



The Gamma Gamma Ray

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

September 2015

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, September 17th

Friday-Saturday, September 18th-19th

Saturday, September 26th

Friday-Sunday, October 9th-11th

Tuesday, October 13th

Spoon River Anthology, 1st Meeting

Lambda State Executive Board Meeting

Lambda State Legislative Seminar

36th Annual Creative Arts Retreat

LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs, 2nd meeting

Websites to Remember:

Gamma Gamma: www.gammagama75.org

Lambda State: www.deltakappagama.org/IL

International: www.dkg.org

JOIN US FOR *SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY* by Edgar Lee Masters

At Gamma Gamma's first meeting, **Thursday, September 17th**, the program will be an Illinois Humanities Council Road Scholar Presentation by Paddy & Jon Lynn and Patti Ecker. 2015 marks the 100th anniversary of the publication of the *Spoon River Anthology* by Edgar Lee Masters. To this day, no other literary work from Illinois has had an impact more radical than that of the *Spoon River Anthology*. In Masters' 243 thinly veiled epitaph-poems, people from all walks of life come forward from their graves and share compelling stories of their hopes, dreams, tragedies, and joys, not to mention their advice and warnings to those still living. The uproar that Masters' book created because of its unique free verse style and its portrayal of characters with blunt and brutal honesty caused a scandal upon its debut. As a result, it was banned from the Spoon River area schools and libraries until 1974. The stories capture all aspects of life - irony, comedy, failure, and success. These dramatized monologues portrayed by one actor and actress, will not only reflect on the life and times of those living in 1915, but also offer universal lessons to Illinoisans living today. Accomplished folk musician Patti Ecker provides musical interludes appropriate to the subject matter and historical period.

Before the program, we will have a very full meeting that will begin with the initiation of two new members. Each of our committees will briefly report on the Plan of Work they have developed for the upcoming year. Also, please remember to bring any 'good reads' you wish to pass on to other members via our book exchange.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
930 W. Higgins Road, Schaumburg, IL 60194
Church office: 847-885-7010

3:30 Set-up & Social

4:00 Meeting and Initiation of New Members

5:00 Program

6:15 Optional Dinner at Bahama Breeze - 406 E Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

Reflection:

Jane Born

Arrangements:

Linda Szymkowiak (847-302-2380)

Hostesses and Greeters:

Membership - Gerie Kay*(Chair), Jane Born, Madelynn Brossard, Julia Ehrhardt, Carol Fancher, Erin Felvey, Glenda Klein-Mali, Jane Martin, Honora Quinn, Mary Roeing, Susan Werner

Service Project: School Supplies for donation to Schaumburg Township

DUES ARE DUE

Active Member	\$84.00
Active Member with newsletter mailed	\$89.00
Reserve Member	\$42.00
Reserve Member with newsletter mailed	\$47.00

Checks should be made payable to: DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Adrienne Rovin will accept dues payments at our first meeting, **September 17th**, and **Linda Stolt** will accept dues payments at our second meeting, **October 13th**. Dues mailed to **Linda Stolt must arrive no later than October 31st**.

Linda Stolt

1912 Quaker Hollow Lane

Streamwood, Illinois 60107-1977

Please pay your dues in a timely manner; all dues **must be paid by October 31st**. Linda will be glad to speak with you about any extenuating circumstances regarding dues.

Kudos to Linda for the outstanding job she does as Treasurer.

COMMITTEE WORK

Executive Board and our committees met over the summer to plan a dazzling year with dynamic programs and events. The varied talents of our members, as well as the collaboration and cooperation that occur at the summer meetings, are inspiring and a joy to behold. I would like to share just a few items from the summer happenings; you will be hearing about the rest at our meetings. Cheryl Keifer has agreed to serve as interim chair of the Communications/Publicity committee. Kathy Muench has graciously volunteered to help gain access to and update our website. We are planning to hold a book exchange at every regular meeting and to bring back a Want Ad section to the newsletter so you can submit information you would like to share.

LAMBDA STATE
www.deltakappagamma.org/IL

The Lambda State Legislative Seminar will be held at the Lincoln Public Library in Springfield, IL on Saturday, September 26th, 2015. The registration form can be found on the Lambda State website. Registration is due Monday, September 14th to Linda Lucke, 525 Juliet Lane, Libertyville, IL 60048. Topics to be covered will include an update on the actions of the Illinois General Assembly and the status of pension reform. The registration fee of \$34.00 includes a light breakfast, lunch, and materials.

The 36th Annual Creative Arts Retreat will be held at the Lorado Taft Campus, Northern Illinois University in Oregon, IL on Columbus Day weekend, October 9th-11th, 2015. The registration form is in the Summer/2015 Newscaster and can also be found on the Lambda State website. Registration is due Tuesday, September 15th to Athena Columbus, WIA Chair, 8127 Oketo Ave., Niles, IL 60714-2941.

Call for Presentations-Leadership Skills for Changing Times

Lambda State is pleased to announce a **Leadership Management Seminar** in the summer 2016. This seminar is tentatively scheduled for June 21st and 22nd, 2016 with the tentative site at Bradley University in Peoria. The Taming Tech seminar will return in the summer of 2017. Plan to attend and share this information with your colleagues, members and non-members, female or male, who may be interested in presenting and attending. Professional Development hours will be provided. Presenters for this seminar on a variety of topics (see Lambda State website) are invited. Please complete the application form and return to Bev Johns no later than Tuesday, September 15th. All speakers will be notified of their acceptance and tentative schedule no later than October 1st, 2015.

There is a wealth of information on the Lambda State website. If anyone cannot access a registration form, please contact me, and I will assist in providing one.

Happy Birthday to You!

August

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

September

07 Debbie Goodman
14 Nan Carli
30 Mary Roeing
30 Barb Troeger

MAUREEN'S MUSINGS

“The Strongest Principle of Growth Lies in Human Choice” - George Eliot

I hope you all had a “sunny” summer in spirit, since our weather did not cooperate so well. I was struck by the above quote and certainly know that my choice to accept the position of President of Gamma Gamma a year ago has fostered my personal growth in a myriad of ways. Where I would have been comfortable to remain in my established life, I have been compelled to venture out and accept new challenges and develop new relationships by virtue of the position, and it has been an amazingly fantastic experience. I just feel so connected to all of you wonderful ladies, and I thank you for all of the support through the good and the difficult times this past year. We have a fantastic year planned. Then, before you know it, we will be electing new officers and deciding what committees we would like to work on in the next biennium. Please become as involved as you are able; it will be exponentially rewarding to you. See you September 17th!

Your Gamma Gamma President,
Maureen