

# Gamma Gamma Ray



## Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

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**NOVEMBER 2024**

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- \*Tuesday, November 12 - Overview of New Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Program, Friendsgiving
- \*Tuesday, December 10 - Auction
- \*Tuesday, January 14 - Zoom Presentation: Rhodes Scholar Presentation

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

\*Our November meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12 at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 202 E. Schaumburg Rd. In Schaumburg. We will hear a presentation about the New Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Program at 4:30 pm and then enjoy our second annual Friendsgiving.

\*Please check out the previous meeting minutes on our website (shown above) as we will be approving them at our next meeting.

### **Book Club News**

\*The Book Club meets on the third or fourth Tuesday of the month via Zoom at 7:00 . The Zoom link is sent out one week before the meeting.

\*The following books have been selected:

November 19 The Guncle by Steven Rowley, 2021. A gay man becomes the guardian of his niece and nephew. The book is a tribute to the power of love, patience, and family.

December no meeting of Book Club.

January 28 The Women by Kristen Hannah, 2024. The book follows Frances McGrath, a young nurse who serves during the American conflict in Vietnam in the late 1960s.

\*Books for upcoming months will be selected in January so please come prepared with some suggestions.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTING:

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

\*No report.

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

\*We would like to welcome Tia DiVito to DKG.

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

\*Mentors and mentees; along with young educators; met in October via Zoom for a support meeting. Among some of the topics discussed: time management, co-teaching, and handling a late age diagnosis of ADD. Our next support meeting will be held in December.

\*Wonderful news! In addition to a fabulous speaker and Friendsgiving extraordinaire, we will be inducting Tia DeVito at our November Gamma Gamma meeting! Tia teaches 3rd grade at Campanelli School in SD54. She is on the same team as active members Vivian Zhao and Emily Ostermann.

\*Time to begin thinking about our one and only chapter fundraiser: The Gamma Gamma auction!!! All monies raised go towards supporting the Gamma Gamma Recruitment Grant. The Educational Excellence Committee will be once again raffling a magnum of wine, having a self-care item raffle, and in lieu of a wine pull, will be offering unique homemade gifts for purchase. (Examples include soups, breads, cookies, vanilla extract, and moonshine!) Please start saving your cash! \$1 per self-care raffle ticket (or 6 for \$5)...\$5 for a magnum of wine raffle ticket...and \$10 per homemade item. Every item is sure to please!!!

**Programs**- Kris Beaudette, [krisbeaudette1@gmail.com](mailto:krisbeaudette1@gmail.com) /Marcy Dubinsky, [notime4mom@comcast.net](mailto:notime4mom@comcast.net)

\*At our November meeting, we will have Dr. Samantha Caesar speaking on the New Literacy Initiatives in Illinois, followed by our 2nd Annual FRIENDSGIVING DINNER. A big thanks to everyone who quickly signed up to contribute food to this event. Also, this year some members are contributing money to buy chicken! It promises to be a great day at St Peter Lutheran Church in Schaumburg.

\*Just a reminder, the December meeting features our *Auction* and Dinner. Come ready to socialize, eat and fundraise for DKG! If you haven't signed up to attend or to help, the sign-up sheets will be available at our November meeting. You can also call/message Marcy at 630-287-2984 or Linda Szymkowiak at 847-302-2380 for more information.

\*Please note the cost for our delicious dinner this year will be \$20. We are requesting payment on the night of the auction by cash, check or Zelle.

Thanking You in Advance!

**Communication, Deb Hopp, [debhopp@comcast.net](mailto:debhopp@comcast.net)**

\*There are 2 more chances to pick up your 2024/2025 yearbook/directory. You may get it at the November and December meetings. We ask you to destroy (shred, burn) your old yearbook/directory. If you would like to bring your old yearbook/directory to the meeting, we will shred it for you. We continue to update the green data cards you filled out when you became a member of Gamma Gamma. The area most urgently needed to be updated is the emergency contact. Your green data card will be available at the meetings. I look forward to seeing you.

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

\*Thank you to all who contributed to our DkG diaper collection for the District 54 Early Childhood Center. We collected enough diapers to totally fill my car! The principal called Matina, to let her know how appreciative she was. It was an overwhelming donation!

This is just a reminder that at our holiday auction there will be a certificate for 4 full rounds of golf with carts at the Schaumburg Park District Golf Course on Roselle Road. Bring your checkbooks!

**CARE TEAM NEWS:**

Please contact Glenda Klein-Mali [glendaklein@sbcglobal.net](mailto:glendaklein@sbcglobal.net) (and Rose Marie Mincey [rmincey@comcast.net](mailto:rmincey@comcast.net)) 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:**

\*To our Gamma Gamma members who are in need of Professional Development credits (PDs), check out the "What's Happening in DKG Illinois the Week of..." that is forwarded from Bev Johns! There has been, and will continue to be, opportunities to acquire PD credits by Zooming in on some of the programs listed.

**ROSE MARIE'S NOTES:**

We have a busy couple of months planned. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Friendsgiving and our Auction. The auction is our big fundraising effort for the year. If you are

unable to attend or you just don't see anything you would like to buy, just making a donation to support our grants and scholarships is always an option!

### **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.)