

## **Gamma Gamma News**

### **April 6, 2020**

Happy Spring! At least despite our social distancing and various restrictions, we can all enjoy the sunshine and warm weather of Spring! My daffodils have bloomed and the tulips will soon, too. I can spend more time outside in the garden and yard with the promise that life goes on and we are doing ok. I hope you are all enjoying our Spring weather!

#### **We have a few announcements:**

- **Cheryl Keifer** has completed our book list suggestions and they are attached to this email. We have a wonderful selection of books to read, which should keep us all busy during our shelter in place. And with the warm weather, we can now read outside more! I hope you all enjoy these books.

Thanks for this, Cheryl!

- **Please remember** to mail your dues to **Linda Stolt** this month or next.

Active member dues are \$84.

Reserved membership is \$42

Collegiate membership is \$20.

Please write your checks to Delta Kappa Gamma and send them to:

- Linda Stolt  
1912 Quaker Hollow Lane,  
Streamwood, IL 60107-1977.

Thanks!

- From **Glenda Klein-Mali** and the Care Team:

**Judy McGuire** recently fell outside her home and spent a day or two at the hospital. Her fall further complicated her recovery from her illness. Please pray for Judy, as she will so appreciate it, and send her well wishes:

- Judy McGuire  
124 Bristol Dr.,  
Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

**News from the Educational Scholarships Committee:** Submitted by Denise Pawelczyk

Dear Friends,

In this time of uncertainty, I'm sure we're all feeling a little anxious and have bouts of feeling down. I thought I'd shoot a little bit of sunshine your way, and share some positive things going on in our community of Gamma Gamma sisterhood!

**First,**

We have some former grant recipients that should be tooting their horns: **Jennifer Navarrete, Rachel Maniscalco, and Eden Schultz** all received grants at the state level from DKG this spring! Jennifer is a Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant recipient, and Rachel and Eden both received Charles and Elizabeth Iwert scholarships.

Has anyone else recently received a grant or an award? Let me know; so I can spread the good news!!! Let's make some noise, and toot some more horns!!!

**Second,**

Whoo, whoo!!! **Karly Grapenthin** was soooooo excited that she wanted the world to know that *she is the newest special ed teacher at Hoffman Estates High School!!!* She got hired today!!! Karly has also decided to become an active member of the Gamma Gamma chapter. She will be joining **Karyn, Katie, and Lauren** as former Gamma Gamma recruitment grant recipients who have decided to join our chapter after college graduation. (And, I know Brit is looking into chapters in IN..!)

Hey--if any of you would like info on becoming collegiate members *or* active members of our chapter, let me know! **Jada and Steffi**, you are eligible to become collegiate members this summer. I sent an invitation earlier...but that was right before all the COVID-19 stuff happened...so no worries if it got lost in your inbox..! Fingers crossed, you are interested in becoming inducted. If you know of anyone else who is a junior or senior in college who is majoring in education, let me know--they are eligible, too!!!

**Third,**

Bless **Lauren Haman, Brit Moran, Katie McGarvey, Karyn Baldwin, Shannon Peterson, and Jenny Morris** who have been navigating the e-learning waters with their students. There are many other teachers out there, but you young ladies are the ones that this Mother Hen knows personally. Know that I'm proud of all of you, and I continue to send you all positive

thoughts. I have really enjoyed your communication and your sharing with one another about how things are going on the "virtual learning front"!

I came across a grant that you in the trenches might be interested in. It's available to public school educators (Pre-K-12). The IL Retired Teachers Foundation is making \$36,500 in grant money available statewide in Illinois. If you visit [www.irtaonline.org](http://www.irtaonline.org) and look under the Foundation section, you will find the application. (Bummer--the fine print says that Chicago Public School employees are not eligible for this grant program. Sorry, Jenny!) Karly, technically, you are a public school teacher now...so you just might just be eligible. (My husband is known to say: "Anything is possible"..!)

Thanks for sharing this, Denise! And for those of you who are on Facebook, I posted on the state site our scholarship/grant recipients: Eden Schultz and Jennifer Navarette with their photo and bio. Congratulations, girls! I still hope to get information and a photo from Rachel for Facebook.

Happy Birthday to Sue Werner(April 7th) Upcoming birthdays include: Mary Hurd(April 10th), Mary Stitt(April 14) and Nancy Harmon(April 21). Happy birthday, ladies!

I wish you all the best as we enter Passover(beginning Wednesday) and Holy Week. It's hard to imagine participating in these holy occasions without family, friends or church. For the first time in my life I won't be in church on Easter Sunday or singing at services during holy week. My husband and I will be celebrating Easter and eating Easter dinner alone this year. It's sad in many ways, but it also helps us remember the true significance of these holidays.

God Bless you all, and please remember to stay in touch with your Gamma Gamma sisters, especially those who need our support.

Mary 😊