

LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD
Gamma Alpha Chapter
April 21, 2018

The Lifetime Service Award was started by Dr. Dorothy Sample, State President 2015-2017. The purpose of the Lifetime Service Award is to honor women who have been members of DKG for 50 years or are eighty years old for the service to DKG and the contributions to education.

Gamma Alpha honored three such women at the Birthday Dinner in 2018.



Elizabeth H. Bunner (Age 98) 52 Years of Membership

Elizabeth attained both her undergraduate and Master's degrees from Ball State University. She taught mostly 5th grade throughout her 35 year teaching career, but she has taught all levels of elementary education throughout her tenure. She taught in Indiana and retired in 1987. Elizabeth's daughter, Linda, reports that her mother was a wonderful elementary school teacher who was loved by her students.

Elizabeth was thrilled and honored when asked to join DKG back in 1968. She served as president of her chapter in New Castle, Indiana, and attended several state and international conferences. She encouraged other teachers to join as well.

Elizabeth loves to garden and tend her flowers. She has raised chickens in the past and was a farmer's wife. Some of her travels have taken her to Europe, Canada, Alaska, and Hawaii. For 20 years she taught a weekly Bible fellowship study class. She has been a member of the New Castle Friends Meeting for over 70 years and was very involved in church projects.



Marie Canzoneri (Age 80) 30 Years of Membership

Marie attained her B.A. degree from Marygrove College, and her Master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She taught upper elementary school for 32 1/2 years, and has been retired for 23 years from Livonia schools. Marie enjoyed teaching reading through a variety of means; such as having her students put on plays. After retiring, Marie continued her education and became a travel consultant, and enjoyed her new post-retirement life.

Marie willingly accepted the nomination for Chapter President even though she had only been a member for a few years. She was the first to serve for two terms. Marie was our Gamma Alpha Chapter Woman of Distinction in 1993.

Marie has traveled extensively, and especially enjoys cruising. She has traveled to the Orient, Alaska, Hawaii, and Easter and Western Caribbean. Marie is a grandmother of four and a great grandmother of three!

Carol A. Holland (84) 36 years of Membership



Carol attained her B.S. degree from Heidelberg College (Tiffin, Ohio), and her Master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. Carol taught both reading readiness and first grade in Livonia schools for many years. She had the opportunity to develop a program at Buchanan Elementary for first graders who needed more reading skills before continuing on to second grade. She retired in 1996 from Tyler Elementary School in Livonia.

In her post-teaching life, Carol belongs to Beyond Belief Senior Theatre Troupe and they produce Main Stage Variety Shows each fall. She says the "Young at Heart" cast ranges in age from 57 to 92 and they have one common goal "Sharing the Joy of Music." Carol also keeps busy volunteering at the Northville Public Library.

Carol was Gamma Alpha's Second Vice President for two biennia. She chaired the World Fellowship Committee for many years and always volunteered to help at our annual auction. Carol received Gamma Alpha's Chapter's Woman of Distinction award in both 2000 and 2007.

In her retirement, Carol loves to read and knit, although not at the same time! She also loves to travel, especially in Michigan. And she is a big Tigers fan as well! Two of Carol's four grown children have become educators. She is the proud grandmother of 9 grandchildren and one great grandson.