



# Gamma Alpha Bulletin

## "Let's G.A.B."

### Service Project Report

#### Winter Hugs for Kids



Mr. Steve Dingman spoke to us about the many needs of Methodist Children's Village. The Service Project Committee decided that our first contact with MCV should be a **Winter Hug**. Every child deserves to have the clothing he or she needs to feel warm and safe during the winter season. **You** can provide a warm Winter Hug to these children! Please bring a set of **NEW** hats, mittens/gloves, and scarves suitable for boys to our December 12th meeting. Pick up just one set the next time you're at the store, or collect many! Gamma Alpha will donate our **Winter Hugs** to the boys of the Methodist Children's Village.



### Legislative News

Legislation to allow school districts, to create "promise zones" that siphon money from the school aid fund has strong bipartisan support. The money would be diverted into higher education, a state budget area that is funded by the general fund, without any proposed replacement funds for K-12 schools.

The bill would create the Michigan Promise Zone Act. This is loosely modeled after the Kalamazoo Promise scholarship program. This proposal would allow eligible entities with a high percentage of children living at or below the federal poverty level to create zones where students could receive scholarships. Check MEA Votes website for further updates on this and other educational issues.

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*Teachers are those who use themselves as bridges, over which they invite their students to cross. Then having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create bridges of their own.*

*Nikos Kazantzakis*

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#### November 28 Holiday Auction

Meet for dinner at G. Subu's Leather Bottle at 4:30. Dinner begins at 5:15 and the auction will begin after dinner. Please be prompt. See calendar for details and directions.

Next Month:

#### December 12

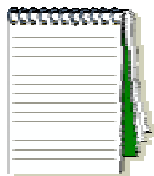
- Initiation of New Members
- Meet & Greet
- Brief (really) Business Meeting
- Bring your Winter Hug Donation
- Surprise Activity from Lynne and Judi

### Mission Statement

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*



## Minutes in a Minute



### Gamma Alpha Minutes in a Minute October 17, 2007

The meeting at G. Subu's was called to order at 4:55 by Jackie Smart. 22 members (including 5 initiates) attended.

Joan Murray started of the evening with a session of 'Liar, Liar". Members had a good time discovering interesting facts about each other.

Steve Dingman from Methodist Children's Home presented an interesting and informative video about their Children's Village. Members learned of the history, mission, and current status of the institution. About 300 children and families are dealt with each year. All children have been removed from their homes by Protective Services. One half of these children will have their family's parental rights

severed and will be placed up for adoption. A foster parent program has 50 homes that care for 50 to 70 boys and girls at any given time. The state places 65-70 boys at a time in the residential Village. The residents attend Redford Union Schools and most are about 2-3 years behind their grade level and receive special education services. The Village has a center on campus for students who have been suspended from school. The center runs a 6-week summer program for the residents, as well. The Children's Village budget is \$8.7 million per year. 80% is supplied by the state. The greatest need is for the intangible supply of personal interest shown to the needy residents. Upon questioning, Steve Dingman said that service projects such as a sports day, a craft project, a picnic, donation of books to the library, Christmas stockings, unwrapped gifts, etc. would be much appreciated. The Gamma Alpha

Service Project Committee will decide what activity it will plan for this worthwhile institution.

Jackie Smart had a wonderful power point for the five initiate members. They learned of the history of ΔΚΓ, our mission and purposes, our insignias and our current activities.

Members were reminded to attend the November meeting which is the annual Christmas auction. They were also asked to RSVP in writing to Amy their intentions regarding membership.

Members were reminded that all must bring donated items and guests in order to have a successful event. All proceeds from the auction will be used for the Grant-In-Aid for women studying education. This grant is also available for members seeking further degrees. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol A. Anderson  
Recording Secretary

## November Diversity Calendar

### *National American Indian Heritage Month*

#### **1 All Saints' Day**

Christian,  
Roman Catholic

#### **1 Dia de los Muertos**

"Day of the Dead"  
Mexico,  
Latin America

#### **4 Eid-Al-Fitr**

Islamic, Muslim

#### **11 Veteran's Day**

United States

#### **11 Remembrance Day**

Canada

#### **12 - Birthday of Baha'u'llah**

Baha'i

#### **22 - Thanksgiving**

United States



### **Trivia**

1. What measure is used for sound or noise?
2. What is a Stink Horn?
3. Female bones are heavier than male bones?  
*T or F*
4. What are cornichons?
5. In which sport are stones and a broom used?

