

Gamma Gamma Ray



Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter of Lambda State March 2019

At our March 12th chapter meeting, we had 32 members and two guests, including **Joan Rog**, our state visitor and our presenter, Levonne(Vonnie) Mrozinski. The committee chairs presented their committee summary reports for Joan Rog. Joan gave us a few words of wisdom and thanks for our warm welcome. **Sharon Froehlich** gave her corresponding secretary report and read a beautiful thank-you letter from Cell Phones for Soldiers, who expressed their gratitude for our generous monetary donations, as well as our cell phone donations. **Tish Chapman** gave a lovely reflection. **Mary Balk** announced that we are selling DKG logo shopping bags at the Convention Chapter Bazaar in April. **Gerie Kay** told us about the CCCC luncheon which was held on March 2nd.

Karyn Baldwin encouraged all of us to sign up as reader “Thumb Buddies” at her school in Elgin on April 4th. We will be reading the book, “Miss Rumphius” She still needs a few more volunteers to fill reader spots. If you would like to volunteer for this wonderful reading opportunity at Huff School, please contact Karyn. **Karyn and Sandy Cook** sold flower seeds, and garden gloves to help fund their Reading Garden grant project at Huff School. **Linda Stolt** gave a current treasurer’s report, which we voted to accept- all is well with our finances.

Rose Karner introduced our speaker, **Vonnie Mrozinski**, who gave a fun and energetic presentation on “Music and Its Effect on the Brain”. She had us all singing and up doing rhythm and memory activities. We had a fun time with all the music and brain games!

And the end of the meeting **Rose Karner** announced the unanimous vote for our two new soon-to-be members: **Cindy Sheely and Katie McGarvey!**

Thanks to **Sue Wadkins** and the Educational Excellence Committee for providing the delicious treats at this chapter meeting. Sue also purchased two lovely primrose plants which she raffled off(won by Glenda Klein Mali and Mary Wrobel)

Joan Rog enjoyed meeting many of our chapter members and was very impressed with our chapter committee reports, as well as our program by Vonnie Mrozinski.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **Mar 26th- The Gamma Gamma Book Club** is meeting on Tuesday the 26th at Riccardo’s Restaurant at 5:30pm to discuss We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter. This novel is based on the true story of a Jewish family in Poland who were separated at the start of WWII, but determined to survive. If you plan to attend please contact our facilitator, Jacqui Rothman.

- **March 31st-** Achievement Award Ballots are due to Pam Painter, Achievement Award Chair.
- **April 4th-** Chapter volunteers are scheduled to read “Miss Rumphius” at Huff School in the morning and afternoon to students. Contact Karyn Baldwin if you want to sign up or if you forgot your assigned time: kbaldwin345@gmail.com.
- **April 11th-** **Candidates for Membership ‘Get Acquainted Tea’ and Executive Board Meeting** at Kris Beaudette’s home: 719 White Willow Bay, Palatine, IL 60067. New member candidates will meet Executive Board members and learn about the history and purposes of the society. The Tea will be at 4pm with an Executive Board meeting and dinner at 6pm.
- **April 26-28-** DKG Lambda State Convention at the Decatur Conference Center in Decatur, IL.
- **May 7th-** **Our annual Gamma Gamma Celebration Banquet.** We will induct our new members and honor our 50 and 45 year members. We will celebrate the retirement of three of our Gamma Gamma members. And finally, we will celebrate the life of our long-time member, Barb Keegan, who passed away in February. We have a lot to celebrate- please join us!

