

Gamma Gamma Ray



Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

www.gammagamma75.org

November, 2021

Important Dates to Remember

Tuesday, November 16, 2021. Chapter meeting at Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church, 1600 W. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg. Program: Cork Craft Night. If you have a glue gun, please bring it.

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

Illinois State Organization: www.deltakappagamma.org/IL

International: www.dkg.org

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

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

Who needs money to pay for tuition or fees for a professional course, certification, or advanced degree that you are taking? There is a lot of money available through DKG-ILSO and also through the Iota Chapter. All you have to do is apply for it. Please let me know and we can help guide you through the process.

Who needs money for special projects at your school? DKG-ILSO has grant money available. All you have to do is apply for it. Let us know and we can help.

Please see the Programs section for important information about our November Craft night.

A big Shout-Out goes to Mary Wrobel for serving as DKG ILSO State Music Chairperson! Please consider joining the Illinois State Jubilation Singers and plan to sing at the ILSO convention in the Spring.

Another big Shout-Out goes to Denise Pawelczyk for serving on the DKG ILSO Communications and Marketing Committee! This committee is working hard to help chapters and members recruit new members and help current members use technology to improve their chapter's communication, including using Zoom and Facebook.

Book Club

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 lovely October meeting with 41 members attending. Our program was about "Gerry's Café," an organization working to establish a coffee shop that can employ persons with developmental disabilities. For our service project, we collected cash donations to benefit Gerry's Café. We also collected children's gloves and mittens, which we will donate to the schools where our active teaching members work.

Next meeting

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 and will be our Cork Craft Night. Please see the Programs section for more information.

COMMITTEE REPORTING

Society Business (Finance, Rules, Research)- Joan Gazdic, jmtg@att.net

This week, this committee will continue the process of revising our Chapter Rules.

This responsibility is to be undertaken every two years. International and ISO Rules have been reviewed, and Committee Chairs have submitted their suggestions. Invitations to join the Zoom meeting on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 7:00 PM have been sent to all Society Business committee members to participate as chapter representatives. Please contact Joan Gazdic for additional information.

If you are not on the Society Business committee and would like to learn more about this important work, please feel free to join the Zoom session. Contact Kris Beaudette for the Zoom information.

Membership, Madelynn Brossard, rtb1445@yahoo.com

Please welcome our new member, Holley McGee. Here is what Holley wrote when she introduced herself:

I have a Bachelors of Music education and am certified to teach K-12 in Illinois and Kansas. I have additional teaching hours in Gifted Education, Improvisational Acting, on-camera techniques and live marketing presentation. I taught music for seven years, K-12 in public schools.

I toured internationally for nine years performing live and on-camera with the Serendipity Singers. I've done numerous television commercials and live marketing events. I've performed with a professional caroling group for 30 years, and performed with the Ray Sasseti Orchestra for 10 years.

For the past 30 years I've taught private voice lessons and have been a judge for the Illinois Music Educators, the Illinois High School Association and other private vocal competitions. For the past 20 years I've been the director of the adult and youth choirs at Roselle United Methodist Church.

In the Community, I've been an active volunteer for PADS and have participated in other charity organizations.

Let's all welcome Holley to our chapter and to Delta Kappa Gamma! Here is her contact information. Please add it to your yearbook.

Holley McKee

630 Carlsbad Trail

Roselle, IL 60172

HolleyMcKee@yahoo.com

630-939-1476

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

*Katie McGarvey and Karly Grapenthin would like to thank those of you who baked and/or purchased items at their October 23rd fundraiser, "Cupcakes With Friends". Over \$2,800 was raised for programs at Hoffman Estates High School. Quoting: "More importantly, you made it possible to have an event that celebrated acceptance and inclusion of people with all abilities."

