

Gamma Gamma Ray



Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

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August, 2020

Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, September 17, 2020. Chapter meeting is on Zoom. Kris will send the Zoom link closer to the meeting date.

3:30. Business meeting to approve the 2020-2021 budget.

4:00. We will begin the **induction of new members** when all the inductees and their sponsors are present. We will also recognize our previous and new officers at this time, recognize chapter anniversaries, present chapter awards, and even chat a bit.

Friday, September 18, 2020 **1-4pm**. Service Project drop-off at Prince of Peace Church parking lot.

Please bring School Supplies and /or items to be used by mentors of our collegiates (gift cards, note cards, postage stamps) to **Prince of Peace parking lot** where Tish and some others will be there to greet you. If you arrive when others are there, please maintain social distancing and wear a mask.

Saturday, September 25, 2020. Collaborative Leadership Academy 1-4pm. Check in begins at 12:40 p.m. For All Chapter Leaders and Emerging Leaders—Please register with Debbie Lambeth at ieducate36@gmail.com. Some of our chapter leaders attended this training in August.

Tuesday, September 29, 2020, 6pm. Book Club will be on Zoom. NOTE: this is a different time this month. See below for more details.

Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Chapter meeting on Zoom.

4:00 business meeting.

4:30 program. Speaker is Dr. Jeff Smith, “Stress, Wellness, and Humor.”

Websites to Remember

(Hold down control key and click to activate link)

Gamma Gamma chapter: www.gammagamma75.org

Illinois State Organization: www.deltakappagamma.org/IL

International: www.dkg.org

Facebook Pages to visit:

DKG-Gamma Gamma Chapter

DKG-Illinois Key Women Educators

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Announcements

DKG-Illinois State Organization Zoom classes.

DKG-ISO offers numerous continuing education classes on Zoom. I will continue to send those out weekly because there are too many to list here. I encourage you to take advantage of the many great classes that are offered.

Book Club

Sue Wadkins reported: We just had a great discussion of *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead via Zoom. Our next book selections are *The Girls With No Names* by Serena Burdick for Tuesday, September 29 and *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See for Tuesday October 27. I realize that the first presidential debate is September 29th so we will start at 6:00 instead of 7:00 that night. The Zoom meeting information and discussion questions will be sent closer to the meeting dates.

Recently passed meeting

Our brand-new Executive Board and committee chairs met via Zoom on Thursday, August 6 and are working hard to get the 2020-21 year organized and running. We have all learned to be flexible and we have learned many new skills. Who knew that "Zoom" would become a household word and that we are all getting practice at using it?

Next meeting

Thursday, September 17, on Zoom. See above for details.

Good News

Kris and Bob Beaudette welcomed a new granddaughter. Emmeline Claire Beaudette, daughter of Kevin and Michelle, arrived on Thursday, August 20 at 10:44 a.m. She weighed 9 lbs. and 6 oz. and was 22 inches long. She joined big sister, Lucie, age 3, at home. Everyone is doing great!

COMMITTEE REPORTING

Society Business- Joan Gazdic, chair, (jmtg@att.net)

Please read the attached 2020-2021 Proposed Budget that has been approved by the Executive Board. Membership should review, submit any questions to Joan Gazdic in advance, and be prepared to vote on it at our September meeting. Thank you.

Membership- Madelynn Brossard, chair (rtb1445@yahoo.com)

All membership dues are in! Thank you everyone for sending in your dues. We had our Welcome Tea via Zoom. It was great getting to know our new members that were able to attend. We have five new members that we will induct at our September meeting. Welcome to our new members: **Phyllis Ardaugh, Emily Baldwin, Karly Grapenthin, Matina Kantzavelos, Diana O'Donnell.** Welcome!!