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Congratulations to Eden Schultz and Lauren Haman for being awarded Lambda State scholarships!** Eden was awarded the \$3,000. Josephine M. O’Neil Award, and Lauren will receive the Florence A. Cook Award. They will both receive their awards on April 28th at the Lambda State Convention.
- **Congratulations to the following Gamma Gamma members for their long-time membership in DKG: Sally Scholler(50 years), Mary Marowally(50 years), Jane Born(45 years) and Alice Ryan(45 years).** These four remarkable women will be honored at the Lambda State Convention on April 27th, as well as our May 7th banquet.
- If you are interested in being a part of our **chapter’s mentoring program**, please email Denise Pawelczyk at dreismom2@yahoo.com by April 1st. Mentors will act as “big sisters” and educational resources for potential recruitment grant recipients during their four years of college. A training session will be held April 15th.
- Reminder to chapter members: **The applications for both the Gamma Gamma Chapter Scholarship and the Gamma Gamma Love of Learning Stipend can be found on our chapter website.** Applications and documentation **must be received** by Denise Pawelczyk **by APRIL 15TH** in order to be considered. (See gammagamma75.org for further information.)
- **Jacqui Rothman, Gerie Kay and Mary Wrobel attended the annual Cook County Coordinating Council luncheon and program.** It was a wonderful luncheon with many Cook County DKG members attending, including many from our Lambda State Executive Board. Our basket looked outstanding and got a lot of ticket bids. A speaker from Marion Medical Mission gave a fascinating program on their mission to build wells in Africa. All in all a great event!

- They will be selling DKG car stickers at convention to advertise who we are and what we do. If you are interested, ask someone who is going to convention to buy you some of these DKG logo stickers(\$5 each), or buy them yourself: See attached form at the end of this newsletter.
- **As announced many times, our dues will be collected early this year. Instead of October, we need all chapter dues by May. Please send your \$84 check for dues now through May to Linda Stolt:1912 Quaker Hollow Ln., Streamwood, IL 60107-1977**

***Lambda State IL Convention will be April 26-28 in Decatur, IL.** It's not too late to register. So far, 10 of our chapter members are attending and a few of us from our chapter will be presenting. 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.

Karyn Baldwin, Sandy Cook and Denise Pawelczyk will be presenting "Planting Seeds for Collegiate Membership" on April 27th 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. We can also be discreet, if you don't wish to announce your situation to all chapter members.

- **Gretchen Mahin** recently had knee replacement surgery. This is her second knee replacement and we hope it went smoother than her first replacement. Please send your good wishes to:
Gretchin Mahin 5 W. Olive St., Arlington Hts, IL 60004
- 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, don't forget to let us know if you need our support- The Care Team

COMMITTEE REPORTING

SOCIETY BUSINESS: (Joan Gazdic)

Joan gave a summary of the goals and actions of Society Business for Joan Rog. Society Business covers chapter finances, rules and research. Joan's report can be found on our webpage: www.gammagamma57.org.

*Please email Linda Stolt (lindast05@hotmail.com) if you have a question regarding budget, expenses, vouchers and reimbursement. Linda Stolt gave the treasurer's report at our March meeting, which the members voted to accept. If you want a copy of this report please contact her.

*It seems like we just paid our dues, but we will be paying them again early, and hereafter in May. Please send your \$84.00 dues for the 2019-20 year to Linda Stolt now: Linda Stolt 1912 Quaker Hollow Ln., Streamwood, IL 60107-1977

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: (Rose Karner)

We are pleased to announce the unanimous vote to accept **Cindy Sheely** and **Katie McGarvey** into our membership in May. We are excited to have these two outstanding women join our chapter.

Rose gave a report of the four goals and activities of the Membership Committee for Joan Rog. That report will be posted in our minutes and can be found on our webpage: www.gammagamma75.org.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: (Cheryl Keifer)

Chris Dick gave a report of the goals and duties of the Communication Committee to Joan Rog. Chris also stated that as of this summer our new directory will be on-line for our membership. For those who don't have a computer and printer, the committee will print a few yearbooks, as well as print copies for a small fee to members who request it. This report will be posted in our meeting minutes on our webpage: www.gammagamma75.org.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: (Mary Balk and Honora Quinn)

Honora gave an over-view of all our 2018-19 programs and events to Joan Rog at our March 12th meeting, including scheduled upcoming activities. Emphasis was placed on the variety of chapter programs, as well as the appropriateness of these topics and programs for our chapter members.