*Past and present mentors and mentees got together on October 25th for a Halloween Zoom party! Both undergrads and those teaching had fun connecting again, but also had the opportunity to discuss the challenges that this year's school year has brought with it. Social and academic gaps exist as a result of the 2020 school year. Although we had a "spook-tacular" time, it was a sobering reminder of how we all need to support our Gamma Gamma sisters who are out there teaching..!

*Jon Fussell called and asked that I thank all those who reached out and sent him a birthday card. He was THRILLED!

*Looking ahead to December: Remember that our Gamma Gamma auction is what funds our Gamma Gamma Recruitment Grant! This year we will again be assisting the Programs Committee, and supporting a wine pull...and ALSO...raffles for MULTIPLE magnum sized bottles of wine, a special "12 Nights of Christmas" raffle, and our ever so popular "Topsy Elf on the Shelf" raffle!!! Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 9th, and start stashing away your cash for raffle tickets!!!

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

CORK CRAFT NIGHT

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Hostesses: Society Business Committee **Arrangements:** Dayna Prochaska

3:30 – Set-up/Social/Mee+ng

4:30 –Craft time

Reflection: Linda Szymkowiak

Location: Our Redeemer's First United Methodist Ch. 1600 W Schaumburg Rd, Schaumburg

Bring your crafty self – and any corks you've been saving. We'll have a couple of fun ideas for you to make with your corks. We will have corks if you don't have any and any materials needed. THERE WILL BE A NOMINAL FEE FOR EACH CRAFT. Please bring cash to pay Dayna Prochaska for the supplies.

(From Dayna: We will be doing cork key chains, trivets and tree ornaments. Members who attended the October meeting signed up for the craft of their choice and I will shop accordingly for the supplies needed, other than the corks.

Glue guns were also requested to be brought for that night. If members have specific corks that they have collected, please encourage those to be brought as well.

The key chains are made with synthetic corks, whereas the ornaments and especially the trivets need real cork in order to absorb heat.)

Service Project Bring new or gently used children's book for grades K-6. Matina Kantzavelos. We will also collect children's gloves and mittens again. Check the Dollar Store for good deals on gloves and mittens.

If you have not signed up for a Cork Craft, and would still like to, please contact Dayna so we have all of the necessary supplies.

Also, if you have a glue gun, please bring it that evening.

Dec. 9th is the Holiday Auction! Please be thinking about donating a basket for the Silent Auction. You can put together a basket on your own or work together with a friend or two to donate a basket. We also welcome donations for the live auction. Thank you!

Communication, Cheryl Keifer, ckeifer@gmail.com

Please welcome our new member and add her contact information to your yearbook:

Holley McKee

630 Carlsbad Trail

Roselle, IL 60172

HolleyMcKee@yahoo.com

630-939-1476

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

Matina Kantzavelos is the co-chair for November.

November: New and/or gently used children's books. We will distribute these to our active teaching members to take to their schools. We have heard from some of them that the children spend a lot of time reading digital text, but they need regular children's books to distribute to their classrooms and for children to take home. Many of the students have very few books at home.

We also will be collecting children's gloves and mittens to distribute among our active teaching members to take to their schools. Students in need can often get a coat from school, but they can't always get gloves or mittens from school or from home. We can help with this need.

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 to be shared with your Gamma Gamma sisters.

WE NEED TO KNOW IF YOU AND/OR OTHER MEMBERS HAVE SITUATIONS OF CONCERN. WE WANT TO SUPPORT OUR MEMBERS, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON.

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 let us know of any opportunities that might interest our members. This might include job opportunities for members or their friends and families, or it might include items to sell, such as cars, boats, tickets, etc.

Kris' Corner

We are so pleased that so many of our members have been able to attend our in-person meetings. If you have any concerns or questions, please let me know. Also, to our newer members, if you have questions about anything about Delta Kappa Gamma, please contact me. Frequently, we long-time members forget that newer members don't know details about the organization and/or about activities, so please give me a call or an email and I will do my best to answer any questions.

See you at our November meeting!