



Gamma Alpha Bulletin

The G.A.B. "Let's Talk"



President's Message

February is flying by and here comes our next chapter meeting! I hope you had some sweet Valentine's fun and some President's Day relaxation this month. You'll want to join us on February 25th as we initiate our new members, vote on a new slate of chapter officers for the next biennium, enjoy a book exchange and jewelry raffle and make plans for our March and April events. Gamma Gamma is joining us for our March meeting on Teen Dating Abuse at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Lisa Austin has prepared flyers for us to distribute to our fellow educators, administrators, and parents. We need some help with setup, snacks and cleanup at this event. It will be a great opportunity to inform the public about our organization.

At our last meeting, we voted to change the date of our Birthday Dinner to May 12th, allowing more time for celebration and for our State President, Jackie to join us. We still plan on going to the Tipping Point Theater the following evening to see "Southern Comfort", a romantic comedy about a December -December romance. Save the dates and let me know if you're "in"! We have the State Convention at the Grand Traverse Resort, April 30 - May 2. Come and support Jackie, our state president, and the fellowship and fun of our state organization. Hope you can join us!

January 29 Minutes

We began our meeting by sitting at tables according to which of the books we had read. Amy, Cindy, and Jackie led the discussions of each of the books. Nice job, ladies. For those of us who didn't read one of the books (including me!) there is still time to enjoy one so think about taking some time to read.

Cindy reported that we made \$1,838 from the Holiday auction. Well done, girls! She also told us that we earned \$50 from the Lia Sophia jewelry sale. The representative left jewelry to be auctioned off at a later date so we can add some more money to our account by buying some bling!

Jackie reported that we had received letters from Alice Duke. Alice's husband has cancer. Judy Hurley said that her grandson is ill again. Please keep both families in your thoughts.

Fran spoke about our March meeting. This is really important and we need

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Meeting Info



February 25

Initiation

March 25

Teen Dating Abuse

April 17

Metro Council Luncheon

&

Women in Aviation

April 30 - May 2

State Convention

June TBA

See calendar for details.

RSVP to Jackie at:

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Mission Statement

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



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Don't forget these dates!

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Location: G. Subu's

5:00 Dinner and Meeting

Hostesses: Professional Affairs Committee

Icebreaker: Donna Colaianne & Nancy Chiasson

Agenda

- Dinner and Business Meeting
- Bring Service Project Donations for Methodist Children's Village- Items TBD
- Initiation of New Members
- Friend of Education discussion
- March meeting arrangements/dinner discussed. Flyers for the meeting need to be distributed to middle and high school administrators, counselors, and social workers. We should also invite Metro Council members.



Thursday, March 25, 2010

Location:

Livonia Civic Center Library

32777 Five Mile Road

Livonia 48154 (Located on Five Mile Road east of Farmington Road)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Program: Guest Speakers from Mu Chapter

Metro Council and community are invited.

Teen Dating Abuse (7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

Teen Dating Abuse is a pattern of abusive behaviors that are used to gain power and control over a dating partner. Unhealthy relationship behaviors can start early and last a lifetime. Dating abuse occurs when harmful behaviors are repeated, creating a pattern of violence. According to recent research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one in eleven teens report being a victim of physical dating violence. Even more startling, adolescents who report experiencing dating violence are also more likely to report binge drinking, suicide attempts, physical fighting and current sexual activity. Mu Chapter has developed an effective program for educating students about this serious problem. Invite your daughters, school administrator, counselor, and social worker to this informative session. **SBCEU Available**

Saturday, April 17, 2010 Metro Coordinating Council Luncheon

Location: G. Subu's

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Icebreaker: Lambda Chapter

Agenda

- Family Style Luncheon at G. Subu's (Pre-payment of \$25 for the luncheon will be necessary.)
Metro Council chapters will honor their Chapter Women of Distinction
- Founders Celebration
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Guest Speaker

Women in Aviation (1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

Women have been impacting the history of aviation since the first hot air balloon crested the horizon, yet their accomplishments have gained little recognition in the memories of people worldwide. Only a few resources choose to acknowledge the huge influence women have had in aviation. A pioneer aviator, Jessie Lambdin, will take you on a journey through time to explore the history of women in aviation. Your spirit will fly free as you learn about forgotten heroines. Information from the presentation can be easily transferred to Social Studies classes.

SBCEU Available

State Convention April 30 - May 2, 2010

Grand Traverse Resort and Spa

Convention and hotel registration are available in the *Winter Wolverine* on the state website at www.deltakappagamma.org/MI. Please plan on attending to support me!

May 12, 2010 WEDNESDAY New Date!

