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President’s Message

Gamma Alpha friends,

Spring is finally here! It is so nice to be able to soak up the sunshine and take a walk around the block or spend some time sitting on the porch enjoying the warm breeze.

It seems our spring speaker series was a success. From the feedback I got, the Northville District Library was a pleasant venue. “Well Behaved Women Rarely Make History” went off without a hitch in March. However, “Into No Man’s Land” with Irene Miller in April, has everybody talking. Lisa Austin claimed she couldn’t put the book down and read it cover-to-cover in 24 hours. Pam Husson said, “We are so lucky to have somebody of her caliber. Phenomenal speaker! It was so emotional. To go through all that as a little 5-year-old!”

The only regret I heard was that we should have invited more guests to see our speakers. Absolutely! Next time we have a speaker, please feel free to invite as many guests as you like. The more the merrier.

The Metro Council Luncheon was this Saturday, April 21st at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington Hills. The luncheon was held in the cafeteria this year, and everyone agreed it was preferable to the basement. Entering the building was much easier, straight from the parking lot, with no steps into the building. And as far as cafeterias go, it was pretty classy and exceeded my expectations.

Jackie and Esther presented “Jane Austen and her Fictional Men.” Colleen, playing the role of Mr. Darcy, won Jane Austen’s rose for most eligible bachelor. This year’s Metro Council Luncheon was truly enjoyable! Gamma Alpha members worked hard to make this event a success. A special thank you to all of you who baked scones!

Next year’s luncheon will be on Saturday April 13 or April 6. We will start a bit later. The event will run from 10:30-2:00. The theme is clever and original: Mason Jars!

The State Convention is our next event from May 4-6th. I am really looking forward to it, especially the banquet. I promise I am going to make it to the banquet this year!

I am including the flyer for the Birthday Dinner that’s coming up on May 16th. Please mail your check to Cindy if you plan on attending. We will be collecting baby clothes again to donate to the Sumpter House. So start snapping up those bargains on cute baby clothes.

Due to my new work schedule, we will be changing the date of the planning meeting. Carole Lower has agreed to host the meeting. Be thinking of program ideas for next year.

Yours in Gamma Alpha,
Colleen & Amy

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Coming Soon!

May 4-6

State Convention
Marriott Centerpointe
Auburn Hills, MI

May 16 (Wed)

Birthday Dinner
Courthouse Grill
41661 Plymouth Rd
Plymouth, MI

5:30-7:30

Bring: Baby Clothes
for Sumpter House

RSVP to

Amy Wright at

amosande@hotmail.com



Mark your calendars now!



May 4-6, 2018 State Convention

Place: Marriott Centerpointe Auburn Hills, MI

Wednesday May 16, 2018 Birthday Dinner

Place: Courthouse Grill

41661 Plymouth Rd

Plymouth, MI

Time: 5:30 - 7:30

Cost: TBD (approx \$30)

Program: Birthday Dinner

- Chapter Woman of Distinction
- Friend of Education
- Honor Retirees
- Grant-in-aid Recipient
- Initiation of new members (if needed)

Service Project: Bring baby outfits to donate to the Sumpter House



TBD: June 2018 Planning meeting

Place: Carole Lower's House

Time: 11:00 - 2:00

Bring: Sign up Genius List for Appetizer, Beverage, Salad or Dessert

- Program ideas



July 16-20, 2018 International Convention

Place: JW Marriott Austin, TX

See www.dkg.org to register

World Fellowship Basket— We are making another gift card basket for the State Convention in May. If you did not already donate a gift card or money toward the purchase of gift cards in the fall, now is the time. The suggested donation is \$10.

Gamma Alpha Minutes for January 31, 2018 Executive Board Meeting

The meeting began at 5:00. Amy and Colleen reported that they have sent in all required state reports. We had a discussion about upcoming New Member Initiations. Colleen suggested that we “clean up” the process to make sure that the sponsoring member stays in contact and follows up with the proposed new member. A final decision needs to be made by April.

The slate of nominees for the 2018-2020 biennium was presented:

Co-Presidents: Amy and Colleen

Vice President: Carole Lower*

Treasurer: Cindy Dietz

Recording Secretary: Joanna Eiwen

Corresponding Secretary: Amy Wright

Parliamentarian: Barb Broadley

Newsletter and Yearbook: Jackie Smart

The office of Vice President will include the option for choosing a committee to help with membership. Accepting the new officer slate was moved by Judi Fisher and seconded by Mary Jo Dreffs.

Kathleen Washington (from Beverly House and Sumpter House) has been chosen for Friend of Education. Suggestions are needed for our choice of Woman of Distinction.

General Business Meeting

The meeting began at 5:30. Mary Jo Dreffs moved and Carol Anderson seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with some spelling corrections.

Presidents' Reports: The new slate of officers was presented to the members. Sherry Green and Mary Jo Dreffs will be responsible for the annual Vacation Auction. We will be inviting members from Kappa to join our membership as their group will be dissolving in May. Colleen reminded us that the Seedlings Bowl-a-thon is March 10 at Novi Bowl.

