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Gamma Alpha Bulletin

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

President's Message



August already! The summer has flown by; we've frozen, simmered, agonized over our parched plantings, lauded the gray skies that finally broke our drought and, of course, cheered on and watched in amazement the accomplishments of all the Olympians, no matter their country of origin. We marveled at the very young as well as the seasoned human beings who set their goals and who dedicated themselves to accomplish them. Buoyed up by a support system of family, coaches, friends and teammates and tempered by years of hard work, they gave their all in front of millions upon millions of us who shared vicariously their successes and their losses. Now they're returning to "real" life: jobs, school, families, and, for some, planning how to get "there" again in four years.

Now, as September approaches, our Gamma Alpha sisters who are still teaching are setting their own goals for a suc-

cessful school year and, just perhaps, mourning their loss of free time. Our sisters who work in other areas may not have benefited from the rejuvenation of a summer break but will benefit from again accessing their DKG support system of willing sisters. And, of course, those of us who have retired will be looking forward to renewing friendships and in finding new ways to make us and our organization stronger by setting and striving to meet our goals too. I thank you all on behalf of myself and your Executive Board for the opportunity to serve for this biennium as Gamma Alpha begins its 33rd year and as our State Chapter, Alpha Iota, begins its 75th year. I would like to thank all of you in advance for renewing your commitment to Gamma Alpha, DKG and the purposes of our society. Together we will look forward to accomplishing our personal and chapter goals just like those Olympians did. We may not receive as many accolades, but our work may even be more valuable to our world.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Mr. Mike's where we will work on

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Meeting Info



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September 19

Mr. Mike's Grill

4:00pm

October 17

Carole Lower's House

4:00pm

October 19-20

Fall Conference

Muskegon Holiday Inn

RSVP to Amy at

amosande@hotmail.com

OR

wainwrighta@wwcsd.net

Mission

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

Vision

*Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*



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Mark your calendars now!



August 25, 2012

**Summer PAC
Lansing Lexington Hotel**

September 19, 2012

Place: Mr. Mike's Grill
6047 North Wayne
Road in Westland

Time: Arrive 4:00-4:30
Meeting and speaker
4:30-5:30
Order dinner 5:30



Program:

Business Meeting
Vacation Auction-

Notes:

- Bring item from your summer travels to be auctioned off for World Fellowships and Members Supporting Members.
- No 50/50 this month
- A refreshment committee (volunteers needed) will make appetizers and dessert for the October meeting.
- After the meeting those interested in helping with the Holiday Auction will meet with Mary Jo to discuss assignments.

October 17, 2012

Place: Carole Lower's house
45766 Fermanagh
Northville 48186

Time: Arrive 4:00-4:30



Program:

- Orientation for New Members
- Nancy, the Apron Lady - If we listen to the stories that aprons tell, we can learn about women's historical roles, fashion trends, and 20th Century American culture.

Notes:

- Appetizers and dessert provided
- Pam Emerson is the contact for the speaker. Service project donation to Cogswell Group Home for Girls (ages 12-17) TBD

October 19-20, 2012

State Executive Board & Fall Conference
Muskegon Holiday Inn

November 16-18, 2012
**Women in the Arts Higgins
Lake**



“You learn something every day if you pay attention. “

Ray LeBlond

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement, nothing can be done without hope and confidence.”

Helen Keller

December 5, 2012

Holiday Auction

Place: Laurel Manor

Time: 4:00-7:30

Program: Holiday Auction

Notes:

- Arrive at Laurel Manor at 4:00 to set up registration and set up auction items.
- Guests arrive at 4:30.
- Appetizers/Cocktails/Bid on Silent Items/ Tickets in Cups: 4:30-5:00
- Start pulling cup tickets 5:15-5:30 and between dinner courses
- Dinner: 5:30-6:30 (Silent auction ends)
- Live Auction 6:30-7:30



January 16, 2013

Gamma Alpha Executive Board Meeting

Place: Mr. Mike's Grill

6047 North Wayne Road
Westland

Time: Arrive 4:00-4:30

Meeting and speaker
4:30-5:30
Order dinner 5:30

Program: Arts and Crafts Beading

Notes:

