

Gamma Gamma Ray



Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

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September, 2021

Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, September 16, 2021. Chapter meeting at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 202 E. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg. Setup and social time is 3:30. Business meeting is at 4:00. Program at 4:30: Claudia Bellinger, Travel agent. (in-person)

Friday, September 17-18. DKG-ISO Executive Board meeting in Bloomington, Illinois. Chapter president will attend,

Tuesday, October 19, 2021. Chapter meeting and program at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 202 E. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg. Program: Natalie Griffin, Gerry's café-hiring people with developmental disabilities.

Tuesday, November 16, 2021. Chapter meeting at Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church, 1600 W. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg. Program: Cork Craft Night.

Thursday, December 9, 2021, Holiday auction and dinner, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 930 W. Higgins, Rd., Schaumburg, IL.

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. 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

DKG-ISO continues to have great Zoom sessions on a variety of topics. I send out the links every week. Sessions include discussions about education, writing, crafts, and you-name-it! I have participated in many of these sessions, and I think they helped keep me going during the long days when we were all staying home last winter.

Book Club

As a group we decided to continue to meet on Zoom, but will evaluate the decision each month.

September - The selection is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*, by Kim Michele Richardson, 2019. The story is a fictionalized account of two real subjects in the history of eastern Kentucky. Cussy Mary is a "Book Woman", one of the Packhorse Librarians who delivered books to remote areas of the Appalachian Mountains during the Depression. She is also a "blue" the last of a line of blue-skinned people, whose skin appears the unusual shade due to a rare genetic disorder. As a Book Woman, Cussy Mary is highly regarded, but as a blue, she is feared and reviled and experiences racism, discrimination and violence. We are meeting Monday, September 27th at 7:00.

October - This month we will read something lighter, *The People We Meet on Vacation* by Emily Henry, 2021. Poppy and Alex are two best friends who have taken a vacation together each summer for a decade. Until they have a falling out. Even though they haven't spoken in two years, Poppy asks Alex to take another vacation with her. We will be meeting on Tuesday, October 26.

November - *When the Apricots Bloom* by Gina Wilkinson, 2020, is the selection this month. Set in the early 2000s in Iraq, three women confront the complexities of trust, friendship, motherhood, and betrayal under the rule of a ruthless dictator and his brutal secret police. Former foreign correspondent Gina Wilkinson draws on her own experiences to take readers inside a haunting story of Iraq at the turn of the century and the impossible choices faced by families under a deadly regime. The book discussion is scheduled for Monday, November 29.

Recently passed meeting

We had a wonderful time at our chapter's annual celebration of membership in May. We originally planned to be outside at St. Peter's and were pleasantly surprised to be able to move the meeting indoors. We all were so happy to re-connect with friends.

The annual Mentor-Mentee summer gathering took place on July 27. It was great to have everyone together in person and we even had our first-ever hybrid collegiate induction. Thanks go out to Lauren Haman for handling the technology to make this happen. The Executive Board met on August to gather our plans for a fabulous year ahead!

Next meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 19. Setup and social time is 3:30. Business meeting at 4:00 and our program at 4:30 is Natalie Griffin, who will tell us about Gerry's Café, a business that hires people with developmental disabilities.

COMMITTEE REPORTING

Society Business- Joan Gazdic, jmtg@att.net

The Gamma Gamma approved Budget for 2021-2022 has been updated with the actual July 1, 2021 Fund Balance. Please see the attached copy and keep it for your reference.

Membership, Madelynn Brossard, rtb1445@yahoo.com

We would like to welcome our newest members to DKG: Nicola Avena, Raquel Kim, Amy Novick, Noreen Segal, Karen Mirro, Cindy Placko, and Eden Schultz.

