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Gamma Alpha Bulletin The G.A.B. “Let’s Talk”

President’s Message



Greetings from Disney World,

I am looking forward to the Women in the Arts Weekend and to our next meeting on October 21 (got it right this time). I urge you all to attend the meeting and learn more about one of the most serious social issues in today’s world—human trafficking. We all need to be aware and watch for the signs, especially in the most vulnerable around us.

Also be sure to get your dues to Cindy as well as your checks for \$22 for the “Kalamazoo” tickets at the Tipping Point Theater (thanks, Judi, for arranging the outing and the great price). After the meeting, we’ll open up sales to guests since we had to purchase the tickets in advance.

Next, make sure to invite friends and family as well as prospective members to the Holiday Auction in December. All these dates are in your directories. Jackie sent copies to those who missed the meeting in September except for those whose booklets were already picked up and delivered by other members. Let us know if you haven't received them.

Also, please get the prospect cards to me or Colleen or email us the info so we can have it for the next meeting. You may want to invite your prospective member (s) to attend, too.

Last, you can all be quite proud of the eight Gamma Alpha members who not only represented us at the Fall Conference/Workshop in Midland, but also who are serving in various positions at the state level. Plan to join us this April at in the real Kalamazoo for the State Convention and see our incoming and outgoing Presidents being introduced as well as having our Chapter Woman of Distinction honored. There will be great sessions and great camaraderie! All in all, it’s an enriching experience.

Yours in Gamma Alpha,

Lynne

Happy Birthday Ladies!

October

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| 10/21 | Alice Duke |
| 10/23 | Lisa Austin |



November

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| 11/2 | Debbie Ervin |
| 11/5 | Amy Wright |
| 11/10 | Sherry Green |
| 11/17 | Pam Emerson |
| 11/24 | Christine Smith |

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Meeting Info

See calendar for details



October 16-18
Women in the Arts
Higgins Lake

October 21
Cassels Restaurant
43003 7 Mile Rd
Northville, MI
5:30 pm

RSVP to
Amy Wright at
amosande@hotmail.com
(734) 740-4018

or Judi Fisher
judifisher@yahoo.com
(248) 808-0477

Mark your calendars now!



October 16-18, 2015

Women in the Arts

Higgins Lake

(Registration in *Wolverine*)

October 21, 2015

(Happy Birthday Alice Duke!)

Place: Cassel's Restaurant

43003 7 Mile Rd

Northville, MI 48167

Time: 5:30-7:30

Program:

- Brief Business Meeting
- Initiation of New Members
- Grace Morgan has arranged for Reverend Carrie Warren to speak to our group about "Pearls of Great Price." This is a grassroots coalition of individuals, churches, businesses, and community organizations working to make as many people as possible to be aware of human trafficking and understand what human trafficking looks like either in the sexual or labor area as well as helping communities to identify resources.

November 19, 2015 (Thursday)

Field Trip for Gamma Alpha

Place: Tipping Point Theater

361 E. Cady Street

Northville

Cost: \$20 pre-ordered tickets

(pricing may change)

Time: Performance begins at 8:00 p.m.

Program: "Kalamazoo"

- *In this love story, two mismatched seniors are forced into internet dating by their children. This romantic comedy proves you're never too old to be young.*
- Dinner will be on your own. Several restaurants nearby are: Brick, Poole's, The Garage, Sizzling Sticks, and Table for Five. There are new ones opening soon, but we don't have the names at this time.

December 2, 2015



Holiday Auction

Place: Laurel Manor

39000 Schoolcraft

Livonia, MI 48150

(734) 462-0770

Time: 4:30 - 7:30

Program: Annual Holiday Auction (\$30 prepaid)

- Members arrive at Laurel Manor at 4:00 to set up registration and set up auction items. You can also drop items off the day before. (Check with Jackie for time.)
- Donated items should be new or handmade (**NO** white elephant items)
- Include the value of the donated items on the sheet provided by Judi Fisher for State of Michigan tax purposes.
- Include a written description on a card of the items and the donor
- Guests arrive at 4:30.
- Cocktails: 4:30-5:30
- Buy Small Raffle, Large Raffle Tickets, and 50/25/25 tickets
- Bid on Silent Items
- Put raffle tickets in the cups of the items you want try to win
- Lynne will welcome the group and introduce guests. Mary Jo will go over auction procedures. Jackie will read an inspiration and Colleen will lead us in a few carols.
- We start pulling raffle cup tickets between dinner courses
- Dinner: 5:30-6:30 (Silent auction ends after dinner break.)

