

# Gamma Gamma Ray



## Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter of IL State [www.gammagamma75.org](http://www.gammagamma75.org) January 2020

### Happy New Year!



On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, our collegiate members, and grant recipients had a fun winter luncheon with their Gamma Gamma mentors. It was a wonderful opportunity for our college students to connect with each other and spend time with their mentors. I heard that everyone(all 17) had a great time! Thanks to **Denise Pawelczyk** for organizing this luncheon.

At our January 14<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting, 31 members were in attendance with one guest speaker. **Kris Beaudette** read Cindy Ward's inspiring reflection, Message in a Bottle, by C.S. Lewis. **Gerie Kay** invited us to participate in the Cook County Coordinating Council March 7<sup>th</sup> luncheon. **Linda Stolt** gave the treasurer's report which included the final record amount of money taken in at our Holiday Auction: \$5,282. **Joan Gazdic** did a great job explaining the revisions to our chapter rules(previously called By-Laws) and finances.

**Ted Buckley**, financial consultant for Mooney Lyons gave an eye-opening presentation on financial strategies for women. We all came away with some excellent knowledge.

**Sandy Cook** reminded us to bring gift cards(any card and any amount) to our Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to donate for the Special Olympics fund raiser. **Rose Karner** reminded us to get in our new member applications before the end of the month.

Thanks to Service and Special Projects Committee for providing delicious treats.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- January 18- Feed My Starving Children (9-11am) at 740 Wiley Farm Court in Schaumburg. Contact Kris Beaudette if you want to participate and if you signed up to attend, please remember to be at the location on time.
- January 21-Gamma Gamma book club is meeting to discuss "The Gifted School" by Bruce Holsinger. We are meeting at Riccardo's Restaurant at 5:30pm. Jacqui Rothman is facilitating. Please contact Jacqui if you plan to attend: phrogpad@aol.com
- January 30- Deadline to submit New Member Applications to Rose Karner. Please contact potential members to see if they would like to join. We are always looking for new members!
- February 6- Chapter program: "Special Olympics" presented by Katie McGarvey at Prince of Peace 3:30 pm. Our service project is gift cards to help raise money for Special Olympics.

## CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS and WANT ADS:

- If anyone is considering going to the state DKG convention April 24-26 in St. Louis, please email Mary Wrobel([maryjwrobel@aol.com](mailto:maryjwrobel@aol.com)). I want to put together a group email to figure out how and when we are all getting there. Some of us are thinking about flying down, since the convention is at the Marriott St. Louis Airport. The convention registration form and hotel information is in the winter Newscaster. Get your hotel room and register early!
- If anyone is interested in attending the Cook County Coordinating Council luncheon and awards program on March 7<sup>th</sup> please contact Gerie Kay. The luncheon begins at 11:15 at the Wilmette Golf Club with a key note speaker and awards program following. It would be wonderful to have a Gamma Gamma Chapter table at this event. It's also a great way to get to know Cook County Chapter members. It's always a fun time! Please check out the registration form attached to this newsletter.
- As many of you know, my daughter, Katie (Charlotte Weber's daughter), has received so much support from our members. Both Katie and I have been so touched by all the cards and many gestures of goodwill.  
Katie has now been battling brain cancer for eight years. She is still here but suffers from terrible side effects which means that she can no longer walk on her own, has aphasia on the left side of her face so she can no longer smile and has great difficulty eating and talking. She also is almost blind and has difficulty hearing. But her mind is still sharp and she has her same sardonic wit.  
Katie recently published a book called, "If Life Hands You Lemons..." It is available through Barnes & Noble.com and Amazon.com. Katie wrote the book to hopefully help other young people who are experiencing cancer themselves or dealing with others who have it. She is donating half of the proceeds to Seattle Children's Hospital which has a lot of patients with Katie's form of cancer which is most common in young children.

The book is not a downer to read. It has many educational aspects as well as parts that will make you laugh. I thought our members would enjoy knowing about it and may want to purchase it for themselves or for a person they know who is dealing with cancer. Thanks! Charlotte

- Mary Stitt has a new email address: [marym.stitt@gmail.com](mailto:marym.stitt@gmail.com). Please make this change in your chapter member data sheet.
- I mistakenly wrote in our Dec Newsletter that 48 chapter members were at our Holiday Auction. Actually, we had 58 members at our holiday auction. Thanks for catching that, Rose!
- Remember to periodically check out our chapter website([www.gammagamma75.org](http://www.gammagamma75.org)) which is beautifully managed by our webmaster, [Kathy Muench](#). Our website password is: GG#75DKG. You can print our new yearbook information. All the information in our 2019-20 yearbook can be found on our website.
- Also, don't forget to check out our state organization website, [www.deltakappagamma.org/IL](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL) . You may need to use your member number, found on the back of your yearbook, as a password.

