



# Gamma Alpha Bulletin

## International News

### 'From Vision to Action— Advancing the Society' *International Theme 2008-2010*

Nearly 2,000 women from 17 countries and all 50 states attended the International Convention in Chicago. The amendment to increase the dues by \$20 was passed. 681 voted "for" and 485 voted "against" the increase. Other 'options' were offered, but they were defeated. The increases will allow International to finance their costs without borrowing from established funds throughout the summer months to pay expenses until dues arrive in the fall.

At the August 11 Gamma Alpha annual audit, the Finance Committee decided to raise our dues \$10 (from \$65 to \$75.) This was not an easy decision for us to make. Although we don't think the extra \$10 will break anyone's budget, the dues increase is in line

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## President's Message



I hope that your summer helped renew your body and mind. Sunshine is good for the spirit! And kudos to the Gamma Alpha spirit. The summer planning session in June at Jackie's home was well attended and productive, as you can see by our full calendar. Jackie's attention to detail has steered us on the right path into the 2008-2010 biennium. And speaking of Jackie, our chapter has nominated her for Alpha Iota State President. Check the guidelines for nomination on page 9 of your summer *Wolverine*. You'll see that Jackie is indeed well qualified for this demanding position. We are fortunate to have such a capable leader in our chapter.

While you're checking out the *Wolverine*, did you notice all the articles by Gamma Alpha scribes? I believe there were **eleven** articles by Gamma Alpha members! Also look at the awards received by our chapter at the State Convention:

1. Award of the Rose
2. First Place Newsletter Award
3. President's Award
4. Pace Setter Yearbook Award
5. Convention Attendance Award
6. ΔΚΓ Approved Web site

What a team! It is my hope that Gamma Alpha will continue in this biennium to work together to meet state, international

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### September 17

-Business meeting, vacation souvenir silent auction, and used book sale

-Bring your Recommendation for Membership form filled out and be prepared to speak about your candidate for membership.

RSVP to Jackie by Sept. 12th  
[jackie@mymartfamily.com](mailto:jackie@mymartfamily.com)

### October 29

Bring your candidate for orientation. Bring a bag of Halloween candy for the MCV (no nuts in ingredients). We'll make table decorations for the Holiday Auction and play some 'Simply Fun' games that can be purchased. Proceeds go to the MCV.

## Mission Statement

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





## Minutes in a Minute June 16, 2008

We understand that members are unable to attend all of Gamma Alpha's meetings. Executive Board is making the calendar available to you earlier so our meetings can go on your schedule. It is our hope that for the month you have a responsibility or your committee is handling the event or meeting, you will make an effort to attend.

Thirteen members met at Jackie Smart's house at 11:00. With the passing of the gavel, Fran Saenz was installed as the new president. Hail to the Chief! (Just imagine the song playing!)

Treasurer Cindy Dietz reported that the chapter has a balance of \$5569.00 in savings and \$392.00 in checking. In addition, there is a balance of \$528.00 in the Metro Council account. It was decided that the Audit Meeting would take place on Monday, August 11 at 1:00 at Jackie's house. Finance Committee will be in attendance.

Jackie reported that Delta Kappa Gamma International has recommended an increase of \$20.00 in members' dues. As State First Vice President, Jackie has decided to vote against this significant increase.

Debra Bonde, from Seedlings, will let us know when she has all of the materials together so members can help assemble "Hooray for Braille" bags. As you recall, Gamma Alpha applied for and received \$1400 in funding from the Educational Foundation for this project. Jackie and Judi received thank you letters from Seedlings and a copy of the thank you letter that was sent to International from Seedlings. The main business of the assembly was the planning of the calendar for the coming school year, 2008-2009.

Members should note that the time of regular meetings has been **changed** from 4:30 to 5:30. This decision was voted on at the Planning Meeting at the request of elementary teachers who reported difficulty arriving by 4:30.

