

# Gamma Gamma Ray



## Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter of Lambda State February 2019

At our Feb 7<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting, we had 30 members, one guest and two speakers at Our Redeemer's UM Church. We covered a lot of business in a short amount of time.

**Rose Karner** shared the applications of our two potential new members, who we will vote on in March: Cindy Sheely and Katie McGarvey. Please read about them in the Membership Committee report. **Mary Balk** lead a discussion about our chapter contributions for the Convention Chapter Bazaar in April. As a group, we decided to sell DKG Logo shopping bags, since the convention no longer provides bags for its participants. We also considered collecting and selling used jewelry at the chapter bazaar, since that went well two years ago. I assume we will hear more on that soon.

**Gerie Kay** gave us information about the CCCC luncheon and invited chapter members to join her, Mary W. and Jacqui Rothman at this luncheon on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Denise Pawelczyk** thanked all those who helped with our first collegiate induction, including **Nancy Harmon** and **Jan Kayson**, who weren't named in the January Newsletter. Nancy and Jan did an excellent job with calligraphy and art work for our induction documents and certificates. Denise also announced that 3 of our grant recipients sent in applications for Lambda State Scholarships.

**Karyn Baldwin** not only gave a wonderful reflection about technology written by her mother, Michelle, she also encouraged all of us to sign up as reader "Thumb Buddies" at her school in Elgin. Many of us were happy to sign-up! **Karyn and Sandy Cook** sold flower seeds, and garden gloves to help fund their Reading Garden grant project at Huff School. They will be selling more garden supplies next month. If you would like to contribute monetary donations to the Reading Garden, please contact Sandy or Karyn.

**Linda Stolt** gave a brief, but detailed treasurer's report-all is well with our finances.

**Honora Quinn** introduced Charles Butler and his son for our program on technology. The Butlers gave us a very illuminating program on what we are doing wrong(or not doing) with our phones, tablets and lap tops and how to be better prepared to get the most out of our technology. We all learned some important steps to take immediately to secure our privacy, collect and save our various data and information and access our files better. Most of us found this program very useful.

Thanks to the Program Committee for providing the delicious treats at this chapter meeting.

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

- **Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**- The Gamma Gamma Book Club is meeting on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> at Riccardo's Restaurant at 6pm to discuss A Fall of Marigolds by Susan Meissner. This was the book we were to discuss in January, but due to the weather, our gathering was cancelled.
- **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**- Cook County Coordinating Council luncheon and program. If you want to participate in this very worthwhile event contact Gerie Kay.
- **March 12<sup>th</sup>**- **Music and Its Effect on the Brain** with Levonne Mrozinski at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Come ready to have fun and learn about music activities that develop cognitive function. We hope many of our members can attend since our state visitor, Joan Rog, will be visiting our chapter. We will also be voting on our new members at this meeting!

### **CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**\*The Cook County Coordinating Council annual luncheon and program is Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Wilmette Golf Club in Wilmette, IL.** Thanks to all who attended our February chapter meeting and donated toward the raffle basket which our chapter is donating at this luncheon. We collected \$50, which will be used for a gift card to be included in our basket entitled: Do Some Shopping, then Go Home and Relax. The proceeds from this fund-raiser will go to support the Marion Medical Mission. Thanks to **Gerie Kay** for assembling this lovely basket. A flier about this luncheon is attached to this newsletter. Three of us are attending this luncheon, but we'd love to have more representing our chapter.

**\*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 and our Lambda State website: [www.deltakappagamma.org/IL](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL) Book your room early!

**Karyn Baldwin, Sandy Cook and Denise Pawelczyk** will be presenting "Planting Seeds for Collegiate Membership" on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Lambda State Convention. **Glenda Klein-Mali and Mary Wrobel** are presenting two short sessions on Creating a Chapter Care Team and Starting a Chapter Book Club. **Jacqui Rothman** will be co-presenting a book chat on A Fall of Marigolds.

Come support your chapter members at convention 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.

