

## **Gamma Alpha Zoom Meeting**

### **January 21, 2021 Minutes**

#### **Business Meeting**

The Board Members completed the DKG forms to be sent to the state. The Award of the Rose and President Awards were completed and emailed to the state president. Chapter Woman of Distinction was selected and will be announced at the Birthday Dinner. The Cherry/ Buckeye Challenge winner has not been decided yet. Cindy has not yet heard from the DKG member in Ohio. Cindy will receive the list of new members from the state treasurer. Cindy said no one has dropped from Gamma Alpha membership.

#### **Minutes from Regular Meeting**

Amy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

#### **Update on Service Projects**

##### **Beverly House**

Judy Morante explained how the money for the girls during Christmas was spent. She delivered Christmas gift bags to the girls and had enough money left over to buy an Air Fryer for the home. An extra \$360 was left. So members discussed how to use this money. Suggestions were: Valentine gifts, Easter gift bags, manicure/pedicures for the girls, or Welcome bags. It was decided to spend the money on Welcome bags. Suggestions: Toiletries, Bath kits, Hand cream, Towels and Wash Clothes. Margie and Judy will do the shopping.

##### **Seedlings Project**

Judi Fisher discussed our contribution to the Seedlings' Adopt a Reader Project. We adopted a 3 year-old boy and he used \$100.00 for his books. There may be a Bowling for Braille fundraiser in the future.

21 members signed on Zoom for this meeting. Carole Lower discussed efforts being made to reach members who do not attend Zoom meetings. Lynne Elsesser and Linda Clark attempted to contact missing members. Amy suggested to tell some members to connect by phone if they didn't have a computer. Jackie suggested that she write a letter to members (snail mail) who haven't been attending with explicit directions to help them connect with Zoom.

### **Program: Cruising Through January**

This was such an informative and delightful discussion about trips our members have taken! Jessica Walker explained why she loved visiting the Outer Banks every year. She showed absolutely beautiful pictures of the Ocean and landscape, and explained that spending time in nature gave her a sense of peace.

Lynne Elsesser visited Disney World and explained the benefits one receives in buying a Disney Pass. It is beneficial to belong to Vacation Club which entitles members to stay at Disney Resorts. She said that Disney Springs has many free shops. She gave great advice to those who haven't been to Disney World recently.

Cindy Dietz went to Northern Michigan. She saw many beautiful trees which were covered with snow. She explained that there are great wine and hard cider tasting sites as well as Casinos to visit. Carole Lower also mentioned that having a Winter Bonfire is an enjoyable experience.

Linda Clark showed souvenirs of her trip to Denmark: A picture of a Windmill and other collectible items. Denmark is a lovely place to visit.

Jackie Smart talked about her extended two month stay in Florida. She and her husband are renting a condo at Ocean Village in Ft. Pierce in overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The seafood is wonderful and there are plenty of activities in which to participate such as golf, bocce ball, tennis, shuffleboard as well as other games.

Joanna Eiwen shared her pictures of Nepal with our group. The scenery was very beautiful, but one needs to watch out for the monsoons! Joanna's sister is a doctor in Nepal. This was a fascinating report because many will rarely have the opportunity to see Nepal as a local.

The meeting was adjourned and members were invited to continue visiting on Zoom.

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## **DKG Fine Arts Gallery**

The submission period for submitting art work to the DKG Fine Arts Gallery is currently in progress. Your work can be submitted until February 15, 2021. Photos, paintings, drawings, mixed media, crafts, sculpture, printmaking, poetry, essays, and music can all be submitted on the international website. If anyone has any question or needs assistance entering their work they can call me.

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