

Gamma Alpha Bulletin
“The G.A.B.”

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January Initiation

SOCIETY SYMBOLS

The following are the symbols of Delta Kappa Gamma. These symbols are used during the initiation ceremony. It is important for new members to know (and older members refresh their memories) our symbols. The descriptions are taken from the "Ceremonies" handbook.

The colors of Delta Kappa Gamma are crimson and gold. Crimson is for the courage which must those who achieve success and attain leadership in our profession. Gold is for the faith and the loyalty, which we pledge to our fellow members and to the high ideals of our Society.

Reminders

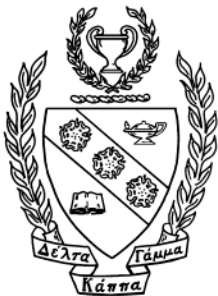
- Mail \$10 check to Cindy Dietz by January 20 if you plan on attending the January meeting and buffet prepared by the Career/Tech Students. See calendar for details.
- Check out our website at: www.migammaalpha.org



Our flower is the red rose, a fit emblem of mature womanhood and of the beauty of mind and spirit which ennoble the true teacher and friend of youth.



Our key is the golden ellipse. It is emblematic of the two foci from which is drawn the orbit of the activities of Delta Kappa Gamma- *organization and work of each for all*. Across its center, the ellipse bears the Greek letters for Delta Kappa Gamma. A wreath of laurel leaves symbolizes the distinction, which those who wear this key have achieved and must continue to deserve. The scyphus symbolizes the cup of knowledge, which we hold to the lips of youth.



Our coat-of-arms consists of a red shield across which is a band of gold. Three Tudor roses symbolizing the basic ideals of the Society- Friendship, Loyalty, and Helpfulness- are superimposed on the band. The flaming lamp in the upper right signifies scholarship. The open book in the lower left signifies knowledge. The laurel sprays, issuing from the scroll on which is inscribed the Greek name of the Society, are the traditional symbols of achievement. Above the shield surrounded by a smaller wreath is the graceful cup,

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important symbol of Delta Kappa Gamma. Below this wreath is a "torse" of red and gold, signifying inspiration.



Colleen Fisher, Julie Linn and Patricia Curd are three key women educators from Hayes who will be initiated into the *Delta Kappa Gamma Society International* in January. Colleen recently married Jason Fisher, President Judi's son. She teaches second grade and is very artistic according to her proud mother-in-law. Julie, a speech and language specialist, and her husband raise Clydesdale horses in Carleton. Patricia teaches fifth grade. She loves crafting. She and her husband have two children attending MSU.

Gamma Alpha Birthdays



December

- 6 Laura Barrett
- 12 Barb Broadley
- 28 Amy Story
- 30 Judi Fisher

January

- 1 Carol Anderson
- 7 Donna Colaianne
- 13 Mary Jo Dreffs
- 29 Susan England
- 31 Marie Canzoneri

International and Alpha Iota Update

International Date

August 6-9, 2003

Northeast Regional Conference
The Greenbrier
White Sulphur Springs,
West Virginia

www.deltakappagamma.org



State Dates

May 2-4, 2003

State Convention-Detroit Mar-
riott Pontiac at Center Point, Au-
burn Hills

www.deltakappagamma.org/MI

The Committee on Teaching About the United Nations

The Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) is composed of representatives from non-governmental organizations (NGO's) and interested educators. The challenge of teaching about the United Nations lies in incorporating the available high quality materials into existing schedules and curricula. For this reason, CTAUN has developed, and will continue to do so, a forum enabling educators to participate and learn together to introduce the UN into their classrooms.

So much of what the UN does appears far removed from the world in which the average school child lives. The connection between local and global affairs is neither clear nor compelling. Pictures of starving children on other continents raise compassion, but they rarely arouse interest in the root causes of that starvation: environmental, political, economic. It is the educators who must meet this challenge to translate the UN's resources, potential and action for their students. They need support through an ongoing process of discussion; the sharing of successes and ideas. It is the primary goal of CTAUN to sponsor the venue and to be a part of this process.

ΔΚΓ hopes that the 2003 conference will contribute to the worldwide efforts of the U.N.'s Literacy Decade and help to achieve the ideals of education for all. For more information, contact:

Anne-Marie Carlson, Conference Chair, dfcamc@aol.com

Minutes in Minute

October 23, 2002

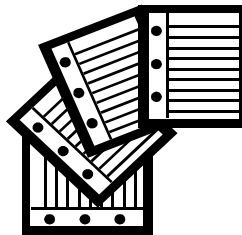
Meeting Minutes

Gamma Alpha Executive Board in attendance: Judi Fisher, Lynne Elsesser, Joan Cady, Chris Smith, Jackie Smart and Cindy Dietz with 29 members in attendance.

