



## The Gamma Gamma Ray

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

**March 2018**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**March** Chapter Meeting, **March 20** - INGAGE UNLIMITED  
See directory p. 22. For description. **Note Change of date and Venue**  
Voting for Executive Board, New Members and Rule Revisions.

#### **Tuesday, April 3**

Get Acquainted Tea for new members orientation at 4pm

And 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

The Westin Lombard Yorktown Center, Lombard, Illinois.

### **Websites to Remember:**

**Gamma Gamma:** [www.gammagamma75.org](http://www.gammagamma75.org)\*

**Lambda State:** [www.deltakappagamma.org/IL](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL)

**International:** [www.dkg.org](http://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:**

- Recipe for Green Tomato Bread
- Resources
- Resources Garden Nurseries & Supplies
- Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2018 – please check on our Chapter Website

### **February Meeting** -34 members and 1 guest

Those in attendance at our February meeting enjoyed a day in The Garden with our two master gardeners. The garden, of course, is the [Chicago Botanic](http://www.chicagobotanic.org) and our gardeners Cheryl and Chris. We learned that they are still actively participating at this living changing ecosystem; a garden on nine islands at 1000 Lake Cook Road in Glencoe, Illinois.

Do you have a question for the experts in the Plant Information Service Department? Contact them at [plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org) or call 847-835-0972. You may reach Cheryl Kiefer. That is her volunteer service. Chris spends her hours among the conifers planting, pruning, mulching, and weeding, weeding, weeding. They say, “*Volunteers* make this place go.”

Our gals gave us some great hints: Inexpensive gloves can be found at Harbor Freight. A slinky positioned on the pole of a bird feeder can foil the plans of a pesky squirrel. Green tomatoes can be frozen and used in the recipe for green tomato bread. (See attachment 1)

They prepared a list of resources to help us in our own gardens. (See attachment 2 & 3)

They encouraged us to visit the garden where we could enjoy the beauty, special activities and become involved with nature.

The Orchid Show February 10-March 25

The following will be opening for the season: The Model Railroad Garden (May12), Butterflies & Blooms (May 26) and The Garden Chef Series (May 26).

Membership is reasonable and well worth it. It includes a newsletter, free parking and many other member perks.

Our International service project for this day was very successful. We have sent \$710 to the Marion Medical Mission for clean water wells in Malawi. We met our original goal of \$400 which pays for one well plus additional money towards a second one. Thank you for responding to the personal letters sent by the Special Projects committee members to you in regards to this venture.

### **MARCH CHAPTER MEETING - INGAGE UNLIMITED**

DKG sister, Judi King, will be sharing experiences from her trip to Guatemala with Ingage Unlimited. We will learn more about this non-profit organization from Carolyn Muir, CEO.

Go to [ingageunlimited.org](http://ingageunlimited.org) for more information.

Set up/Social	3:15pm
Meeting:	4:15pm
Reflection:	Rose Marie Mincey
Hostess/Greeters	Program Committee
Service Project:	Donations for Ingage Unlimited

### ***Location St. Peter Lutheran Church***

*202 E. Schaumburg Rd. Schaumburg Road 60194 (847-885-3350)*

Please note: This location is different from the one listed in the directory. To insure everyone is aware of this change, a phone tree message will be sent a few days before the 20<sup>th</sup>. This will also be a good test for the phone tree. You will find the directions for the phone tree on p24 of your directory. Be ready to call those you are to call.

We will be voting for New Gamma Gamma members and Executive Board Members at this meeting. The final summary of data for our chapter profile will be presented. We will have a book exchange.

There will be an optional dinner as planned. Ordering Pizza to be delivered. Please Join in. The more the merrier.

### **Society Business – Adrienne Rovin**

After discussion at our February meeting, the following change is proposed.

#### *Article VIII Meetings*

*D. Guests may attend chapter meetings, except **the meeting** when candidates for membership are being presented or voted **upon**. ~~is being conducted, on and during the initiation ceremony.~~*

*E. Invited guests are encouraged to come after an initiation ceremony.*

We will be voting on the rules changes at this meeting.