Location: G. Subu's

5:00 Birthday Dinner

Hostesses: Birthday Committee, Membership Chairman

Agenda:

- Family Style Birthday Dinner at G. Subu's (Pre-payment of \$25 for the family style dinner will be necessary.)
- 6:15 p.m. Program
 - Honor Friend of Education, Honor Retirees, Award Scholarships/Grant-in-Aids,
 - Install New Officers, Birthday Ceremony
- On Thursday, May 13 at 8:00 p.m., those interested will take a field trip to the Tipping Point Theater to see "Southern Comfort." The play is a comedy about a December-December romance. We will need to pre-order the tickets early like last year. Fran will collect money and make arrangements.

June Date TBD, 2010 Planning Meeting, Location TBD

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everyone to attend and help out. In case you've forgotten we will be hosting a presentation about Teen Dating Abuse. The meeting will be at the Livonia Civic Center Library and we are hoping to include people from local school districts, church groups, etc. who would be interested in hearing. If you know of any people or groups please let them know about this presentation. The presentation is March 25 from 7-8 p.m. We need to be there by 6:00 so that we can set up. A flyer is attached so you can hang pass it around. We will provide light refreshments.

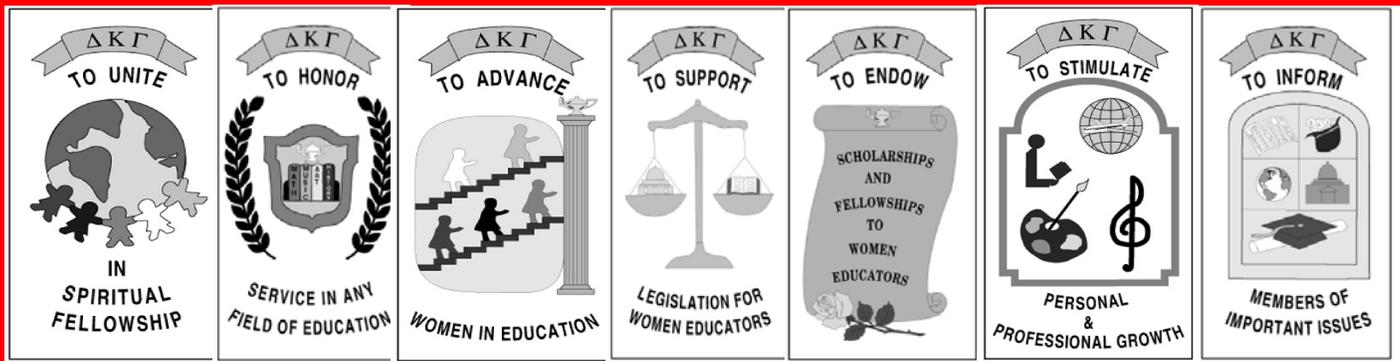
Speaking of the February meeting we will be initiating our new members. Please plan to attend. Carol Anderson needs lots of readers for the ceremony!

There was a motion to change the Birthday Dinner to Wednesday, May 12 and still leave the Tipping Point Theatre on Thursday, May 13. Conflicts in schedules were a problem. Fran will check into tickets for Thursday if enough people are still interesting in going. The play is "Southern Comfort" which is a comedy. We all had a terrific time last year so we decided to do it again. We know that this would mean 2 days "out" but we deserve some fun so let's have it!

State Convention is April 30 - May 1 in Traverse City. We really encourage lots of people to come. Sessions will be very good (remember, Jackie is the state president!). Forms can be found online at: www.deltakappagamma.org/MI. Think about going with a group of friends!

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Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



Gamma Alpha Executive Board & Committee Chairmen

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Sunshine	Donna Colaianne & Nancy Chiasson
Finance	Grace Morgan
Nominations	Lisa Austin
Holiday Auction	Mary Jo Dreffs

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Metro Council will be Saturday, April 17 at Subu's and we will need help with centerpieces. Since it is at the same great place where we always meet, why not join us?

Our main speaker for the evening was Khris Nedam who presented "Kids 4 Afghan Kids". What an incredible job she did! Everyone was amazed by the wonderful work she has done in Afghanistan for children while teaching here in Northville. Her PowerPoint presentation helped show us things that most of us will never see. She told us how she started and is in charge of 3 schools over there. She brought books her students wrote, artifacts from her trips, and answered many questions. No one wanted to leave because she had so much to say. This was truly a very enjoyable presentation. What a remarkable woman!

Hope to see you at the next meeting on February 25!

Mary Jo Dreffs, Recording Secretary

Raffle Basket for Convention

We need to start thinking about our theme basket donation for the state convention. Bring some ideas to the February meeting. Last year we donated a beautiful gardening basket. Amy displayed the items in the basket creatively.

It is in fact, nothing short of a miracle that modern methods of instruction have not entirely strangled the holy curiosity of inquiry.

Albert Einstein