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

President's Message

Gamma Alpha friends,

This issue is packed full of the photos of the fun we had at the Annual Auction in November and our Holiday Happy Hour in December.

Colleen has shared a couple of her favorite, yummy vegetarian recipes for us to enjoy.

I am including three articles from members of other chapters. Beta Gamma is having a Pampered Chef party to support their scholarship fund. Kathleen Rodak would like to invite you to submit your artwork to the DKG International Fine Arts Gallery. Also Metro Council is busy preparing for our spring luncheon. Please see their flyer and don't delay, register today and send your money to Cindy Dietz. The cost of the luncheon is \$20.00.

On an exciting note, Sarah Elsesser, our newest member, has been very actively involved in chapter events. She attended the Auction, as well as the Happy Hour, and donated furniture to the Beverly House. We are so thrilled to have Sarah as a member of Gamma Alpha!

On a much sadder note, Evelyn Shuput, one of our charter members of Gamma Alpha, passed away on Christmas Eve. If you have any special memories of Evelyn, please share them, so they may be included in the next Gamma Alpha Bulletin.

Yours in Gamma Alpha,
Colleen & Amy



Happy Birthday Ladies!

December

12/3 Pam Husson

12/12 Barbara Broadley

12/30 Judi Fisher

January

1/1 Carol Anderson

1/7 Donna Colaianne

1/13 Mary Jo Dreffs

1/31 Marie Canzoneri

February

2/17 Elizabeth Bunner

2/19 Carol VandenBrul

2/29 Marge Braun



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Coming Soon!

Jan 18 (Wed)

Seedlings

Cassel's Family Restaurant

43003 7 Mile Rd

Northville, MI 48167

4:30 Executive Board

5:30-7:30

Mar 9 (Thurs)

Advanced Directives

Cassels's

5:30-7:30

April 1 (Sat)

Metro Council Lunch

Our Lady of Sorrows

24040 Raphael Rd.

(9:30-2:00)

RSVP to

Amy Wright at

amosande@hotmail.com

(734) 740-4018

Mark your calendars now!



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 Riverfront

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



July 12-14 Northeast Regional Conference

Place: Caesar's Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Service Project Update

Judy Morante had a chance to survey the girls of the Beverly House, and while they were not too keen on the concert series at the DSO, they were interested in going ice skating at Campus Martius in Detroit. Please talk to Judy if you would like to be a part of an ice skating event.

Gamma Alpha members have been very generous lately donating items both small and large. Linda Dobrzeniecki donated some clothing, which Judy dropped off to the girls. Sarah Elsesser and her husband donated a dining table and 8 chairs. Sandra Brock also donated a large appliance.

Meeting Minutes October 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Coleen at 5:46.

Presidents' Reports – We will be initiating 2 new members, Sarah Elsesser and Linda Clark, and reinstating Marcia Scarr. The date of the ceremony is yet to be determined. The minutes for September 22, 2016 were approved. Amy explained that the newsletter for Oct/Nov. was a little late and included flyers for the auction and fall conference.

Grant-in-Aid – We discussed ideas to encourage winners of our grants to attend/join DKG. Further discussion is needed. (continued on page 3)

(Minutes continued)

Annual Auction – We are able to get into the building by 11:30 to set up. Lots of help is needed so please try to be there as early as possible but would appreciate guests not arriving early. Lunch entrees will not include dessert. Our dessert will be a cake purchased from Costco. We will be eating lunch about 2:00. Please remember that this is our only fundraiser supporting all of the things we do so, as they used to say on the PBS television auction, “Bid high and bid often”!

Yearbook – Amy and Colleen will have the only copy of the yearbook as it has become too expensive to make copies for each member.

Guest Speaker – Kathleen Washington was scheduled to speak but was unable to attend so Judy Morante filled in for her. She told us about the organization *Spectrum* which is the nonprofit that supports them. Beverly House and Sumpter House. It was founded in 1976. Gamma Alpha got involved because Judy's daughter taught some of the girls at Beverly House. Judy became involved with these girls and as a result we have, too. Some of the experiences we've supported include a baby shower, manicures, trip to a corn maze, bowling (Seedlings), making blankets, lunch, swimming, rollerskating, and donating bags. Judy suggested that members could act as “mothers” for girls graduating by helping them look for college scholarships or job searches. She has set up tutoring by Schoolcraft students for the girls. She suggested a program which would send 3 girls to a DSO concert. Judi Fisher reported that we will receive the Wilma Adams grant for \$300 to help with all that we do to support these girls.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Lynne. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Dreffs



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

Pam Husson, Lisa Austin and I discovered a little restaurant called French Toast Bistro when we participated in the Northville Grub Crawl this July.

