

Gamma Gamma Ray



Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

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Important Dates to Remember

Today and ongoing: ☺: Forms due to Madelynn Brossard for nomination of new members.

January 19 (Tuesday), 7:00, Book Club, Secrets We Kept.

Thursday, January 21, 2021, 7:00 p.m. "Facebook for the Fearful, including Facebook Live" by Emilee Baldwin and Karyn Baldwin, Gamma Gamma Chapter, zoom info to follow. (DKG-ISO program.)

January 28, 2021 (Thursday), Zoom program, 4:00 join Zoom, program starts at 4:30 pm: Leslie Goddard will portray the character, Violet Jessop, Titanic Survivor.

February 18 (Thursday), 7:00, Book Club, How To Be an Antiracist.

March 4 (Thursday,) Game Night (more information to follow.)

Tuesday, April 20-Wednesday, April 28, 2021. Illinois State Convention on Zoom. More information to follow.

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

Zoom links for DKG-ISO programs are at: www.nuchapterDKG.weebly.com

www.YouTube.com. Subscribe to this channel: [Delta Kappa Gamma, Illinois, Key Women Educators](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...). Many/most of the slide shows from Zoom programs are saved to this channel. The Zoom sessions are not recorded, but the slides that the presenters used are all saved here, for your convenient viewing.

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

Any chapter-related receipts for reimbursement can be submitted to Linda Stolt at 1012 Quaker Hollow Ln., Streamwood, IL, 60107. Please remember to attach the required voucher form, which can be found on the chapter website.

Don't forget our Chapter Scholarship and Love of Learning awards. If you are taking classes that meet the requirements for these awards, please submit your form and receipt for the tuition.

Our DKG-ISO *Newscaster* has been sent out to all members via email. Please check your inboxes and your Spam folder if you have not seen it yet. There was some difficulty with sending it via US Postal Service and our state officers are working to resolve the mail difficulty. In the meantime, enjoy reading it electronically! Make sure that you look for news from Gamma Gamma, with a spotlight on our own member, Katie McGarvey.

DKG-ISO Zoom programs:

Please see the DKG-ISO information from Bev Johns sent a few days ago. Also, all of the Zoom links for the following classes are at www.nuchapterdkg.weebly.com.

January 12, 2021—6:30 p.m. DKG Alpha Chi meeting with Wesley Gosselink. Program will begin at 6:30 with induction of new members afterwards. PDs will be given if you sign in by 6:15 p.m. and have your iein number to provide. Great program on the teaching of reading.

January 13, 2021—7:00 a.m. Getting Your Book Published—Non-Fiction or Fiction. This session covers both traditional publishing and independent publishing. You have finished your book. Now how do you get it to print? Presented by Bev Johns.

January 17, 2021—Arizona Creative Arts Retreat. For registration information, contact Debbie Benninghof at debbieb704@gmail.com

January 20, 2021—4:00 p.m. Book Babes. The featured book for the book club with Nancy Polios and Bonnie Lawhorn will be *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ircran Kendi.

January 24, 2021—3:00 p.m.—Learn to Play the Ukelele with Debra Vorce

January 26, 2021—7:00 p.m.—Ring in the Bling—Go for the Glam--Glamour on Zoom—presented by Melinda Davis, Past President of Delta Kappa Gamma, Illinois. Come learn how we

can all bump our appearance up a notch on zoom. Since we are all on it so much, why not make ourselves look the best we can be.

Book Club

January 19 (Tuesday) *Secrets We Kept* by Lara Prescott. "This is a thrilling espionage story about secret spy typist women agents in the Cold War era." Discussion led by Char Weber.

February 18 (Thursday) *How to be an Anti-racist* by Ibrahm X Kendi. "This 2019 book discusses concepts of racism and Kendi's proposals for anti-racist individual actions and systemic changes." Discussion led by Dayna Prochaska.

All Zoom book clubs meet at 7:00 with Zoom link sent a few days before the meeting.

Recently passed meeting

On Thursday, December 3, 2020, our chapter enjoyed an informative program presented by author, William Hazelgrove, on *The Secret Presidency of Edith Wilson*.

Next meeting

On Thursday, January 28, 2021, our program presenter will be Leslie Goddard, who will portray Violet Jessop, Titanic survivor. Please join the meeting at 4:00 for some short business, and the program will start promptly at 4:30. Zoom information will follow soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTING

Society Business- Joan Gazdic, jmtg@att.net

No report.

Membership, Madelynn Brossard, rtb1445@yahoo.com

We hope you are always thinking about women that you know that would enjoy being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. Nominations for new memberships are due as soon as possible. The nominations forms have been emailed to all members, and they can be submitted to Madelynn Brossard, 1st Vice-President for Membership. Thanks!