### **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.

The Care Team is happy to welcome Lorena Williams to the team. Lorena can't always make it to our meetings, so being a part of Care Team will allow her to help our chapter members.

Carol Escortia's daughter, Jenny Ford, is still struggling with her illness and stroke. Carol is currently in Philadelphia to help her. Prayers and cards are most welcome. Here is Jenny's address:

**Jenny Ford**  
**4043 Aldine St.**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19136**

As always, please keep up the good wishes and prayers for Charlotte Weber's daughter, Katie, especially during the holiday season. Charlotte reports that Katie is holding her own, but is still dealing with difficult struggles. Katie loves to hear from her mom's Gamma Gamma sisters. Here is Katie's address:

**Katie Weber**  
**3039 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.**  
**Seattle, WA 98144**

Remember: many of our chapter sisters have health issues or other situations they are dealing with which prevent them from coming to meetings. If you haven't heard from a Gamma Gamma sister in a while, please take a moment to call or email her. We can all do our part to check on our members and support them when they need us most.

**To all our Gamma Gamma sisters, we wish you all great health this holiday season, but don't forget to let us know if you need our support - The Care Team**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTING**

### **SOCIETY BUSINESS:** (Joan Gazdic)

Please review the attached proposed revisions to Chapter Rules and Financial Policies. Joan went over this information at our January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Members should review, note highlighted revisions, before we vote on the revisions in February. Note that Gamma Gamma Executive Board and Committee Chairs have all been directly involved or had opportunity for their input and review before this latest proposed revision.

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

- ❖ Don't forget to look for new members to recommend for our chapter! The Member Application is attached. February will be here before we know it and new member applications are due before February.

And as always, don't forget to invite women to one or more of our meetings so they can see what our chapter is all about. We are always looking for new members!

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** (Cheryl Keifer)

Any member personal information changes need to be sent to me, **Cheryl Keifer**, ASAP ([ckeifer@gmail.com](mailto:ckeifer@gmail.com)) so that we can keep our data base up to date.

Don't forget: The entire Gamma Gamma Yearbook is online!

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

**Our February 6<sup>th</sup> program is "Special Olympics"** presented by our own Katie McGarvey at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 3:30. Please bring gift cards to help support District 211 Special Olympics.

### **EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE-Scholarships:** (Denise Pawelczyk)

On January 3rd, current and former grant recipients along with their mentors and interested chapter members met to break bread and discuss a variety of topics. Successes at school, scholarships available, input on student teaching placement, and tips for developing resumes and job application follow up were among some of the topics covered. Also, an

invitation to consider collegiate membership was extended to our sophomore girls when they become college level juniors.

Speaking of collegiate membership, DKG will accept any junior or senior college level female majoring in education at a 4-year university. Collegiate members do NOT have to be former chapter grant recipients! Do you know any young lady that fits this description? Please let me know!!! We would be pleased to have them become "little sisters" of our chapter, and become a part of our mentor-mentee family!

Also, if you know of any 2020 female graduating high school seniors that attend a District 211 high school and who are interested in majoring in an education related field, please encourage them to apply for our Gamma Gamma Recruitment Grant or Anne Fussell Scholarship. The application for both can be found on our [gammagamma75.org](http://gammagamma75.org) website. This year the application and filing process will all be done entirely online to streamline the process.

Now is the time to give some consideration to becoming a mentor! Carol McHale has already volunteered to join our cadre of chapter members who have agreed to mentor our grant recipients. It's a 4-year commitment, but it almost seems to fly as you become a resource and a friend to these remarkable young ladies. It is INCREDIBLY rewarding! If you think you would be interested, please let me know by April.

Lastly, a HUGE thank you to Susan Wadkins for agreeing to become my "right hand gal". It is a good feeling to know that I have someone to help me with committee duties as I grapple with the additional care giving responsibilities of my parents. I know I can count on EVERYONE on my team, but it is a comfort to know I am working with someone who may eventually take the baton from me.

Chapter Members, I need your help: The Cook County Coordinating Council offers an award for outstanding student teachers. We do not have any grant recipients or collegiate members who student taught this past semester. Do any of you know an exemplary student teacher who you would like our chapter to nominate? Please look over the following attachment(at the end of the newsletter), and then contact me, Denise Pawelczyk, at [dreismom2@yahoo.com](mailto:dreismom2@yahoo.com) . THANK YOU!!!