- Executive Board meets one hour prior to the meeting to complete annual reports.
- Service project donation to Cogswell Group Home for Girls (ages 12-17) TBD



March 20, 2013

Place: Mr. Mike's Grill

6047 North Wayne Road in Westland

Time: Arrive 4:00-4:30

Meeting and speaker
4:30-5:30

Order dinner 5:30

Program: Estate Sales

Notes:

- **Marie is the contact for the speaker.**
- Service project donation to Cogswell Group Home for Girls (ages 12-17) TBD



April 20, 2013

Metro Council 75th Celebration

Place: Greenmead Village

Alexander Blue House
20501 Newburgh Road in Livonia

Time: 11:00-2:00

Program: Tea to celebrate Alpha Iota State's 75th Birthday

Notes:

- Metro chapters will provide refreshments.
- Attendees will tour the one-room school-house for the program.



May 3-5, 2013

Annual State Convention 2013
Bay City Doubletree Riverfront
Bay City, Michigan

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."

Malcolm S. Forbes

May 15, 2013

Birthday Dinner

Place: East Side Mario's

31630 Plymouth Road in
Livonia

Time: 4:30

Program: Honor Friend of
Education,
Honor Retirees, Award Grant-in-Aid,
Recommitment Birthday Ceremony

Notes: (Pre-payment of \$20 will be necessary)



June 19, 2013

Executive Board & Planning Potluck

Place: Lynne Elsesser's home

20440 Lexington
Northville 48167

Time: 11:00

Program: Planning Meeting

Notes:

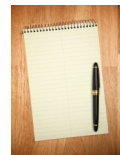
- All of our programs are planned by the membership. This meeting is **not** just for Executive Board, but for members who wish to make our chapter vital.
- Come to our planning meeting armed with ideas or suggestions you want Gamma Alpha to be involved with for 2012-2013.
- Let us know where you would like our meetings to be held. If you know of a speaker, please bring the contact information. The more cooks in this case the better the soup! Planning meeting and pot luck luncheon will be held at Lynne's at 11:00. Bring your favorite potato, pasta, fruit, or green salad to pass.



July 24-27, 2013

Northeast Regional Convention Portland, Maine

June 20, 2012 Minutes



- Nine members met for a potluck salad lunch at Carol Anderson's house. Many, many ideas were presented and discussed.
- A new meeting place was adopted. Mr. Mike's on Wayne Rd. in Westland will be the gathering place for chapter meetings.
- The theme for the year is "For Ourselves."
- Expect to hear from an Estate Sale Service which will give us an inside look at estate auctions.
- A presentation on women's history through the kinds of aprons worn is being planned.
- A beading/craft activity is in the works.
- At the request of members, a designated time for socializing will be put into meeting agendas.
- Members decided to adopt a girls' group home for our service project recipient in place of Methodist Children's Village. Girls in the residence attend Wayne-Westland schools.
- Judy Morante has contact information. We will provide the residents with basic care items and holiday treats/gifts.
- A discussion about the preparation of donated baskets for the Alpha Iota state workshop and state convention took place. Plans are not finalized.
- Jackie Smart presented information about a potential site for the Metro Council Luncheon in April 2013. Members supported her suggestion of Greenmead in Livonia. She will provide further information at upcoming meetings.
- Judy Morante volunteered to interview two chapter members for an article in each newsletter this year. We are all asked to be prepared with interesting information about ourselves for this new feature in the Gamma Alpha Bulletin.

Carol Anderson, Recording Secretary

Legislative Forum

Pam Emerson has accepted the job of Legislative Correspondent for the newsletter. Each issue Pam will keep us abreast of current topics in state and/or federal legislation. This month's topic is women's health.

This comes from a very reliable source, our National Education Association/MEA/WWEA/LEA; I joined it when I was a delegate to our NEA conventions. Its purpose is to inform US women of US and world women's issues.