- Meeting called to order by President Fisher at 5:10 p.m. at Steak and Ale in Ann Arbor.
- Attendance sheet handed out by Joan Cady.
- Treasurer's Report—Cindy read the names of a few members that haven't paid their dues. There is a change in our next meeting. We will be meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2002 at Steak and Ale. The purpose of this meeting is the initiation of new members and our holiday auction. Feel free to invite people to the dinner and the auction. Guest meals need to be ordered and paid by November 15th. Send checks made out to Gamma Alpha to Cindy Dietz by November 15th. You can order dinner for your guests.
- Minutes for September 25th were approved.
- Jackie reported that Alice Duke has taken a long term subbing position in St. Helen. She will be here in January. Judy Handley's husband has just finished his last round of chemotherapy for a cancerous growth in his neck. Our prayers are with the Handley family.
- Committee Reports:
 - Marie reported that she still needs models (size 10-12). People should wear hose and flats for trying on clothes. They do have 1+ and 2+ sizes.
 - Yearbook—Colleen said information for the yearbook needs to be in to her by December so we can have yearbooks by January. Send corrections to Colleen. We need updated e-mail addresses.
- Old Business—President Fisher reported that the Metro Council has decided to have the Birthday Luncheons in even years. The next one will be in 2004.
- New Business—Dana Kremn from Mott Children's Hospital (part of U of M Hospital): She shared a history of the 80 year old Child and Family Life Service program at the hospital with a slide presentation. She is willing to come to schools to explain programs offered at the hospital. Handouts were distributed. If you want to become more involved or volunteer, call 734-764-6874.
- Joan Cady introduced 3 candidates for membership in Gamma Alpha. All three are from Hayes Elementary in Livonia. Julie Linn is a speech teacher. Patricia Curd is a Language Arts teacher. Colleen Fisher is a 2nd grade teacher. She is a recipient of one of our scholarships last year. A history of Delta Gamma Alpha was given. The members voted on the accepting three new members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Smith
Recording Secretary



Minutes in Minute

December 4, 2002

Executive Board Meeting

Meeting was held at Hayes Elementary School.

Present at the meeting

- Judi Fisher
- Cindy Dietz
- Marie Canzoneri
- Marge Braun
- Lynne Elsesser
- Chris Smith.

Meeting called to order at 4:50 by President Fisher.

Treasurer's Report

Cindy reported that \$1,380 was made on the auction this year. We had a lot of guests this year. We have \$6,664.91 in savings. We have \$904.96 in checking.

Cindy reported that four members resigned. They are Diane Anselm, Linda Cox, Victoria Kurkowski, and Helal Patel. It was suggested that we invest in some nice name tags for guest speakers.

President's Report

Judi mentioned that there is a Rejuvenation Conference in Frankenmuth on March 8, 2003 from 9-2:30. February 28th is the deadline for registration. May 2-4 is the convention at the Pontiac Marriot. August 6-9 is the NE Regional Conference in Greenbriar, West Virginia. Information will be available in the upcoming *Wolverine*. January 29, 2003 meeting. The meeting will be held at the Ford Career Technical Center.

4:30 - 5 Initiation of New members (Arrive at 4:15)

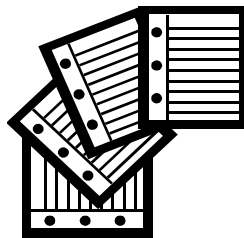
5- 6:00 Dinner (and Business Meeting buffet costing \$11.00)

6:00 - 7:30 Clothing show

We still need 3 to 4 models who are size 10-12. The "models" need to wear hose, flat shoes and a strapless bra. We also need 2 helpers. Call Marie if you want to be a helper or a model by January 14th. Her number is 734-464-7043. The deadline for reservations for dinner is Wednesday January 15. The price of \$11.00 includes tax and gratuity.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Smith
Recording Secretary



**January 29
Ford Career Technical Center
36455 Marquette
Westland, MI**

Directions:

Go south on Wayne Road to Marquette. (Marquette is a half mile south of Ford Road.) Turn right on Marquette. Drive a half mile. The first drive on the left past John Glenn High School is Ford Career Technical Center.

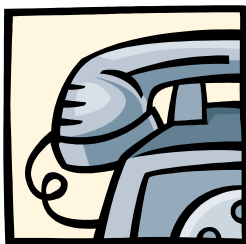
Mail check for \$11 payable to Gamma Alpha for buffet dinner (business meeting is free) to:

Cindy Dietz

I plan on attending the January 29 meeting at Ford Career Technical Center. Here is my check for \$11.

Member

**G.A.B.
“Can we talk?”**



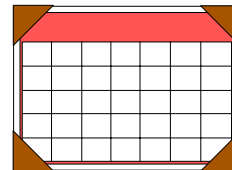
Don't ask **Carol Holland** out for Chinese food for a while. She was on vacation in China and seriously injured herself. She was flown back to the states and had surgery on her leg. We may see her in

January if everything is on the mend.

