

Gamma Gamma Ray



Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter of Lambda State January 2019

On December 20th, 2018 twenty of us gathered at Riccardo's Restaurant in Schaumburg to induct and celebrate our first collegiate members into Gamma Gamma Chapter. Our four collegiate members, mentors, recent scholarship recipients and some executive board members were present for this important dinner and ceremony.

Earlier in December, Denise Pawelczyk and I (mostly Denise) worked on a revised script and ceremony, as well as certificates for our first ever collegiate induction. This induction is actually quite different from our typical, formalized induction of members into DKG. Hopefully, that ceremony will come later for these girls once they become working educators.

We were excited to have our Lambda State IL president, Debbie La Blanc present to participate in the induction ceremony and welcome our new collegiate members (perhaps the first in the state of Illinois). Debbie not only approved of our revised induction ceremony, but asked if she could share this ceremony with other chapters and state executive board members. Wow!

Denise Pawelczyk was instrumental in organizing this event and setting our agenda, starting with introductions and sage advice from Gamma Gamma members and ending with Denise's reading of "Tribute to Teachers" written by Phyllis E. Van Buren Vol 85-2 in [The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin Collegial Exchange](#). Jennifer Navarette, a recent scholarship recipient and college student gave a talk on "Latino Educators United for Change". Participants in the induction ceremony included Debbie La Blanc, Mary Wrobel, Denise Pawelczyk, and collegiate member mentors: Kris Beaudette, Sandy Cook, and Debbie Goodman. Thanks to all who attended this evening dinner and ceremony, with special thanks to Sandy Cook, our photographer and cake provider, and thanks to Gerie's daughter, Heather, our videographer. A very big thanks to Denise Pawelczyk, who did so much to make this all possible!

Congratulations and a big welcome to our new collegiate members: Lauren Haman, Brittany Moran, Eden Schultz and Karly Grapenthin! This was a proud day for our Gamma Gamma Chapter!

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **January 19- Feed My Starving Children** at 1072 National Parkway, Schaumburg, IL. Friends, family members and children(age 9+) can participate. There will be an optional lunch to follow at Jason's Deli (1530 McConnor Pkwy, Schaumburg). If you haven't signed up for FMSC and want to attend, please contact **Kris Beaudette** ASAP: 847-431-1254
- **January 28- Our Gamma Gamma Book Club** is meeting at Riccardo's Restaurant at 6pm to discuss **A Fall of Marigolds** by Susan Meissner. This is one of two books discussed at our Lambda State Convention. We don't have a facilitator yet, so if anyone wants to volunteer to facilitate our book club next month, let me know.
- **January 31-New Member Applications are due** to Rose Karner. Please send via email to rkarner@me.com or mail to Rose at 313 Exmoor Drive, Streamwood, IL 60107
- **February 7- Charles Butler Technology** at Our Redeemer Church on Schaumburg Road. Set-up and social at 3:15. **Program Committee** are the hostesses and **Michelle Baldwin** is giving the reflection. Nominees for membership will be shared. Service Project: **Cell Phones for Soldiers**.

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

***Karyn Baldwin, Sandy Cook, and Denise Pawelczyk** were notified that their DKG IL spring convention workshop application was accepted. They will be giving a presentation titled "Planting the Seeds for Collegiate Membership" at the Decatur conference on April 27th.

***Members of the Educational Excellence Committee** will be meeting **January 11th** to review and update the Gamma Gamma educational recruitment grant applications. If you have not yet contacted Denise Pawelczyk about attending, please do so ASAP.

***Lambda State IL Convention will be April 26-28 in Decatur, IL.** Please consider going. A few of us from our chapter will be presenting and there are many great presentations and fun activities to attend. The Decatur Conference Center is a great facility. You can find the registration form in the DKG Newscaster. Book your room early!

***Get your Member Applications(for new members) into Rose this month!**

January 31 is the deadline! Rose will be presenting the applications of our potential new members at our February 7th meeting.

*** Gerie Kay is our representative on the Cook County Cooperative Council for DKG.** This group includes all the Cook County chapters and meets 4 times a year. They always have excellent speakers and programs, and their March meeting and luncheon is definitely worthwhile. If you want to learn more about this luncheon and meeting, contact Gerie. Three of us are already going and hopefully we can get more Gamma Gamma members for our table this year.