- **Carol McHale** is currently spending some much-needed vacation time in sunny, warm Florida. Carol is doing very well and is no longer taking regular chemo treatments. Her hair is even growing back and she can't wait to be able to use her hairdryer again. Carol misses her chapter sisters, but is looking forward to seeing everyone again at our May Banquet.
- **Debbie Goodman** is currently in physical therapy for her knee that was operated on in January. She's doing well, but she has a knee replacement scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> for her other knee. Hang in there, Debbie!
- We have been trying to get ahold of **Judy Briggs**. If you have contact info or know how she is doing, please let Glenda know.
- **Adrienne Rovin** thanks everyone for your thoughts and prayers. Unfortunately, she hasn't been able to attend our chapter meetings because she's babysitting her granddaughter and taking Ron to doctor appointments. Fortunately, Ron is "chugging along". Adrienne misses all of us, but hopes to see her DKG sisters at the May Banquet.
- Please keep up the good wishes and prayers for Charlotte Weber's daughter, Katie. Here is Katie's address:  
**Katie Weber**  
**3039 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.**  
**Seattle, WA 98144**

To all our Gamma Gamma sisters, we hope and pray that you have a happy, healthy 2019. 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](mailto: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](mailto:lindast05@hotmail.com)) if you have a question regarding budget, expenses, vouchers and reimbursement. Linda gave a brief but detailed report at our February meeting. If you want a copy of this report please contact her.

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** (Rose Karner)

Our chapter has two excellent nominees for membership in DKG! I'm extremely excited to present them to you, knowing that they both will add so much to our organization!

The first is Katie McGarvey, a past recipient of the Gamma Gamma Recruitment Grant in 2014. She has been endorsed by Sandra Cook, Denise Pawelczyk, Geri Kay, and Karyn Baldwin.

Katie's list of education and licensure accomplishments, the numerous employment experiences in education, special awards and recognitions, and her vast classroom and volunteer experience is awe inspiring! Below is a summary written by Sandy Cook about this amazing young woman.

Katie McGarvey received the Gamma Gamma Recruitment Grant in 2014. Last spring, as a graduating senior from Loyola University, she was not able to be with us, but I think we all remember her very impressive video. Dr. LeBlanc, president of Lambda State DKG, put her video on the state website.

Katie had a GPA of 3.91, and she was a Special Education Major at Loyola. She also had endorsements in English as a second language and elementary education and is CPI Certified. She is licensed to teach Kindergarten through age 21.

Katie has a tremendous amount of experience in volunteering:

- \*St. Thomas of Villanova Youth Group Adult Leader
- \*Regional Science Fair Judge
- \*Elementary School Tutor in Chicago
- \*Worked at Hayt Math and Science Academy
- \*Taught Lessons at St. Matthias School
- \*Performed behavioral assessments and plans at Kings Arts Elementary School

Katie was also the Loyola University Phonathon Manager for two years. During this time, they doubled the alumni donations. Katie ran nightly shifts, managed 20+ employees and facilitating training for all workers.

She student taught in a low-incidence, self contained program for students with intellectual disabilities and autism.

She created a behavior management system, taught thematic units, and differentiated instruction. She also helped with the Special Olympics basketball team and aided in an inclusive gym class.

Katie was immediately hired to be a maternity substitute at Sullivan High School where she student taught. Katie was then hired at Hoffman Estates High School where she teaches in the Educational Life Skills program.

She is also working as Resource Teacher, a Special Olympics assistant, a JV Girls Soccer Assistant Coach, and an assistant Scholastic Bowl Coach.

Katie is not only a wonderful young teacher, she is also one of the nicest young women I know. She is kind and very likeable and extremely humble.

She has been so appreciative of all DKG has done for her. Katie also won the DKG state Grant in Aid award.

**Cindy Sheely** is currently a retired special education teacher who regularly substitutes in School District 300. Cindy has been a professional educator for 32 years. As a special education teacher Cindy has earned a Masters + 30 specializing in behavior/emotional disorders, learning disabilities, reading specialist, and mental impairment. When working full-time, Cindy served on many school district committees, including STAT Team, Leadership Team, District Evaluation Committee(for preschool and elementary), Literacy Night Committee, After-School Reading Program, Fun Fair Chair for multiple years and district Charitable Giving Chair for 5 years.

In the community, Cindy is a tire-less volunteer. If there is a charitable volunteer opportunity, Cindy is usually always in. She has been a volunteer for DuPage PADS since 1986, and has been her church's year-long coordinator for PADS since 1988. Her volunteer activities include, Habitat for Humanity, youth group and adult mission trips, Roselle UMC food pantry, Northern Illinois Food Bank, to name a few.