Two of our meetings will require pre-payment for dinner and one for theater tickets. The price of family style dinner has risen to \$25 at Subu's. Please read on for the calendar of events for 2008-2009 and be sure to note them in your personal calendar.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Carol Anderson, Outgoing Recording Secretary  
(It's all yours, Mary Jo!)

Education is the guardian genius of democracy. It is the only dictator that free men recognize, and the only ruler that free men require.

**Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar**

## Greetings Fellow Readers!

Can you part with a few books or homey magazines that you've finished reading? If you can, bring them to our first Gamma Alpha meeting in September. We'll have a collection basket and a collection envelope. If you wish to purchase a donated book, you put in \$1 for hardcover books or \$.50 for paperbacks or magazines. The money will go to our general fund to help defray the dues increase from International. Books that are not purchased will be donated to a local charity such as the 'Friends of the Library.' If this works, we'll have it as an ongoing part of each meeting. If there are a couple of people willing to run this, please let me know. I already have my stack set aside!

Fondly,  
Fran

### Book Talk By Fran Saenz

I recommend that anyone invested in the global education of children read this book. **Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time**, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. This is an inspirational adventure that will restore your faith in the power of one person to make a difference.

This best selling paperback takes you on Mortenson's life changing journey as he descends from the heights of K2. He is lost and exhausted, finds his way into a remote village in northern Pakistan in 1993. This village is so poor that it cannot afford the \$1 a day salary to hire a teacher to educate

their 84 children.

Mortenson makes a promise to build a school for these impoverished but generous villagers that nurse him back to health, and in keeping his promise, changes his life.

As you follow this true adventure, you will widen your geographic and cultural awareness of a part of Asia with which most Americans are unfamiliar. The details of unfamiliar names and places can be tedious at times, but the maps and photos in the book are a helpful resource. The power of this unique story should hold your interest.

This year the 64 schools started by Mortenson's dedicated efforts will educate more than 25,000

children, 14,000 of whom are girls, in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

You can learn more about the book and Greg Mortenson at [www.threecupsoftea.com](http://www.threecupsoftea.com)

#### Read on!



By learning you will teach;  
by teaching you will understand.

Latin Proverb

### Sunshine Committee Birthday Greetings for July, August, and September



#### July

- 6 Lynda Neuroth
- 18 Abby Roach
- 20 Carol Holland
- 21 Judy Handley

#### August

- 16 Suzanne Bacinski
- 20 Grace Morgan
- 26 Judy Hurley

#### September

- 9 Cindy Dietz
- 19 Helen Mate
- 30 Jackie Smart

**Alpha Iota State News: Department of Education**  
***What You Need to Do to Keep***  
***Your Teaching Certificate Up-to-Date***

Teachers, school counselors and school psychologists must meet continuing education requirements to renew their certificate or license every five years. The requirement can be met by completing six semester credits, 18 State Board Continuing Education Units (SB-CEUs), or a combination of the two. Three SB-CEUs can be used in lieu of one semester credit.

A Michigan teaching certificate or license will expire on June 30 of a given year. Only credits earned during the five years preceding the date of application will be considered for renewing the certificate or license, according to the Michigan Department of Education. Semester credit can be earned from any Michigan institution of higher education, including any of the state community colleges, or from an out-of-state four-year institution that has been approved as a teacher preparation institution. However, out-of-state community college credit will not be recognized by the Department of Education to renew a certificate or license.

Various education organizations, including MEA, routinely offer SB-CEUs to certified teachers, counselors and school psychologists at conferences and workshops. Be sure to request SB-CEUs, if available, at the time of registration. The SB-CEUs may not be awarded retroactively. Occasionally, a provider will offer continuing education units that have not been approved by the state of Michigan, but rather, are available from the International Association of Continuing Education and Training (IACET). Continuing education units approved through IACET must be converted to SB-CEUs within 30 calendar days by presenting your certificate of completion to an approved Michigan SB-CEU coordinator from an intermediate school district.

