oak Brook!