Members, please note the paragraph after the 8 items! With our newer higher deductibles for us all, current teachers and retirees, this sounds like I want to check with my doctor's office first just to verify it is regarded as free by them. Also check with your private insurance carrier for verification. If so, then run to get what you need before any new legislature declares it null and void, which the Republicans and Mitch McConnell said they would do as one of their first legislature agenda items after the election.

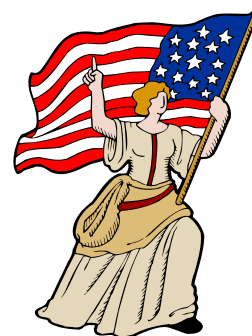
Pam E.

The following letter was written by Cecile Bendavid, Chair of the NEA Women's Caucus.

The NEA Women's Caucus wants to be certain that you know your new rights as of August 1, 2012.

*Women with health plans **that start on or after Aug. 1, 2012**, must now be allowed access to eight new preventive health services with no co-pays or deductibles. The eight new services available are:*

1. *Well-woman visits*
2. *Gestational diabetes screening*
3. *Domestic and interpersonal violence screening and counseling*
4. *FDA-approved contraception, including contraceptive education and counseling*
5. *Breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling*
6. *HPV DNA testing for women aged 30 or older*
7. *Counseling for sexually active women about sexually transmitted infections*
8. *HIV screening and counseling for sexually active women.*



These services build upon a roster of existing preventive care that the health reform law, officially called the Affordable Care Act (ACA), already makes available, free of cost, to people with private insurance and Medicare, including annual wellness visits, cholesterol, and other cardiovascular screenings, and cancer screenings including mammography, colonoscopy, and screening for cervical cancer.

The eight services were recommended to the Department of Health and Human Services by the independent Institute of Medicine after an extensive scientific review.

Please take advantage of the preventive care available and stay healthy.

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GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 1, 2011 – JUNE 30, 2012

CHECKING (On 7/1/11) \$ 867.01

INCOME

DUES	\$2850.00
TRANSFER FROM SAVINGS	1000.00
INTEREST	1.23
SILENT AUCTION	132.00
BOOKS	17.50
CONTRIBUTIONS	350.00
• WILMA ADAMS (300)	
• MISC. (50)	
50/50	356.00
GOOD NEWS	41.00
CELEBRATIONS	
• HOLIDAY AUCTION	1787.00
• BIRTHDAY	520.00
FLOWER SALE	1159.50
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$8064.23</u>
 AVAILABLE FUNDS	 \$8931.24

EXPENSES

DUES	\$2334.00
GRANTS (2 @ \$500)	1000.00
SUPPLIES	123.17
PRINTING	0.00
POSTAGE	44.61
CONFERENCES	307.66
CONTRIBUTIONS	
• MCH	522.09
• NEW TEACHERS	200.00
• KIDS 4 AFGHAN	220.00
• MEM SUPP MEM	100.00
• WORLD FEL	100.00
CELEBRATIONS	
• HOLIDAY	1835.08
• BIRTHDAY	547.84
MEETING EXPENSES	182.69
EMPATHY	54.97
WEBSITE	41.94
FLOWER SALE	798.50
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 \$8412.55

CHECKING BALANCE ON JUNE 30, 2012 \$518.69

SAVINGS ACCOUNT (balance on 7/1/11) \$8028.29

AUCTION	+1419.00
INTEREST	+ 23.79
	\$9471.08
GRANTS-IN-AID TRANSFER	- 1000.00
SAVINGS BALANCE ON 6/30/12	\$8471.08
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8989.77

Happy Birthday Ladies



August

8/20 Grace Morgan



September

9/9 Cindy Dietz
9/16 Carole Lower
9/19 Helen Mate
9/30 Jackie Smart

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one of our chapter goals of self renewal, growth as women and enjoying our own lives because we can only take on all of our duties if we take care of ourselves too!

PS: To make our planning easier and to have our meetings run a smoothly as possible, please make it your goal to let Amy Wainwright or me know if you plan to attend each activity!! (Yes, Jackie now has one less duty of her own!!)

