



The Delta Kappa Gamma
Society International
Founded May 11, 1929
Gamma Alpha chartered April 2, 1979

Criteria for Membership

“An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator or has been retired from an educational position. An active member shall participate in the activities of the Society.” Prospective members are encouraged to attend chapter meetings as a guest to learn more about the Society and its programs.

Chapter Projects

Gamma Alpha Chapter makes a difference in the community:

- Gamma Alpha an annual auction each year. The proceeds of the auction are used to support our Grant-in-Aid for early career educators, Schools for Africa, and community projects.
- Gamma Alpha members volunteer time and money at **Seedlings Braille Books for Children** and work closely with the founder of this non-profit organization.
- Beverly Group Home for Girls is a service project for Gamma Alpha. Donations are made to enhance the girls’ lives while at the group home.
- A new project is the *Teen Mom & Baby Program* at Sumpter House. Teen mothers, ages 14-17 who are either pregnant or have a child ages birth to 3 years old receive one-on-one counseling and parenting mentorship in a structured, community environment.

Gamma Alpha Chapter Meetings

Our meetings are generally held monthly during the school year. We do not meet in February. We meet for dinner and camaraderie from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We have a program scheduled for each chapter meeting. Michigan’s state organization holds a Fall Conference, Women in the Arts, and a State Convention yearly. Information about the events is in the chapter newsletter, the state publication *The Wolverine*, and on the state and chapter websites.

Meeting Schedule

September 20, 2017	Chapter meeting
October 18, 2017	Chapter Meeting
October 6-7, 2017	Fall Conference
October 20-22, 2017	Women in the Arts
November 5, 2017	Annual Auction
December 14, 2017	Christmas Fellowship
January 31, 2018	Chapter Meeting
March 15, 2018	Chapter Meeting
April 11, 2018	Chapter Meeting
April 21, 2018	Metro Council Luncheon
May 4-6, 2018	State Convention
May 16, 2018	Chapter Birthday Dinner
June 20, 2018	Chapter Planning Mtg.

For additional meeting or membership information on DKG Gamma Alpha Chapter contact the following:

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Gamma Alpha Chapter welcomes inquiries from those women educators in *any field or level of education*.

Members may include:

- Classroom teachers
- School nurses
- Teachers of ESE Students
- Curriculum Specialists
- Special area teachers
- Administrators
- Media Specialists
- Guidance Counselors
- School Psychologists
- University and College Professors
- Swim, music, and dance teachers
- And many more

Gamma Alpha Executive Board

Co-Presidents:

- Colleen Retherford
- Amy Wright

Vice President/Membership:

- Carole Lower

Recording Secretary:

- Mary Jo Dreffs

Newsletter/Corresponding Secretary:

- Amy Wright
- Pam Husson

Treasurer:

- Cindy Dietz

Parliamentarian:

- Barbara Broadley

About DKG

DKG is a professional honor society of key women educators in the United States, Canada, Europe, Latin America and Japan. Our mission is:

to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Established in 1929, Delta Kappa Gamma has attained major objectives in improving opportunities for qualified women employed at every level of education, as well as in advancing the status of women educators. To this end, the Purposes set forth by the Founders continue to embody the spirit of The Society. The Purposes have grown and changed over time, but continue to be as valid in today's contemporary world as when first adopted. Membership is by invitation only and considered a prestigious honor with a variety of benefits and privileges.

The Society is structured in three levels:

- Local
- State organization
- International - all closely integrated.

The local unit is called a chapter. We are Gamma Alpha Chapter.

The term "state organization" designates states (in our case Michigan,) territories, provinces and comparable political divisions in the 18 countries where Delta Kappa Gamma is organized.

The terms "international" and/or "Society" refer to the overall organization with the total membership.

The business of the Society is conducted by the organizations on these three levels and through the relationships among them.



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Gamma Alpha Chapter publishes a yearbook that includes:

- meeting information
- International, state and chapter history
- Songs
- Chapter standing rules
- members' contact information
- chapter strategic plan

The *Wolverine*, *DKG News*, and *Collegial Exchange* are published by the State and International organizations.

We publish an award winning newsletter, *Gamma Alpha Bulletin*, and send email alerts to keep our members up-to-date.

International Website

<http://www.dkg.org>

Alpha Iota-Michigan State Website

<http://www.dkgmichigan.org>

Our chapter website has been online since 1995. www.migammaalpha.org

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Alpha Iota State- Michigan

Gamma Alpha Chapter

Key Women Educators From:
Livonia Public Schools
&
Wayne-Westland Schools
Member of Detroit Metro
Coordinating Council



Mission Statement

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Vision Statement

*Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*