- **Care Team News:**

Please contact Glenda Klein-Mali(and Mary Wrobel) if you have any news for the Care Team. We also love to hear your good news and celebrations! Let us know what you would like shared with your Gamma Gamma sisters via newsletter or other announcements.

- Please keep **Adrienne Rovin** and her husband Ron in your prayers as she takes care of Ron with his serious health issues. I'm sure she would appreciate your supportive emails or cards to lift her spirits. Fortunately, Ron is home from the hospital now with in-home health care.

Debbie Goodman will be receiving arthroscopic surgery on her knee on January 23. We hope her surgery goes well and she is able to move comfortably soon.

- Please keep up the good wishes and prayers for Charlotte Weber's daughter, Katie. Here is Katie's address:

Katie Weber
3039 18th Ave. S.
Seattle, WA 98144

To all our Gamma Gamma sisters, we hope and pray that you have a healthy and happy new year. Don't forget to let us know if you need our support- The Care Team

COMMITTEE REPORTING

SOCIETY BUSINESS: (Joan Gazdic)

Feel free to email Joan Gazdic(jmtg@att.net) if you have any questions about our chapter rules, especially any recent changes or addendums. Please email Linda Stolt (lindast05@hotmail.com) if you have a question regarding budget, expenses, vouchers and reimbursement.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: (Rose Karner)

It's now time to start sending in any membership applications for potential members. New member applications are due the end of January. Don't wait until the last minute! A Membership Application is attached to this newsletter. Think about sending this application out to someone who you think would make a wonderful addition to our chapter. Send completed applications to Rose Karner at rkarner@me.com.

Remember, DKG International has expanded its definition of potential members to now include any woman who is a paid educator. This opens the door to women who instruct in businesses, trade schools and religious organizations.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: (Cheryl Keifer)

Any member who has changes to her data(email address, phone number, address), please contact Cheryl Keifer with any changes: ckeifer@gmail.com. If you have any additional questions regarding chapter information, please check out our webpage: www.gammagamma75.org.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: (Mary Balk and Honora Quinn)

Thursday, February 7th 3:15 Set-up/Social **4:15** Meeting/Program

Charles Butler ~ Technology

Ladies, you are not going to want to miss this helpful and interesting program! Bring your laptops, passwords and chargers and Charles will show you how to organize your life with Google apps -remembering all: reminders, appointments, directions, contacts, address, lists and files you need in your daily life. Bring your Smart Phone (iPhone or Android). If you'd like to follow along, bring your iCloud user name and password if you're using an iPhone OR your g-mail user name (email address) and password if you're using an Android phone. You're going to say, "Wish I knew all this earlier!"

LOCATION: Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church
1600 W. Schaumburg Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60194

SERVICE PROJECT: Cell phones for soldiers- used phones with SIM cards removed and/or monetary donations.

ARRANGEMENTS: Mary Balk 847-989-9574

HOSTESSES AND GREETERS: Programs Committee

REFLECTION: Michelle Baldwin

CONTACT: Honie Quinn 224-578-2729

The following are the rest of the programs for our 2019. Please make note of them on your calendars. Detailed descriptions are in the new directories/ yearbooks.

Mark your Calendars!

Jan. 19, 2019- Feed My Starving Children

Thursday, Feb. 7- Charles Butler Technology seminar at Our Redeemer's church

Tuesday, March 12- Music and its effects on the Brain at Prince of Peace Church. Our state ambassador will be attending this meeting- be sure and be there!

Thursday, April 11- New Member Tea and Executive Board meeting, location to be determined.

Tuesday, May 7- Spring Celebration of Membership at Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club.

Thursday, September 19, 2019-Get and Stay organized

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE: (Denise Pawelczyk)

Announcements:

Members of the Educational Excellence Committee will be meeting January 11th to review and update the Gamma Gamma educational recruitment grant applications. If you have not yet contacted Denise Pawelczyk about attending, please do so ASAP.

The service project for February is to donate old cellphones or to make a monetary donation in the form of a check made out to "Cell Phones for Soldiers". *The SIM cards should be removed before donating. The internet can also be searched for "factory reset" for specific make and model of phones for instructions on wiping all personal information. It has also been assured by Cellphones for Soldiers that any phone received will be completely wiped of any data on it.*

In addition to making a collection for Cellphones for Soldiers, an additional service project for February and March has been added. Members are asked to contribute \$5 for seed packets as a fundraiser to supplement the grant from Lambda State for the reading garden at Huff School in Elgin that Karyn Baldwin and Sandy Cook received. Their goal is to earn \$200; as the grant application encourages fund raising by the chapter also.

