

# Gamma Gamma Ray



## Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

[www.gammagamma75.org](http://www.gammagamma75.org)

October, 2021

### Important Dates to Remember

Saturday, October 2, 2021, 8:30 AM. DKG Cook County Coordinating Council meeting on Zoom. Gerie Kay and Kris Beaudette plan to join the meeting. Others are welcome to join. Please contact Kris or Gerie for more information.

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.

Saturday, October 23, 26, 28, 30, various times. DKG ILSO Legislative Seminars on Zoom. Please see below in the Announcements section for more information. (I have attended these in person and they are excellent.)

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.

Friday, April 29-Sunday, May 1, 2022, DKG-ILSO Convention in Springfield, Illinois.

### Websites to Remember

(Hold down control key and click to activate link)

Gamma Gamma chapter: [www.gammagamma75.org](http://www.gammagamma75.org)

Illinois State Organization: [www.deltakappagamma.org/IL](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IL)

International: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

Zoom links for DKG-ISO programs: [www.ilsozoom.weebly.com](http://www.ilsozoom.weebly.com) (Note: this is a change.)

[www.YouTube.com](http://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: Also, anyone can post on these pages.**

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**

Attention: Singers and musicians needed for DKG ILSO Convention!

The DKG-ILSO convention will in Springfield, Illinois on April 29-May 1, 2022, and we hope you will join us at this fun event. Our own Mary Wrobel is the State Music Chairperson, and she and I encourage you to join the Jubilation Singers, the fabulous choir that performs at the dinner and at the Ceremony of Remembrance. Mary is gathering a wonderful selection of songs for this great choir to perform. We hope to have more Gamma Gamma sisters singing with us this year. If you don't care to sing, but would like to play piano or another instrument, please let Mary Wrobel know.

**Upcoming Illinois State Organization Legislative Seminar on Zoom**

These legislative seminars are on Zoom. The dates and speakers are: October 23rd, 1:00 - 2:00p.m. - Sheila Simon - "How to Have an Impact on Laws Affecting Teachers" October 26th, 7:00-8:00p.m. - Dr. Gretchen Dziadosz - "What is the Great Lakes for Education Research and Practice and What Can it Do for Illinois?" October 28th, 7:00-8:00p.m. - Sean Denney - "What's the Latest in Legislation, as it Pertains to Education?" and Oct. 30th, 1:00-2:00p.m. - Ralph Martire - "Evidence Based Funding for Education"

A PD credit will be available for each session. IEIN numbers must be emailed in advance to Pam Painter, [painterpam3@gmail.com](mailto:painterpam3@gmail.com). Those wishing credit must connect 10 minutes in advance of the session.

This is open to members and non members. Please share.

The links will also be available on Bev John's posting of "What's Happening?" and on the new website - <https://www.dkgzoomillinois.com> I am also attaching each link.

**Book Club**

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 great time at our chapter meeting on September 16, 2021. We were all so glad to be together in-person, and our business went smoothly. Our program was presented by Claudia Bellinger, who spoke to us about travel considerations during these Covid times. She also had many useful handouts for further information.

### Next meeting

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at St. Peter Lutheran Church. Our program will be about Gerry's Café, a business that hires adults with developmental disabilities.

## COMMITTEE REPORTING

### **Society Business (Finance, Rules, Research)- Joan Gazdic, [jmtg@att.net](mailto:jmtg@att.net)**

Rules of Gamma Gamma Chapter are reviewed and updated every other year. Our chapter has designated specific committees to maintain Delta Kappa Gamma's work, mission, and vision and to fulfill its seven purpose.

Committee chairs, please review the responsibilities of your committee and suggest updates that might be considered in our Rules (guidelines). Many thanks go out to Madelynn from Membership and Denise from Educational Excellence/Scholarship for their prompt response to this request.

Please contact me before mid October with your suggestions or to confirm that the Rules for your committee are functional as written.