Also keep in mind that a number of out-of-state institutions offer IACET credit as an option rather than receiving semester credit. These IACET credits also must be converted to SB-CEUs. It's also possible to receive SB-CEUs for participating in professional development activities, even when the provider has not requested the CEUs. An approved SB-CEU coordinator from your intermediate school district may apply to receive approval for you, if done in advance of participation. Remember, approval must be sought prior to participation and will not be awarded retroactively.

Teachers are reminded that they are responsible for keeping their certificates up-to-date. A teacher with an expired certificate may not be employed by a district or school until the certificate is made whole again. Similarly, tenure rights of a teacher are jeopardized with an expired certificate.

Contact Susie Koenigsknecht at the Michigan Department of Education Office of Professional Preparation, 517/241-4928, with further questions.



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## 2008-2009 CALENDAR



### SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

Location: G. Subu's

5:30 Dinner

6:30 Meeting

Hostesses: Executive Board and World Fellowship/Member Supporting Member Committee

**September Icebreakers** Jennifer Chambers  
Kristin Chiasson  
Judy Hurley

#### Agenda:

Business meeting

Vacation souvenir silent auction. Remember to bring your vacation souvenir for the silent auction. Used book sale. Read Fran's note on page 2 about this.

Have your **Recommendation for Membership** form filled out and be prepared to speak about your candidate for membership.

### OCTOBER 29, 2008

Location: G. Subu's

5:30 Dinner

6:30 Meeting

Hostesses: Membership Committee with Carol Anderson and Finance Committee with Grace Morgan

**October Icebreakers** Lynne Elsesser  
Lynda Neuroth  
Judi Fisher

#### Agenda:

Introduction of New Members and Orientation

"Simply Fun" Demonstration/playing of games and sale to benefit Methodist Children's Village

Making crafts for holiday auction table favors

Bring a bag of Halloween candy for the Methodist Children's Village (no nuts, please)

Used book sale.

### NOVEMBER 19, 2008

Location: G. Subu's Arrive at 5:00 to register and set up your items for the auction.

5:30 Dinner

6:30 Auction

Hostesses: Grant-in-Aid Committee and Auction Committee

**No Icebreakers this month!**

#### Agenda:

**Holiday Auction** and 50/50 raffle (Prepayment of \$25 is necessary for this event.)

You and your guests should arrive for the auction at 5:00 at G. Subu's Leather Bottle. This will give you plenty of time for auction registration, displaying your auction donation, cocktails, and camaraderie.

Family style dinner will begin approximately at 5:30. The auction will begin promptly after dinner.

#### Holiday 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.

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### 2. Suggested items or services that could be donated:

- A certificate from businesses you frequent
- 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!



### **JANUARY 28, 2009**

Location: G. Subu's

4:30 Executive Board Meeting (Only Executive Board members need to attend.)

5:30 Dinner

6:30 Meeting

Hostesses: Executive Board and Membership Committee

#### **Icebreakers**

Chris Smith

Mary Lou Flynn

Danielle Jopek

Cindy Dietz

#### Agenda:

Executive Board Meeting at 4:30

Initiation of New Members

Used book sale.

Guest Speaker

“One Crayon Project” is a presentation by Melissa McDermid, a Farmington Teacher and Delta Kappa Gamma member. Melissa won the National Milken Educator Award (\$25,000) and decided to use the money traveling to Tanzania, volunteering in a school, and helping the community of Arusha, Tanzania. Below is an excerpt from her blog about the One Crayon Project...

*“I've really been pondering how to respond to my trip to Tanzania. How does an individual give back to a community that welcomed me into their lives? I know that I must find an appropriate way to respond and keep giving! I've been thinking about different avenues to take and would love to include others on the journey! My current thinking is to have a night to share my experiences with everyone. I just have to figure out when, where, and how to share my experience. Everyone has been great at offering to help... so my current issue is what is the best way to help, how to do it and how to make the effort sustainable. The One Crayon Project... how does that sound. One Pencil, One Crayon, One HUGE Group of Individuals Making a Difference! The name comes from the idea that the nursery (kindergarten) children have the choice of ONE CRAYON to color with. I don't think I'll forget watching children pick ONE CRAYON. That gave that gave me a moment of pause... my students have the choice of 96 crayons, colored pencils, or even smelly markers. Yet these children pick ONE CRAYON and are satisfied. Hence... The One Crayon Project!”*

