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Gamma Alpha Bulletin The G.A.B. "Let's Talk"

President's Message



Greetings and welcome back to the women of Gamma Alpha! Summer has returned this week, and though I haven't felt the need to use the air-conditioner much at all this summer, (and our electric bills show that!) I made an exception starting last night. It's beginning to feel like a Michigan summer. Finally!

In June, the planning committee met at my house, and we came up with some programs that we hope will be of interest to you—gardening, genealogy and elder law. Two of the speakers are DKG sisters from other chapters and the third is a lawyer, Gary Allen, who deals with issues we and our parents may be facing. At our first meeting, we can choose which of his five topics we would like to hear about in March: Estate Planning, Social Security, Outliving Your Assets, Retirement Accounts (IRA's, 401k, 403b, etc), or Taxes. We also can look forward to the opportunities to attend the Women in the Arts weekend at Higgins Lake, the Fall Workshop in Clare, the Metro Council luncheon at Karl's Cabin, and our Spring Convention at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island—a great year!

Amy will be including the tentative schedule with the minutes from the June meeting in the newsletter and we'll have a formal copy for you in September. Please remember to bring your vacation memento and your summer updates so we can enjoy each other's news and friendship. (FYI—Sherry Green, Helen Mate, and Pam Husson joined the ranks of the retired this summer—they're less "tired" now and will definitely have a new outlook on the month of September!!-congrats to each of them!) Our first meeting will be held at Cassel's Family Restaurant, 43003 7 Mile Rd, Northville, MI at 5:00 on Wednesday, September 18, featuring our ever-popular travel auction and, hopefully, the opportunity to meet some prospective members! See you there! Please be sure to RSVP Judi Fisher at 248-808-0477 or judifisher@yahoo.com. (Judi will be taking the RSVP's for the four meetings at Cassel's)

Judy Morante will tell us more about the Service Project and how we can continue helping the girls this year. We hope to be able to provide opportunities for them to go the Wayne Rec Center near Franklin this year. Cindy will also be there ready and willing to accept your dues, and we'll enjoy a meal in a pleasant new setting. Jackie will have new address books and the calendar, so please contact her with

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Meeting Info

See calendar for details



September 18

Vacation Auction

Cassel's Family Restaurant
43003 7 Mile Rd.
Northville, MI
5:00pm

October 16

Initiation

Master Gardening

Cassel's Family Restaurant
5:00pm

RSVP to Amy at

amosande@hotmail.com



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Mark your calendars now!



September 18, 2013

Place:

Cassels Restaurant in Northville
43003 7 Mile Rd
Northville, MI 48167
(248) 348-1740

Time: 5:00 pm

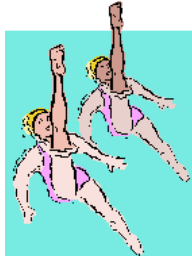
Program:

Business Meeting
Meet and Greet
“potential” members
Vacation Auction
50/50 raffle
Used book sale



October 13, 2013

Fran Saenz’s synchronized swim show at 5:00 pm at Schoolcraft College pool



October 16, 2013

Place:

Cassels Restaurant in Northville
43003 7 Mile Rd
Northville, MI 48167
(248) 348-1740

Time: 5:00 pm

Program:

Initiation of New Members



Master Gardening “In the Flower Bed with Shaila Jehle”

After the meeting, those interested in helping with the auction will meet to discuss assignments.

October 18-20, 2013

Women in the Arts at Higgins Lake
Preregistration is required. Forms are in the *Wolverine* and on the State website (<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI/>)



October 25-26, 2013

State Executive Board & Fall Conference
Doherty Hotel in beautiful Clare, MI
Information will be in the Summer *Wolverine*.

December 4, 2013

Place:

Laurel Manor
39000 Schoolcraft
Livonia, MI 48150
(734) 462-0770



Time: 4:00 - 7:30

Program: Annual Holiday Auction

- 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 15, 2014

Executive Board & Chapter Meeting

Place:

Cassels Restaurant in Northville
43003 7 Mile Rd
Northville, MI 48167
(248) 348-1740

Time: 5:00 pm

Program:

Genealogy
with Kappa
Chapter's
Kathleen
Makstutis
50/50



(Executive Board meets one hour prior to the meeting to complete annual reports.)