Though French Toast Bistro is located at 40370 Five Mile Road in Plymouth, Michigan, it was the final stop for us on the Northville Grub Crawl. We tried their signature dish, the baked French toast, and the chicken dinner, which was a delicious chicken schnitzel with a very tasty cream sauce. Although no wine was actually consumed on this leg of the Grub Crawl, Pam and I decided this French-Cajun Bistro deserved another visit.

One sunny day in early September, Pam and I met there for lunch and thoroughly enjoyed our food and made a spectacle of ourselves while snapping pictures of our plates.



Baked French Toast (left), Ham & brie omelet, with grits and a biscuit.



Pam Husson in front of French Toast Bistro.

Annual Auction Sunday November 5th at Laurel Manor in Livonia



Carol and Barbara welcomed us at the nametag table.



Carol with our favorite bartender, Ian.



This rowdy bunch was the "Partridge in a Pear Tree" table last year. They didn't have to work as hard during this year's song.



Judy at the small item cup auction table.



Grace sings along to this year's Thanksgiving inspired song.



Carol, Fran, and Helen are all smiles as they attend another successful auction.



Barbara checking out items at the large item auction table.

Holiday Happy Hour December 8th at Amy's House in Wayne



What a beautiful, and yummy, spread!



Carol, Judi, Colleen, Amy, Cindy and Lisa are ready to start the White Elephant Gift Exchange.

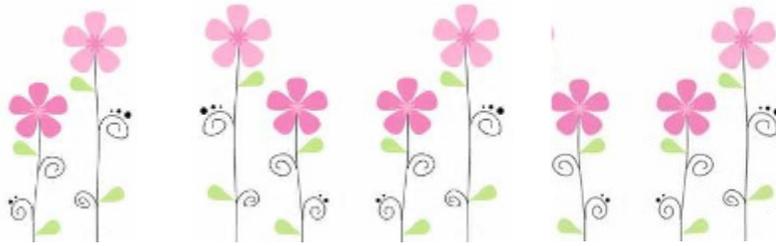
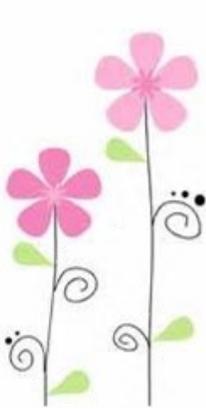


Judy, Sarah, Fran, Carole, Jackie, Lynne, Lisa, Cindy, Judi, Pam and Carol are ready for the gift exchange after enjoying all the holiday treats.



Cindy brought a variety of desserts: cashew brittle and toffee, hard candy, toffee cake, and pumpkin roll.

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Detroit Metro Coordinating Council

Cordially invites DKG members and guests to the

Detroit Metro Council Luncheon

April 1, 2017

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Lower Level

24040 Raphael Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Pot Roast of Beef w/gravy

Baked Chicken Breast w/sauce

Vegetarian Mostaccioli

Redskin Mashed Potatoes

Buttered Carrots

Salad, Romaine Mixed Lettuce w/cherry tomatoes/cucumbers

Bread/dinner rolls

Dessert, Warm Apple Pie w/scoop of vanilla ice cream

Cost \$20.00 per person

Program: Four Corners Celebrate Spring

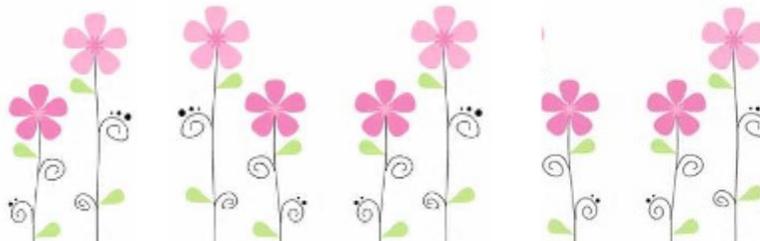
Chapter **members** should pay their treasurer for the luncheon by

March 18, 2017. Chapter **treasurers** should send one check with

the names of members and guests attending by March 25, 2017

to Metro Council Treasurer: Cindy Dietz,

7329 Gilman, Westland MI 48185



Two of Colleen's Favorite Recipes

Susie's Grand Marnier Baked French Toast

presented by **Boreas Bed and Breakfast Inn**

Buy French Bread and slice it one inch thick (you may use San Francisco French Bread which comes sliced one inch thick and is covered with sesame seeds).