Lynne



GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER BUDGET

JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2013

CHECKING ACCOUNT (balance on 7/1/12)

\$ 518.69

INCOME

• DUES	\$2850.00
• GRANT-IN-AID TRANSFER	1000.00
• INTEREST	5.00
• NEW MEMBERS FEES	150.00
• AUCTION, BOOKS, PINS, ETC.	300.00

TOTAL

\$4305.00

\$4823.69

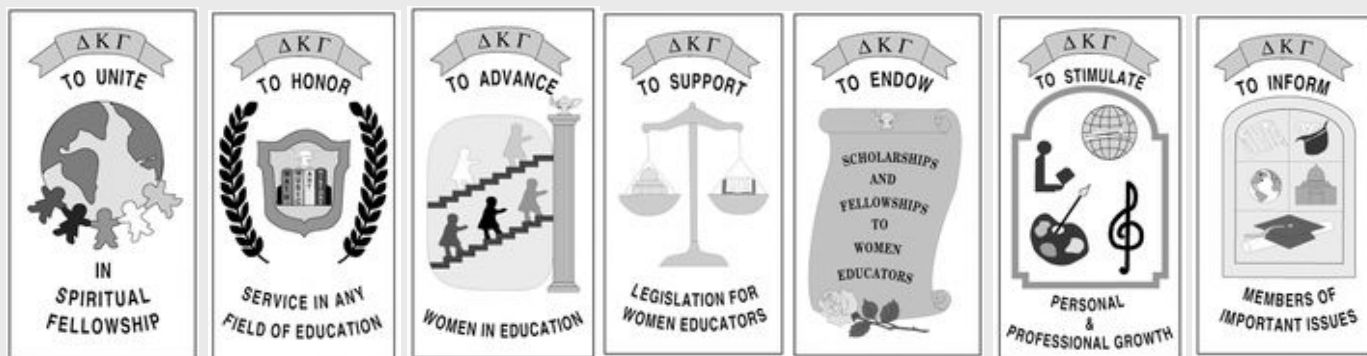
EXPENSES

• DUES	\$2432.00
• SUPPLIES	150.00
• PRINTING	50.00
• POSTAGE	50.00
• MEETING EXPENSES /SPEAKERS	200.00
• CONFERENCES	350.00
• SPECIAL PROJECTS	200.00
• GRANTS-IN-AID	1000.00
• CONTRIBUTIONS	300.00
• EMPATHY	50.00

EXPENSES

\$4782.00

Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



Gamma Alpha Executive Board & Committee Chairmen

Executive Board

President	Lynne Elsesser
1st VP/Program	Mary Jo Dreffs
2nd VP/Membership	Colleen Retherford
Recording Secretary	Carol Anderson
Corresponding Sec.	Amy Wainwright
Treasurer	Cindy Dietz
Parliamentarian	Fran Saenz

Committees

Service Projects	Judy Morante, Amy Wainwright
US Forum/Legislation	Pam Emerson
Grant-in-Aid	Donna Colaianne
Birthday Dinner	Helen Mate, Esther Loskowske, Jackie Smart
Vacation Auction	Cindy Dietz & Esther Loskowske
50/50 Raffles	Donna Colaianne & Joanna Eiwen
Yearbook	Jackie Smart
Newsletter	Amy Wainwright
Sunshine	Barbara Broadley, Ellen August
Finance	Grace Morgan, Judi Fisher, Cindy Dietz, Carol Anderson
Nominations	Carol Anderson, Carole Lower
Holiday Auction	Mary Jo Dreffs, Carol Palk, Debbie Novak, Marie Canzoneri, Ellen August, Jackie Smart

3-2-1 Cake

People everywhere are raving about this simple go-to dessert! The recipe makes the perfect little snack. It is kid friendly and Weight Watcher approved!

Ingredients

1 box Angel food cake mix
1 box Cake mix—any flavor
Water

Directions

Combine cake mixes in a zip-top bag. To make one snack-size cake combine 3 Tablespoons of cake mix with 2 Tablespoons water in a microwave safe ramekin. Stir to combine. Microwave on high for 1 minute. Allow cake to cool. Top with Cool Whip, frosting or ice cream and enjoy!

Recipe submitted by Cindy Dietz

