



The Gamma Gamma Ray

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

April 2017

Dates to Remember:

Friday, Saturday, Sunday April 21, 22, 23 2017	Lambda State Convention Hilton St. Louis Frontenac, ST. Louis MO
Thursday, April 27 Tuesday, May 2	Dove Chocolate Extravaganza (See directory p. 16) Gamma Gamma's Annual Spring Banquet & Celebration of Membership 50th Anniversary
Saturday, May 6 th Tuesday, May 16 Thursday, May 18	Kenneth Young Center 5K Run/Walk (see Attachment 3) Gamma Gamma Book Club –Joann Bechtold, Hostess Phil's Friends Visit 1-3pm 1350 Lake St. Roselle (contact Gerie Kay)
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 7)

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 Minutes March 16, 2017 –also found on Gamma Gamma website
2. Chapter Profile form- (please do if not previous turned in-send to Gerie Kay)
3. Kenneth Young Walk –May service project- contact Sudah Byanna
4. Taming Technology Brochure
5. Art Class Opportunity
6. Felicia's handwritten Recipe
7. Northeast Regional Convention information
8. Gamma Gamma Forms for Chapter Scholarship and Love of Learning Stipend
9. Woodfield Area Children's Organization- Coat Drive
10. Looking for a few good women
11. Member Data Update for 2017-2018 director

Annual Spring Celebration of Membership/50th Anniversary Gamma Gamma
Join us May 2nd. Wear your Anniversary Pin!

By now you should have received your invitation to this event. We will initiate five new members: Patricia Hanish, Susan Wadkins, Patricia Chapman, Sharon Froehlich and Judie King. We thankfully receive these ladies; however, due to time constrictions, **we will NOT have a formal receiving line** as we normally do. Please greet them individually on your own.

The 50th Anniversary Planning Committee has been working over the past months to plan a very special event to celebrate the 50th year for Gamma Gamma. 1967-2017 We will have special Guests from our Lambda State Executive Board in attendance. All will participate in a Re Commitment ceremony as we begin our 51st year. There will be Chapter recognitions and presentations of our Grant-in-Aid Award and The Anne Fussell Award.

If you have not sent in your reply as yet, please do so. This is an event you will not want to miss. (See your directory p. 16 for more info.)

OUR MARCH MEETING

Please read the minutes (Attachment 1 or on the Gamma Gamma Website)

There were 29 members and 1 guest (our speaker).

Joan Gazdic, Charlotte Weber, Linda Stolt and Cheryl Keifer gave tribute to our two recently deceased members – Felicia Cichy (a 50yr charter member) and Jerry Toher a 70 yr member transferred to us from Iowa and Arlington Heights).

The recommended new members were voted in to our membership and invited to attend the New Member Tea and the Spring Celebration where they will be initiated.

A quick visit from Denise Pawelczyk, one of our auction elves, resulted in \$75 in raffle money to go to the Anne Fussell Fund. Mary Roeing won the basket of goodies and Joan Gazdic won the wine tasting certificate.

Many books were exchanged with the remainder taken to the library to be donated. Thanks to Charlotte Weber for delivering the books. A carload of paper products for the District 54 food pantry were delivered by Sandy Cook. Thanks to all for their generosity

The Society Business Committee provided the great green goodies!

Linda Lucke, Lambda State Legislative Chair, spoke to us about the Illinois Legislature and how it impacts educational issues.

Chapter Profile

If you are one of the forty-two members who have completed and returned the survey needed to produce an accurate summary of our Gamma Gamma chapter, I thank you!

If not, you will find the document needed in Attachment 2. Please print it and get it to Gerie. ASAP

Gamma Gamma Book Club

The next book club discussion meeting will be May 16. (Since April is so busy for us we will skip that month.) The selection is The Rosie Effect by Graeme Simsion. It is a sequel to The Rosie Project which was previously read by our book club. Contact Joann Bechtold, the hostess for this meeting, or Mary Wrobel.

Golf Anyone???

There will be an organizational meeting for the golfing group on April 18 at the Savory Restaurant in Bartlett at 11am. Contact Stephanie Grande if you are interested and would like to attend or be kept advised about the plans for some time on the greens this summer. Anyone at any level of play is welcome to join.