March 19, 2014

Place:

Cassels Restaurant in Northville
43003 7 Mile Rd
Northville, MI 48167
(248) 348-1740

Time: 5:00 pm

Program:

Elder Law with
Gary Allen
50/50



April 9, 2013

Place:

Carole Lower's home
45766 Fermanagh
Northville 48168
carole_lower@yahoo.com

Time: 5:00 pm

Program:

"Craft Time"
We will be making table decorations, name tags, and favors for the April Metro Council meeting. We will have Esther and Grace's input on this activity.



April 26, 2012

Metro Council Meeting

Place:

Karl's Cabin
6005 Gotfredson Road
Plymouth Township, MI 48170
(734) 455-8450

Time: TBD (approximately lunch time)

Program:

Chapter Woman of Distinction

May 2-4, 2014

Annual State Convention

**Grand Hotel
Mackinac Island, Michigan**

Save your Starbuck's money!

May 21, 2014

Birthday Dinner

Place:

East Side Mario's
31630 Plymouth Rd
Livonia, MI 48150
(734) 513-8803

Time: 5:00 pm

Program:

Installation of New Officers

Grant-in-Aid Presentation
Honor Retirees
Friend of Education Award
Gamma Alpha Birthday Program



June 18, 2014

Executive Board & Planning Potluck

Place:

Lynne Elsesser's home
20440 Lexington
Northville 48167
elsessl2@wowway.com



Time: 11:00 am

July 28-August 1, 2014

International Convention

Indianapolis, IN



Service Project Update

Over the summer Judy Morante and Sandra Brock made enquiries into purchasing passes to the Wayne Recreational Center to give to the girls at the Beverly House.

In the Fall, Winter, and Spring Wayne Rec. offers 30 passes for \$30 to Residents and WW Community School students. A pass permits 1 entry into Open Swim, Open Skating or Indoor Track.

Judy Morante raved about how much the girls enjoyed the manicure/pedicures last year, so this year we thought we might try to provide the girls with "experiences" in addition to donated items.

Minutes June 19, 2013



A potluck was held at President Lynne's home on June 19, 2013. Thirteen members present were present: Judi Fisher, Jackie Smart, Amy Wainwright, Helen Mate, Colleen Retherford, Judy Morante, Lynne Elsesser, Ev Shuput, Carol Anderson, Carol VandenBrul, and Fran Saenz. (Carole Lower and Grace Morgan arrived after the planning session.) We started our planning meeting at 11:45 after a delicious potluck lunch.

Other items discussed at the meeting:

- **Service Projects-** Judy Morante will look into several things and report back to the group in September regarding the Beverly Girls Home. It was decided to take up a collection for mani/pedis for the girls at the March meeting. Judy shared the girls' excitement when the girls got their first manicure/pedicure last spring.

Things she will investigate are:

- A trip to Greenfield Village for the girls in October for the harvest and Halloween decorations
- A punch card or month pass for the Wayne Recreation department so the girls can get some much needed exercise.

Flower Sale—Amy will check with Robson Greenhouse to see if they can get the plant order forms to us earlier so we can have them prior to the March meeting. Our orders were down this year.

Grant-in-Aid awards- It was felt that we should be award our grants to woman who are student teaching or within the first 5-7 years of teaching. This would fulfill DKG's initiative of Supporting Early Educators (S.E.E.) program. This

will be brought up at the September meeting.

Nominations Chairman—Amy Wainwright will head the Nominations Committee.

Positions to be filled:

President - Lynne Elsesser said she would continue for a second biennium.

1st VP -

2nd VP - Colleen Retherford said she would continue for a second biennium.

Recording Secretary -

Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter- Amy Wainwright said she would continue for a second biennium.

Treasurer -

Parliamentarian - Fran Saenz said she would continue for a second biennium.

Note - Mary Jo and Cindy were not in attendance to see if they would like to continue on. Carol Anderson left the meeting before we reached this item.

Judy Morante, travel expert, will send travel tips to Amy from time to time for the newsletter.

Submitted by Jackie Smart

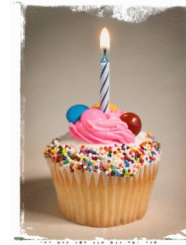
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any updates. (Sherry Green's new email is GREENSL@wowway.com (capital letters not necessary, used for clarity).

Again, our condolences to Pam Husson on the loss of her father. Barbara will be sending a donation to Seedlings in his memory. One of the best parts about our membership in Gamma Alpha and DKG is having such a great support group when we need it the most. We can be very proud of who we are and what we do!