Spray large glass baking dish with cooking spray and place as many slices of French bread flat in the bottom as you can fit in. You may use more than one dish and cook both or save one dish in the freezer for another morning.

1. Mix together:

- o 8-10 eggs
- o 1.5 cups half and half (you can use milk, but half and half is richer!)
- o 1.5 cups orange juice
- o 1/4 or a little more sugar
- o 1 t. cinnamon
- o 2 T. or more Grand Marnier or orange flavored liquor
- o Pour mixture over sliced bread and allow to soak on both sides by flipping bread.
- o Sprinkle over the top Sliced almonds or crunched macadamia nuts freshly grated nutmeg.
- o Let sit overnight in the fridge.
- o Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes, or until bread rises like a souffle and springs up when touched in the center or until tooth pick comes up clean when inserted.

Serve with lemon wedges and powdered sugar. Sprinkle powdered sugar liberally over top of French Toast and squeeze lemon over powdered sugar. Can also be served with raspberry sauce (frozen raspberries boiled with sugar and strained) or maple syrup

Lentil Salad

- 1 cp french lentils (dry)
- 4 garlic clove(s)
- 2 bay leaf
- 2 pepper(s) - bell - optional
- 2 carrots - large
- 1 tomato(es) - medium
- 4 tbsp(s) onion(s) – red or to taste
- 4 tbsp(s) parsley or to taste
- 16 olives - large
- 4 tbsp(s) lemon juice, fresh, or to taste
- 2 tbsp(s) oil - olive
- sea salt
- pepper - black (ground)

Directions:

1. Rinse lentils and mince garlic. Place lentils, garlic and bay leaves in a saucepan. Cover with water and bring to a boil. Turn heat to low, cover and simmer until lentils are tender- about 30 minutes. Do not undercook. Drain and discard bay leaves.
2. While lentils are cooking, dice bell peppers (capsicum), carrot, tomato, onion and parsley. Chop olives and place them in a bowl along with the vegetables. Add the lentils.
3. Whisk lemon juice, oil, salt and pepper in a bowl. Pour over lentils and toss to combine. Serve feta on the side.

Beta Gamma Holds Pampered Online Chef Party to Raise Funds for Benzie County Scholarships

Dear DKG Sisters:

Beta Gamma chapter is conducting an on-line fund-raising activity to raise money for our scholarships (one to each Frankfort High School, and Benzie Central High School) for students going on in education. Benzie County is among the least affluent counties in the entire state, and the students need all the help they can get!

One of our members is a Pampered Chef representative, and we used her services to earn money last year's scholarships. Because I now have a list of all chapter presidents in Michigan, and our party is a non-attendance event, I thought I'd let all of you know that you and your fellow members, can participate in our fundraising effort if you wish. You go on-line, browse through the catalogue, and order anything that catches your eye. You can arrange to have the purchases sent directly to you for a small extra fee. All of the profits of this event will be used for scholarships.

Incidentally, our chapter is hoping to expand our scholarship funding, by providing assistance to women who need to go back to school for whatever educational pursuit they choose to better their lives. If we raise funds beyond our high school seniors scholarships, we have a perfect way to reach such people in our county.

Please forward this information on to all your members, and encourage them to participate ! The products are excellent, and any purchases either for themselves or for gifts will be for a good cause.

Contact information is below. If you have trouble, give us a call.

<https://pamperedchef.com/go/c58o3m>

Sarah Fought, Pampered Chef Consultant

www.pamperedchef.biz/foodfun2013, 231-645-0774, Consultant number 720730

Marjorie Pearsall-Groenwald, President
Beta Gamma Chapter DKG

Time to Submit Artwork to the DKG International Fine Arts Gallery

Dear DKG Sisters,

It is submission time again for the DKG International Fine Arts Gallery. The submission Period is from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, for the Spring 2017 Gallery Show. Please consider entering your creative works. There are many venues in which your talents could fall and you may not even know your art pieces qualify for the Gallery.

Entries can be in many different venues. Such as: Original Poetry, Original Short Stories, Instrumental Music, Tapestry, **Jewelry**, all painting media, Oratory, Glass, Keyboard, Vocal, Music Composition, Dance, Dramatics, Film Making, Original Blogs, **Original Crafts**, Original Essays, **Photography**, Original One Act Play Writing, 3D Art and 2D Art. i.e. pottery.

The Rubric for each of these categories, as well as the submission procedure can be found at the International website under Committees/ Fine Arts Committee. The submission procedure can be a challenge if you have never submitted before. If you or any of your chapter members are interested, and need help, please call me and I will help you through it. Most items require a .jpg photo of the item for entry.

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