We want to wish our working members a happy and healthy school year to: Phyliss Ardaugh, Nicola Avena, Emily Baldwin, Karyn Baldwin, Michelle Baldwin, Julie Erhardt, Keri Gold, Karly Grapethin, Lauren Haman, Raquel Kim, Katie McGarvey, Amy Novick, Diana O'Donnell, Cindy Placko, Eden Schultz, and Noreen Segal. Remember your DKG sisters are here if you need anything! We hope to see you at our first meeting, as we have a "Back to School Surprise" for you!

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye, and send our thoughts and prayers to the families of Jan Kayson and Nancy Harmon, both whom passed away in August.

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

*July 27th found 20 past and present mentors and mentees gathering together for their annual summer get together. Not only was it exciting to see one another in person, but it was also a celebration to honor special guest, Jon Fussell, for his unwavering and generous support of the Anne Fussell Recruitment Grant! Being a railroad aficionado, he was acknowledged with a gift from our chapter made of a train spike and pewter train engine. Afterwards, we inducted Gamma Gamma's two newest collegiate members: Kate Lechowicz and Emily Ostermann. ILSO president, Joan Rog, was another one of our special guests, and helped with the ceremony.

*Kate Lechowicz is a junior at the University of Dayton. She is a former Anne Fussell Recruitment Grant recipient who is majoring in early education. Kate is mentored by Cammy Basak.

*Emily Ostermann is a senior at Roosevelt University. She was recommended for collegiate membership by Madelynn Brossard, and will be mentored by her. Emily is majoring in special education and works as a teacher's assistant at Aldrin School in District 54. She will also be student teaching in a 5th grade classroom there! (Interesting fact: She was a former student in my first grade classroom!!!)

*Good news about this year's graduating collegiate members:

—Eden Schultz has been hired by District 211 as an assistant band director at Hoffman Estates High School.

—Jennifer Navarrete has been hired by District 214 as a history teacher at Elk Grove High School.

—Rachel Maniscalco has been hired by District 15 at Gray Sanborn Elementary School as a kindergarten teacher.

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

We are looking forward to seeing people in-person at our first meeting of the 21-22 school year on Thursday, September 16 at St Peter Lutheran Church, 202 E. Schaumburg Rd. in Schaumburg. Set up and social time will begin at 3:30. There may be a brief business meeting. Our presenter, Claudia Bellinger, is a travel agent and will be speaking about travel in these unusual times. Her presentation will begin at 4:30. We will have sign-up sheets for our Auction in December, so please find a spot to help! We have a fun year planned – the program for the year will be available at the meeting. The service project is to bring school supplies for our local schools and/or gift cards in small amounts for use by the mentors of our collegiate students.

Communication, Cheryl Keifer, ckeifer@gmail.com

Please keep us informed if you have had any changes to your contact information. We need accurate email addresses, cell phone numbers, and landline phone numbers (if you have one.)

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

Service Project for September.

School Supplies and/or gift cards are needed as we gear up for an "in Person" school year for our local schools. Small denomination gift cards will be used by our mentors as they support and communicate with our collegiates. We have received feedback from our collegiate that they really appreciate our support!

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

From Glenda and the Care Team:

1) We are always welcoming any new members to the Care Team. They can contact Glenda at GlendaKlein@sbcglobal.net.

2) The Care Team would appreciate any donations of first class stamps and note cards, i.e. sympathy, get well, thinking of you, to cheer (not birthday cards). They can bring them to the Sept. meeting.

Opportunities

This is from Steve Zielke St. Peter Lutheran Church School Principal

Job Opportunities: We are looking to staff the following paid positions. Contact the office for details. 847-885-3550 (follow the prompts for the school office)

1. Two individuals are needed to supervise daily lunch periods in the cafeteria for lunch (11am-12:30 pm).
2. Pre-school teacher's aid position (Monday, Wednesday, Friday (9am-noon).
3. Part -time Middle School English Teacher (Monday-Fri 8:30am-10:40pm)

Kris' Corner

I hope you all had a great summer. We had some hot days, and now it is cooling off for the Fall. Enjoy the beautiful weather, and we hope to see you at our upcoming meetings.