

Gamma Gamma Ray



Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

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October 2020

Important Dates to Remember

Tuesday, Oct. 20. 4:00 pm Chapter business meeting, 4:30 we will have a Zoom presentation by Dr. Jeff Smith on “Stress, Wellness, and Humor.”

Wednesday, October 21. 1pm to 4pm, Service Project drop-off at Prince of Peace Church parking lot. Please bring items for PADS: toiletries, small hand held games, humor or joke books, activity books, coloring books, etc. See below for information.

Gamma Gamma Book Club- Tuesday, October 27, 7:00. See below for information.

Virtual Legislative Seminar: Oct. 17, 20, 22, 24, 27. Zoom links will be sent later.

Also:

Thursday, October 8, 6:00 pm. Beta Alpha chapter invites us to their Zoom program on “The Blues Parade.” See the announcements section for information.

And:

Watch your email for weekly invitations to DKG-Illinois Zoom meetings on a variety of topics:

Upcoming topics are: Science for All (Oct. 24), Let’s Get Started Writing (Nov. 2.)

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

New Acting Corresponding Secretary.

Our elected Corresponding Secretary, Jacqui Rothman, entered hospice care and Kris sent an email out asking for someone to serve in the role of Acting Corresponding Secretary. Susan Wadkins has generously offered to take this role. Thank you, Susan!

Book Club- Sue Wadkins, susan.wadkins@sbcglobal.net

We had another great book discussion On September 29 on *The Girls With No Names* by Serena Burdick.

Our selection for October is *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See, 2019. This historical fiction book explores the complexities of female friendship and introduces readers to the remarkably strong and spirited female divers of Jeju Island. We will be meeting via Zoom on **Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00.**

For those who want to plan ahead the Book Club will meet on **Thursday November 19 at 7:00** to discuss the book, *Unveiled Truth, Lessons I Learned Leading the International School of Kabul* by Gail Goolsby, 2019. This book is not readily available in libraries, but can be found on Amazon or in major bookstores. The Zoom links and discussion questions will be available closer to the Book Club meetings. This book also was given an award by Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Recently passed meeting

Our chapter had our first-ever Zoom general meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020. It was wonderful to see all of our DKG friends. Zoom and other video conferencing platforms are helping us to stay connected.

At our business meeting, we approved the 2020-2021 budget. After that, we did some of the activities that we traditionally would have done at our May celebration. Please join me in welcoming our new members: Phyllis Ardagh, Emilee Baldwin, Matina Kantzavelos, Diana O'Donnell, and Karly Grapenthin (formerly a collegiate member, now an active member.) We are thrilled that you have joined us!

We recognized our outgoing Executive Board and welcomed our incoming Executive Board. Thank you for your service to our organization!

We announced our chapter awards. Literacy award recipient is Diana O'Donnell, nominated by Joann Bechtold. Gamma scholarship award recipient is Sue Werner. Love of learning award recipient is Gerie Kay

Next meeting

Our next chapter meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20. 4:00 business meeting, 4:30 program. Our program will be "Stress, Wellness, and Humor."

Invitation to join Beta Alpha chapter program

Thursday, October 8, 6:00 pm.

Terry Abrahamson joins Beta Alpha with a "polysensorial tapestry" to include reading, photos, stories and music in the virtual presentation of his children's book, *The Blues Parade*. Participants will be eligible for 1 Professional Development Unit. For zoom link, please respond to

betaalphadkg49@gmail.com with your name and IEIN if you will be seeking PDU's. To learn more about the book, please visit www.thebluesparade.com.

COMMITTEE REPORTING

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

No report at this time.

Membership –Madelynn Brossard, chair, rtb1445@yahoo.com

Membership committee has been busy making sure that all of our membership records and details are accurate and up-to-date. Thank you for your attention to these important details.

We are sad to report that our DKG sister, Jacqui Rothman, has passed away. A White Rose Ceremony will be planned for her in the future.

Educational Excellence-Scholarship- Denise Pawelczyk, chair, dreismom2@yahoo.com

The Educational Excellence Committee would like to thank the chapter for their generous donations of gift cards! It is a wonderful surprise for our undergraduate grant recipients to receive these cards as "care packages" from our chapter. It truly sends a strong message to these girls that we care enough about them to do something like this! (The cards will be equitably divided and passed on to mentors to distribute to "our girls" throughout the school year.)

It is with excitement and pride that we announce that Katie McGarvey, former Gamma Gamma chapter recruitment grant recipient, and now active member, has just been announced as the 2020 Special Education Teacher of the Year by the state of Illinois. Visit [Teacher of the Year](#) for more information. Congratulations to Katie!

