

# Gamma Gamma Ray



**Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter of IL State Organization**  
**[www.gammagamma75.org](http://www.gammagamma75.org)**  
**April 2020**

**Congratulations to our state scholarship winners! Their photos and bios were placed on the DKG IL State Organization Facebook page.**



**Eden Schultz** is a collegiate member of Gamma Gamma and winner of the Charles and Elizabeth A. Iwert state scholarship. She is currently a senior music education major at Concordia University Chicago. This coming fall, she will be student teaching at an elementary school and high school in District 15 and 211 in Palatine, IL. As an instrumental music major, Eden has been involved in various performing ensembles on and off campus including the Concordia Chicago Wind Symphony, which performed in Carnegie Hall last spring (and where this picture was taken)! Eden has found an interest in Arts Administration as well, through an internship at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra! After she graduates, she hopes to become a high school band director, seek out higher education, and keep on spreading the joys of music!



**Jennifer Navarrete**, a collegiate member of Gamma Gamma, is the Florence A. Cook Grant recipient. She is a junior majoring in teaching history and an English minor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Recently, Jennifer had been working towards completing observation hours in classrooms at CPS schools. She is also involved with Student Education Association, and about a month ago, was elected treasurer for the organization. Jennifer has found it to be a very fulfilling experience collaborating with other future educators. Next spring, Jennifer plans to student teach. She is very excited for the opportunity to get firsthand experience teaching in a real classroom!



**Rachel Maniscalco** is a collegiate member of Gamma Gamma and winner of the Charles and Elizabeth A. Iwert Scholarship. Rachel is currently a junior at Illinois State University studying Early Childhood Education with an endorsement in English as a Second Language (ESL). While at college, Rachel spends most of her time working in an elementary school as an Interventionist, First-Grade Assistant, and First-Books program coordinator. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with friends, watching movies, and being outside...but only when it is warm! Rachel is looking forward to student teaching in the fall and spring. In the future, she hopes to work in an elementary school as a first-grade teacher. Rachel is very excited to see what her

future holds, but is cherishing each and every moment of her college experience. She is very grateful to have been awarded the Charles and Elizabeth Iwert Scholarship.

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

- May 21<sup>st</sup>- The New Member Tea and executive board meeting, with an informal installation of new executive board officers. The Tea will begin at 4:30pm at Mary Balk's home. This is a tentative date dependent on the lifting of state bans on gatherings.
- June 25- Book Club at Riccardo's- 5:30pm. We will be discussing When Life Hands You Lemons by Katie Weber. This is a tentative date.
- July 16- DKG State Leadership Academy at the IEA Building in Bloomington, IL. 9-1:30.

### **CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Hopefully many of you read the Daily Herald article by Burt Constable on April 12<sup>th</sup> about Charlotte's daughter Katie Weber and her brave struggle with cancer. It's a wonderful article, which I hope all of you have a chance to read. Below is the link to the article. I'm not sure the link will work for you, but I tried it again recently and I was able to see the article.**

[https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20200411/constable-cancer-devastating-but-truth-love-humor-keep-her-grounded?utm\\_source=afternoon%20alert&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=article%20column&utm\\_campaign=Afternoon%20Alert%204%2F11%2F2020](https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20200411/constable-cancer-devastating-but-truth-love-humor-keep-her-grounded?utm_source=afternoon%20alert&utm_medium=email&utm_content=article%20column&utm_campaign=Afternoon%20Alert%204%2F11%2F2020)

## Care Team News:

We are hoping and praying that all our Gamma Gamma sisters are healthy and safe. Please let us know if you know anyone in our chapter, or their family members have contracted COVID-19. Please contact Glenda Klein-Mali(and Mary Wrobel) if you have any Care Team news.