**Come to our January meeting and learn about Arusha, Tanzania and be inspired!**



**MARCH 3, 2009** Note the day is **TUESDAY**. The church is not available on Wednesdays.

Location: Geneva Presbyterian Church  
Sheldon Road (north of Ford Road)  
Canton

Time: 5:30

Hostesses: Personal Growth Committee with Grace Morgan and Amy Wainwright

**Icebreakers** Donna Colaianne  
Nancy Chiasson

Agenda:

Cooking Demonstration with celebrity chefs, Chefs Lisa Austin and Kristin Chiasson.

Recipe Exchange (Start sending Jackie 3 or more of your favorite recipes to [jackie@mymartfamily.com](mailto:jackie@mymartfamily.com)

We'll print copies for all and have them available at the meeting. **Send your recipes by February 1.**

Used book sale.

### **APRIL 22, 2009**

Location: G. Subu's for dinner followed by Tipping Point Theatre

Hostesses: Birthday Committee and Executive Board

**Icebreakers** Carol Anderson  
Amy Wainwright

Agenda:

5:30 Family Style Birthday Dinner at G. Subu's  
(Pre-payment of \$25 for the family style dinner will be necessary.)

6:30 Honor Retirees  
Award Scholarship/Grant-in-Aid

8:00 Birthday Ceremony (Gamma Alpha 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
"The Complete Works of Will'm Shakespeare, Abridged"

Tipping Point Theatre  
361 E. Cady Street in Northville

(With a minimum of 15, the tickets will be \$16. We will need to pre-order the tickets early.)

### **MAY 1-3, 2009**

Alpha Iota State Convention in Grand Rapids

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Information will be in the *Winter Wolverine* and in future newsletters. Please plan on attending.

### **JUNE 2009**

Date /Location/Time TBD at January Executive Board Meeting

Hostesses: Executive Board

Agenda: Planning Meeting for 2009-2010



**Keep Gamma Alpha on your schedule.  
Please make note of these dates in your calendar!**

A child miseducated is a child lost.

**John F. Kennedy**



# Recommendation for Membership

## **Instructions:**

Please complete and return this form to the appropriate level Membership Committee. For information about qualifications for membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, refer to sections on membership in the *Constitution* and the *International Standing Rules*.

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### **Type of membership:** (check one)

Chapter Active \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Honorary \_\_\_\_\_ State Honorary \_\_\_\_\_ International Honorary \_\_\_\_\_

### **Name of person recommended:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) (First) (Middle) (Last)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street, Route, P.O. Box)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State and Country) (ZIP/Postal Code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(E-Mail Address) (Telephone Number) (FAX Number)

**Month and Date of Birthday (Year not needed)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current position title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total years as professional educator** \_\_\_\_\_

**Highest educational degree granted:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Field:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional accomplishments:** Include items such as professional development presentations, campus or departmental leadership roles, published materials, offices in other organizations honors and/or awards. (A brief professional résumé may be attached to this application.)

### **Community activities:**

### **Endorsed by one or more members:**

Signature

Chapter

State

Date

Required

Optional

Optional

## Alpha Iota State Stats



The colors in Alpena should be spectacular for Fall Conference October 17 and 18. The workshop session descriptions are included in the mailing. Please plan on attending this event. September 10 is the deadline for hotel and conference registration. The Program of Work team has planned sessions that will interest all.

New guidelines for the Yearbook Evaluation are in place and online at the State website: [www.deltakappagamma.org/MI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI). The State is 'Going Green' to save paper and cost for printing and mailing.

The State President, J-Jay Pechta, will visit our chapter on November 19. She will attend our Holiday Auction.

If you are interested in becoming a registered parliamentarian, see Jackie for information for training information that will take place in Chicago next spring.

