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The G.A.B. “Let’s Talk”

President’s Message



Well, winter finally gave up and spring/summer jumped right in. I’m looking forward to my flower orders which we can pick up on the 17th and, of course, to our Birthday Dinner on the 15th. We will be honoring our three scholarship recipients, our Friend of Education Award winner, Ian Smart, and at least one very happy retiree! Congrats on a job well done to Helen Mate!!

Besides having a great meal together, we should celebrate our many accomplishments this year and pat each other on the back! Recent happenings include a report from Judy Morante about six ecstatic young women getting their first professional Mani/Pedis thanks to the generous, caring women of Gamma Alpha; a very successful and much praised Metro Council Tea at Greenmead (what a great group of volunteers and creative women we have); and a great Alpha Iota State 75th

State Convention!

Gamma Alpha sisters were everywhere—as Registrar, Treasurer, State Committee Chairs, State Officers as well as helping with the practices for the President’s Procession and with the actual ceremony, attending workshop sessions, attending the First-timer’s Meeting and our 75th Celebration, chairing and helping with the Funding Our Purposes activities where we donated all those great purple items, presenting a popular workshop, presiding and scribing at others, compiling data and creating the Membership Award Certificates which were read by another member, placing a Rose at the Ceremony of Remembrance, reading the name of our departed sisters, trouble-shooting and volunteering to help anywhere they could, meeting new friends and catching up with others, winning prizes and having lucky tickets drawn, drawing tickets and announcing winners, cheering Esther Loskowske being honored as Chapter Woman of Distinction and perhaps, most exciting of all, seeing our own Judi Fisher receive the State Woman of

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May 15

Birthday Dinner

Eastside Mario’s

4:00pm

June 19

Planning Meeting

11:00

Lynne Elsesser’s home

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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*



Mark your calendars now!



June 19, 2013

Executive Board & Planning Potluck

Place: Lynne Elsesser's home
20440 Lexington
Northville 48167

Time: 11:00

Program: Planning Meeting

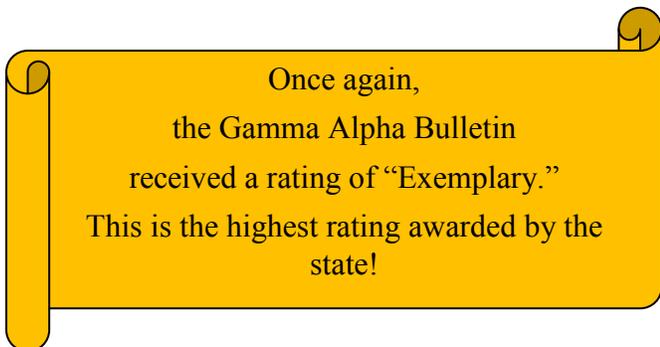
Notes:

- 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 2013-2014.
- 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



Once again,
the Gamma Alpha Bulletin
received a rating of "Exemplary."
This is the highest rating awarded by the
state!

Gamma Alpha Chapter Woman of Distinction



Our Gamma Alpha Chapter Woman of Distinction has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International since 1980. Upon initiation she immediately became involved in chapter activities and service projects. She has supported our chapter by attending monthly meetings as well as Fall Confer-

ences and State Conventions. She has been newsletter editor and worked on the Yearbook, Birthday, and Personal Growth and Service committees. She has served as Second Vice-president and Recording Secretary for Gamma Alpha. She attended Eastern Michigan University and received her BA and MA from EMU.

Our Gamma Alpha Chapter Woman of Distinction loves gardening and spends a lot of time digging in the dirt and weeding. Now that she is retired after forty-three years of teaching in Wayne-Westland, she has resumed quilting, sewing, and cooking - hobbies she enjoyed in the past. She loves reading and animals, especially her two dogs and two cats. She considers membership in Delta Kappa Gamma an honor. We are proud to award our 2013 Chapter Woman of Distinction to Esther Loskowske.

Submitted by Jackie Smart

Alpha Iota State Chapter Woman of Distinction



Judi Fisher is someone almost everyone recognizes at Alpha Iota State DKG Conventions and Fall Conferences since she's attended every one since being initiated in 1997 as well as having attended her 13th Women in the Arts Weekends in a row! However, she would be known

for more than her mere attendance.