*Answers on page 5*



### Kitchen Talk

*Amy has provided us with some excellent recipes from Heritage Park Inn. Here are two of the recipes.*

#### Chilies Rellenos Casserole

- 2 cups half and half
- 4 eggs
- 2/3 cup of flour
- 6 (4 ounce each) cans of whole green chilies
- 2 cups (16 ounces) of grated Jack cheese
- 12 ounce can of tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro

Beat half and half with eggs and flour until the mixture is smooth. Split open chilies and rinse away the seeds. Drain chilies on paper towels. Chop chilies. Reserve one cup of grated cheese. In a lightly greased 9x12 pan, make alternate layers of chilies, cheese, and egg mixture. Pour tomato sauce over the top and sprinkle with the reserved cheese.

This recipe can be prepared the night before with the exception of the tomato sauce and reserved cheese. Color with foil and refrigerate. In the morning, remove the foil, pour on the tomato sauce and sprinkle with the reserved cheese. Bring casserole to room temperature before baking. Bake at 375 for 25 minutes if baking in individual ramekins. After removing from the oven, top with a dollop of sour cream and a spoonful of salsa. Garnish with cilantro and chopped black olives.



#### Orange-Cranberry Scones

- 1 1/2 cups of sour cream
- 1 teaspoon of baking soda
- Zest from one orange
- 2 tablespoons of frozen orange

- concentrate- defrosted
- 2 eggs
- 4 cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 teaspoons of baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup dried cranberries

In a small bowl, combine sour cream, baking soda, zest orange concentrate, and eggs. Stir and set aside.

Sift flour. Sugar, baking powder, cream of tartar and salt together. Cut in the butter.

In a large bowl, combine all of the ingredients, mix until dry ingredients are just moistened.

Divide into three balls, Knead a few strokes. Then press into a one inch thick patty. Cut each patty into 4 or 6 wedges. Place on a greased sheet or use parchment paper.

Bake 12-15 minutes at 375 degrees. Bottoms should be golden brown. Serve with butter or curd. Alternate forming method: Use an ice cream scoop and scoop mixture onto a greased pan or parchment paper. Yield should be 15-18 scones.



### Sunshine Committee Birthday Greetings For November

Happy Birthday to you!



- 2 Debbie Ervin
- 5 Amy Wainwright
- 10 Sherry Green
- 17 Pam Emerson
- 24 Christine Smith

## International, State & Metro Detroit Coordinating Council News

### Metro Coordinating Council Update

**Zeta Chapter's** annual Christmas Brunch and Silent Auction will be held on December 1, 2007 from 10:00-1:30 at the **St. Regis Hotel** at 3071 W. Grand Blvd. in Detroit. All council members are invited to attend. The St. Regis is located west of Woodward near the Fisher Theater. There is valet parking available. The cost of the brunch will be \$21.50. The hotel has been renovated and is just gorgeous. Please send your check for the brunch payable to **DKG Zeta Chapter** to Liz Cooper by November 18. Her address is:

Liz Cooper  
16515 Edinborough  
Detroit, MI 48291  
(313) 533-4260

Judi and Jackie plan on attending this event. Please join in for this festive occasion.

### Alpha Iota State Women in the Arts Retreat

The eleventh annual Women in the Arts Retreat took place the Ralph McMullan Conference Center at Higgins Lake at the end of October. The Saturday night theme was Mardi Gras and the participants made masks for skit night. The *Over 60 Sixty and Proud Quartet* (Jackie, Grace, Judi and Lynne) sang a parody of "My Favorite Things" for skit night. We may even resurrect our act for the Birthday Luncheon!



### International News

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin* fall issue has arrived and the 2006-2008 biennium theme "Leading with Passion and Wisdom" inspired Delta Kappa Gamma members. Some of the submissions for this particular issue detail educational experiences around the world. Take time to read some of the inspiring articles.



## Calendar 2007-2008

### November 28, 2007

You and your guests should arrive for the auction at 4:30 at G. Subu's Leather Bottle. This will give you plenty of time for auction registration, displaying your auction donation, cocktails, and camaraderie. We will have a brief icebreaker personality test using your tube of lipstick. Family style dinner will begin approximately at 5:15. The auction will begin promptly after dinner.

#### Auction Reminders

1. Members need to bring a 3x5 card for each item they donate. On the card, they should describe the item, a suggested opening bid, and name of the donor. Members should try to bring more than one donation so we will have a variety of auction items.
2. Suggested items or services that could be donated:
  - A certificate from businesses you frequent... cleaners, hair salon, manicurist, restaurant, etc.
  - Baked goods (homemade or purchased)
  - Gift Certificates
  - Massage
  - Theme Baskets, Teacher Baskets
  - Holiday items/ decorations
  - Theater, movie, or game tickets
  - Best seller books, books on tape
  - Crafts
  - Be creative!