- Please keep up the good wishes and prayers for Charlotte Weber's daughter, Katie. 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**

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)

**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 2020-21 year to Linda Stolt now: Linda Stolt 1912 Quaker Hollow Ln., Streamwood, IL 60107-1977**

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** (Rose Karner transitioning to Madelynn Brossard)

We hope to meet and get to know our 3 candidates for membership at our New Member Tea: Matina Kantzavelos, Diana O'Donnell, and Phyllis Ardaugh. We will keep re-scheduling the New Member Tea until we can actually hold it. As of now, we will be inducting our new members at our September meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** (Cheryl Keifer)

If you have any changes to our chapter yearbook/directory and our membership data, please contact Cheryl Keifer.

**Program Committee:** (Mary Balk and Honora Quinn, transitioning to Judie King and Rose Marie Mincey)

**If you have any suggestions for 2020-2021 chapter programs please email those suggestions to Judie and Rose Marie.**

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

"Spring work is going on with joyful enthusiasm" (John Muir)...and so are the fruits of our committee:

1. Karyn Baldwin (2013 Chapter Recruitment Grant recipient, and 2018 active member) is not only involved with the e-learning of her students, but is also helping out with supporting the needs for healthy meals for her school community. She shared a link for U-46's fundraising campaign for their neediest families: <https://u-46educationalfoundation.salsalabs.org/u46united/index.html>
2. Katie McGarvey (2014 Chapter Recruitment Grant recipient, and 2019 active member) has been nominated for the IL Educator of the Year Award by District 211 in the Early Educator Category!!!
3. Karly Grapenthin (2016 Anne Fussell Recruitment Grant recipient) is graduating this spring, and has already been hired as a special ed teacher at Hoffman Estates High School! Karly has chosen to become an active member of the Gamma Gamma chapter, and will be inducted with the other 2020 new members.
4. Eden Schultz (2016 Chapter Recruitment Grant recipient), Jennifer Navarrete (2017 Chapter Recruitment Grant recipient), and Rachel Maniscalco (2017 Anne Fussell Recruitment Grant recipient) have all chosen to maintain their collegiate member status with the Gamma Gamma chapter! (And as previously shared, they are all state grant recipients this year!)
5. Steffi Delgado (2018 Anne Fussell Recruitment Grant recipient) is the first to accept this year's invitation to join our chapter as a new 2020 collegiate member! She will be inducted over the summer.
6. The Recruitment Grant Selection Team is in full bloom, and making plans for an alternative meeting format to review this year's applications. (Our two newest recruitment grant recipients will be announced in May!)
7. Carol McHale and Gerie Kay will be nurturing our 2020 grant recipients as they join our mentoring team!

## **SPECIAL SERVICE PROJECTS:** (Kris Beaudette transitioning to Gerie Kay)

**June/July:** We will be collecting School supplies for the 2019-20 school year at our committee meetings, which hopefully will meet in June or July.

## NEWS FROM LAMBDA STATE:

APRIL NEWS  
FROM BEV JOHNS

### CONVENTION 2020 and 2021

It was a sad time for all of us as we faced the necessity of cancelling our convention. We believe that this has not been done since perhaps World War II. It was tough because the program was planned, Kammie had designed a beautiful book, and most arrangements were made. However, our members' safety and health were foremost in our minds and so we now move forward and face the challenge of not having a convention this year. What does that mean for some of the activities we had planned? There is good news.