Earlier in her DKG life she worked in the World Fellowship room for years--organizing, planning and distributing auction items to the lucky winners as well as helping count the money and cleaning up before chairing the committee from 2007-2009. She continued on and is now Chair of the Funding our Purposes Committee (2009-2013) and continues working with the auctions as well as having other duties. She orders the Michigan State Raffle licenses not only for all of our state activities but also for her chapter, Gamma Alpha.

She attended the DKG 75th Anniversary International Convention in Minneapolis and the Northeast Regional in Traverse City. She has also answered the call to be Registrar for the 2004 and 2007 Fall Conferences, for the 2011 Spring Convention and the upcoming 2013 Spring Convention in Bay City as well as having been State

Convention Co-Chair in 2007. Judi has accompanied State Officers on site evaluations, pointed out room location problems for the auctions and fought to keep rooms befitting what we were doing.

She has been generous with not only her time but also with donations of items and money at the State level and in her local chapter Gamma Alpha. Many DKG sisters have won beautiful scarves created by this avid knitter. Judi has attended almost 100% of chapter meetings since joining, participated in Chapter activities, brought in several new members (including myself), was our Chapter woman of Distinction in 2004 and served in various offices most importantly as President for two bienniums: 2002-2004; 2004-2006 and on the Finance Committee every year since 1998. She also served as Gamma Alpha's Detroit Metro Coordinating Council representative from 2002-2006.

Judi also was instrumental in getting our Chapter and our State Organization involved with Seedlings, an extraordinarily worthy non-profit organization founded by a outstanding woman, Debra Bondy, who was nominated for her State Award by Gamma Alpha. Judi volunteers at Seedlings in various capacities—assembling books, doing mailings and anything else they ask her to do. She has worked at several Bowling fundraisers as well as being in charge of their Holiday Card Sales and working for them at the their booth at the yearly Non-Profit Show.

She obviously also has a life outside of DKG—as a retired Livonia teacher who still subs, as a mom to two sons, a wife and as a grandmother to two wonderful grandchildren who came here from Ethiopia. She is a good friend to travel with both here and abroad, to play bridge with and to do all the other assorted fun activities that now replace those innumerable hours of chauffeuring to school and Scouting activities, driving and attending swim meets locally and all over the country as well as other athletic and scholastic events for her family—which she now does for he grandchildren. Clearly, Judi epitomizes what it means to be our Alpha Iota State Woman of Distinction!

Submitted by Lynne Elsesser

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Distinction Award (she was surprised—to say the least—and most worthy!)

We also managed to garner Awards for our Newsletter, our Yearbook, the President's Award, the Award of the Rose, and the Attendance Award—we had 12 members attending and one of the most helpful and enthusiastic groups there.

Of note, there are openings on committees at the state level if you have time to get more involved. See me, Jackie, Judi or Cindy to find out more. Make sure you check out what's happening at the NE Regional in Maine this summer, start saving up for Mackinac Island next spring and Indianapolis next summer—lots of possibilities! Also, as Amy mentioned in her latest email, bring your items for the girls to the Birthday Dinner and start thinking about programs you might like for us to do next year. And, plan to come to my house in June for the planning meeting where YOU bring the ideas and WE use them for the benefit of all our Gamma Alpha sisters. Remember to invite other outstanding women educators to join us as members and keep doing your good deeds.

Last, I want to thank all of you for making this such a good year for me! It's an honor to serve you and DKG, and I can assure whoever is our president next year that she couldn't ask for a greater group of women with whom to work!

Yours in DKG,

Lynne

Easy (Mock) Devonshire Cream

- 1 (8 ounce pack) cream cheese
- 1 cup liquid whipping cream
- 3 teaspoons confectioners' sugar
- ½ sour cream
- Dash of vanilla

Whip with mixer until any thicker would be too thick. This sounds weird but when you are whipping it you will know what I mean.