Cindy is a teacher in the classroom, as well as outside of the classroom. She has been a Cub Scout and Boy Scout Activities Director and Pack Leader for several years. She has chaired her church's education committee and taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School for many years. She has been her sons' swim team parent volunteer, activities director, treasurer and swim meet coordinator. She has served as president of her church's United Methodist Women and has served on many committees in her church. When Cindy isn't working as a substitute teacher, she can sometimes be found volunteering at various elementary schools.

Cindy has successfully beaten breast cancer twice-all while continuing to teach and volunteer.

Cindy is recommended for membership by Mary Wrobel, Sue Wadkins and Sandy Cook.

### **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](mailto:ckeifer@gmail.com). If you have any additional questions regarding chapter information, please check out our webpage: [www.gammagamma75.org](http://www.gammagamma75.org).

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** (Mary Balk and Honora Quinn)

Please don't miss our next meeting:

**Tuesday, March 12th 3:15 Set-up/Social 4:15 Meeting/Program**

## **Music & It's Affects on the Brain**

Levonne Mrozinski, who has taught class and private piano at Harper College since 1989, will present a workshop that will review recent research and introduce music activities that develop cognitive functions of the brain. Come ready to have fun in a relaxed environment full of rhythm, singing, and musical movement. (No previous musical experience is necessary!)

**LOCATION:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
930 W Higgins Rd.  
Schaumburg, IL 60194

**SERVICE PROJECT:** Schuamburg Community Closet-please  
donate new packages of youth underwear

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Linda Szymkowiak 847-302-2380

**HOSTESSES AND GREETERS:** Educational Excellence Committee

**REFLECTION:** Tish Chapman

**CONTACT:** Rose Karner 630-291-6445

About our speaker:

**Levonne Mrozinski, NCTM**, comes from a family of educators. Levonne has taught at Harper College since 1989. She has taught class piano, music appreciation and credit piano lessons. Additionally, she has class and private piano through the Community Music Center. Since 2009, she has developed a successful recreational music making program through the college's Life Long Learning Institute.

Levonne has been active in the Northwest Suburban Music Teachers Association since 1989. She was president of the Northwest Suburban chapter from 2008-2010. For NWSMTA, she has also served as first vice-president and program chair and co-chair of the Awards Competition committee. Beginning in 2010 she is a co-chair of the AIM Performance committee.

She has a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and a Master of Music degree in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Oklahoma. She has also done post-graduate work at the University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana.

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!

**Thursday, April 11-** New Member Tea and Executive Board Meeting at Kris Beaudette's home: 719 White Willow Bay, Palatine, IL.

**Tuesday, May 7-** Spring Celebration of Membership at Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club. Invites are going out in March-please consider joining us!

**Thursday, September 19, 2019-**Get and Stay organized

## EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE: (Denise Pawelczyk)

### Announcements:

Educational Excellence Committee:

1. Met with Sandy Cook, Carol Cowen, and Gerie Kay to update application used for Gamma Gamma Chapter Recruitment Grant and Anne Fussell Recruitment Grant.
2. Worked with Kathy Muench to fully update scholarship section and current events section related to grant recipient-mentor program on Gamma Gamma webpage.
3. Invited and mentored three previous recruitment grant recipients through Lambda State grant process: Eden Schultz for the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award, Lauren Haman for the Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant, and Jennifer Navarette for the Grant-In-Aid Scholarship.
4. Invited current sophomore and junior grant recipients to apply for IRTA Foundation Scholarship.

\*At February's meeting, monetary donations and used cellphones were collected for the "Cellphones for Soldiers" organization. Monetary donations have already been mailed in, however, several people have asked if they can still donate old cellphones and/or iPads. The committee will accept any cellphones/iPads brought to the March meeting, but that is the final date.

\*New, unopened youth sized packages of underwear will be collected at the March meeting for the Schaumburg Community Closet.

\***Sandy Cook and Karyn Baldwin** will continue their sales of gardening supplies at the March meeting to help offset the cost of the reading garden project at Huff School. (The Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies grant which they received requires fundraising at the chapter level.)

\*Members are encouraged to purchase and use "SIMEK'S" frozen food products during the month of March. **Nancy Harmon** learned about this company; which works in partnership with "Feeding America" to donate a portion of the sale(s) to local food banks for every one of their meals which is purchased.

