

Gamma Gamma Ray



Newsletter of the Gamma Gamma Chapter

www.gammagamma75.org

February, 2022

Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, February 17, 2022- Chapter meeting, , 3:30 social and setup, business meeting, 4:30 Bunco night activity. Please RSVP to Kris Beaudette by clicking: "Reply" to this newsletter. Or, you can email her directly at KrisBeau@comcast.net.

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.

Thursday, April 7, 2022, Candidates for Membership "Get Acquainted Tea" and Executive Board Meeting. 4:00 Social for new members, sponsors, and Executive Board. 6:00 Executive Board meeting, at the home of Madelynn Brossard.

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

Regarding our Bunco Night on Thursday, February 17, 2022: It is important for everyone to RSVP for this event. We know that some members may not be joining us for this event, possibly due to Covid concerns, weather, whatever. Nevertheless, we need an approximate headcount for Bunco so that we have enough players. PLEASE RSVP by clicking "Reply" to this newsletter or email Kris at KrisBeau@comcast.net. Thank you!

Please join us on the Zoom programs that are presented by DKG-ILSO. I have enjoyed many of these presentations, and they cover a large variety of topics. Check your weekly emails for more information.

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, DKG International, 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 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. And we have exciting news! Our own new member, Holley McKee, will be directing this fabulous choir. Come join us and check it out!

DKG-ILSO Convention is coming soon, Friday, April 29- Sunday, May 1, 2022. I hope you will join me and others from our chapter as we travel to Springfield, Illinois for this fun and informative time together. Check the Winter *Newscaster* for more information. Convention registration is on page 18 of the Winter *Newscaster*, or you can register online at the DKG-ILSO website, <http://deltakappagamma.org/IL/>

Book Club

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.

Recently passed meeting

On January 25, 2022, we enjoyed a fabulous presentation by Leslie Goddard, who presented the Mystery of Nancy Drew Lecture, via Zoom. The lecture took us through the history of America's favorite teen-age detective, Nancy Drew. We thank our Program Chairs, Rose Marie, Judie, and their committee, for arranging this entertaining presentation.

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 17, 2022. We are looking forward to a fun time playing Bunco. Please see the Programs section for more information. PLEASE RSVP! Thanks!

COMMITTEE REPORTING

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

Please review the proposed revisions of the Gamma Gamma Rules (see attachment to this newsletter. Membership will be voting to approve these revisions at our February meeting. The revisions were drafted by the Rules Committee and approved by the Executive Board including the chairs of all committees.

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

*The name "Gamma Gamma" is getting known amongst Education Intern students in District 211. In person and Zoom meetings have been taking place with classes. Grant and mentoring opportunities have been shared; along with discussions about DKG and our chapter. Former recruitment grant recipients and now teachers at Hoffman Estates High School, our own Katie McGarvey and Eden Schultz stopped in and helped out at HEHS. It was exciting to see how applying for a recruitment grant as high school student can come full circle in our Gamma Gamma community! (And, it made an impression on those students!!!)

*Speaking of which...if any of you know a graduating female high school senior attending a District 211 school who is interested in pursuing a degree in education, please direct them to our chapter website at gammagamma75.org. They can access our recruitment grant applications there. (*Sometimes simple word of mouth is key!*) Have them also look at the "Recent Activities" section online, too! Our mentors and mentees are represented throughout the years showing our spirit of Gamma Gamma fun and camaraderie! (And I invite you members to take a peek, too..!)

*Did those photos on the website intrigue you? Would you like to consider becoming a mentor? It is a 4-year commitment, but soooo worth it. If so, please contact me: Denise Pawelczyk at dreismom2@yahoo.com. I am happy to answer any questions!!!

*A thank you to our mentors for all they do!!! This past month has been busy for some; helping our young women with scholarship applications, letters of recommendation, and even tips for resume writing--*and also a BIG thank you for all the help our grant recipients/collegiate members have received from our group of young educators ..!* (We may not always see them at meetings and not everyone is an active member yet, but they are always helping out behind the scenes and making an impact!)

*Lastly, did any of you take professional classes or classes for personal fun? Check out our chapter website--yet again! There are applications for the Gamma Gamma Scholarship and Love of Learning Stipend. Who turns down the opportunity for money?!! NO ONE APPLIED LAST YEAR..! Go for it this year, my sisters!!! Look over these simple applications for directions. (NOTE: Applications and evidence should be sent to me by April 11th.) Go for it!!!

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

On Thursday, February 17, chase away those winter blahs with a fun Bunco game activity! We will be at Our Redeemers Church at 1600 W. Schaumburg, Rd in Schaumburg. 3:30 - 4:30 is social time, set up and business meeting. We will begin the game at 4:30.

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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! You can bring your check to the February chapter meeting, or you can mail checks to Linda Stolt, 1912 Quaker Hollow Ln., Streamwood, IL, 60107-1977. Checks should be made out to Delta Kappa Gamma and please write in the memo line: Special Olympics.

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. We have a great network amongst our chapter sisters and we can use this network to help each other.

Kris' Corner

Now that it is February, the days are getting longer, and that always brings good feelings and hope as spring approaches. If you are teaching, we all salute and admire you for all that you are doing to serve our precious students and families. We are living in unique times, and we know that Professional Educators are the “salt of the earth,” and do a remarkable job of keeping society going.

I hope you are enjoying your time this winter doing the things that bring you satisfaction and contentment. We are a group with many different interests and I hope you are taking time to pursue those interests.

Stay warm, safe, and we will see each other soon!