Marie Canzoneri had eye surgery over the holidays. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Alice Duke has been busy subbing in a long term position in St. Helen and hasn't been able to come down for a meeting as yet. She sent Cindy a note wishing everyone well.

2003 CALENDAR



January 29

This will be a busy meeting so please be prompt. We were unable initiate new members in November because of the chaos of the Holiday Auction. So, **Initiation of New Members** will take place at **4:30 P.M.** at the William D. Ford - Career/Technical Center located between Wayne and Newburg Roads at 36455 Marquette in Westland. Try to arrive by **4:15**.

Directions:

Go south on Wayne Road to Marquette. (Marquette is a half mile south of Ford Road.) Turn right on Marquette. Drive a half mile. The first drive on the left past John Glenn High School is Ford Career Technical Center.

Joan Cady and the Membership Committee will preside over the Initiation Ceremony prior to dinner.

A brief business meeting and buffet dinner will follow the initiation ceremony. The cost of the buffet is \$11 and checks for the buffet should be sent to Cindy Dietz by January 20 so we can give the Career Center an estimated count. Cindy's address is on page one of the newsletter in the "Reminder" section. The business meeting is free.

Personal Growth, chaired by **Marie Canzoneri**, will host "Weekender Clothes". After the presentation you may want to purchase something you have seen, so bring your checkbook so you can have some wonderful wrinkle-free clothes for your next vacation. Size 10-12 models are needed. (Only half of me can volunteer for this activity!) **If you want to bring a guest, please do so.**

February 19

Professional Affairs, chaired by **Marge Braun**, will host Healthy Cooking with Chef Larry Janes. Chef Janes is a local Livonia television celebrity

who will share his thoughts on healthy cooking and give us some great cooking ideas. We will be back at Steak & Ale for this meeting. Dinner 4:30. Chef Janes' presentation will follow dinner. Call or email Lynne Elsesser by **February 16** if you plan on attending so she can notify Steak & Ale's manager.

March 26

To celebrate *March is Reading Month* we will host our annual dinner, bedtime stories and craft (making felt animal bookmarks) with the residents from Wayne County Family Center at Elliott Elementary (30800 Bennington). The Wayne County Family Center offers both a temporary home and the help families need to make permanent changes in their lives.

Bring books (new or gently used) to donate to the residents ranging from preschool to adult. The parents enjoyed getting magazines last year. Joyce Shain, Activities Director for the Family Center, said that the fresh fruit we donated last year was a welcome treat for the children's after school snack. So, bring a bag of apples, oranges or any fresh fruit that can last for a few days with your book donation. **Esther Loskowske** chairs Service Projects. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

April 30

Birthday Dinner hosted by **Gina Strand** and Birthday Committee. More information will follow when I receive it.

May 2-4

State Convention held in Auburn Hills. Registration information will be in the Winter Wolverine. Keep watching for it!

May 28

Planning meeting for 2003-2004 at Hayes Elementary. Executive Board, committee chairmen and interested members should attend. Bring exciting meeting ideas.

Judi's Gems



Dear Gamma Alpha Sisters,

Our annual Holiday Auction raised nearly \$1380. The **Grant-in Aid Committee** wants to thank everyone for their wonderful donations. Think about whether we want to do the auction every other year. We don't want to bore members with the same programs. After talking with Treasurer Cindy, we have enough money for three \$500 grants. Applications for the Grant-in Aid will be available at the January meeting. Recipients will be invited to the Birthday Dinner in April.

State Convention registration forms will be in the Winter *Wolverine*. Let's try to have a good showing since this convention is nearly on home turf.

A new grant (up to \$500) in memory of Past State President Katherine Keeling is available to members. I received the information in my President's Mailing packet. The grant can be used for workshops, travel, meals; but not for degree programs. If interested see me for information or contact Dr. Geraldine Green, State Scholarships/ Grants Chairman. Contact information is on Alpha Iota State website. By the way, have any of our members looked at Gamma Alpha's web-site? Go on. Jump on the superhighway. (One day Jackie will get around to registering it with International again.)



Cindy Deitz and Jackie Smart congratulate Mary Jo Dreffe on winning the week holiday in Harbor Springs.

Some people never learn anything because they understand everything too soon.

Alexander Pope

Diversity Calendar

January

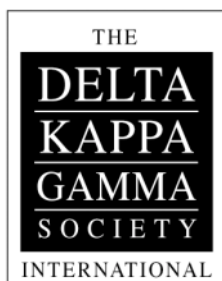
- 5 Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Birthday
- 6 Epiphany
- 20 World Religion Day
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 31 Robbie Burns Night

Gamma Alpha Executive Board 2002-2004

Judi Fisher:	President
Lynne Elsesser:	First Vice President
Joan Cady:	Second Vice President
Chris Smith:	Recording Secretary
Jackie Smart:	Corresponding Secretary
Cindy Dietz:	Treasurer

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