Programs-Rose Marie Mincey and Judie King, co-vice presidents. RMincey@comcast.net. Judo1108@aol.com.

By now you should have heard about our "virtual" meetings for the next few months. It was wonderful to see so many friendly faces on September 17.

Upcoming events:

Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 4:30 pm we will have a Zoom presentation by Dr. Jeff Smith on "Stress, Wellness, and Humor." We're sure that's something we could all use right about now. Look for Kris' Zoom invite for this, which will follow a brief business meeting at 4:00.

Tuesday, November 17 at 3:30 pm we will have a business meeting. Sometime before this date Kris will be sharing a link to a video presentation about essential oils that you may watch at your leisure, if you are interested, compliments of Honie Quinn and her sister, Debbie.

Thursday, December 3 is the due date for our Mail-In Donation drive to replace the funds we raise at the Auction for the recruitment grant. Please give what you are able. Send a check to Linda Stolt, 1912 Quaker Hollow Lane, Streamwood, IL 60107. Please mark "Donation" on the memo line.

Communication- Cheryl Keifer, chair, CKeifer@gmail.com

Merna Folkers has an address correction. Her apartment should be '112.'

All members should be receiving hard copy mini-versions of our '20-'21 directory from their committee chairs. Please take a moment to check your copy to note the following:

- On **Programs-at-a-Glance** find out what responsibilities you and your committee have for upcoming meetings (hostessing, delivering reflections, and more). Expanded program

information is available on our website, but this page provides the basic who, what, where, and when. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

- **Standing Committees** have several additions and changes. Please find your name and the name of your committee chair; she will be contacting you throughout the year.
- **Member Data Sheets** reflect our most up-to-date contact information. If you see that your data is incorrect, please send revisions to Cheryl Keifer (ckeifer@gmail.com).

Kris will attach our **photo gallery of members** (also available in our online directory) to an upcoming newsletter. Look for our new members: Phyllis, Emilee, Karly, Matina, and Diana. Also see our collegiates: Jada, Steffi, Rachel, Jennifer, and Eden. **Welcome ladies!**

Remember that **our directory** in its entirety is available **online** at: www.gammagamma75.org. The **password** is: **GG#75DKG**. Your **member ID** is **on the cover** of your mini-directory and **on your membership card**.

Directories can be printed from our website.

Service and Special Projects- Gerie Kay, Chair. geraldine_kay@comcast.net

JoAnn Bechtold (contact person for October) joannbechtold@gmail.com

What fun we had shopping for school supplies and contributing them as our September Service Project. Whether you brought them on Sept 18, mailed them to Denise or Gerie, took them to a local school or location or participated in the Delta Kappa Gamma Illinois, teachers and students appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness. By supporting our fellow Educators, your generosity was appreciated.

Looking forward to October, please note that the contact person is JoAnn Bechtold . As you know from our Directory Programs at a Glance, our program speaker's topic is "Stress, Wellness and Humor". Our October service project aligns with this theme.

We are targeting PADS with toiletries, small hand held games, humor or joke books, activity books, coloring books, etc.

Cindy Sheely contacted the DuPage PADS group. She was given the following specifics about toiletries. These can be small individualized or full sized. They should all be separate-not put into toiletry or gift bags.

They are in need of items for both men and women, including shaving cream, shavers, deodorant, and body wash(not bar soap.) They also requested feminine hygiene products, such as tampons and panty liners. For children, they need diapers, pull ups and wipes. Especially needed are larger sized diapers size 4 and up.

Not needed at this time are toothbrushes, tooth paste, shampoo and conditioner.

Once again you may bring your items to **Prince of Peace parking lot** where you will find an open trunk ready to receive them on **Wednesday, October 21 from 1pm to 4pm**. This is the day after our October Zoom Chapter Meeting. Jo Ann and some other members will be there to greet you. Please remember your masks and maintain social distancing at drop-off time. Thanks!

Care Team News:

Please contact Glenda Klein-Mali (and Kris Beaudette) 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.

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- The Care Team

Opportunities

Please keep us informed of any opportunities, such as jobs, items for sale, items you may be seeking to purchase/acquire, interesting activities, etc. We can network to work together!

Kris' Corner

Thank you to all for your support as we begin our new biennium. Many of you have lots of knowledge and have been very kind in sharing what you know to keep our chapter the dynamic group that it is. We are doing great things and it is all because of YOU! This leadership role has been fun for me and I am learning a lot. Thanks for all of your help!