

Gamma Gamma Ray



Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

www.gammagamma75.org

May, 2021

Important Dates to Remember

May 11 (Tuesday) 6:00 pm- Service and Special Projects annual meeting on Zoom. Zoom link will be sent closer to the meeting.

May 17 (Monday)- 10:30 am.- Meeting to review/revise Recruitment Grant application, on Zoom. Zoom invitation will be sent closer to the meeting.

May 20 (Thursday) Book Club- The Four Winds by Kristen Hannah, 2021.

May 27 (Thursday,) Rain date is Thursday, June 3. Annual Spring Celebration of Membership, It will be a scaled back outdoor event at St. Peter's Lutheran church in Schaumburg. Setup and social begins at 3:30. Program starts at 4:15.

June 14th (Monday) at 10:30am- Annual meeting for the Educational Excellence-Scholarship Committee via Zoom.

June 15 (Tuesday) 7:00 pm– Book Club- This Is How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel, 2017.

August 4 (Wednesday) 10:30, Gamma Gamma chapter Executive Board meeting. Location TBA.

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: 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

Congratulations go out to Rachel Maniscalco and Jennifer Navarrete, our collegiate members, upon their Graduations this May. Rachel, Jennifer, and Eden (January graduate) are actively submitting applications to secure teaching positions for the 2021-2022 school year. Their contact information is available in our membership list.

Dues are due! A message from our treasurer.

Please bring your dues check to the May event. Please make checks payable to "Delta Kappa Gamma."

Active members - \$84.00

Reserve members - \$42.00

If a member receives her newsletter via U.S. mail, \$5.00 needs to be added.

All checks need to be received by June 15, 2021

Vouchers

Please submit any vouchers for reimbursement to Linda Stolt at 1912 Quaker Hollow Ln., Streamwood, IL, 60107-1977. Original receipts must be attached and the vouchers are available on our chapter website, www.gammagamma75.org.

Book Club

May 20 (Thursday) - The Four Winds by Kristen Hannah, 2021. This is a stirring tale of love and hardship in Dust-Bowl America.

June 15 (Tuesday) - This Is How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel, 2017. The novel is about a transgender child Claude/Poppy born into a large loving family, how that family comes to accept that Claude wants to be a girl, and about the secret they keep until it explodes.

All Book Club meetings are at 7:00 on Zoom. (Link sent closer to the meeting)

Recently passed meeting

We did not have a chapter meeting in April but instead, enjoyed the many and varied sessions on our DKG-ISO state convention. I hope you all enjoyed the sessions as much as I did! A big shout-out goes to all of those who presented sessions and/or music. Session presenters

included Denise Pawleczyk, Sandy Cook, Karyn Baldwin, Eden Schultz, and Lauren Haman. Musical performers included Steffi Delgado, Eden Schultz, Mary Wrobel, and Kris Beaudette. Thank you to all, and please let me know if I forgot to name any convention contributor.

Next meeting

Our next meeting is our outdoor Spring Celebration of Membership, to be held on Thursday, May 27, 2021. Social time is 3:30; program begins at 4:15. It will be held on the grounds of St. Peter Lutheran Church on Schaumburg Rd. Please RSVP to Kris at Krisbeau@comcast.net to let me know if you can or cannot come.

COMMITTEE REPORTING

Society Business- Joan Gazdic, jmtg@att.net

We will be voting to approve of the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget at our May gathering. Due to cancellations of Spring 2020-2021 in-person events, the Estimated Fund Balance in our treasury has increased. Dues for active members will remain at \$84; dues for reserved members will remain at \$42. Please mail a check to Linda Stolt or bring your dues to our May meeting. Deadline is June 30.

In addition to adjusting our Chapter Budget for increased membership and anticipated expenses, the Executive Board is proposing that we increase our Chapter Recruitment Grant to \$2000 and increase the Extended Support given to each recipient in their Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years.

Membership, Madelynn Brossard, rtb1445@yahoo.com

At our May meeting will be inducting 7 new members! I would like to welcome Nicola Avena, Raquel Kim, Karen Mirro, Amy Novick, Cindy Placko, Eden Schultz, and Noreen Segal.

Welcome all to DKG!