January 20, 2016

Place: Cassel's Restaurant

Time: 5:30-7:30

Program:

- Executive Board meets one hour prior to the meeting to complete annual reports.
- Join Member Doris Prieskorn for her perspective on "Flunking Retirement."
- Book Sales

March 16, 2016

Fun for Gamma Alpha Members

Place: The Bee's Knees Pottery Studio
149 East Main Street
Northville

Time: 6:30-8:30

Cost: \$8 studio fee-for paints, lesson & firing + \$4
-14 depending on your choice of pottery
(could be more if you choose a really big
item.)

Program:

- Gamma Alpha is all into camaraderie at this meeting. You will be able to create your own "masterpiece" to have as a lasting memory! Our chapter has rented the facility and will have our own personal guide to help us through an artful party experience. Our party guide will help keep our chapter on track and running smooth with techniques and advice.
- A committee will bring substantial hors d'oeuvres and beverages to enjoy.

April 9, 2016 (Saturday)

Metro Council Luncheon

Place: Our Lady of Sorrows (Parish Hall)
24040 Raphael Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Time: 10:00-2:00

Cost: TBD (@ \$15) for the luncheon

Program:

- Carol Waarala, a social worker with Odyssey Hospice, located will share with Metro Council a presentation entitled "*A Caregiver's Travel Guide: The Alzheimer's Journey*," which details an individual's journey through the multiple stages of Alzheimer's and how it can affect a caregiver. Please plan on attending this informative meeting.
- Gamma Alpha responsibilities will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Chapter Women of Distinction

April 15-17, 2016

State Convention in Kalamazoo
(Registration in *Wolverine*)

May 18, 2016

Place: Courthouse Grille
41661 Plymouth Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Cost: (\$28)

Time: 5:30-7:30

Program: Chapter Birthday Dinner

- Installation of New Officers
- Grant-in-Aid Presentation
- Honor Retirees
- Friend of Education Award
- Chapter Woman of Distinction
- Gamma Alpha Birthday Program
- Beverly Girls' Group Home Project



June 15, 2016

Planning Meeting and Pot Luck

Place: Lynne Elsesser's home
20440 Lexington
Northville 48167

elsessl2@wowway.com

Time: 11:00 - 1:00 am

Program: Bring meeting ideas and dishes to pass.



Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2015

The meeting was held at Cassel's in Northville and started with "Sister Chat" at 5:30. Lynne Elsesser called the business meeting to order at 5:50.

Lynne distributed DKG Prospect cards to members and explained that they are a part of a new national initiative to expand membership. After we fill out cards, they may be returned to Lynne, Amy or Colleen.

Colleen moved to accept the minutes from the previous meeting with a correction to include the information regarding the "purple basket" being assembled for the Fall Conference. Approved.

Cindy presented the financial report. As of 7-1-15 a checking balance of \$691.70 was reported. With a motion from Jackie and a second from Amy, the report was accepted.

New chapter address books were distributed. Jackie suggested that all members contact her if a photo update is desired.

The outing to Tipping Point theater is planned for November 19. Ticket price will be \$23 or \$24. Purchase tickets at the October meeting.

As part of our support for Beverly House and Seedlings, Jackie proposed that we apply for a Wilma Adams grant so that we can secure two lanes in the Seedlings Bowl-a-thon and bring the Beverly House girls to bowl.

Jackie reported on her contact with Kids for Afghan Kids Project. The chapter decided to turn down a request to host a garage sale for the Project. Following a motion by Colleen and a second by Mary Jo, the chapter approved a donation of \$500 to Kids for Afghan Kids.

This year's Metro Council Luncheon will be at O.L. Sorrows Hall in Farmington Hills on April 9. A speaker will address the topic of "Caretakers of Alzheimer's Patients."

The chapter Birthday Dinner will be on May 18 at Courthouse Grille in Plymouth. Officers for the new biennium will be installed. Amy and Colleen agreed to be co-presidents. There was some discussion about combining the offices of vice-presidents into one office. Members are needed to fill the offices of vice-president and recording secretary.

Here's What's Cooking: Thai Peanut Dipping Sauce

- One 13 1/2 ounce full fat unsweetened coconut milk
- 2 ounces or 1/4 cup Thai red or Massaman curry paste
- 3/4 cup or a little more of unsweetened natural creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup of sugar (less seems better)
- 2 tablespoons apple cider or white vinegar (no other kind)
- 1/4 cup water

Put all ingredients into a heavy or medium heavy bottomed pot and bring to a gentle boil over medium heat.

Simmer 3 to 5 minutes; do not scorch

Cool to room temperature

Store in the refrigerator in a glass container

Keeps for a long time

I use it with chicken along with rice or regular noodles or spaghetti; good with skewers or grilled chicken or satay too.