Treasurer's Report: Just a reminder if you haven't donated money for our gift card basket at the State Convention please send to Cindy (suggested amount is \$10). World Fellowship donations are welcome no later than 4/21. We raised \$2696 at the Annual Auction. (Continued on page 5)



**Gamma Alpha Chapter Birthday Dinner
May 16, 2018
The Courthouse Grille
5:00 p.m.**



**The Courthouse Grille
41661 Plymouth Road
Plymouth, MI**

Donation for Sumpter House

Service Project Committee is again requesting a donation of new baby clothes (sizes 6-12 months) for Sumpter House, the group home for pregnant teens. Clothing donations can be for a boy or a girl. Bring item(s) to the Birthday Dinner. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Birthday Dinner Agenda

Welcome

Opener

State Convention Memories

Chapter Business:

- **Initiation**
- **Installation**
- **Grant-in-Aid Award(s)**
- **Service Project Donations**
- **Honor Chapter Woman of Distinction**
- **50/50 Raffle**
- **39th Birthday Celebration**
- **Announcements**
- **The Delta Kappa Gamma Song**

RSVP by May 8, 2018

You will make a choice from three Courthouse Grille signature entrees (chicken, fish, or vegetarian) at the Birthday Dinner. All entrees are served with fresh garden salad and freshly baked rolls. The chicken and fish entrees come with chef's choice of appropriate starch and seasonal vegetable. Price includes, coffee, soft drinks, herbal teas, Gamma Alpha Birthday Cake, and room cost. Cash bar available.

Send check for \$30 by May 8, 2018 payable to "Gamma Alpha" to our treasurer:

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

April Events



Irene Miller tells about her time in “No Man’s Land.”



Quite the crowd at the Northville District Library.



Thanks for bringing your guests!



Linda accepts the Lifetime Achievement Award for her mother Elizabeth.

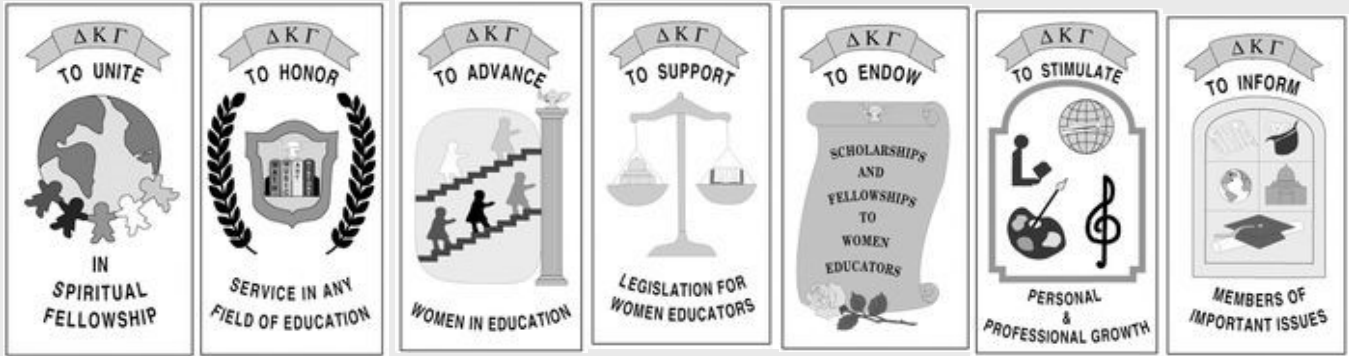


Jane Austen and her sister Cassandra explain the language of fans.



Jane Austen’s six leading men compete for her rose. Mr. Darcy is the winner.

Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



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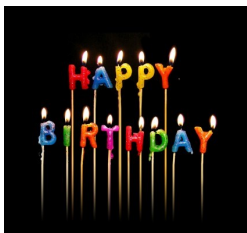
Old Business: Metro Council is on April 21 at Our Lady of Sorrows. We will be honoring 3 of our chapter members with Lifetime Achievement Awards: Marie Canzoneri, Elizabeth Bunner, and Carol Holland. Send \$20 to Cindy to attend this event. Judi Fisher reported that grants are available to attend the International Convention. Check with her for further details.

New Business: Jackie is planning to redo the yearbook to include our birth years, committees on which we've served, and any awards we've received. Please get these updates to Jackie.

REMINDER: Our next meeting will be March 14 at Northville Library with our speaker, Susan Nenadic, who will begin at 5:30. If you can help set up please be there by 5. RSVP by March 10 (and bring friends!) Further information is in the January/February newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10. (Carol Anderson moved and Judi Fisher seconded.)

Happy Birthday Ladies!



March

- 11th Nancy Chiasson
- 13th Esther Loskowske

April

- 1st Lynne Elsesser
- 4th Marcia Scarr

May

- 4th Colleen Retherford
- 8th Carol Palk
- 20th Doris Prieskorn

June

- 19th Fran Saenz