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

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE (Submitted by Denise Pawelczyk)

*The recruitment grant selection committee met May 3rd to review and select the recipients of the Anne Fussell Recruitment Grant and the Gamma Gamma Recruitment Grant. A big THANK YOU to Kris Beaudette, Sandy Cook, Cammy Basak, Carol McHale, Gerie Kay, and Joan Gazdic for their input!

*I am PROUD to announce this year's grant-in-aid recipients:

Sydney Kozlowski is this year's **Anne Fussell Recruitment Grant** recipient. She attended Aldrin Elementary School, Robert Frost Jr. High School, and will be graduating this month from

Schaumburg High School. Sydney will be attending IL State University in the fall. She will be mentored by Susan Wadkins.

Vivian Zhao is this year's **Gamma Gamma Recruitment Grant** recipient. Vivian attended the Schaumburg Christian School, Fairview Elementary School, Helen Keller Jr. High School, and will be graduating at the end of May from Conant High School. Vivian will be attending the University of IL at Urbana-Champaign this fall. She will be mentored by Dayna Prochaska.

*Both of these young women have been invited to attend our May 27th spring celebration to meet the chapter. Our 2020 grant recipients have also been invited; since COVID prevented us all from greeting Jillian Mininni and Giselle Menjivar.

*Two of our collegiate members are graduating this spring! **Rachel Maniscalco** is graduating from IL State University, and **Jennifer Navarette** is graduating from the University of IL--Chicago campus. Both girls are currently interviewing for jobs. Rachel is seeking employment at the K-3 elementary school level, and Jennifer is seeking a position as a high school history teacher. I have invited them; along with our 2020 college graduates to attend our spring celebration.

*At this time, former collegiate member, **Eden Schultz**, has accepted the invitation for active membership. Her collegiate membership transfers to active membership. She will be recognized on May 27th.

*Sadly this year, we had no one apply for the Gamma Gamma Scholarship or the Love of Learning Stipend. Hopefully, next year more people will resume taking classes.

* **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The annual meeting for the Educational Excellence Committee-- Scholarships will be held via Zoom on Monday, June 14th at 10:30am.** Zoom invitations will be sent out to members of the committee closer to the date.

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

We look forward to seeing people in person on May 27 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Schaumburg! Please let Kris know if you will be attending. This is an outdoor event – please bring a bag chair. Rain date is June 3.

We plan to hit the ground running next fall with a speaker who is a travel agent – who isn't ready to start traveling!?! The program will be either in person or on Zoom (sure wish we could predict that!!) on Thursday, September 16, so put it on your calendar!

Communication, Cheryl Keifer, ckeifer@gmail.com

Please remember to submit any changes to your contact information to this committee.

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

Our May/June service project is the Kenneth Young Center (KYC) 5K Run/Walk.

WHY: This event will help fund vital services for people who struggle with mental illness, provide help for older adults in our community, and get help for those suffering from the dangers of substance abuse.

WHERE: It is held at Busse Woods (limited capacity due to Covid restrictions)

WHEN: Saturday, June 26

If you would like to know more about KYC and make an online donation, please check out the link below .

If you have any questions, please contact Sudha Byanna at 847-212-6407 or sbyanna@gmail.com

There are 3 ways to make a donation:

1) You can give me any donations in person at our May 27th Celebration.

2) Feel free to mail a check to my home address-

Sudha Byanna
59 Germaine Place
Schaumburg, IL 60173

(Make check payable to KENNETH YOUNG CENTER).

3) Make a donation online at the KYC link provided above.

(There is a small service fee)

<http://give.kennethyoung.org/goto/vidandsudha>

I have helped KYC organize this event and have also participated as a walker in raising funds for over 15 years. When I was working in District 54, KYC was very integral in helping provide services for many of my students and their families. I look at this as a way of giving back to an organization who has given so much to District 54 families as well as to our community.

I set up a donor page on the KYC website. This is a place where you and any friends who are interested in donating to this great cause can help make a difference. It would be great if we could each set a goal to collect \$25.

Thank you in advance for joining in this effort to improve the lives of people in our community!

Regards,
Sudha

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

Kris' Corner

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Spring Celebration of Membership on Thursday, May 27. Can't wait! Please RSVP to me at Krisbeau@comcast.net.

The weather is getting better every day and I hope you are able to get out and enjoy the beautiful days. Whatever you like to do outdoors: walking, biking, gardening, or hanging out, enjoy!