### **Membership, Madelynn Brossard, [rtb1445@yahoo.com](mailto:rtb1445@yahoo.com)**

We hope all of our active teaching members are having a good start to the 202102022 school year. We admire all of you for the great work you do every day and we are among your biggest cheerleaders!

Our Membership Committee assembled "goody bags" for all of our active teaching members. Some of you picked up your bags at the September chapter meeting. If you have not yet received your good bag, please contact Madelynn Brossard.

### **Educational Excellence-Scholarship -Denise Pawelczyk, [dreismom2@yahoo.com](mailto:dreismom2@yahoo.com)**

A BIG THANK YOU to the Gamma Gamma chapter for their continued support of our mentoring program! \$245 worth of gift cards were collected at our September meeting. The cards have been divided up equally, and delivered to the mentors of our undergraduate/collegiate member future educators. Sydney Kozlowski, Jillian Mininni, Giselle Menjivar, Kate Lechowicz, Emily Ostermann, Jada Coakley, and Steffi Delgado will each receive \$30 in assorted gift cards. Vivian Zhao will receive \$35 in gift cards as the lucky winner of a blind draw!

\*CONGRATULATIONS to our own Karyn Baldwin for being one of this year's College of Education at IL State University Outstanding Young Alumni award recipients! Karyn is currently teaching a second grade dual language class at Huff Elementary School in Elgin.

\*Do you enjoy reading to young people? Karyn is looking for guest readers for her "Thumb Buddy Special" program. Readers would participate via Zoom with her classroom. If you are interested, please contact Karyn via email at [kbaldwin345@gmail.com](mailto:kbaldwin345@gmail.com) .

\*Or, how about baking...or just chowing down on a cupcake or two? Please consider lending your support to another young educator, Katie McGarvey, who is sponsoring the "Cupcakes With Friends" fundraiser at Hoffman Estates High School. It's a *sweet* way to raise money for their Special Education Programs! It will be held from 11:00am-2:00pm on October 23rd at Hoffman Estates High School, 1100 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, IL. Register to bake at: [www.tinyurl.com/cupcakessignup](http://www.tinyurl.com/cupcakessignup). You may also email Katie with other questions at: [kmcgarvey@d211.org](mailto:kmcgarvey@d211.org)

**Programs- Rose Marie Mincey [rmincey@comcast.net](mailto:rmincey@comcast.net) / Judie King, [judo1108@aol.com](mailto:judo1108@aol.com)**

October Newsletter – Program Committee (Judie King and Rose Marie Mincey)

Start thinking about the **Holiday Auction** – it will be here before we know it! This year is will be held Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church! Many thanks to the people who have already signed up to help! We still have open slots (Set up/decorate tables, centerpieces, purchasing (for reimbursement) water and pop, bring ice, bring an appetizer, sign in people, price/arrange auction items, tally bids on computer and collect auction/raffle money, and clean up.)

We need lots of volunteers to make the night successful. For each volunteer, it's not a lot of work so PLEASE, if you are willing to help, contact Rose Marie Mincey (847-421-8637) or Judie King (847-309-9883) to ask what you can do to help out. We will have the sign-up sheets at the next 2 meetings, but feel free to reach out to us.

*AND* as you think about the items you would like to donate for the auction....please consider purchasing more consumable items, such as packaged food items, gift cards, coffees/teas, sweets, certificates for services, spa treatments, dinners, classes, tickets, etc. Many of us have reached that point where we are trying to minimize the "stuff" we accumulate and are trying to downsize and simplify our lives as well as our homes.

*ALSO* remember that the Silent Auction gift baskets are a great moneymaker and a fun item to purchase. Grab a friend or two or three and put together a gift basket to donate. *Be creative!!* Listed below are just a few suggestions for gift baskets for the Silent Auction:

- Movie night basket
- Outdoor concert picnic basket
- Personal spa items basket (or recovering from Holiday Stress!)
- Hostess baskets
- Gardening basket
- Wine baskets
- Grandparent survival basket
- New baby basket
- College care basket
- Staying cozy on a wintery evening basket
- Family game night basket

**AND DON'T FORGET TO INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO THE HOLIDAY AUCTION!!!**

**Communication, Cheryl Keifer, [ckeifer@gmail.com](mailto:ckeifer@gmail.com)**

Karen Mirro has a new address. It is 501 E. Mayfair Rd., Arlington Hts., IL 60005.

