



The Gamma Gamma Ray

Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter,
Illinois Lambda State Organization,
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

May 2017

Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, May 16 Gamma Gamma Book Club –Joann Bechtold, Hostess
Thursday, May 18 Phil's Friends Visit 1-3pm 1350 Lake St. Roselle
 (Contact Gerie Kay)
Thursday, June 1 Vouchers due to Linda Stolt (treasurer)

Committee Meetings (Chair will notify individuals about location and time.)

- Monday, June 12 Society Business 9-11 am.
- Tuesday, June 13 Program 12pm
- Wednesday, June 14 Membership-9 am
- Wednesday, June 14 Service Projects 11am
- Wednesday, June 14 Special Projects 11am
- Thursday, June 15 Communications

**Monday-Tuesday, June 20-21 Taming Technology Seminar Bradley University,
Peoria, IL. (See Attachment 4 for brochure-Registration deadline 6-14-17)**

July 12-14 Northeast Regional Convention- Windsor Ontario (See attachment 5)

Websites to Remember: (hold down control key and click to activate link)

Gamma Gamma: www.gammagamma75.org*
Lambda State: www.deltakappagamma.org/IL
International: www.dkg.org

To access the International website, sign in with your membership ID
(See your membership card) the initial password is **dkg2014society**.
You will then be asked to create your personal password.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Chapter Profile – send to Gerie Kay
2. Program Survey- send to Rose Karner
3. Update of personal information- send to Cheryl Keifer
4. Taming Technology
5. Northwest Regional Convention

Our webmaster, Kathy Muench suggests you check out a new tab on the Gamma Gamma site. **Recent Activities**

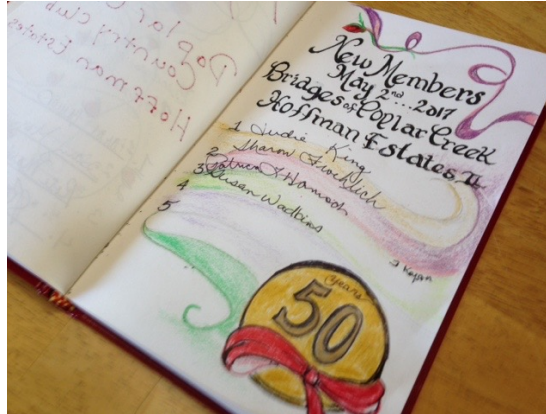
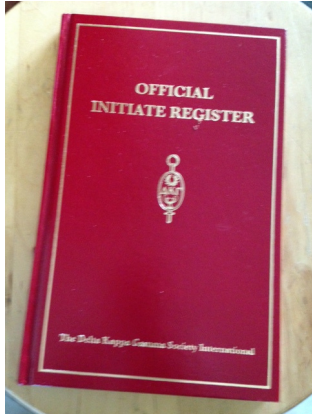
Spring Celebration of Membership and 50th Anniversary

The Official Initiate Register is the book in which new members sign when initiated.

Do you remember signing the book?

The graphic design by **Jan Kayson** for this year's page can be seen below.

Jan has shared her artistic talent on many other pages throughout the years.



We started our second book in 2008 as we ran out of pages in our first book. Our charter member and guest, **Hilda Scholler**, confirmed her signature on page one of book one.

What a treat to have Hilda and her daughter **Susan** present and to have **Roberta Carlson**, past president (1980-1982) with us for the occasion.

Among the many compliments for our May 2nd event is the following as sent by **Teta Minuzzo**, our State Visitor 2016.

“What a wonderful celebration for your 50th Gamma Gamma birthday! I was so pleased to attend and participate with your current and new members as well as hear the success stories of your awardees. You can be proud of your leadership and proud of all Gamma Gamma has accomplished during these past 50 years, Continue on with all your great work. I look forward to working and seeing many of you again in the future. Gamma Gamma is a truly a chapter of key women educators. Thanks again. It was especially fun to see old friends and to meet new ones. Have a wonderful summer.”

Although many have thanked me for a wonderful celebration by phone, email, letter and personally, I must thank my Executive Board, the 50th Planning Committee and all participants who helped in preparation for this event.

Here are some more thank you remarks to those who were “behind the scenes” and for whom I am very grateful. This party was a success because it involved so many individuals doing both small and large tasks and following through with their commitment.

Nancy Harmon exhibited her talent with the calligraphy on the new member's certificates.

Cheryl Keifer prepared the certificates for years of membership.

Joan Gazdic for repair of the 50 year old scrapbooks and for housing them. Also Joan who prepared the memorials for Felicia and Jerry Toher.

Mary Wrobel for repair of the flannel board pieces.

JoAnn Bechtold for arranging the party favors. Her friend, Charlotte Lemke, made them especially for our group. If interested, you can contact Charlotte at csstampnscrap@comcast.net.

John Fussell for his continued support of the Anne Fussell Grant and for attending our celebration.

Sandy Cook for the coordination of the grant- in aid recipients and their families.

Our Literacy Award was presented to **Mary Wrobel** and **Sudah Byanna** for their effort in the start up of our Gamma Gamma Book Club.

CHAPTER HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

On May 2nd you may have noticed copies of, the Program Survey (Attachment 2), the Personal Information Update (Attachment 3) and the Chapter Profile (attachment 1) which were on the welcome table. It was such a busy night that we only received a few of these completed forms. We need this information. Please print copies and send them to the person indicated. You might also bring them to your committee meeting in June.