\***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.

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

**April:** Chapter Bazaar 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)

Thank you to all who signed up to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children. We had an enthusiastic group but we were "snowed out" that day and did not attend. We look forward to trying again in 2020 and hope we will have better weather next time!  
Kris Beaudette

## **NEWS FROM LAMBDA STATE:**

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

We have an excellent line-up of programs this year at our Lambda State Convention. We are offering 22 one-hour sessions, three of which are double sessions, 18 ten-minute takeaways, and 9 posters. Some of the sessions will begin as early as 4:30 pm on Friday April 26. There is definitely something for everyone!

We also have several vendors who will be offering a wide variety of goods and service at our convention. 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. Go to [www.deltakappagamma.org/IL](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL) to register. This workshop will be on Friday afternoon from 1:30-4 p.m. Don't delay in registering for this great session. There will be a nominal \$10 registration fee for this workshop.

March 2 will be here before you know it. Please encourage your chapter members to sign up for the CCCC luncheon on March 2. We have a wonderful speaker coming and I am sure everyone will enjoy what she has to say. Also we are honoring one student teacher so please do not forget to bring some items for the student teacher bin.

From Lambda State Treasurer, Sharon Vinson:

Many questions have been coming my way since the Constitutional changes occurred at our DKG International Convention in Austin in July 2018. With this memo, I hope you will have answers to most of your concerns.



First, the reason for the change of timing for dues collection is so that the chapter, state organization and international will receive operating income at the beginning of the fiscal year instead of very little income until 4-6 months have passed, as has been the situation for many years. With this change, you will be paying dues to your chapter treasurer in May and June 2019 for the 2019-20 fiscal year and each year thereafter.

Second, chapter treasurers will submit the dues form to the international and the state organizations electronically by July 10 using Chapter Connect (on international website).

Training for this will occur via webinars in February/March of 2019 and at our state convention in late April.

As your state organization treasurer and a member of the International Finance Committee, I am available for assistance to all chapter treasurers (especially those who do not have internet connection). Please be sure to contact me via email at [sjvins4@gmail.com](mailto:sjvins4@gmail.com) whenever you have concerns.

The Women in the Arts Creative Arts Retreat is on a different weekend and location this year. Our 40th Women in the Arts Retreat is June 28-30, 2019 at Monticello, IL. Please check the attached registration form.

The Leadership and Technology Workshop at Bradley University is June 24, 25, 26, 2019. Registration begins March 1<sup>st</sup>. See attached registration form in this newsletter.

The Lambda State membership committee is interested in the process you are using to attract Generation Z candidates and other generational groups to DKG. Do share!

Gentle reminders:

- Have you started to review the dates of induction of members in your chapter? The membership committee needs your assistance in honoring members at state convention who were invested in DKG in the following years, 1979, 1974, 1969, 1964 and 1959
- Upon the passing of a chapter member, send a copy of Form 6 to my attention: Joan Rog, 3856 N. Nordica Avenue, Chicago, IL 60634-2378 or an email to [storm2457@att.net](mailto:storm2457@att.net).

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

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#### **UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

**Erin Felvey**(Feb 16), **Charlotte Weber**(Feb 22), **Mary Ann Bilski**(Feb 25), **Merna Folkers**(Feb 26), **Sharon Froehlich**(Feb 28), **Judy Briggs**(Mar 2), **Chris Dick**(Mar 14), **Carol Escorcia**(Mar 20), **Karen DeVecchio**(Mar 22), **Alice Ryan**(Mar 26), **Geri DeFalco**(Mar 27), and **Maureen Briza**(Mar 31). Happy Birthday, Ladies!

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- **February Newsletter**

- **Cook County Coordinating Council luncheon registration and information**
- **Preconvention Workshop Registration**
- **Convention Volunteer sheet**
- **Women in the Arts Creative Arts Retreat**
- **Leadership and Technology Workshop**

### *Mary's Missive*

*I will be very happy when winter is done and spring is upon us. This has been a hard winter and it isn't over yet! I encourage our members to think about attending our state convention in April-it's always a fun time! I look forward to seeing many of you at our chapter programs, and maybe convention this spring. Happy Valentine's Day! I hope you all enjoy this fun holiday with loved ones and friends!*

*Mary*