



The Gamma Gamma Ray

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

April-May 2016

Dates to Remember:

Friday-Sunday, April 15th-17th

Thursday, May 5th

Week of June 6th-10th

Tuesday-Wednesday, June 21st-22nd

Tuesday-Saturday, July 5th-9th

Illinois Lambda State Convention

Annual Spring Celebration of Membership

Committee Planning Meetings

Leadership Management Seminar

2016 International Convention-Nashville, TN

Websites to Remember:

Gamma Gamma: www.gammagamma75.org*

Lambda State: www.deltakappagamma.org/IL

International: www.dkg.org

Sign in-Member ID/PW-dkg2014society

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL SPRING CELEBRATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Please join us in celebrating another great year! We will dine and take care of very important business with the initiation of new members, the installation of new officers, Chapter recognitions, and the awarding of our annual literacy award and recruitment grants as well as our Love-of-Learning scholarships for personal and professional growth. This is our final event of the year and a wonderful opportunity for all of us to spend some time together, do some reflecting, and celebrate all of our successes and accomplishments. We hope to see everyone at this very special banquet which celebrates each and every one of you, our members!

Location: Bridges of Poplar Creek
1400 Poplar Creek Drive
Hoffman Estates, IL 60194
847.884.0219

3:30 PM Set-Up/Social
4:00 PM Initiations/Installations
5:00 PM Dinner/Program

Reflection: Executive Board Member

Arrangements: Carol McHale 847.884.0219
Contacts: Carol McHale 847.884.0219
Mary Wrobel 630.639.2700

Hostesses and Greeters: Outgoing Executive Board: Maureen Briza, Gerie Kay, Mary Wrobel, Rose Karner, Mary Roeing, Linda Stolt, Dayna Prochaska

Special Project: Kenneth Young Walk-Donations & team members needed *
See Gamma Gamma News section for details.

Very Important* Please find the invitation to the May Celebration (including information about R.S.V.P.'s and dinner) attached to this newsletter. These are due by Friday, April 22nd.

LAMBDA STATE

The Lambda State Convention, April 15th-17th, 2016 being held at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel, Decatur, IL is happening this weekend! Kris Beaudette and Mary Wrobel will be part of the "Jubilation Singers" this year and Carol Fancher and Mary Guthrie will be remembered at the White Rose Ceremony. Karyn Baldwin, our recruitment grant winner who will be entering her senior year, will be receiving BOTH the Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant for Area I in the amount of \$2000 AND a Grant-in-Aid in the amount of \$1500. Congratulations to Karyn and her family and KUDOS to Sandy Cook and the Service Projects Committee for facilitating the application process and mentoring our recruitment grant winners.

Lambda State, Delta Kappa Gamma is hosting a 2016 Leadership Management Seminar entitled LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR CHANGING TIMES JUNE 21-22, 2016 with an Opening Session and Reception on Monday evening, June 20, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Bradley University in Peoria. Please see the Lambda State Newscaster Spring 2016 edition for detailed information. There are some excellent topics and Professional Development Hours will be available. The registration form is included in the Newscaster or can be accessed on the Lambda State website.

Remember that the 2016 International Convention is going to be in Nashville, TN, July 5-9. This is a great opportunity to experience the magnitude of our organization and to connect with other members from around the world. The registration form is printed in the January-February issue of the DKG NEWS and is also available online on the events page of the DKG international website. To register online, members need to sign in using the member ID as the username and the default password, dkg2014society.

LITERACY

Debbie Faems recommends The Things We Keep by Sally Hepworth. Anna Forster is only thirty eight years old and in the early stages of Alzheimer's. Her family decides that it is in her best interest to place her in Rosalind House, an assisted living facility. There she meets Luke who is the only other resident her age. Caring and love develop between these two residents even as Anna resists and

eventually adjusts to her new life at Rosalind House. The other residents are older and all have many interesting stories from their present and past lives. Anna's twin brother Jack is a constant presence in her life as he comes to visit often, and does his best to protect her from what he feels is not appropriate or safe for Anna. The disease of Alzheimer's takes more and more of her mind and memory, but she fights to hold on to what she knows as well as her relationship with Luke.

Eve Bennett becomes involved in the life of Anna at Rosalind House. Suddenly, Eve is a single mother with her own complicated life. Having been a wealthy wife, she now has taken a job as the cook for the Rosalind House. The struggles Eve and her daughter face are challenging and they too must adjust to a very new life. Eve meets Anna and Luke and is moved by the relationship between the two. Eventually, the families of the two decide to separate the two, but a number of people begin to wonder if that really is in their best interest.

There are many characters in this book and most are likeable. This is really two stories-the story of Anna and the story of Eve. These two women face the unthinkable and some of the worst things that can happen to people in their lives. However, both of these women manage to demonstrate incredible strength while having to accept a life different from what they expected.

Thank you for the book review, Debbie, and thank you, Keri Gold, for arranging the book reviews.

The Lambda State 2016 Convention Book Talks are: It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens by danah boyd (lower case requested by author) and The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins.

