



Gamma Gamma Ray



Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

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November, 2020

Important Dates to Remember

- Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 3:30. Chapter business meeting via Zoom. Zoom link will be sent closer to the meeting.
- Thursday, December 3, 2020. Due date for our mail-in fundraising drive. Program on ZOOM at 4:30. Our speaker is William Hazelgrove who will do his presentation about Madame President, his book about the secret presidency of Edith Wilson, wife of Woodrow Wilson, when he had a paralyzing stroke. See below for more information.
- Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 4:30 pm. ZOOM program. Our speaker will be Leslie Goddard and her character will be Violet Jessop, Titanic Survivor.
- March 4 - Zoom game night. More about that later.
- Saturday, April 10, 2021 Feed My Starving Children

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

DKG-ILSOWIACAR- This is the Facebook page for the Illinois State Organization Women in the Arts

Creative Arts Retreat (virtual.)

Announcements

No Auction this year!

Since we are not having our beloved auction this year, we are asking for donations to fund our all-important Recruitment Grant program. Checks can be made payable to "Delta Kappa Gamma," and please write "auction" in the memo line. They can be mailed to Linda Stolt at 1912 Quaker Hollow Ln., Streamwood, IL, 60107-1977.

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

The book club will meet on Zoom at 7:00 on Thursday, November 19. We will be discussing *The Unveiled Truth: Lessons I Learned Leading the International School of Kabul* by Gail Goolsby. This memoir pulls back the curtain of distant cultures and reveals the challenge of overseas living. Gail shares dramatic scenes from her seven years in Kabul and unveils the lessons she learned. The book is not readily available from local libraries but is available from Amazon for \$12.99 in paperback and Kindle for \$3.99. Zoom link for this meeting will be given out closer to the meeting.

Recently passed meeting

Our business meeting on October 20 was productive and our speaker was fun and educational. Dr. Jeff Smith spoke to us on the topic of "Stress, Wellness, and Humor."

COMMITTEE REPORTING

Society Business- Joan Gazdic, jmtg@att.net

No report.

Membership, Madelynn Brossard, rtb1445@yahoo.com

Membership committee handles many tasks, including the task of notifying state and international when a member has passed away. That task has been taken care of for our recently departed friends, Judie McGuire and Jacqui Rothman.

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

*October 29th found our mentors and mentees; along with past chapter recruitment grant recipients; having a "spook-tacular" time joining in "spirited" conversation at our Halloween Zoom party. Bev Johns, our DKG ISO chapter president, also joined us "ghouls" for the celebration.

*COVID concerns abound for all of us, but especially for our girls who are in the classroom teaching and who are students on campus. We found out at our recent Zoom party, that one of our young ladies, Kate Lechowicz, caught COVID when she first went back to the University of Dayton. She is recovered, and doing well. Another one of our young ladies, Rachel Maniscalco, is currently quarantining on campus at IL State University as she recovers now. (If you wish to send a get well card, her address is: Rachel Maniscalco, 114 W. Willow St. Apt. 4, Normal, IL 61761.) Thankfully, the rest of our young educators and future young educators are healthy...but let's keep them all in our prayers and positive thoughts zone!

*A reminder plug for auction donations! Please remember that our annual holiday auction is what funds our chapter recruitment grant for incoming college freshman, and helps us provide additional support in the form of a modest book stipend for our college sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Due to COVID concerns, we will not be able to have our auction...so we are keeping our fingers crossed that you will all reach down deep and mail in a contribution to help keep this wonderful legacy adequately supported. (Mail your checks to Linda Stolt at 1912 Quaker Hollow Ln., Streamwood, IL, 60107-1977, made out to Delta Kappa Gamma with AUCTION written in the memo.) Many thanks and hugs to you all!!!

Programs- Rose Marie Mincey rmincey@comcast.net / Judie King, judo1108@aol.com

The coronavirus pandemic has required us to "think out of the box," for programs that can be done virtually. Please see below for the details. Big thanks go out to our "Rock-Star" committee chairs, Rose Marie and Judie, along with their committee, for all of their work to make this happen.

