



The Gamma Gamma Ray
Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter
Illinois Lambda State Organization
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society
International
January 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, February 15, Chapter Meeting - Green Thumb Secrets Program
by Cheryl Keifer and Chris Dick

Chapter meeting at which time the slate of candidates for Gamma Gamma Officers and nominations for membership will be presented -Discussion of Rules Revisions –please read Attachment 1 below.

March Chapter Meeting, Date Time and Place TBA - INGAGE UNLIMITED

See directory p. 22. for description. Voting for Executive Board, New Members and Rule Revisions.

Tuesday, April 3 Get Acquainted Tea for new members orientation at 4pm

Executive Board meeting at 6 pm at the home of Kris Beaudette.

Tuesday, April 10 Social Event / Fundraiser Thirty-One Gifts at the home of Sandy Cook

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 20,21,22 - Lambda State Convention at the Westin Lombard
Yorktown Center, Lombard, Illinois.

WEB SITES 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

- Some areas of our web site are password protected. The passwords were announced at our Sept. meeting.
- To enter the International web for the first time, Sign in with your Member ID (See membership card). The initial password is dkg2014society. You will be asked to establish a personal password. Some areas are password protected.
- Passwords were announced at the Sept. Meeting.
They can be found on the label of your new directory.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Chapter Rules Revision Document
2. Registration Form for Lambda State Convention – Lombard
3. Recommendation for Membership Form
4. Chapter Minutes Dec. 5, 2017

AUCTION NEWS

“Our Annual Auction raised \$3,630.00 which is less than last year. However it is still more than we raised in 2015 and all the previous years.” reported Linda Stolt, our treasurer. Thanks to all members and guests.

FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING SECRETS YOUR ‘GREEN THUMB NEIGHBOR’ MIGHT NOT BE WILLING TO SHARE

Gamma Gamma members, Cheryl Keifer and Chris Dick are certified Master Gardeners and volunteer at Chicago Botanic Garden, this regions most famous garden/museum. They completed the University of Illinois Master Gardener training and received stipends from Lambda State upon completion. There will share their experience and some secrets with us on February 15.

Set up /Social 3:15 pm

Meeting 4:15 Please read minutes of last meeting on website.

New Member and Board Nominations will be presented.

Program 4:45

Hostesses/Greeters: Service Projects Committee

*Service Project: Donations for clean water and wells in Africa through Lambda State International Project

Book Exchange Table – Bring some and/or take some.

Location: Our Redeemer Methodist Church 1600 W. Schaumburg Rd. Schaumburg, Il 60194.

Special Projects Chair, Kris Beaudette

*At the DKG meeting on February 15, 2018, we will be collecting cash or checks for the Malawi wells project. This is a philanthropy that is supported by DKG Society International, run by a group called the Marion Medical Mission (www.mmmwater.org). The mission of this group is to provide funding for clean water wells in the impoverished communities in Malawi. The average cost of a well is \$400 which covers the materials needed. The labor and installation is provided locally. Together. Let’s make an effort to send enough for at least one well.

Many of you have already received a letter in the US Mail asking for your support. Checks can be made payable to Marion Medical Mission (Tax Deductible). Cash can be given and sent in with a check from our chapter. If you are unable to attend the February DKG meeting and would like to donate, you can mail your check to Kris Beaudette, 719 White Willow Bay, Palatine, IL 60067. Thank you.

Program Committee Chair – Rose Karner

This year at the Lambda State Convention, we will have the opportunity to participate in the Art Mart. Chapter donations of items or monetary contributions to the Art Mart provide the support needed to award up to \$6000 to outstanding women studying music, dance, drama, or visual arts. This is the only fundraiser for the M. Josephine O’Neil Art Award that is presented at the Lambda State Convention during the odd numbered years.

CURIOUS? More details to follow in your February Newsletter

LAMBDA STATE CONVENTION

“It’s right in our backyard!” – This is a wonderful opportunity to meet sisters from our state, learn about new and old ideas and show a commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

There are opportunities to contribute by participation in the music activities at convention. There will be need of volunteers to help as greeters, guides, decorate tables, etc. We especially want our Gamma Gamma Chapter to be well represented at the White Rose Ceremony, as we honor those members who have passed in 2017, on Sunday and perhaps stay for the breakfast meeting after. Felicia Chichy (a 50 year and charter member of Gamma Gamma) and Jerry Toher (a 70 year member of the Society) along with others from the Illinois chapters will be remembered. If you have never seen this ceremony it is beautiful, touching and well worth attending.