GAMMA GAMMA NEWS

At our March meeting it was a real treat to have our very own Glenda Klein share her journey through Cuba with us. Thirty-three members and two guests listened attentively to Glenda's dynamic presentation accompanied by slides. Many thanks, Glenda! Many thanks also go to Kris Beaudette and the Special Projects Committee who provided us with delicious, many homemade, treats. Your generosity continues to flow as Sandy Cook reported that she delivered a truckload of diapers to the Schaumburg Township Pantry. I am happy to report that the Slate of Officers for the 2016-2018 biennium was voted in as well as the three candidates for membership. At the recent Get-Acquainted Tea, all three candidates expressed their intent to join. Yeah😊. Your new officers for the upcoming biennium are: President-Gerie Kay, First Vice-President-Mary Wrobel, Second Vice-President-Rose Karner, Recording Secretary-Kris Beaudette, Corresponding Secretary-Mary Roeing, Treasurer-Linda Stolt, and Parliamentarian-Keri Gold. Congratulations go out to them; we hope you will be at the May Celebration for their installation. We also welcome Sherry Magnuson, Rose Marie Mincey, Jacqueline (Jacqui) Rothman, and Carol Cowen who will be initiated in May as well.

COMMITTEES: It is time to determine our committees for the next biennium. It takes our entire village to insure that the Chapter continues to thrive and maintain excellence and one of the commitments of membership is to attend your committee meeting and share the responsibilities. While committees meet throughout the year as needed, the main planning meeting occurs in June and those dates have been set: June 6th-10th. The committees are listed in the Directory but in case you don't have that handy, here they are: Society Business (Finance, Rules, Research); Program (Program, Music, Women-in-the Arts); Membership (Membership, Necrology, Nominations, Phone

Tree, Historian); Communications (Directory/Programs, DKG-State News, Newsletters, Website, Web Watchers, Publicity); Service Projects (Personal Growth & Services, Professional Affairs, Scholarships); and Special Projects (International Projects, Literacy, Legislation). **Please list the first three choices of your committee preference and return them to me by April 22nd.** Here are our needs to keep in mind.

Communications needs more members. Cheryl Keifer kindly elaborated on the work of the Communications committee with the following:

Communications Committee keeps our membership informed in all kinds of ways:

- We have a monthly newsletter which is written by our president, distributed via email, and posted on our very own **website**.
- We also have a **yearbook/directory** that comes out at the beginning of the school year. It informs members about our exciting programs and provides contact info about fellow members. (Work on the yearbook wraps up in early September.)
- Our member **data base** is updated regularly and used as a reference for various member lists and yearbook information.
- From time to time, we are called upon to share information about important **legislation** and **DKG** news.
- And, finally, when we want to toot our horn, we **publicize**, as necessary.

It takes teamwork and, in some cases (not all), varying degrees of computer savvy to keep this committee up and running. We welcome new members.

Program Committee could use more members. Also, please remember that all members are invited to attend the Program committee meeting in June with their program ideas or submit them to the program chair.

Society Business and Membership would also benefit from a few additional members.

I will have committee assignments as well as the dates and times of the committee meetings available at the May meeting.

****Please remember to submit your updated information for the data base to Cheryl Keifer.**

LOVE OF LEARNING: Please let me know if you are planning to place your name in the drawing for either a Gamma Gamma Scholarship up to \$100 for a course or workshop taken for professional growth and/or a Gamma Gamma stipend up to \$100 for a class or workshop taken for personal growth. Courses must have been completed between June 1st, 2015 and May 31st, 2016. Eligible members shall submit an application (found on Gamma Gamma's website) and receipts will be needed if chosen. Please contact me with any questions.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES: Linda Stolt needs all vouchers (found on Gamma Gamma's website) for expenses with receipts no later than June 1st, 2016. This allows the Finance Committee, who meets the following week, to adequately prepare next year's budget. You may give them to her at the May meeting or mail them to her at: Linda Stolt, 1912 Quaker Hollow Lane, Streamwood, IL 60107-1977.

A REQUEST FROM SUE WERNER: Sue's sister, Mary, is an IRest certified instructor who provides meditation classes to our US veterans. They are in need of used (and new would be welcome as well) yoga mats for IRest meditation classes. Sue will be happy to collect any used or new mats you would like to donate for this very wonderful cause at the May meeting and get them to Mary at the Veterans Restorative Project.

MAY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT: The following is from Sudha Byanna.

Ladies, information for our May community service project is below. Please save the date and I will be sending information this week via email on how to sign up and start collecting donations for the walk. Thanks, Sudha

- Kenneth Young Center 5K Run/Walk for Mental Health and Senior Services
- Saturday, May 14, 2016
- Will you walk with us to change the world?

We believe that as one person comes through the dark tunnel of depression and into the light, the world is changed.

We think that when one child's family learns better ways to care for each other, the world becomes a healthier place.

When one more person is accepted for what he is, not in terms of his mental illness, we're all changed for the better.

Join us at our annual walk which will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Busse Woods in Elk Grove Village.

- Check-in: 8:00 a.m.
- Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

Please join me in wishing a Happy Birthday to our Sisters born in JUNE!



June

- 12 Denise Pawelczyk
- 14 Jerry Toher
- 19 Sandy Cook
- 21 Carol Nolan
- 22 Gretchen Mahin
- 23 Debbie Faems
- 30 Mary Salee

Maureen's Musings

Wow! The year has flown by and we are ready to celebrate another wonderful year of Delta Kappa Gamma, Gamma Gamma. We have had wonderful programs and great times of fellowship. As I was writing about committees, I was also thinking of all of the wonderful contributions members make both visible and behind the scenes. I hope to see ALL of you at the May dinner to CELEBRATE!