Enjoy,

Lynne

Adapted from Shesimmers.com



GAMMA ALPHA HOLIDAY AUCTION

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Gamma Alpha Chapter Holiday Auction

Date: December 2, 2015

Members Arrive at 4:00 for Set-Up

Time: 4:30 pm

Registration/Cocktails/Socialize/Buy Tickets for Raffles

Vegetable Tray with Dip /& Cash Bar 4:30 - 5:30

Dinner 5:30

Auction Following dinner 6:30



Hold on to your hats (and purses.) It's here! Gamma Alpha Chapter's Annual Holiday Auction. You can do your Christmas shopping early this year! Proceeds will be used in part for Early-Career Educators Grants and for our Community Service Projects with Seedlings Braille Books for Children and Beverly Girls Group Home.

Plated Dinner Entree \$30

Garden Salad w/ Ranch or Italian Dressing

Homemade Bread

Chicken Del Signore

(Boneless chicken breast sautéed with wild and domestic mushrooms & finished with brandy Dijon cream sauce)

Anna Potato

Squash medley with asparagus tips, broccoli, cauliflower, and carrots

or

Vegetarian Choice: Tronchetto (vegetarian lasagna)

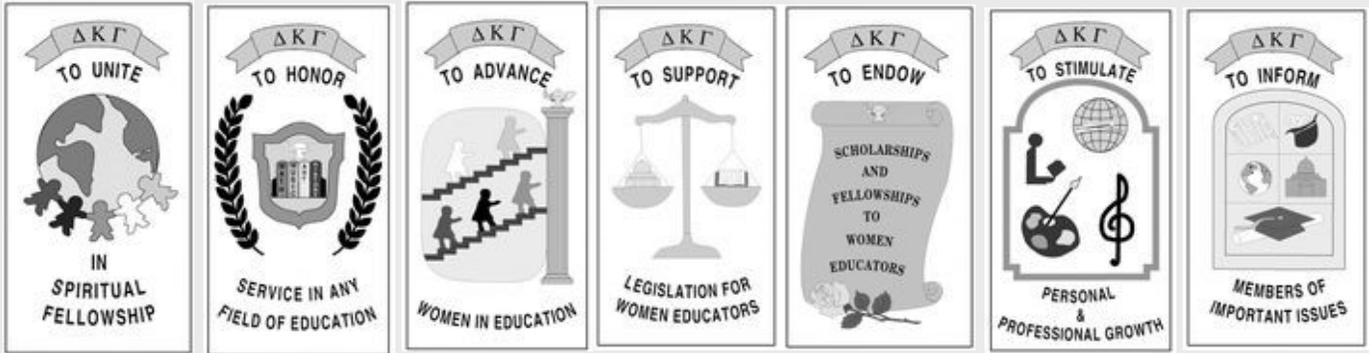
Sliced torte- Chocolate cake with HoHo cream filling & Ganache topping

1. Indicate entrée choice: Chicken Del Signore or Tronchetto
2. Make checks payable to "Gamma Alpha."
3. Send to treasurer, Cindy Dietz, by November 17, 2015
4. Please list names of guests and their entrée for name tags.
5. If you fill a table (8) we can reserve the table for your party. Please include their names and entrée selection.



Cindy Dietz
7329 Gilman
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 427-9399

Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



Mary Jo, Lynne and Jackie led a spirited discussion regarding issues surrounding the Holiday Auction. Donations should be new items only. Some members requested a return to the live auction format. The issue of whether the auction should be for entertainment, raising funds, or camaraderie was discussed. The auction committee will meet to finalize plans for this year's auction scheduled for December 2. They will entertain the suggestions for changes to be made for next year's event.

Jackie has information for anyone interested in MARSP membership. This is an organization of retired educators.

The vacation auction netted \$150.

Lynne distributed new member biography forms. Return completed forms to Lynne.

We are reminded to contact Lisa with information for the Sunshine Committee. Report: Sarah Dabiero is due to deliver her baby soon.

Our October 21 meeting will feature a speaker on "Human Trafficking." New member initiation will also be held.

Members are encouraged to register for Women in the Arts and plan ahead for the State Convention to be held in Kalamazoo in mid-April.

Carol Holland invited all to attend a Variety Show by Beyond Belief, a senior Theatre and Chorus group. Carol is a member.

Grace showed some craft ideas that the chapter may use for table favors, etc. in the coming year.

Lynne recognized August, September and October birthdays. Special note was made of Carole Lower's birthday which was that day.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Carol A. Anderson

Recording Secretary, Gamma Alpha Chapter



Fall Workshop



Carol and Fran were eager to sell you the winning ticket for the World Fellowship Baskets you had your eye on!

Just steps away, Judi and J Jay were running the Member Supporting Member sale.



Carol gives her Funding Our Purposes report with State President, Dot Sample, looking on.