Women in the Arts will be held 24-26 at Higgins Lake. Registration information is in the *Wolverine* on the state website.

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with other professional organizations.

In our research, we found that the Ann Arbor chapter of The American Association for University Women, AAUW, dues are \$83 annually with \$47 going to support their national association.

Here is a breakdown of our \$75 ΔΚΓ dues:

Dues	Active Members
International	\$40
State	\$23
State Scholarship	\$1
Gamma Alpha	\$11

If we kept the dues at \$65, we would only have \$4 per member for our operating budget. Cindy will bring the 2008-2009 budget to the September meeting that has been pared down. You will see areas where we have saved money. As a chapter we are going to brainstorm ways of being creative financially.

Remember to bring your checkbooks so you can pay your \$75 dues at the first meeting.



## 2008-2010 Gamma Alpha Committees & Responsibilities

Executive Board has tried to include all members on a committee for the next biennium. The chairman is in bold type. If you would like to change your committee, please notify Fran. **The chairman is in bold-face.**

### I. Society Business- President

**Fran Saenz**

The President is the puppet master and is a member all of the committees!

### Scholarships/Grant-in-Aid

(This committee selects recipients for scholarships and grants. They distribute information regarding State Scholarships to Gamma Alpha members. They invite the recipients to our Birthday Dinner for the award. They notify treasurer when there are awards. The Grant-in-Aid / Scholarship application is on our website in "Forms" at [www.migammaalpha.org](http://www.migammaalpha.org)

**Debbie Ervin**

Judy Handley

Marie Canzoneri

### Finance

This committee supervises and makes recommendations for chapter finances, including the budget. They supervise the annual audit of books.

**Grace Morgan**

Cindy Dietz

Jackie Smart

Judi Fisher

Fran Saenz

### Holiday Auction

This committee handles Gamma Alpha's major fund raising project. Duties include:

- Make advertising flyer. Send postcard/email reminders to members.
- (This is computerized.)
- Sell 50/50 raffle tickets.
- Organize auctioneers. (Make sure they have a large voice.)
- Organize runners (Volunteers who take the item to the person who won the bid.)
- Organize money collectors.
- Sign-in sheets, nametags bidding cards, pencils for recording bids. We assume honesty. There will be no double record keeping.
- Provide calculators for adding up revenue.

**Mary Jo Dreffs**

Joan Murray

Alice Duke

Marianne Reinhard

Laura Oliver

Carol Palk

Sherry Green

Debbie Ervin

Colleen Retherford

Bonnie Franka

Pam Emerson

Karen Burrill

Suzanne Bacinski

### Communications - Newsletter/Yearbook

This committee is responsible for our chapter newsletter and yearbook, printing, collating, and mailing (online or post.) Members are solicited for articles and information.

**Jackie Smart**

Judi Fisher

Karen Scott

**World Fellowships &  
“Funding Our Purposes”**

**Colleen Retherford**

Grace Morgan

This committee organizes the Vacation Silent Auction. They collect \$1 from members who do not wear their Key Pin to meetings. They sell 50/50 Raffle tickets at Holiday Auction and members' used books. Chairman prepares the biennial World Fellowship report to the State and International.

**II. Program Chairman - 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.**

**Amy Wainwright**

First V.P. chairs the Program Committee and solicits recommendations from chapter members in order to provide effective programs. She prepares the biennial Program Report for the State and International.

**Personal Growth & Service**

This committee provides requested services to the chapter. They are dedicated to improving the quality of daily living through enriching the personal lives of members through participating in community services (Methodist Children's Village, Seedlings.)

They select a member as Chapter Woman of Distinction.

**Esther Loskowske**

Sandy Becher

Lisa Austin

Cindy Dietz

Jackie Smart

Grace Morgan

Helen Mate

**Professional Affairs**

The original purposes of the Society emphasized gender equity, school legislation, excellence in education, good teaching conditions, networking, and financial help for women preparing to teach. This committee's purpose is to be dedicated to improving the quality of education by fostering a climate of mutual respect and cooperation within the profession.