CONVENTION NEWS

The nine of us arrived in St. Louis and back home safely. Four in one car arrived Thursday in time to participate in the before convention tours of St. Louis. Mary Wrobel said, “the bus tour and the various stops it made in St. Louis was well worth it. The tour director was knowledgeable and entertaining. We all enjoyed learning about St. Louis and the tour of the chocolate factory, especially the delicious samples. Also the St. Louis Cathedral with its beautiful art was enjoyed by all.” This group made good use of their driving time by listening to the CD of **Ties that Bind** which was one of the books chosen for discussion workshop. Three arrived by car and two by train on Friday. All of us arrived in time for the Friday entertainment and to set up the Gamma Gamma table in the Chapter Bazaar. Thanks to all our members who contributed the items. Some items were committee projects and some given by individuals. Our profit from bazaar sales was about \$150 which will be given to our Anne Fussell Fund. Remember, this is our 75% and 25% went to Lambda State charity.

Thanks to the efforts of **Jane Kennedy-Ebner** member of our Communications Committee, our Chapter was awarded a certificate for Presenting Newscaster articles.

Mary Wrobel made us proud as she sang a medley of songs at the Saturday luncheon to honor the 40, 45, 50 year members. She also sang the White Rose Song at the ceremony on Sunday. **Kris Beaudette and Mary Wrobel** are members of the Jubilation Singers. This group, lead by **Sue Young**, Lambda State Music Chair and resident at Friendship Village in Schaumburg, does a wonderful job performing at convention. On Saturday night, the keynote speaker, **Dr. David Mouser** was well received. His message focused on education, leadership, motivation, and the importance of finding purpose through impacting others in a positive way. New Lambda State officers were installed. Information about our new President, **Dr. Debra LaBlanc** and her board, can be found in the Spring 2017 edition of the Lambda State Newscaster.

On Sunday, awards were presented to two of our nominees. **Brittany Moran** received a Florence A. Cook Grant of \$2,400 and **Katie McGarvey** a Lambda State Grant-in-Aid of \$2,000. Katie and her family were in attendance to receive her award. Next year the convention will be held at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center in Lombard, Illinois. Let's plan on a good turnout of our Gamma Gamma members!

DOVE CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA

Thanks to **Kris Beaudette** for hosting this event at her home in Palatine.

A big thank you goes out to all who attended. We sampled lots of different chocolate item, including candies, sauces, and even chocolate martinis. Who knew that chocolate could be used so many different ways? We all had a good time. The profits from the sales (about \$200) will go to our Anne Fussell Fund.

KENNETH YOUNG WALK

Adrienne Rovin and Kris **Beaudette** represented Delta Kappa Gamma for this fundraiser which was our May Service Project. An envelope was passed at the May 2nd Spring Celebration for donations. Our chapter contributed \$705 to Kenneth Young Center.

The walk coordinator was appreciative of our efforts and passes on her heart felt appreciation for helping so many members of our community.

BOOK CLUB

On Tuesday, May 16, the group will meet at Macaroni Grill (Higgins and Barrington Rd.) to discuss The Rosie Effect by Graeme Simsion. Jo Ann Bechtold is Hostess.

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Our Special Projects committee prepared spiced nuts for sale at the Chapter Bazaar. We prepared snack-sized bags of these spiced nuts and sold them for \$3.00 per bag. I know that our sales were good and the nuts were delicious.

Some of us prepared spiced nuts and others made a cash contribution to the project. I used some of the cash to purchase ingredients and supplies. The remaining cash totaled \$100.00. Whoo hoo! I am sending that money to our Gamma Gamma treasurer, as a direct donation to our Ann Fussell Scholarship fund. Thank you for generosity! It will help further our mission of helping future teachers meet their goals.

We had some bags of spiced nuts left after the sale. We took those to a local firehouse for the firefighters to enjoy.

Thanks again for your participation in the Lambda State Chapter Bazaar. Our spiced nuts sale was a success and our generous contributions of cash will help future teachers meet their goals.

CONGRATULATIONS DAYNA PROCHASKA

Dayna is part of the Early Childhood "Parent Educator Team" in District 54. This team has received an Award of Excellence in the 2017 Distinguished Service Awards Program sponsored by INSPRA. (Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association)

OPPORTUNITY

Timeshare available for rent, San Diego, California, October 8th-15th, 2017 \$1575

Beautiful two-bedroom unit at the historic Gas lamp Plaza Suites. Sleeps 6, privacy for 4. Partial kitchen. Includes daily continental breakfast on the roof. Centrally located, only a few miles from the airport and many major sights. Parking a car is an additional fee of \$34 per night. Check it out on the website.

Contact Maureen Briza . Can't use it because my 50th year high school reunion is that weekend :)



BIRTHDAYS

Send Cheerful Birthday Wishes to your Gamma Gamma sisters.
See your directory p. 35 for details.

JUNE Denise Pawelczyk, Sandy Cook, Cindy Nicholson, Carol Nolan, Gretchen Mahin, Debbie Faems, Mary Salee

JULY Rose Marie Mincey, Mary Marowally, Janet Starr, Cammy Basek, Karen Weinzierl, Linda Stolt, Carol McHale, Sudaha Byanna, Joyce Dunne

AUGUST Kris Beaudette, Mary Kay Marrello, Kathy Muench, JoAnn Bechtold, Glenda Klein-Mali, Jane Born, Madelynn Brossard, Dayna Prochaska, Linda Szymkowiak, Gerie Kay

GERIE'S GIVE AND TAKE

Continue to wear your celebration button, since this is **still** the year of our 50th Anniversary. Convention goers received many compliments as they were noticed while we were in St. Louis. The buttons were great conversation starters.

Be sure to attend your committee meetings in June. Bring your ideas. Enjoy the company of the other members as you develop your plans for 2017-2018.