Educational Excellence-Scholarship-Denise Paweczyk, chair (dreismom2@yahoo.com)

June Happenings:

1. The Educational Excellence Scholarships Committee met to review the year and set goals for the 2020-2021 year.
2. 2020 Chapter Recruitment Grant and Anne Fussell Scholarship recipients, Jillian Minninni and Giselle Menjivar, were recognized with yard signs, certificates, and roses from our chapter.
3. Denise Pawelczyk's article about the merits of collegiate membership was published in the spring edition of the ISO Newscaster.

July Happenings:

1. Former grant recipients, Steffi Delgado and Jada Coakley, were inducted as collegiate members. Per COVID restrictions, the induction took place in an outdoor park with only mentors, chapter president, committee chair, and the girls in attendance.
2. Sandy Cook and Denise Pawelczyk presented an ISO webinar on Gamma Gamma's mentoring and collegiate membership program.
3. A Zoom "get together" was held for former and current grant/scholarship recipients and their mentors. ISO president, Bev Johns, was in attendance.

August Happenings:

1. Sandy Cook and Denise Pawelczyk presented a follow-up ISO webinar answering questions about the recruitment process and mentoring of collegiate members.

Coming Up:

1. Emilee Baldwin (sister of Karyn and daughter of Michelle) and Karly Grapenthin (former Anne Fussell Scholarship recipient) will become active members.

Programs- Rose Marie Mincey (RMincey@comcast.net) and Judie King (judo1108@aol.com) , co-chairs

Our meetings for the rest of 2020 will look very different. The Program Schedule and Kris' monthly emails will give the details. Our first meeting will be via Zoom on Thursday, September 17. Business meeting at 3:30, New Member induction at 4:00. Please plan to join in as we induct our new members! We will also recognize our outgoing and new Executive Boards, we will recognize DKG anniversaries, and we will present the chapter awards that we typically present at our May dinner. Kris will be providing the Zoom link. We look forward to "seeing" everyone!

Communication- Cheryl Keifer, chair (ckeifer@gmail.com)

The Communications committee has been hard at work updating and compiling member contact information. Please see attached .PDF for the Member Data Sheet.

Service and Special Projects- Gerie Kay, chair (Geraldine_kay@comcast.net) Tish Chapman (contact person for Sept.) (tishchapman4@yahoo.com)

A pandemic will **not** stop the needs of others and will **not** stop our charitable giving.

On Friday, September 18th, please bring School Supplies and /or items to be used by mentors of our Collegiates (gift cards, note cards, postage stamps) to **Prince of Peace parking lot** where you will find and open trunk ready to receive your donations for the September service project during the hours of **1pm-4pm**. Tish and some others will be there to greet you. If you arrive when others are there, please maintain social distancing. You may have a chance to see and say hi to other members as they drop off their contributions. Masks required. Air Hugs are free!

Other options for supplies:

Take your school supplies to any location near you (such as Schaumburg Township at 1 Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates). Mail any items for mentors of collegiates to Denise Pawelczyk 9N. Santa Fe Trail Elgin 60124.

Participate in Delta Kappa Gamma Illinois: [Supporting our fellow Educators](#) . For information about this DKG State project, see the attachment on Kris' newsletter. DKG-ISO president, Bev Johns, is monitoring the donations and is making sure that every teacher on the list receives something from their wish list. She reported that over \$10,000 in teaching and cleaning supplies have been donated statewide to teachers in less-resourced areas around Illinois.

Care Team News:

Please contact [Glenda Klein-Mali](mailto:GlendaKlein@sbcglobal.net) (GlendaKlein@sbcglobal.net) and Kris Beaudette (KrisBeau@comcast.net) 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 to have shared with your Gamma Gamma sisters.

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, don't forget to let us know if you need our support.
Sincerely, The Care Team

Kris' Commentary

Please stay safe and follow public health guidelines and mask mandates. We are all using all of our resources to keep in touch and to move DKG forward during this pandemic. Thank heaven for technology! Who knew we would all be gaining so much experience with Zoom, Facetime, and other video conferencing platforms.

Keep in touch! See you on Zoom or in-person.