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

The annual mentor-mentee get together was held via Zoom on December 30th. It was a fun and interesting meeting with 22 people in attendance (12 future and new educators; along with 9 current and former mentors; plus our DKG state president, Bev Johns). One might call it a "worldwide" audience; since mentor, Mary Kay Marrello, even joined us all the way from Singapore! Highlights included:

*Reconnecting with Nikki Dingraudo, one of Gamma Gamma's first recruitment grant recipients, and hearing about her career as a curriculum developer for "Teachers Pay Teachers"; an online resource company for educators.

*Hearing that Jenny Morris, our 2004 recruitment grant recipient, is applying for a position with NASA!

*Congratulating Eden Schultz, who graduated this December from Concordia College, on her back to back maternity leave positions at the middle school level in Algonquin.

*Giving student teaching tips to Jennifer Navarrete, our 2017 recruitment grant recipient, who begins teaching history this week at Taft High School in Chicago.

*Helping Eden, Jennifer, and Rachel Maniscalco with resume and job search tips! (Rachel has been student teaching at the kindergarten level *all year* down in Bloomington!)

*Wishing Kate Lechowicz, our 2019 recruitment grant recipient, a safe cross country season; as she runs OUTSIDE in the snow at the University of Dayton; due to the cross country season being shifted from fall to winter..!

*Giving a big BOOYAH to Emilee and Karyn Baldwin for volunteering to present via Zoom for DKG ISO on January 21st on the topic of "Facebook".

*And, discussing the possibility of a new undergraduate member joining our mentor-mentee community. (Based on contacting former recruitment grant applicants who did not receive our recruitment grant to see if they were interested in finding out more about our chapter and DKG.) Olga Iwaniuk, a 2019, applicant reached out and indicated she was very interested. Although she was unable to attend our December Zoom meeting due to work, Lauren Haman, Katie McGarvey, and Karyn Baldwin; along with Kris Beaudette, Sandy Cook, and I will host a Zoom meeting to get to know Olga and help her as resources as she prepares to leave for New York as a volunteer with Americorps.

The camaraderie of our Gamma Gamma mentors and mentees is AMAZING! Which leads to my first question to all of my sisters:

*Would you like to become a member of this community? Please give some thought to becoming a mentor for our 2021 recruitment grant recipients. If you are interested, please contact me (Denise Pawelczyk) at dreismom2@yahoo.com. I will be planning a Zoom meeting for all mentors this spring to discuss the process. We'd love to have you join us!

Other questions I'd like you to ponder:

*Do you know of any female high school seniors who are interested in majoring in an educational field upon graduation? Share our Gamma Gamma website with them. The application for our scholarships can be found there. Also--a BIG THANK YOU for all of you who contributed to our chapter's recruitment grant fund! The generosity of you sisters is what makes it possible for a brighter future for these young educators!

*Do you know of any female undergraduates majoring in education who are approaching the junior level of college? Do you think they might be interested in becoming collegiate members of Gamma Gamma? Please give them my contact information. I would be happy to reach out to them, and include them in future get togethers! Our chapter website has photos from of our 2020 activities; to help give them a preview of our lively bunch!

*Are you considering applying for our chapter's Love of Learning Stipend or Gamma Gamma Scholarship? Applications can be found on our chapter's website. (Note the April 12th deadline for application and evidence receipt.)

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

1. DON'T FORGET: 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.
2. SWITCH: Instead of Glenda's Travelogue on Thursday, March 4, we will be doing a Zoom game night on that date. More about that later, but it should be fun!!

Communication, Cheryl Keifer, ckeifer@gmail.com

Please remember to keep us notified if there are any changes to your contact information, including email addresses, phone numbers, or if you have moved. Please also make sure that your emergency contacts are up-to-date.

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

We have some changes to announce.

1. Our February planned service project was to support our member teachers, Katie McGarvey and Karly Grapenthin, with their Special Olympics endeavors at Hoffman High School. This plan will be "kept in our back pocket" until next year's plan for 2021-2022 is developed.
2. Our International project was to be our participation at Feed My Starving Children, April 10. This must be canceled as it is unlikely that we could feel safe participating at this time.

Delta Kappa Gamma requires at least one International Project each year. We do have a project in mind. Details will be presented at our next meeting as we plan to support a maternity hospital in Tanzania. They are in need of beds and bedding for the women who travel great distances to have their babies.

Care Team News:

Please contact Glenda Klein-Mali 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 be 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 your DKG sisters in mind if you hear of opportunities, e.g. jobs, volunteer opportunities, etc.

Kris' Corner

We passed the Winter Solstice on December 21 and now our days are getting longer. Yay! It is encouraging and invigorating to have a couple more minutes of daylight every day.

I am glad that so many of our chapter sisters have been joining in our virtual Zoom meetings. I am grateful that we have this technology to help us stay connected during these unique Covid times. I look ahead to 2021 for a year of continued progress in all areas, and soon, I hope, a time when we can see each other in person. Stay in touch, and let us know if you have questions or concerns or if your sisters can help in anyway. Take care!