### **SERVICE AND SPECIAL PROJECTS:** (Kris Beaudette and Gerie Kay)

We are scheduled for a packing session at **Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, January 18, 2020, at 9:00-10:30**. Please note that they have moved and are now at 740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg, IL. Please contact Kris Beaudette at [atKrisbeau@comcast.net](mailto:atKrisbeau@comcast.net) or 847-431-1254 (voice or text) if you are able to participate. If you have already signed up, no need to confirm. We have you signed up! There will be an optional lunch afterwards at Jason's Deli

\*Our book swap will continue and any leftover books will be taken to the local library for donation.

**NEWS FROM IL STATE:** [www.deltakappagamma.org/IL](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL)

**Bev Johns is inviting all Illinois DKG members to join our new state organization Facebook page. Please consider joining, if you haven't already: DKG-Illinois Key Women Educators**

**It's time to think about going to our state convention in St. Louis.**

- Have you **registered for the convention** and encouraged all your chapter members to be there? Jean Tulin, our registrar eagerly awaits your registration which you can do online or via mail. Remember our goal for attendance is 352 members. There are so many exciting activities planned for you. Keep watching our Facebook page (dkg—Illinois key women educators) for updates on the convention. Remember that we are fortunate that Cathy Daugherty will be joining us as our Society Representative and I am happy to also announce that Joan Funk will be her hostess for the weekend. Don't forget to wear your vintage hat for the Friday evening, Meet Me in St. Louis festivities
- We are most excited to announce that our **International Visitor will be the President of Delta Kappa Gamma International, Cathy Daugherty**. Cathy hails from the state of Virginia and was a former Latin teacher. We are so honored that she will be a gift to us at our state convention at the Marriott at the Saint Louis Airport.
- **Make room reservations for our convention in Saint Louis! Marriott St. Louis Airport- 314-423-9700**
- Remember that we do have a block of rooms for Thursday night, thanks to the work of Sylvia Olson. Online **registration for the convention opened on January 1**. Remember our goal is to have 352 members present. The registration form is in **The Newscaster**.
- Are you willing to **assist at the convention**? We are in need of volunteers so I am looking for people who would be conveners for sessions and individuals who are willing to work at the registration desk for one to two hour blocks of time from Friday at 4 p.m. until Sunday morning. If you can volunteer please send me an email at: [pres.lambda.ilstate@gmail.com](mailto:pres.lambda.ilstate@gmail.com)
- Debbie Lambeth has been busy preparing for the Leadership Academies so please give Delta Kappa Gamma, Illinois State Organization the gift of your leadership by attending **one of the three leadership academies** on Friday before convention April 24, or choose June 6 or July 16. The registration form is here:  
<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL/LeadershipDev/2019-2020%20LEADERSHIP%20Academy%20Fillable%20Form.pdf>  
Be a leader in our organization!
- Encourage a student to apply for the **Florence A. Cook and the Grant-in-Aid**. Deadlines for both of those are February 1 and forms can be found here <http://deltakappagamma.org/IL/EducationalExcellence/index.html>.



- To nominate a person for a Legislative Certificate of Appreciation, a chapter leader needs to go to the DKG Illinois State Organization website [www.deltakappagamma.org/IL](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL), click on Committees and then Legislation. In this section is a 4-page document with information about the Certificates, Guidelines, and the 2-page application. Applications are due electronically to Legislation Chair, Janet Kilgus, at [djkilgus@frontier.com](mailto:djkilgus@frontier.com) no later than February 1, 2020. Certificates will be awarded at the DKG Illinois State Organization Convention, April 24-26, 2020, in St. Louis. These are presented at the breakfast on Sunday morning.

#### Upcoming state activities:

- February 1, 2020: applications for Florence A. Cook and Grant-In-Aid scholarships are due

#### UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Stephanie Grande(Jan 18) and Rita Tweed(Jan 23), Cindy Sheely(Feb 1), Tish Chapman(Feb 4), Jane Martin(Feb 15), Charlotte Weber(Feb 22), Jennifer Navarrete(Feb 22), Mary Ann Bilski(Feb 25), Katie McGarvey(Feb 25), Merna Folkers(Feb 26), and Sharon Froehlich(Feb 28). Happy Birthday, Ladies!

#### *Mary's Missive*

*The new year has started and we are off and running as we look forward to programs and events in 2020. 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, in St. Louis-it's always a fun time! Also- give some thought to the convention Bazaar. 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 2020!*

*Mary*

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- **January Newsletter**
- **Chapter Rules and Financial Addendum revisions**
- **New Member Application**
- **CCCC Registration Form**