Yours in DKG,
Lynne

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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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2013

CHECKING (On 7/1/12) \$ 518.69

INCOME		EXPENSES	
DUES	\$3075.00	DUES	\$2629.00
TRANSFER FROM SAVINGS	1500.00	GRANTS (3 @ \$500)	1500.00
INTEREST	1.15	SUPPLIES	160.29
SILENT AUCTION	188.00	PRINTING	0.00
BOOKS	11.00	POSTAGE	42.85
CONTRIBUTIONS	390.00	CONFERENCES	165.30
50/50	246.00	CONTRIBUTIONS	75 th
CELEBRATIONS		CELEBRATION	75.00
HOLIDAY AUCTION	2750.00		287.00
BIRTHDAY	455.00	CELEBRATIONS	2770.27
FLOWER SALE	992.00	BIRTHDAY	480.00
		MEETING EXPENSES	75.00
		EMPATHY	125.45
		FLOWER SALE	693.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$9608.15</u>	TRANSFER TO METRO COUNC.	100.00
AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$10126.84	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9103.16

CHECKING BALANCE ON JUNE 30, 2013 \$1023.68

SAVINGS ACCOUNT (balance on 7/1/12) \$7971.08

AUCTION	+1802.00		
INTEREST	+ 14.02		
			\$9787.10

GRANTS-IN-AID TRANSFER	- 1500.00		
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SAVINGS BALANCE ON 6/30/13 \$8287.10

TOTAL ASSETS \$9310.78

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER
BUDGET
JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014**

CHECKING ACCOUNT (balance on 7/1/13) **\$ 1023.68**

INCOME

DUES	\$3075.00
GRANT-IN-AID TRANSFER	1000.00
INTEREST	5.00
NEW MEMBERS FEES	150.00
SILENT AUCTION, BOOKS, PINS, ETC.	300.00

TOTAL **\$4530.00**
\$5553.68

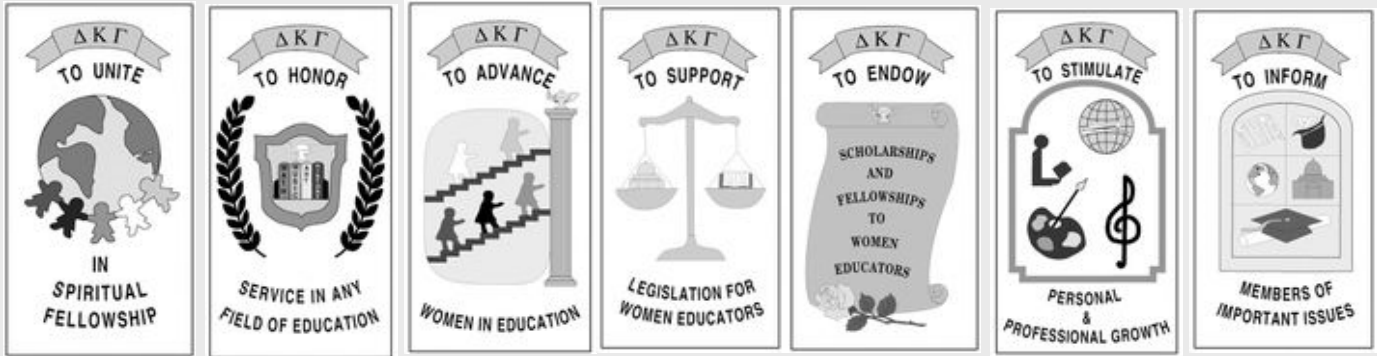
EXPENSES

DUES	\$2624.00
SUPPLIES	150.00
PRINTING	50.00
POSTAGE	50.00
MEETING EXPENSES/SPEAKERS	200.00
CONFERENCES	500.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS	300.00
GRANTS-IN-AID	1000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	500.00
EMPATHY	100.00

EXPENSES **\$5374.00**

Submitted by Cindy Dietz

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



September Meeting

New Meeting Location

Cassel's Family Restaurant
43003 7 Mile Road
Northville, MI 48167

<http://casselsrestaurant.com/>

Map/Directions:

<http://mapq.st/12CYRAF>

Program

Vacation Auction

Bring a memento of your summer fun!

Used Book & Media Sale

Bring the books, magazines, CDs, & DVDs you have enjoyed and ready to share with others.