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# Gamma Alpha Bulletin

## The G.A.B. “Let’s Talk”

### President’s Message

Gamma Alpha friends,

Colleen and I really enjoyed our first meeting together. We also really appreciate the compliments and support we received from all of you.

**Forks over Gavels**— After the meeting, Colleen and I agreed that having two people to run a meeting, makes it much easier to enjoy dinner. One of us can be answering a question, while the other one gets to eat!

**Wilma Adams Grant**— We are anxiously awaiting news about the money we requested to help us with our service projects with the Beverly and Sumpter Houses. The results will be announced at the October meeting.

**DKG +1**— Don’t forget to invite a friend to join you at our October meeting. We will have dinner, hear our speaker, Kathleen Washington, give us an update on the Beverly and Sumpter Houses, and close with a business meeting.

**The Marshall Plan**—Judy Morante has been unable to confirm the type of support the young family needs. We will put the donations for this project on hold until she can speak with the Counseling Dept. at Wayne High.

**Women in the Arts**— Gamma Alpha will be strongly represented again this year, and we are looking forward to another great weekend.

Yours in Gamma Alpha,  
Colleen & Amy



**Happy Birthday Ladies!**

### October

10/21 Alice Duke

10/23 Lisa Austin

**Happy Halloween!**

### November

11/2 Debbie Ervin

11/4 Linda Dobrzeniecki

11/5 Amy Wright

11/10 Sherry Green

11/12 Judy Baker

11/ 17 Pam Emerson

**Turn back your clocks!**

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



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### Coming Soon!

Oct 12 (Wed)

**Beverly & Sumpter House**

Cassel’s Family Restaurant

43003 7 Mile Rd

Northville, MI 48167

Oct 14—16

**Women in the Arts**

Roscommon, MI

Oct 21-22

**Fall Workshop**

Livonia, MI

**RSVP to**

Amy Wright at

[amosande@hotmail.com](mailto:amosande@hotmail.com)

(734) 740-4018

## Gamma Alpha Bulletin

Mark your calendars now!



**Wednesday, October 12, 2016**

**Place:** Cassels

**Time:** 5:30- 7:30

**Program:** Beverly House & Sumpter House  
DKG Plus 1 – bring a friend

Business Meeting

Initiation of new members

Donation for basket for Fall

Conference (\$5 - \$10

suggested donation for gift  
card tree)

Sign up for helping at Holiday Auction

Last day to pay for Holiday Auction

Speaker: Kathleen Washington of Beverly House  
& Sumpter House for Young Mothers



**October 14-16, 2016: Women in the Arts**

**Place:** Ralph McMullan Conf. Ctr, Higgins Lake  
Roscommon, MI (989)821-6200

**October 21-22, 2016: Alpha Iota Fall Conference**

**Place:** Holiday Inn Hotel Detroit at Laurel Park,  
Livonia

**Sunday, November 6, 2016**

**Place:** Laurel Manor Banquet  
Center

**Time:** 1:00 - 5:00pm

**Program:** Annual Auction/  
Luncheon

**Cost:** \$25



**Thursday, December 8, 2016**

**Place:** Amy Wright's house  
35415 John Street  
Wayne, MI 48184  
(734) 740-4018

**Time:** 5:30 - 7:30

**Program:** Holiday Happy  
Hour

White Elephant Gift Exchange

**Bring:** Appetizer or Beverage  
(See Sign up Genius List)



**Wednesday, January 18, 2017**

**Place:** Cassels

**Time:** 4:30 - 5:30 Executive Board Meeting

5:30 - 7:30 Dinner & Program

**Program:** Seedlings

**Thursday, March 9, 2017**

**Place:** Cassels

**Time:** 5:30 - 7:30

**Program:**

My Voice My Choice - Advanced Directives

Donation for Basket for Convention (\$5 - \$10  
suggested donation for gift card tree)

**Saturday, April 1, 2017**

**Metro Council Lunch**

**Place:** Our Lady of Sorrows

**Time:** 10:00 - 1:30

**Cost:** TBD (approx \$20)

**Program:** TBD



**May 5-7, 2017 State Convention**

**Place:** Double Tree by Hilton, Bay City River-  
front

**Thursday, May 18, 2017**

**Place:** Court House Grill

41661 Plymouth Rd

Plymouth, MI

**Time:** 5:30 - 7:30

**Cost:** TBD (approx \$30)

**Program:** Chapter Birthday  
Dinner

Chapter Woman of Distinction

Friend of Education

Honor Retirees

Grant-in-aid Recipient

Initiation of new members (if needed)



