

Gamma Gamma Ray



Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

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January, 2022

Important Dates to Remember

Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 4:30 PM. Zoom meeting. Leslie Goddard will be our presenter.

Thursday, February 17, 2022- Chapter meeting, , 3:30 social and setup, business meeting, 4:30 Bunco night activity. More information to follow.

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, Chapter meeting, 3:30 Social and setup, business meeting at 4:00, 4:30 program. Travelogue of Cambodia and Viet Nam, presented by our own Glenda Klein-Mali.

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

Thursday, May 5, 2022. Annual Spring Celebration of Membership at Poplar Creek Country Club.

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. We have the resources to help find and apply for this money, so just let me know.

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.

Who wants to sing with us? 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 April. We are always welcoming new singers of all voices and abilities to this choir. Mentoring is always available. Mary's email is MaryJWrobel5@gmail.com.

Book Club

From Sue Wadkins:

For Tuesday, January 18 we will read the Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. This is a fictionalized account of J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle de Costa Greene, an African American woman forced to hide her identity. For more than four decades she acquired and curated the library's collections.

On Tuesday February 22 we will discuss Kazuo Ishiguro's dystopian science fiction novel Never Let Me Go. In this brave new world, the technology of human cloning is implemented on a full scale for the harvesting of vital organs.

The book selection for Tuesday March 22 is Anxious People by Fredrik Backman. This book is described as a poignant comedy about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious people who find they have more in common than they imagined.

All Book Club meetings are at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. The link will be sent out closer to the meeting.

Teach to Lead Summit is coming soon.

This was sent out by Bev Johns, past president of DKG-ILSO. Please let Kris know if you are interested in joining this summit.

The Teach to Lead Summit is for **you and your chapter members**. You may have heard us talk about Teach to Lead at our conventions and other state meetings. It has been held for the past 5 years and includes teachers and administrators from around our state working together with a coach to create a plan to solve a problem in their school, district, or community. Hundreds of teachers and administrators and thousands of students have been positively impacted by this initiative. The Summit is a wonderful event which includes workshops, collaboration, and reflection on what is working and not working in our organizations. This exact same model can work for our ILSO chapters. The Summit begins Friday, February 11, 2022 at 10 am and concludes Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Accommodations at the hotel for 2 queen beds are \$84 a night. All other expenses, meals and materials are paid by an

DKGIEF grant. Consider joining us and meeting and networking with teachers and learn the challenges each of the teams are experiencing. The energy in the room will be unbelievable! This is also a wonderful chance for you to meet other ILSO DKG members around our state. This may just be the boost your chapter needs.

Recently passed meeting

We had a wonderful time at our Annual Holiday Auction in December. We enjoyed a delicious dinner and fellowship and raised a bunch of money to fund our Recruitment Grant, our continuing support, and various other chapter activities. Thank you for participating by attending, donating auction items and baskets, and by “bidding and giving” to our chapter.

A huge “Thank You” goes out to Rose Marie Mincey and Judie King along with their Programs committee and other volunteers for the countless hours of planning and organizing this fabulous event. It was a huge success.

Next meeting

Please see the Programs committee section below for news about our upcoming Zoom meeting with Leslie Goddard on Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

COMMITTEE REPORTING

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

From our Chapter Treasurer, Linda Stolt:

Our annual action raised \$3,868.00. Contribution can still be mailed to:

Linda Stolt
1912 Quaker Hollow Ln.
Streamwood, IL
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From Joan Gazdic, Society Business Chair:

Rules Committee: Proposed revisions of the Gamma Gamma Rules, drafted by the Rules Committee, have been approved by the Executive Board that includes the Chairs of all Committees. The Proposed revisions of the Rules are being sent to all members as an attachment to this newsletter. Please review this proposal before a vote is taken at our next in-person meeting on February 17.

Membership, Madelynn Brossard, rtb1445@yahoo.com

Our Membership Committee is working hard with nominations to develop a slate of officers for our next biennium, which begins June (or July) of 2022. PLEASE consider stepping up to serve our chapter as a board member or officer. We will be voting for the new slate of officers in March.

I encourage any of you to consider taking the Chapter President position. Chapter President is a great job! I am thoroughly enjoying the job and have learned a lot during my term of office. With this job, I have been able to get to know many of the chapter sisters. Please consider taking this position for the next biennium. We all are capable of doing this job, and all of the previous chapter presidents will mentor you.

Do you know someone who would like to join our chapter and become a DKG sister? Please let Madelynn Brossard, Kris Beaudette, or any of the board members know. We would be happy to meet with them in person or on Zoom and discuss the joys and benefits of DKG membership.

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

"Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places! You're off and away! You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose." (Dr. Seuss)

The Educational Excellence Committee is indeed off and away and steering themselves towards great places:

*Many thanks to my committee for helping make our wine extravaganza a reality at this year's auction! Our wine pull and raffles earned **\$921** of the auction's grand total! (Whoop, whoop!!! Up from our last auction's earnings!!!) Many thanks to all those who helped wrap, set up, sell tickets, and donate!!! AND...*many thanks to all of you who purchased wine and raffle tickets!* The support of our sisterhood is amazing!!!

*16 mentors and current and former grant recipients were able to get together in person during December to celebrate and support one another; sharing successes and stresses encountered during the school year as both students and teachers. It brought great joy, but also provided an eye-opening glimpse into the current educational climate..!

*Interest in Gamma Gamma's mentoring program continues across the U.S. and even Puerto Rico. Sandy Cook, Karyn Baldwin, Eden Schultz, Karly Grapenthin and I were pleased to give another Zoom presentation dealing with the "Acres of Gold" we have in Gamma Gamma's own backyard--nurturing relationships through mentoring, collegiate membership, and how it leads to becoming active members.

*Here's to 2022--oh, the places the Educational Excellence Committee will go!!!

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

Fire up your computers for what is sure to be an engaging lecture about Nancy Drew by Leslie Goddard on Tuesday, January 25th. Kris will send out a Zoom link for the program, which will begin at 4:30, after a business meeting, which will begin at 3:45.

Our next event will be a fun-filled Bunco game night on Thursday, February 17th at Our Redeemers United Methodist Church. More details next month!

Communication, Cheryl Keifer, ckeifer@gmail.com

Please keep us informed of any contact information changes. Thanks!

Please feel free to post information about our chapter on our chapter's Facebook page, and also on the DKG-ILSO Facebook page. If you are uncertain about how to do this, please let Kris know and she can work with you to learn how to do it. By using Facebook, we have been able to share our successes with our chapters and help them to grow and thrive.

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

Our **February service project** will benefit our **local chapter of Special Olympics**. Your cash contributions will be used to purchase much needed small soccer goals, shin guards, and soccer balls for their Unified Soccer Program. Thank you in advance for donating to this worthy cause!

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

Opportunities

Keep us posted if you have major items to sell or rent (e.g: cars, vacation property, etc.) along with any job and/or volunteer opportunities that might be of interest to our members and their families and friends

Kris' Corner

At our Holiday Auction, I chatted with our DKG-ILSO President, Joan Rog. She was amazed at how beautiful the event was, how well all of the details were carried out, and how successful we were at fundraising. Again, thank you to all for working together to make our Annual Holiday Auction such a success.

President Joan contributed 3 raffle baskets to our Silent Auction, which was certainly "above and beyond the call of duty." Thank you to her!

I wish you all a Happy New Year! 2022 is beginning and I wish all of you good health, enriching experiences, and also, a healthy dash of humor, just for fun!