*Karyn Baldwin and Sandy Cook will share more about the reading garden grant at our February meeting. They would like members to start considering volunteering to help out with the planting which will take place in April and May.

***Karyn Baldwin** is also looking for volunteers who would like to join her "Thumb Buddies" guest readers program. Please contact her at: kbaldwin345@gmail.com if you are interested in spending part of a morning sharing your favorite book with her classroom.

Please make note of these service projects on your calendars.

January: Donations to Feed My Starving Children. If you can't attend please send a check or give monetary donations to Kris Beaudette.

February: Retired cell phones for "Cell Phones for Soldiers" or a monetary donation. Please remove the SIM card before donating a cell phone.

March: New/unopened packages of youth sized underwear for Schaumburg Community Closet and "SIMEK'S food products for personal consumption.

April: Art Mart donations TBD

May: Donations to Kenneth Young Center collected at our May dinner or mailed to Sudha Byanna, and school supplies for students.

June: We will be collecting School supplies for the 2019-20 school year at our committee meetings.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: (Kris Beaudette)

Please join us at **Feed My Starving Children** on Saturday, January 19, 2019, 9-11 a.m. We always have fun at our annual packing session. Please contact Kris Beaudette at KrisBeau@comcast.net or 847-431-1254 (voice or text) if you can join us. If you signed up already at the Auction, you do not need to contact me again. I have your name already registered on the FMSC website. Thanks for your enthusiasm and participation at FMSC! Optional lunch afterward at Jason's Deli. Join us!

*If you can't come but wish to donate to FMSC send a check to Feed My Starving Children at 1072 National Parkway, Schaumburg, IL. I'm sure they would appreciate it.

NEWS FROM LAMBDA STATE:

Get ready for a GREAT convention April 26, 27 and 28!

We had an overwhelming response to the call for one-hour sessions and the ten-minute takeaways and those are now closed. We have 22 one-hour sessions, three of which are double sessions, 18 ten-minute takeaways, and 9 posters.

I am attaching the list of posters, one-hour programs, and ten minute takeaways. After reading all we have to offer, you won't want to miss all the fun. There is something for everyone!

Don't forget that we will have poster sessions beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Friday. We are building in more choices for you this year. The convention has something for everyone.

As of today, we now have 11 vendors and I am attaching that list. If you know of someone who wants to be a vendor, please have them contact me as soon as possible at: beverleyhjohns@gmail.com

And now for another treat at the convention. Jen Burisek has been able to secure a speaker for a preconvention workshop on the timely and sad topic of preventing suicide. This will accommodate those of you who are coming in early and are not able to get on the preconvention tour. This workshop will be on Friday afternoon from 1:30-4 p.m. The registration form is attached and don't delay in registering for this great session. There will be a nominal \$10 registration fee for this workshop.

Here are two deadlines to remember:

February 1, 2019—deadline for the Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant

February 1, 2019—deadline for the Grant-in Aid

See you at the convention in Decatur and until then, enjoy health and happiness in 2019.

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UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Stephanie Grande(Jan 18), **Rita Tweed**(Jan 23). **Tish Chapman**(Feb 4), **Jane Martin**((Feb 15), **Erin Felvey**(Feb 16), **Charlotte Weber**(Feb 22), **Mary Ann Bilski**(Feb 25), **Merna Folkers**(Feb 26), **Sharon Froehlich**(Feb 28). Happy Birthday, Ladies!

ATTACHMENTS:

- **January Newsletter**
- **Recommendation for Membership**
- **DKG Convention Programs**
- **DKG Convention Vendors**
- **Chapter Bazaar letter 2019**

Mary's Missive

The new year has started and we are off and running as we look forward to programs and events in 2019. We have some excellent chapter programs this spring and I hope many of us are able to attend. I encourage our members to think about attending our state convention in April-it's always a fun time! Also-give some thought to the convention Art Mart. This year 75% of the proceeds we earn from the convention Art Mart go directly to our chapter. If you have a good idea for items we can sell at convention let Mary Balk and Honora Quinn know. I look forward to seeing many of you at our chapter programs this spring and I wish you all good health and success in 2019!

Mary