Lambda State

The Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention is around the corner-April 21, 22, 23, in St. Louis. We will be represented by **nine** chapter members: **Two** attending the pre-convention tour, **two** participating in the "Jubilation Singers", **two** going by Amtrak train, and **two** 1st time convention attendees.

Also, **two** of our previous grant recipients have been chosen for State awards.

Many of us are prepared for the 2017 Convention Book Talks.

The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah and Ties that Bind by David Isay were among our own book club selections in preparation for convention workshops.

We will have our Bazaar items for sale at the Chapter Bazaar earning us 75% of the profits and allowing us to donate 25% to a Lambda State charity of our choice.

Among the books we have been asked to donate at convention is one written and recently published by our own **Mary Wrobel**, Taking Care of Myself 2. All chapters were asked to bring at least five books. Every chapter that brings books will have the chance of winning all those donated in their area (we are Area 1) to take home and give to a classroom teacher, school or library of their choice.

As you have read, there is a lot going on at the state convention!

DOVE CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA

Last June, when we were developing programs for our year, we felt that there should be an activity for the membership in April. Yes, there is the New Member Tea, and the State Convention, but these only involve some of the membership. Also, we need to continue to support the Anne Fussell Scholarship in some way to supplement the monies received from the Fussell family. So, as you have read in the directory, we have planned a party from which profits from the sales will go to our Anne Fussell Scholarship fund. Friends, relatives and neighbors are invited to attend this special gathering.

Our chocolatier, Sherry Baugh, will delight the chocolate lovers on **April 27th at the home of Kris Beaudette**, 719 White Willow Bay, Palatine, Il 60067. **Time 4pm**

Since the initial planning of this event, the company has changed hands and is now known as The Cocoa Exchange. It is not just candy. It includes: Sauces & Spices, Baking& Desserts, Beverages & Mixology, Snacks, Dove Signature items, Pure Dark and Pod& Bean. If you would like to see the products and/ or order online, click on the link below. Of course it will be a fun time at Kris's on the 27th and we hope for a good turnout. <http://tinyurl.com/dove-extravaganza>

Reimbursement for Expenses

Our treasurer, Linda Stolt, needs all vouchers (forms found on the Gamma Gamma website) for expenses with receipts no later than June 1st 2017.

This allows the Finance Committee, who meets in the following weeks to adequately prepare next year's budget,

Phil's Friends

Many expressed the desire to visit and volunteer at the distribution center for Phil's Friends in Roselle. We have scheduled a visit on May 18 from 1-3pm. Contact Gerie if you would like to attend or call Phil's Friends directly to set up a time of your own.

They are located at 1350 Lake Street, Suite 1 Roselle 60172 (224-653-8315)

Our Website

Check out the Gamma website! Kathy Muench, our long distance webmaster, deserves a round of applause for continuing to update and revise our web pages. KMMuench@comcast.net. Give her a shout out!

Member Data Update

Cheryl Keifer has requested that you complete the information as needed in Attachment 11. You may send it to her or bring it with to the May Celebration. Her committee will begin to assemble the material needed for the 2017-2018 directory and it is important to have current information.



May Birthdays

10 Julie Ehrhardt, 15 Mary Wrobel,
27 Honora Quinn, 31 Cindy Ward

GERIE'S GIVE AND TAKE

Our current year is coming to an end and we begin again to plan for 2017-2018. During the month of June, each committee will meet to discuss their accomplishments, ideas and plans for the coming year. **Your committee chairman will contact you to let you know of the time and location for your meeting.** Below you will find the date reserved for your committee to meet. Please put that in your calendar and plan to participate. New members should either make known their choice or we will place them on a committee that needs members.

We know that members participate in things they value. When you attend your meetings, you have the opportunity to show what you value by your suggestions and participation.

Society Business – Adrienne Rovin chair- meets Monday, June 12

Program - Rose Karner, chair- meets Tuesday, June 13

Membership - Mary Wrobel, chair-meets Wednesday, June 14

Service Projects - Sandy Cook, chair- meets Wednesday, June 14

Special Projects - Kris Beaudette, chair-meets Wednesday, June 14

Communications - Cheryl Keifer, chair-meets Thursday, June 15