### **Program Committee – 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.

Our president, Gerie Kay, presented the idea of gift card trees to the Art Mart. Our presentation will be in the form of a raffle with tickets placed in containers (similar to Elf on the Shelf). This will enable convention members, shopping in the Art Mart, to win a collection of gift cards. Our plan is to have each container decorated to represent one of the following art forms: music, dance, drama or visual arts. This will keep with the theme of the Art Mart, “Creative Wonders – Expect Great Things”. If you are interested in helping to decorate the containers, contact Rose Karner or Gerie Kay.

At our March meeting, Gamma Gamma members may donate gift cards to eateries, book stores, grocery stores, department stores, etc. Gift cards may be in any amount, \$5, \$10, etc. Keep in mind that these cards should be for places that can be accessed statewide.

During the convention, Lambda State members can shop for many things. They may take a chance on our raffle to support the Arts. Money from the ticket sales will be presented to Lambda State for the M. Josephine O’Neil Art Award. Please note that several of our grant winners have received this award.

At our March meeting, please bring the gift cards you wish to donate to Rose Karner, or any board member. If you will not be attending, please mail them to Rose.

Thank you, in advance, for your generous donations!

Remember, you’ll be supporting a talented young lady in the arts!

### **Membership- Mary Wrobel**

#### **Executive Board Nominations for 2018-2020**

President – Mary Wrobel

First Vice President – Rose Karner

Second Vice President – Mary Balk and Honora Quinn

Recording Secretary-Kris Beaudette

Corresponding Secretary – Sharon Froelich

Treasurer- Linda Stolt

Parliamentarian- Linda Szymkowiak

### **Candidates for Membership March 2018 Gamma Gamma Chapter**

*(biographies are located in the emailed copy of your newsletter)*

Karyn Baldwin

Michelle Baldwin

Debra Hopp

Margaret Smith

## **BOOK CLUB**

Our next book is Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. We are meeting March 27th and Cheryl Keifer is facilitating. 6pm at Itasca Country Club – 400 E Orchard Street, Itasca Illinois 60143 Maricopia Room in the Fox and Turtle Restaurant. Book club is **not** meeting in April.

## **CARE TEAM**

Linda Symkowiak and Jane Kennedy Ebner are having knee replacements.  
Linda- February 27 and Jane -March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Updates** on Gail Poisson's husband, Norm are located in the emailed copy of your newsletter.

## **Communications – Cheryl Keifer**

A successful meeting was held on February 19 at Cheryl's house. Plans for next year will include training sessions in May and June for those interested in becoming more involved in this committee.

## **Educational Excellence – Sandy Cook**

Thank you to all the members for donating to Books for kids this fall. Special thanks to Sue Watkins for delivering them and volunteering!

Thanks to everyone in the chapter for working so hard to insure the success of the auction. The proceeds from this auction go to support our recruitment Grant. The posting for our grants will be on the District 211 Website March 1st. Please do not hesitate to encourage any young women who qualify to apply.

We will be donating to the KENNETH Young Walk again. The walk is on June 9th this year. Please let us know if you are interested in participating.

More information to come in March about how to donate this year. Checks can be brought to the March Meeting or the May Dinner.

Sandy

## **Special Projects – Kris Beaudette**

Thank you to the Gamma Gamma sisters for their generous donations to the Marion Medical Mission Malawi wells project. We raised a total of \$710 in our February philanthropy. This is wonderful! This charity is promoted by DKG International, and, as a result, our donation will be spotlighted at the upcoming Lambda State convention in April. Hope to see many of our sisters at Lambda state to hear our chapter's name announced!

## **Convention Info:**

If you are planning to attend The Celebration of Life Ceremony without attending other events at the convention, you must complete the registration form and register for the convention (\$15.00) and /or the Awards Breakfast (\$29.00). Check the attendance for the Celebration of Life. Please email or mail the form to Renata Butauskiene. Her information is on the form which can be

found on the Lambda State Website, in the Winter 2017 Newscaster and as an attachment to the Gamma Gamma January newsletter.

When you arrive at the Westin you can pick up your badge at the registration table.



### **March Birthdays**

02 Judy Briggs, 14 Chris Dick, 20 Carol Escorcia,  
22 Karen DelVecchio, 27 Geri De Falco, 31 Maureen Briza

### **Gerie's Give and Take**

It is important to vote in the primary election on March 20<sup>th</sup> and in the General Election on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you are wondering about the endorsement of the candidates, check online at the website for the Illinois Education Association.

Early Voting starts Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> through Monday, March 19.