



The Gamma Gamma Ray

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

June 2016

Dates to Remember:

Week of June 6th-10th

Tuesday-Wednesday, June 21-22nd

Tuesday-Saturday, July 5th-9th

Tuesday, September 13th

Committee Planning Meetings

Leadership Management Seminar

2016 International Convention-Nashville, TN

Project C.U.R.E.

Websites to Remember:

Gamma Gamma: www.gammagamma75.org

Lambda State: www.deltakappagamma.org/IL

International: www.dkg.org Sign in-Member ID/PW-dkg2014society

GAMMA GAMMA NEWS

Summer is upon us☺. I just wanted to share the highlights of our Annual Spring Celebration for those of you who were unable to attend. It was grand! Heartfelt thanks go to all of you who had a hand in organizing this wonderful event. We began by initiating and welcoming four new members: Carol Cowen, Sherry Magnuson, Rose Marie Mincey, and Jacqui Rothman. Following was the installation of the New Officers for the 2016-2018 biennium: 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. We have a group of talented leaders at the helm and much to look forward to. Mary Wrobel, Kris Beaudette, and Char Weber led us in singing One White Rose in remembrance of Carol Fancher and Mary Guthrie whom we lost this past year. Keri Gold's thoughtful reflection about why she became a member of Delta Kappa Gamma encouraged us all to reflect about our own reasons and stimulated lively, shared discussion amongst ourselves. Eden Schultz received the Gamma Gamma Educational Recruitment Grant and Karly Rose Grapenthin received the Anne Fussell Recruitment Grant. Jon Fussell, Anne's brother, was able to be with us to meet and congratulate Karly Rose. Karyn Baldwin, a past recipient of our Recruitment Grant, and recipient of both the 2016 Lambda State Grant-in-Aid and the 2016 Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant awarded at the State Convention this past April, joined us for the evening. She thanked us for our support and encouragement and updated us on her future plans. Denise Pawelczyk updated us on the activities of Shannon Peterson. Shannon was our 2012 Recruitment Grant recipient as well as the 2015 Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant recipient. Shannon graduated this May from Illinois State University and has been hired by Schaumburg School District #54 as a math and science teacher for middle school aged children at Lincoln Prairie School. Congratulations and Best Wishes to All. Janet Starr received the Chapter Love of Learning Award and Glenda Klein was awarded the Chapter Scholarship. Kathy Muench received the Literacy Award for Technology. Kathy has been instrumental in restoring

our website that was so lovingly created by Barb Peterson. In addition to getting the website back up and running, Kathy keeps the website updated and has made improvements to it as well. We can't thank you enough, Kathy! We honored and celebrated Mary Balk and Carol Cowen as they retire this year from School District 54. We also honored many members with Certificates of Achievement for their years as members of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Committee Meetings

This is a reminder that it is VERY IMPORTANT to make your best effort to attend your committee meeting. Everyone should have received the list of committee meetings, dates, times, and venues as well as committee assignment. I will attach the list again to this communication. You will most likely be hearing from your committee chair. All are welcome to attend the Program Committee to offer ideas. Your input and contribution will keep our Chapter STRONG!

Literacy

The Lambda State Literacy Committee has put together a list of recommended reading which will be attached to this newsletter.

Keep In Your Thoughts

Please join me in expressing sympathy to Cammy Basak whose mother passed away on Saturday, April 30th with services occurring on May 4th and 5th. Cards of condolence may be sent to Cammy Basak, 623 Acadia Ct., Roselle, IL 60172.

Cheryl Keifer kindly provided this update on Jerry Toher. Jerry would have been celebrating her 70th year in Delta Kappa Gamma this May had she been able to stay with us. She has been living in Reno, Nevada with her daughter and then in assisted living for the last few years. She's been receiving our newsletters and cards from friends all along the way. On December 26, 2015, Jerry fell and fractured her hip socket. It was not a broken hip, so no need for surgery-rest and minor physical therapy worked to have the socket heal itself. Jerry was moved to Stone Valley Alzheimer's Special Care Center at the beginning of March after the Atria Assisted Living Center nurse made the assessment that she needs more care due to advanced dementia.

New contact information:

Geraldine Toher
Stone Valley Alzheimer's Special Care Center
6155 Stone Valley Drive
Reno, NV 89523

Main: 775-746-2200

She can be contacted through the main number above. Ask to speak to Geraldine Toher and the attendant will bring a phone to her. Jerry likes to get phone calls. She probably will not

remember you, but she likes to talk on the phone. Jerry will be turning 99 on June 14th and Jerry would enjoy receiving birthday cards.

Jerry is a remarkable woman. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers and let's send those birthday cards!

Reimbursable Expenses

Please remember to send a voucher with receipts for any reimbursable expenses to Linda Stolt by JUNE 1st. Linda's address is 1912 Quaker Hollow Lane, Streamwood, IL 60107-1977.



JULY

07 Mary Marowally
Janet Starr
10 Camille Basak
Karen Weinzierl
12 Linda Stolt
24 Carol McHale
25 Sudha Byanna
29 Joyce Dunne

AUGUST

12 Kris Beaudette
Mary Kay Marello
18 Kathy Muench
19 Jo Ann Bechtold
Glenda Klein-Mali
21 Jane Born
22 Madelynn Brossard
26 Dayna Prochaska
27 Linda Szymkowiak
28 Gerie Kay

MAUREEN'S MUSINGS

Enjoy a safe, happy, and healthy summer. I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for the support, encouragement, and kind words that have been offered along the way, and, especially to the Executive Board for the dedication, commitment, creative, and incredible work that has been accomplished. It has been an honor to serve as your President.