**Lynne Elsesser**

Lynda Neuroth

Carol Holland

Judi Fisher

Karen Burrill

**Research & History**

**Sherry Green**

This committee conducts research of chapter needs and ideas for meetings at the request of the Program Chairman. This committee also houses the old scrapbooks until we can find a place to store them. (Website is currently archiving information from 1995.)

**U.S. Forum & Legislation**

**Pam Emerson**

This committee's task is to keep membership aware of current legislation through group emailing and newsletter articles.

**Music**

**Chris Smith**

This committee provides Christmas music as a part of the Holiday Auction and The Delta Kappa Gamma song and words at the Birthday Dinner. (There is a music CD for this.)

**III. Membership Chairman - 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Carol Anderson**

The Second V.P. serves as the Membership Chairman. Her role is to be the conduit to those currently in our chapter as well as those nominated for incoming membership. She maintains a supply of member communications, Society forms, and initiation paraphernalia. Other duties:

- Orientation and Initiation of New Members
- Promote membership expansion and fellowship.
- Installation of Officers
- Complete biennial Membership Report to State and International.

**Birthday Dinner**

Each year chapters observe Founders Day, not only to honor the original twelve women, but as a reminder that current activism must keep pace with that of the Founders on issues educators face today. Other responsibilities:

- Plan the Birthday Ceremony.  
(FYI, this year is our **30<sup>th</sup>** anniversary.)
- Order the birthday cake.
- Honor retirees (check with treasurer regarding the etched vase gift)

<b>Helen Mate</b>	Esther Loskowske	Barbara Broadley
Jackie Smart	Grace Morgan	Chris Smith
Alice Duke	Amy Wainwright	Karen Scott
Marie Canzoneri		

**Nominations**

The committee prepares a slate of officers for nomination in odd years to be installed at the Birthday Dinner in even years. The committee encourages and assists chapter members to consider offices at different levels in The Society.

**Danielle Jopek**  
Past Presidents

**Sunshine**

This committee sends birthday cards to members. They also send a red rose in a vase for the death of a member's spouse. They send a white rose upon the death of a member. They inquire if the family would like the chapter to perform the appropriate ceremony at the funeral home

<b>Donna Colaianne</b>	<b>Nancy Chiasson</b>	<b>Grace Morgan</b>
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## Meeting Ice Breakers

Short icebreakers set a positive atmosphere for member interaction.

<b>September</b>	Jennifer Chambers Kristin Chiasson Judy Hurley
<b>October</b>	Lynne Elsesser Lynda Neuroth Judi Fisher
<b>January</b>	Chris Smith Mary Lou Flynn Danielle Jopek Cindy Dietz
<b>March</b>	Donna Colaianne Nancy Chiasson
<b>April</b>	Carol Anderson Amy Wainwright

## Kitchen Talk



### Skillet Tamale Pie

#### Tamale Filling

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion , *minced*
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- Salt
- 2 medium cloves garlic , *minced or pressed through a garlic press (about 2 teaspoons)*
- 1 pound ground sirloin (*lean*) 1
- (15.5-ounce) can black beans , *drained and rinsed* 1
- can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes , *drained*
- 3 ounces cheddar cheese , *shredded (1 cup)*
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro leaves
- Ground black pepper