Changes to DKG Schedule – December 2020 through May 2021

1. **ADDITION:** December 3 was to be our auction date, but now is just the due date for our mail-in fundraising drive. We decided to add some pizzazz and scheduled a ZOOM speaker for 4:30 on December 3!! Our speaker is William Hazelgrove and he has written many historical books, which he speaks about. The program we chose is his presentation about Madame President, his book about the secret presidency of Edith Wilson, wife of Woodrow Wilson, when he had a paralyzing stroke. Given the political times we are in, we thought this would be fascinating. (He told us they are going to make a movie of his book!) We will send you the Zoom link before the day.
2. **DATE CHANGE:** Instead of Game Night on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, we will be having another ZOOM speaker on the date of Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 4:30 pm. Our speaker will be Leslie Goddard (she has presented to our group in the past!) and her character will be Violet Jessop, Titanic Survivor. Please note the change of date – we had to work with her availability. Again, we will send you the Zoom link before the day.
3. **SWITCH:** Instead of Glenda's Travelogue on Thursday, March 4, we will be doing a Zoom game night. More about that later, but it should be fun!! If by some miracle we are able to meet in person, we will try to do the Bunco game night we had planned for February. (We aren't holding our breath!!)
4. We will keep the same date for Feed My Starving Children, Saturday, April 10, 2021 and just see what life is like then!
5. And don't even ask about the May 6 banquet yet!!

Communication, Cheryl Keifer, ckeifer@gmail.com

To all members: Please send current EMERGENCY contact information (name, address, phone number, email, relationship, etc.) to me for someone that we can connect with if you can't be contacted.

Thanks so much, Cheryl Keifer (ckeifer@gmail.com)

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

Rose Karner, co-chair for the November service project:

For the month of November, our service project is the donation of craft supplies to local preschools. Listed below are the craft supplies needed: 1. Pom poms - 3 teachers 2. Gemstones - 2 teachers 3. Pipe cleaners - 2 teachers 4. Craft sticks 5. Glue sticks 6. Markers 7. White tag board 8. Crayola washable paint in 16 ounce bottles - all colors 9. Glitter glue 10. Google eyes - medium and large 11. Cotton balls 12. White card stock 13. Pony beads (heart, star, or other) 14. Foam pieces (animals or others) 15. Printed scrapbook paper, any decoration 16. Lace doilies (heart shape or other) 17. Craft sand 18. Craft buttons 19. *20 small craft bottles 20. *Small funnels *A flat bottomed bottle would work the best for small hands trying to fill it with sand. The craft bottles and funnels can be found at Michaels, JoAnns, as well as Oriental Trading Co. online. (type in "sand art bottles" in "Search") There is also a need for gift cards for stores such as Target, Walmart, Jewel, etc. in order for families to get food as well as other personal care items. Please feel free to get either the craft supplies, or the gift cards, or both as your budget allows. All donations are appreciated! Again, our donations will be collected on the day after our meeting.

This month, please drop off your donations on Wednesday, November 18th, from 1:00-4:00, at the parking lot of ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH at 202 E. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL. Please note the change in the drop-off location. If you have any questions, please feel free to call /email Rose Karner at 630-291-6445 or rkarner@me.com. Thank you for all you do!!

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

Want Ad Section:

FOR SALE:

*Cherrywood dining room table with 2 extension leaves and pads. Also included: matching china cabinet, sideboard, and 8 chairs. (\$750.00)

*Cherrywood bedroom set. Includes: queen sized bed, dresser with mirror, and tall dresser. (\$500.00)

*Large Amish style oak roll-top desk. (\$75)

If interested, please contact Denise Pawelczyk at dreismom2@yahoo.com or call her at 847-695-2815.

Kris' Corner

My husband had knee replacement surgery 2 weeks ago and went to short-term rehab due to some complications. He is healthy but has been there longer than we expected. The good news is that he will be home soon. Yay!

I hope you are all doing well. Haven't we had beautiful fall colors this year? I hope you have been able to get outside to enjoy the beauty of nature.

Many of us are finding ways to grow during this stay-at-home time. Some of us are trying new hobbies, like playing music, creating art or crafts, sewing, needle arts, reading, visiting (socially distant,) letter writing, gardening, doing home improvements, etc. Keep up the enthusiasm!

Watch your email for information from Bev Johns, president of DKG-ISO, about classes being offered every week. They are all on Zoom, which allows all of us to participate from the comfort of our favorite chair at home.

See you at our next chapter meeting on November 17 at 3:30.