Happy Birthday Ladies



June

6/11 Fran Saenz

July

7/6 Lynda Neuroth

7/9 Joanna Eiwen

7/16 Suzanne Bacinski

7/19 Stephanie Smith

7/20 Carol Holland

7/20 Pam Husson

7/21 Judy Handley

7/30 Judy Morante

Easy Lemon Curd

Ingredients

- ¾ cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon finely grated lemon zest
- ¾ cup sugar
- 3 large eggs
- ½ cup unsalted butter

Directions

In a heavy-bottomed saucepan whisk together lemon juice, zest, sugar and eggs. Stir in butter and cook over medium-low heat whisking vigorously and continuously until the curd is thick enough to hold a ripple mark when the whisk is lifted from the curd and the first bubbles appear on the surface (this should take about 6-7 minutes). Transfer to a bowl then cover the curd using plastic wrap spread directly over the curd. Chill for a minimum of 2 hours before using or up to 1 week.

Easy Drop Scones

Ingredients

- 2 C. all-purpose flour
- 1/3 C. sugar, plus 1 Tbsp. more (for sprinkling)
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 6 Tbsp. cold butter, cut up (no substitutes!)
- 2/3 C. dried fruit, cut up (your choice)
- 1/2 C. milk
- 1 large egg

Directions

Heat oven to 425 Fahrenheit

1. Grease a cookie sheet.
2. The quickest way is to pulse flour, 1/3 C. sugar, baking powder, salt, and butter in a food processor until the texture of fine meal.(You can also do this by hand by cutting the butter in with a pastry cutter.)
3. Transfer to a large bowl.
4. Stir in dried fruit.
5. Beat milk and egg together with a fork.
6. Add to flour mixture; stir with fork until dry ingredients are evenly moistened.
7. Drop dough by 12 heaping tablespoonsful (or 9 huge ones), 2 inches apart, onto prepared baking sheet.
8. Sprinkle with remaining 1 tablespoon sugar.
9. Bake 12 to 14 minutes, or until golden.
10. Transfer to wire rack.

Makes 12 medium or 9 huge scones.



Caught on Film



This year we welcomed new members Linda Dobrzeniecki and Elizabeth Bunner

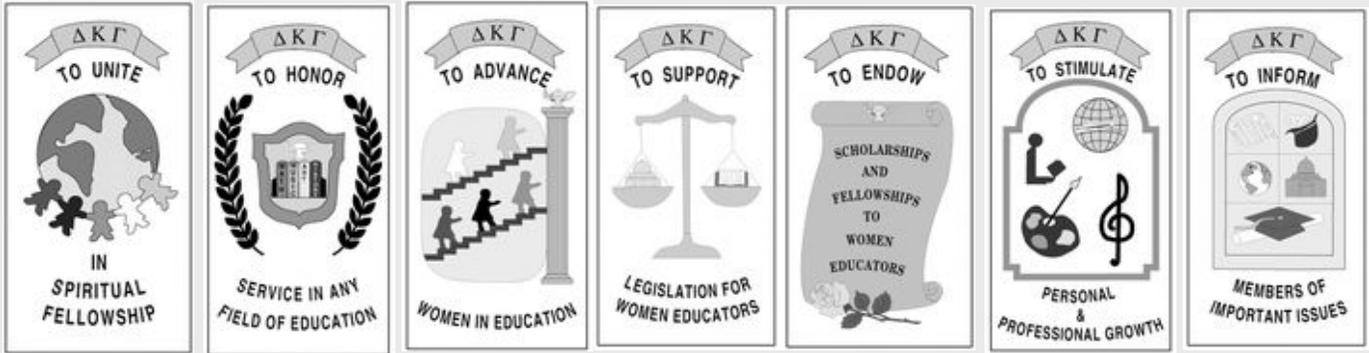


Sandy Becher stringing her necklace at our January meeting

Cindy Dietz handed herself a winning ticket at the State Convention. She was one of three who won back her registration fee from the Member-Supporting-Member Drawing. Pam Husson also won!



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



2012-2013 in Review

Meeting Locations

Mr. Mike's Grill
Carole Lower's house
Laurel Manor
Greenmead
Eastside Mario's
Lynne Elsesser's home

Service Projects

Goodie bags
Winter coats & sweatshirts
Manicures & pedicures
Summer fun bags

Programs

Vacation Auction
Apron Lady
Holiday Auction
Necklaces
Estate Sales
Metro Council Tea
Birthday Dinner

Scholarships

3 Recipients