**The success of our auction depends upon all of our participation**



### December 12, 2007

*Dinner at G. Subu's  
Initiation of New Members  
Executive Board Meeting/ Yearly Reports*

### January 30, 2008

*G. Subu's for dinner  
Field Trip/tour to Seedlings following dinner.*

### February 27, 2008

*Dinner at G. Subu's  
Service Project for Methodist Children's Village  
More information regarding the project will be available after the October meeting with the M.C.V. director.  
Keeping watching your newsletters.*

### April 2, 2008

*Theater outing  
Location & Cost TBA*

### April 19, 2008 (Saturday)

*Family style luncheon at G. Subu's  
(We need to prepay for this event.)  
Metro Council Birthday Luncheon  
More information to come.*

### May 2-4, 2008

*Kalamazoo  
State Convention  
More information available  
in the winter *Wolverine*.*

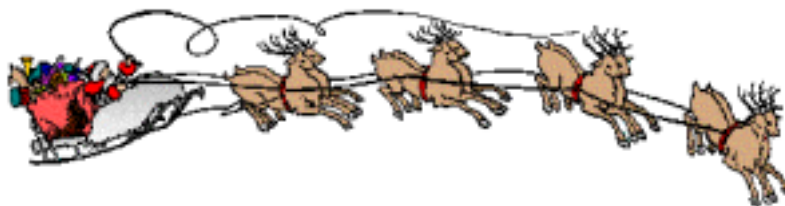
### June 16, 2008

*Executive Board & Members  
Planning for 2008-2009  
Location TBA*

*More information will be in following newsletters about the Metro Council Luncheon, Theater Outing, Convention, and other meetings.*

#### **Answers from page 2:**

1. Decibels
2. Fungus
3. False
4. Gherkins
5. Curling



## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

### Holiday Auction Reminder

November 28, 2007

**Social 4:30**

**Dinner 5:00**

**Auction 6:30**

Gamma Alpha Chapter is holding its annual Holiday Auction. You can do your Christmas shopping early this year! All proceeds from the auction will be used for Grant-in-Aid awards given to women seeking a degree in education.

**G. Subu's Leather Bottle**

**20300 Farmington, Road**

**Livonia, Michigan**

**(Located south of Eight Mile Road on the east side of Farmington Road)**

**Family Style Dinner \$20**

Mixed Green Salad w/ choice of dressing

Breadsticks

Chicken Piccata

Penne w/ Marinara

Roasted Redskins w/ Rosemary & Garlic

Green Beans Almondine

Dessert

Coffee or Tea

**Make checks payable to Gamma Alpha Chapter and send to Cindy Dietz by November 21:**

**Cindy Dietz**

**7329 Gilman**

**Westland, MI 48185**

**(734) 427-9399**

**We hope to see you and many of your guests there.**



## Gems from Judi!

### *Who Knew? Check These Out!*

Rainy day cure for dog odor ...Next time your dog comes in from the rain, simply wipe down the animal with Bounce or any dryer sheet, instantly making your dog smell springtime fresh.

Did You Know that drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately--without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional "pain relievers?"

Did you know that Colgate toothpaste makes an excellent salve for burns?

Before you head to the drugstore for a high-priced inhaler filled with mysterious chemicals, try chewing on a couple of curiously strong Altoids peppermints. They'll clear up your stuffed nose.

Sore throat? Just mix 1/4 cup of vinegar with 1/4 cup of honey and take 1 tablespoon six times a day. The vinegar kills the bacteria.

Cure urinary tract infections with Alka-Seltzer. Just dissolve two tablets in a glass of water and drink it at the onset of the symptoms. Alka-Seltzer begins eliminating urinary tract infections almost instantly - even though the product was never been advertised for this use.

Honey remedy for skin blemishes ... Cover the blemish with a dab of honey and place a Band-Aid over it. Honey kills the bacteria, keeps the skin sterile, and speeds healing. Works overnight.

Listerine therapy for toenail fungus. Get rid of unsightly toenail fungus by soaking your toes in Listerine mouthwash. The powerful antiseptic leaves your toenails looking healthy again.

Easy eyeglass protection...To prevent the screws in eyeglasses from loosening, apply a small drop of clear nail polish to the threads of the screws before tightening them..