You will find forms for registration as well as chorus or instrumental registration in the Winter 2017 Newscaster. Ask Kris Beaudette, Charlotte Weber or Mary Wrobel about their participation in the chorus. Join in if you play an instrument and want to be involved. (See Attachment 2)

At convention, many scholarships, stipends and grants are given. The annual International applications are due February 1, 2018. There are 30 scholarships that may be awarded and many of these are left untouched due to lack of candidates applying. For example, for an advanced graduate degree there is a potential of \$6000 and for a doctorate degree \$10,000. These are yearly awards. If it is too late for you to apply this year, do consider doing so in the future. Our chapter Educational Excellence Chair and Lambda State will help you in applying.

Other lesser amounts are available as stipends or grants. Both Cheryl Kiefer and Chris Dick have been awarded stipends in the past. If you think you are not eligible be aware that you only need to be a DKG member and fill out the applications. Awards can be given for course work or for any project that you may be doing in your classroom or for your personal growth.

Some examples:

An Alpha Kappa member was awarded \$2,500 for 12 semester hours of graduate study while working on her Administrative Endorsement for a Type 75 Certificate.

A Beta Epsilon member received a Special Study Stipend of \$304 for a weekend seminar of MORE: Life Training from the Wright Leadership Institute in Chicago. The focus of the sessions was for Participants to develop skills of personal transformation.

An Iota member received a Special Study Stipend for her participation as a volunteer to decorate the White House in the amount of \$1249.

As you see, anything goes. So get going.

Membership Chair - Mary Wrobel

In Attachment 3 to this newsletter you will find a form for recommending a new member. Forms can also be found on our Chapter website.

Please email, mail or bring any new member applications to Mary Wrobel so that they may be presented on Feb. 15. The latest they can be presented is at the February meeting.

Remember, according to our current chapter rules, no guests are to be present at the meeting when new members are suggested and when new members are voted upon.

Our Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter book club's current selection is Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert. The group will meet to discuss the selection on Tuesday, February 20. Mary Wrobel will be the Hostess. Contact her to confirm your intention to participate. Time and Place will be sent to those interested. Join in for the discussion or just to say hello. All are welcome.

Society Business Chair-Adrienne Rovin

In Attachment 1 to this newsletter you will find the proposed chapter rules revisions. Copies will also be provided at the February meeting. You are receiving them now to give you time to read them and to adhere to the rules below.

In general, the Society Business Committee is responsible to review and update the chapter standing rules each biennium and present changes to the membership for their approval (by two thirds vote of the members present for the vote) , provided notice has been given **at least 30 days** before the vote is taken. Thanks to Joan Gazdic for preparing the copies for publication and to all the committee members for their help and suggestions.

Educational Excellence - Service Projects Chair – Sandy Cook

With the help of Kathy Muench, our Chapter webmaster, we have updated the Scholarship and Grant information. Denise Pawelczyk has arranged for publicity through the 211 guidance counselors and the high school PTA newsletters. We are looking forward to receiving applications. Applications must be postmarked on or before April 13, 2018.

Previous grant recipients are also being helped to apply for Lambda State grants.



February

- 12 A. Lincoln**
- 15 Jane Martin**
- 16 Erin Felvey**
- 22 Charlotte Weber**
- 22 G. Washington**
- 25 MaryAnn Bilski**
- 26 Merna Folkers**
- 28 Sharon Froehlich**

Condolences

To Judie King for the recent loss of her father.

News (good/bad)

Pease contact Mary Roeing , our corresponding secretary, with any news to report at the chapter meeting. Also contact the CARE Team when you or someone you know are in need of support .(Mary Wrobel)

Gerie's Give & Take

We had a good turn out at the FMSC event. Thank you for coming and supporting this International Mission as arranged by Kris Beaudette and the Special Projects Committee.

I hope to see you soon as we continue in our Vision...Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.