**Monday, June 19, 2017**

**Planning Meeting**

**Place:** Amy Wright's house  
35415 John Street  
Wayne, MI 48184

**Time:** 11:00 - 2:00

**Bring:** Dish to pass  
Program ideas



**ANNUAL AUCTION**

The Annual Auction (formerly known as the Holiday Auction), will take place on SUNDAY November 6th, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Please bring your checks payable to "Gamma Alpha" in the amount of \$25.00 to the October meeting, or checks can be mailed to

Cindy Dietz

7329 Gilman

Westland, MI 48185



**Women Interested in New Experiences  
(W. I. N. E.)**

Located on the east side of Haggerty north of 5 Mile Road, you will find an industrial looking building. Please DO NOT ignore!



This summer Lisa Austin, Pam Husson & Amy Wright visited this "Italian Wonderland" of all things tasty and delicious!

We gleefully ordered from the deli counter,

pasta case, sauce bar, wine racks and finally the pastry area. We filled our carts, then the trunk and took the mobile feast to the Husson's.

Starting with appetizers, we enjoyed a variety of bread with dips, pasta salads and rice balls. Next we enjoyed our wine on the deck with a view of the vegetable garden.

The tightness of our waistbands forced us to go straight to dessert, taking the entrees home for multiple future dinners.

The overwhelming verdict: we should return, and soon.



In our next issue, we will report on a favorite find from July's Northville Grub Crawl, French Toast.

# Meeting Minutes September 22, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Colleen at 5:56. Introductions were made: Co-presidents, Amy and Colleen, Marcia Scarr (DKG's first president), and Linda Clark (friend of Lynn).

**Presidents' Reports** – Judi Fisher reminded everyone that she still needs more volunteers for the Fall Conference in Livonia (Oct. 21-22). Hours begin at 2pm on Friday and 7 a.m. on Saturday. You need to register for the conference before you can volunteer to help. Donations are still needed for the Gift Certificate basket we will be donating. Cash will be accepted but be sure to indicate to Cindy your check is for the Fall Conference basket.

**Treasurer's report** – Cindy reviewed our current balance and expenses and reminded everyone to pay our dues of \$75 as soon as possible.

**Holiday Auction** – Mary Jo reminded everyone that the date has been changed to Sunday, November 6. Members should have already received flyers in the first bulletin. Checks need to be sent to Cindy by Oct. 17. She reminded us to be sure to indicate the meal choice. We will assign jobs as we have done in the past based on who will be attending but if you would like to do a different job please let Mary Jo know. Since the event is in November, donated items to auction need not be holiday themed. Colleen reminded us that this is our big fundraiser so participation is very important. We will be donating to Seedlings in place of table favors (although Lisa mentioned that she may make something small to put on the tables.) A decision was made to change the name of this auction to DKG Annual Auction.

**Corresponding Secretary report** – Let Amy know if you're not receiving the bulletin. She will attach other items as PDF files rather than including them in the bulletin. Lynn reported that we'll be getting less *Wolverines* each year because they're leaning toward electronic rather than paper. Colleen and Amy will be sharing our documents via google drive. If anyone needs help with this let them know and they're very willing to help. Colleen made corrections to our list of officers and committees to include Lisa Austin (Sunshine), Donna Colaianne and Joanna Eiwen (50/50), Book Lady (Carol Palk). Lisa volunteered to put together a gift basket of small items. Bring any small item to the October meeting and give it to her.

**Grant-in-aid** – Donna read a thank you note from Hollie Mabbott, our last recipient. She is a kindergarten teacher who used the money for an area rug for her classroom, tubs for her students, and supplies for her classroom.

**Service Projects** – Judy Morante reported that Kathleen Washington will be our guest speaker at the October meeting. Bring any ideas for the girls from Beverly House to this meeting. She reported that the Sumpter House baby shower was a success. All girls were very grateful. Lynn will help Judy with Beverly House and may ask for the Wilma Adams grant again. A discussion included whether or not to help support a student from Wayne High who is in a very difficult family situation. Judy will speak to the counselor and give an update at our next meeting. It was suggested to have a theme for donations each month to help out this particular family so in October the theme be paper products. (Judy strongly suggested toilet paper).

**Old Business** – Amy asked members to first put DKG in subject area when sending an email to either her or Colleen. A reminder that Metro Council's theme is Spring Gardening and will follow the same format as in the past. It will take place at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington. The birthday dinner will again be at Courthouse Grill in Plymouth. We discussed the order of our meetings and decided to follow this order: dinner, speaker (usually around 6 p.m.), business meeting. The vacation auction was concluded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Dreffs.