1. For all of you who were to be part of the program planned by Joan Rog, we are going to keep it the same for 2021. It was a great program and why not look forward to it next year at the Doubletree in Oakbrook April 23-25, 2021.
2. Our Memorial Service planned by Linda Adcock will be held for two years in 2021.
3. Our recognition for longevity of members will be celebrated for two years in 2021.
4. There will be two Achievement Award Winners announced by Joan Funk next year—one for 2020 and one for 2021.
5. Our scholarship and stipend award recipients will be mailed their checks, will be featured in the *Newscaster* and will be featured on Facebook. Celebrate these members achievements at your chapter level. Thanks to Delores Jones for her work on the scholarships.
6. Our Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant Recipients and our Grant in Aid are being mailed their checks and hopefully when chapters can meet again, you can recognize them. Some have already been recognized on Facebook and they will be featured in the *Newscaster*. Thanks Joan and the EE committee for their work.
7. Pending your approval, we will be having a version of the Art Mart at our Fall Board meeting. Keep making those projects.
8. Refunds for the convention are being processed, thanks to the hard work of Jean Tulin and Sharon Vinson.
9. Watch for information about how we will handle the book discussions that were planned for you by Carolyn Broadhead and her Literacy Committee.
10. What about the business meeting and the Executive Board meeting? **In the near future you will be getting a ballot with motions that we will ask you to vote on. Be watching for that. This is what we have to do because we don't have a business meeting or Executive Board and some business must be done prior to our September meeting.** The annual reports for each officer and committee chair will be posted on our website. I want to extend a special thanks to Chris Berto for all of her assistance in editing the reports.

## **TEACH TO LEAD**

We had a phenomenal Teach to Lead this year, March 6-7, 2020 (Luckily we could have it because it was the last weekend before all events were being cancelled). We held it at the Holiday Inn in Bloomington and what a wonderful and powerful event it was where the focus was the importance of Teacher Leadership and Empowerment. Special thanks to Debbie LeBlanc for being the chair of the event and for her vision of teacher leadership, Linda Adcock who handled the organization of all the materials so well, LaVonne Chaney who was a coach, and Marilyn Myers, who donated goodies for the door prizes. Planning has begun for next year and watch for more information. You can either be a coach or bring a team from your school to identify a problem and work together to solve it. You can also come as an observer. It is a great two days. It also gave me a good feeling when I discovered that a number of the participants are members of Delta Kappa Gamma and we recruited a few more.

## **WHAT'S AHEAD**

June and July are busy months for Delta Kappa Gamma, Illinois State Organization. We have two more Leadership Academies, Creative Arts Retreat, a Tech Seminar, and International Convention. I wish I could tell you what will happen in June and July but unfortunately I can't at this point. All of us are watching the news and know how things change by the day. We hope things will be better by then but please be assured that your safety and health are foremost in our mind. We will keep you informed. Any time you have questions, please let me know.

## **STAYING CONNECTED**

It has been wonderful to stay connected with many of you daily through our Facebook page—DKG—Illinois key women educators. Continue to encourage all your chapter members to like us on Facebook.

Some exciting news. The Communications and Marketing Committee is looking at how we can deliver some Zoom meetings with you, we have Free Conference Calling available and I have used it to communicate with a few chapter officers, Kammie Richter and I are working on some iMovies that will be featured on the Facebook page.

Stay in touch with us. We all need each other.

Please note that your chapter Communications and Marketing Chairs will receive Permission to Post forms. These will need to be signed by each of your members and kept on file by your C & M Chair. This way when your chapter sends in photos of members or business members you can check to see that they have signed a form and attached it with the photo.

Thanks to all of you for meeting the many challenges we are facing. We are all in this together and, with a positive attitude and enthusiasm for seeing each other again, we look forward to brighter times ahead.

## UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

**Nancy Harmon**(April 21), **Julie Ehrhardt**(May 10), **Mary Wrobel**(May 15), **Honora Quinn**(May 27), and **Cindy Ward**(May 31). Happy Birthday, Ladies!

## ATTACHMENTS:

- **April Newsletter**

### *Mary's Missive*

*I'm happy to see that our chapter and state DKG organization is moving forward despite all our cancellations and social distancing. And even though everything is up in the air, we are still making plans and looking forward to the time when we can all get together again. April will likely go down in history as the longest month for all of us! But May will come soon and hopefully we will gradually be able to get back to our lives and back to the business of our chapter. I look forward to seeing my sisters again. In the meantime, hang in there and stay safe and healthy.*

*Mary*