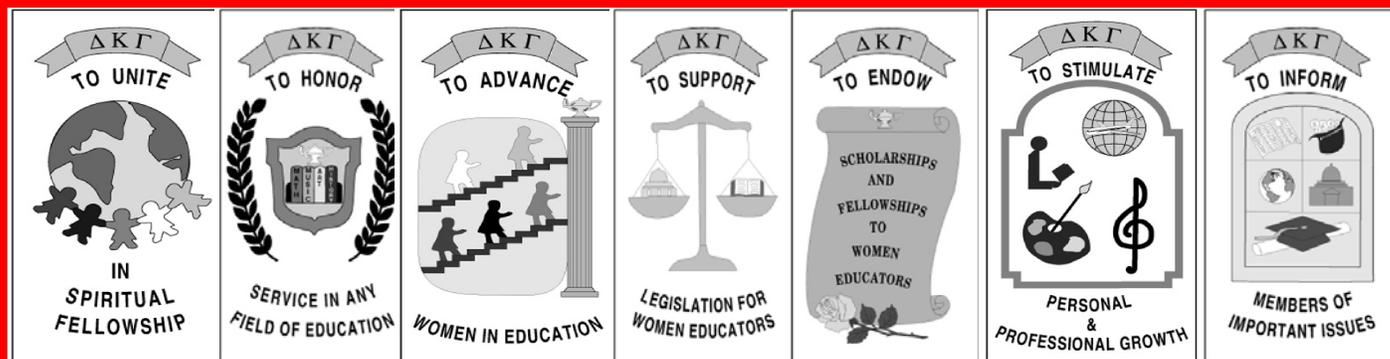
#### Cornbread Topping

- 3/4 cup unbleached all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup yellow cornmeal
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder

- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
  - 3/4 teaspoon salt
  - 3/4 cup buttermilk
  - 1 large egg
  - 3 tablespoons unsalted butter , *melted and cooled*
- (Note: You can use the Jiffy mix if desired.)

1. Adjust an oven rack to the middle position and heat the oven to 450 degrees.
2. **For the tamale filling:** Heat the oil in a 12-inch skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add the onion, chili powder, and 1/2 teaspoon salt and cook until the onion is softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds.
3. Stir in the ground sirloin, beans, and tomatoes, and bring to a simmer, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon, about 5 minutes. Stir the cheddar and cilantro into the filling and season with salt and pepper to taste.
4. **For the cornbread topping:** Meanwhile, whisk the flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk the buttermilk and egg together. Stir the buttermilk mixture into the flour mixture until uniform. Stir in the butter until just combined.
5. Dollop the cornbread batter evenly over the filling and spread into an even layer. Bake until the cornbread is cooked through in the center, 10 to 15 minutes. Serve.

## Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



### Gamma Alpha Executive Board & Committee Chairmen

#### Executive Board

President	Fran Saenz
First Vice President	Amy Wainwright
2nd Vice President	Carol Anderson
Recording Secretary	Mary Jo Dreffs
Corresponding Sec.	Jackie Smart
Treasurer	Cindy Dietz
Parliamentarian	Barbara Broadley

#### Committee Chairmen

Personal Growth & Service	Esther Loskowske
Professional Affairs	Lynne Elsesser
Research/History	Sherry Green
US Forum/Legislation	Pam Emerson
Music	Chris Smith
Grant-in-Aid	Debbie Ervin
Birthday	Helen Mate
World Fellowships	Colleen Retherford
Yearbook/Newsletter	Jackie Smart
Sunshine	Donna Colaianne & Nancy Chiasson
Finance	Grace Morgan
Nominations	Danielle Jopek
Holiday Auction	Mary Jo Dreffs

#### Ice Breakers

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and our own chapter goals. Please continue to invite key women educators to join our chapter this fall. Continued growth should keep us connected to and aware of current needs in education. Come with the completed form to our September meeting.

Another hope is that we continue to mix new and “experienced” members on committees. Get to know those “new” faces! I’m reminded of a corny ditty from my Campfire Girl days: *Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver, and the other’s gold.* Let’s also keep some of our gold traditions in our ceremonies as we update them.

Want a fall getaway with some amazing, talented women? Then attend the Fall Conference with other Gamma Alpha sisters in Alpena on October 17-18th. After a hectic start to the school year, this is a chance to enjoy your Michigan environment. We’ll carpool, of course! (Register before September 10th. Forms are in the *Wolverine*, on the Alpha Iota State website, or ask Jackie for copies.)

I have “big” shoes to fill in this biennium. I need the membership to continue to work as a team, to go in the same direction. Support one another and we can rise to meet new challenges!

Fondly,  
Fran

I am not a teacher but an awakener.

- Robert Frost