We have some new committee assignments:

Mary Ann Bilski: Membership

Noreen Segal: Service and Special Projects

Lauren Haman: Educational Excellence/Scholarship

Dayna Prochaska: Educational Excellence/Scholarship

**Service and Special Projects- Gerie Kay, [Geraldine\\_kay@comcast.net](mailto:Geraldine_kay@comcast.net)**

**[Geraldine\\_kay@comcast.net](mailto:Geraldine_kay@comcast.net)** , Jo Ann Bechtold, and Tish Chapman

From Jo Ann Bechtold:

The collection for our Sept. Project of school supplies was beyond awesome. I am amazed at the generosity of our members. We received many gifts of crayons, glue sticks, pencils, notebooks and variety of markers and folders and theme ruled notebooks and paper. Some of the first that we collected were Staples Value pack calculators the large size as well as hand held. Also included was an Apple ear bud and craft kits to assemble a pirate ship and helicopter. A classroom coupon book for incentives and stickers as well as a lesson plan book and a

beautiful plaque of a red barn school house saying: Teachers shape the world one child at a time! I have probably omitted some as the list could go on and on. I was able to donate to: St. Peter's Lutheran School (K-8): Rupley School (K-5): Prince of Peace Lutheran school (pre K-5); Ronald e McNair school of excellence (Chicago) ; and Mead Jr. High!

You can see that we are women who have made a difference in many and your support of this project will be used and appreciated by many students. Many thanks and know that our October donations for Gerry's Cafe -Hiring People with Developmental Disabilities will be as successful! MANY MANY THANKS! Jo Ann Bechtold

We look forward to hearing our Speaker, Natalie Griffin, and learn about Gerry's Cafe-hiring people with developmental disabilities. Please support this project with \$\$\$. Bring your checkbook. It's tax deductible!

Fall and Winter are coming. Children's gloves and mittens are needed. Start looking for good buys.

We will collect those at our October and November meetings and see that they get "on the hands" of our local school children in need.

### **Care Team News-Glenda Klein-Mali, [GlendaKlein@sbcglobal.net](mailto:GlendaKlein@sbcglobal.net).**

Please contact [Glenda Klein-Mali](mailto:GlendaKlein@sbcglobal.net) (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 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.

Many thanks go out to members who donated cards and stamps! Also, new Care Team members are always welcome to join. Just call or email Glenda Klein-Mali regarding your interest.

To all our Gamma Gamma sisters, don't forget to let us know if you need our support-  
The Care Team

### **Opportunities**

We received this letter from Representative Michelle Mussman.

In partnership with the Trickster Cultural Center, I am pleased to invite you to visit the **Mobile Museum of Tolerance** ( <https://mmot.com>)!

On **Monday, October 11th**, you are welcome to join our community elected officials and other special guests, to celebrate **Indigenous Peoples' Day** honoring the Native Community and the **Opening of the Mobile Museum of Tolerance**, Opening remarks will begin at 5:30, followed by drum and dance performances. The MMOT bus will be open for tours from 4:00 - 8:00 pm.

Our chapter is not gathering as a group, but we thought some members might be interested in attending on your own.

### **Kris' Corner**

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful Fall weather. School is now in session, and it is so much fun to see neighborhood kids walking to school, and looking so excited! For those of us who are teaching every day, we salute you and send our best wishes for a successful school year. We send all the best wishes to our college students and to our retired teachers, also.

There is nothing that beats the excitement that comes from the beginning of the school year!

See you all at our meeting on October 19, 2021.