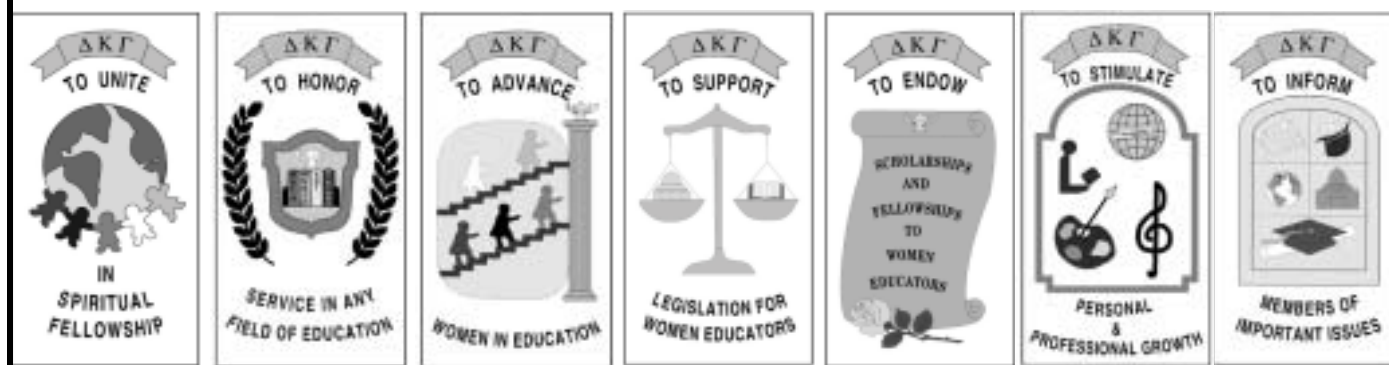
Smart splinter remover. Just pour a drop of Elmer's Glue-All over the splinter, let dry, and peel the dried glue off the skin. The splinter sticks to the dried glue.

Balm for broken blisters... To disinfect a broken blister, dab on a few drops of Listerine. a powerful anti-septic.

Vinegar to heal bruises ... Soak a cotton ball in white vinegar and apply it to the bruise for 1 hour. The vinegar reduces the blueness and speeds up the healing process.

Quaker Oats for fast pain relief... It's not for breakfast any more! Mix 2 cups of Quaker Oats and 1 cup of water in a bowl and warm in the microwave for 1 minute, cool slightly, and apply the mixture to your hands for soothing relief from arthritis pain.

## Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



### President's Message

Judi, Lynne, Grace and I attended the "Women in the Arts" retreat at the end of October. This was a great way to relax and meet other women from around the state in true fellowship and camaraderie. Next year

Women in the Arts will be October 24- 26 at the Ralph McMullan Conference Center at Higgins Lake. Take the time to consider attending this event next year. It is a fun event- even for the craft challenged - like me!

### Gamma Alpha Executive Board & Committee Chairmen

#### Executive Board

Jacquelyn Smart:	President/ Newsletter
Judi Fisher:	First Vice President
Amy Wainwright:	Second Vice President
Carol Anderson:	Recording Secretary
Cindy Dietz:	Treasurer
Barbara Broadley:	Parliamentarian
Judi Fisher:	Past President

#### Committee Chairmen

Barbara Broadley:	Personal Growth
Esther Loskowske:	Service Projects
Marge Braun, Amy Wainwright:	Professional Affairs
Lynne Elsesser:	Research
Cindy Dietz:	US Forum/Legislation
Chris Smith:	Music
Mary Jo Dreffs:	Grant-in-Aid
Helen Mate:	Birthday
Carol Holland:	World Fellowships
Colleen Retherford:	Yearbook
Sherry Green:	History
Carol Anderson, Donna Colaianne & Nancy Chiasson	Sunshine
Grace Morgan	Finance
Bonnie Franka, Joan Murray & Carol Palk:	Ice Breakers
Danielle Jopek	Nominations

During November, the Nominations Committee will be preparing a slate of officers for the 2008-2010 biennium. As I mentioned last month, when asked by one of the committee members if you are willing to hold an office, remember our motto, "A ΔΚΓ member never says no to service!"

December will be Initiation of New Members. After the ceremony, meet and greet, and brief business meeting, Judi and Lynne ( and probably Grace) are planning a fun activity they learned at Women in the Arts for us. Be sure to attend this meeting. I look forward to seeing you and your guests at the auction!

*Jackie*

### November Agenda

Welcome  
Introduction of Guests  
Lipstick Icebreaker  
Dinner  
Auction



Check or cash!