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)

Denise gave a summary of all the goals and accomplishments of the Educational Excellence Committee for the 2018-19 year for Joan Rog. Please check our webpage for the complete report: www.gammagamma75.org

Announcements:

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*We are exceptionally proud and excited to announce that **Eden Schultz**, our 2016 Gamma Gamma Chapter Recruitment Grant recipient and collegiate chapter member, has won one of the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Awards. Eden is a junior at Concordia College in River Forest studying music education. She is the principal clarinetist in Concordia's Wind Symphony, Orchestra, and Jazz Band. This spring break, she was on tour in NYC with the Concordia College Wind Symphony and played at Carnegie Hall!

*We are equally proud and excited for **Lauren Haman**. Lauren was our 2015 Gamma Gamma Chapter Recruitment Grant recipient and is now one of our collegiate chapter members. She has won one of the Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grants. Lauren is a senior at IL State University. She is currently student teaching advanced math classes at Maine South High School.

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*Our next service project will be collected at our May 7th spring celebration. Please consider making monetary donations to the KENNETH YOUNG CENTER. We will **not** be collecting school supplies that night. Instead, PLEASE BRING SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO YOUR COMMITTEE MEETINGS. Thank you!!

Please make note of these service projects on your calendars:

May: Donations to Kenneth Young Center collected at our May dinner or mailed to Sudha Byanna.

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

SPECIAL PROJECTS: (Kris Beaudette)

Kris shared the goals and activities of the Special Projects Committee for Joan Rog. This committee includes international projects, literacy and legislation. Kris' complete report can be found on our webpage: www.gammagamma75.org

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.

Speaking of Convention:

Do you have a nagging question about something dealing with the latest in technology? Does it involve Google Drive, One Drive, Drop Box, posting pictures, capturing graphics, iPhone, or something else? Here's your chance to get that question (and even others) answered. Just send your question to us, and it will be answered during our session at April's Lambda State Convention (time permitting).

How does this work?

1. Use the link bit.ly/LSConQs2019 to enter your question.
2. Your question and all others submitted will be posted for you to review. Just go to: bit.ly/LSConv2019List
3. Your answer will be provided during the Communications and Publicity session at April's State Convention in Decatur.
4. All the questions and answers will also be printed and available to you after the convention. Jean Tulin will be heading this session. Come learn the latest!

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 whenever you have concerns.

Are you working with students or adults with mental health challenges? What do you do when someone talks about suicide? How do you interact with individuals who are depressed?

Come to a pre-convention workshop on Friday April 26, 2019 at the Decatur Area Conference Center. This workshop will be held from 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m. Professional Development Hours will be given, and the workshop is open to anyone. There is a nominal registration fee of \$10. This workshop is on a first come first serve basis. To register go to: <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL/>

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 1st. See attached registration form in this newsletter.

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.

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UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Alice Ryan(Mar 26), **Geri DeFalco**(Mar 27), **Maureen Briza**(Mar 31), **Sue Werner**(April 7), **Mary Hurd**(April 10), **Mary Stitt**(April 14), and **Nancy Harmon**(April 21). Happy Birthday, Ladies!

ATTACHMENTS:

- **March Newsletter**
- **Convention Volunteer sheet**
- **Women in the Arts Creative Arts Retreat**
- **Leadership and Technology Workshop**

Mary's Missive

Joan Rog, our Lambda State Visitor was very impressed with our chapter and appreciated the written reports from our committee chairs. Several of us from the chapter, including our presenter, Vonnie Mrozinski, met for a relaxed and enjoyable dinner at Moretti's after our March 12th meeting. We all had a fun chat! Joan is looking forward to meeting with our chapter more often, and in fact enthusiastically accepted our invitation to attend our May Celebration! Thanks to all our membership for making this state visit such a success. I'm so proud to be a part of this chapter and represent Gamma Gamma as your president.

Mary