

Minutes

June 29, 2024

Call to Order: Ten members and one guest were present for the planning meeting: Judy Morante and Pam Emerson (new co-Presidents), Jackie Smart, Judi Fisher, Cindy Dietz, Diane Frangie, Pam Sayre, Amy Wright, Joanna Eiwen, Linda Dobrzeniecki, and our Grant-in-Aid awardee, Samantha Shultz. After lunch, Jackie Smart called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M.

Quorum: Secretary Linda D. reported we had a quorum.

Minutes: The minutes from the Executive board meeting from January 18, 2024 were approved.

Reports

Co-Presidents: Training for new presidents will be virtual beginning in July. There will be five ten minute videos for new presidents to watch during July and early August. The videos can be found on the state website: www.dkgmichigan.org. The password is: Alpha Iota.1938 (The A and I are capitalized.) There are other materials for new presidents to use.

Co-Vice Presidents: We inducted Krystal Leece in May at the Birthday Dinner. Marilyn Rivera will be inducted sometime in the fall. Krystal works in Garden City Schools and will be a resource for new members and early career educators needing grants.

Treasurer: Cindy reported we have \$18,696.40 in savings and \$2027.40 in the checkbook. Fourteen members still need to pay dues. They are: B. Anderson, L. Austin, B. Banker, L. Bemmer, B. Broadley, M. Canzoneri, A. Duke, S. Green, J. Handley, P. Husson, H. Mate, and E. Loskowske.

Standing/Special Committees

Personal Growth & Service Projects Committee: Judy Morante reported that she delivered the bed in a bag and new pillows to Beverly House. The gardeners will help plant perennials in the fall. The committee will explore some new projects for the girls.

Auction Committee: Jackie reported we earned \$2570 from the auction. The venue will change this fall to St. Mary's Cultural and Banquet Center located at 18100 Merriman Road in Livonia (between Six and Seven Mile Roads). The cost will be \$33 for Michigan Salad with grilled Chicken, soup, rolls, coffee, tea, pop, cheese veggies, and dip. Members can bring their own wine!! Remember to bring a corkscrew for your wine.

Non Dues Revenue Committee (World Fellowship, 50/50, Vacation Raffle): Cindy clarified that the Vacation Auction goes to World Fellowship. We will not have a vacation auction this fall. You may bring books. Members can purchase your used books at 50 cents for paperbacks and \$1 for hard covers.

Grant-in-Aid Committee: Joanna Eiwen brought Samantha Shultz to the meeting to receive the first half of her grant. Samantha stayed for the meeting and had lunch with us.

Special Orders Pam Emerson will check on WW Career Center for availability for September's meeting. Judi Fisher will do the paperwork for the Northville Library. Thank you, ladies.

Unfinished Business

The following items from MAY16, 2024 need to be included in the minutes:

- Linda Clark as 2024 Chapter Woman of Distinction
- Esther Loskowske, Fran Saenz, Alice Duke, and Marcia Scarr as Lifetime Service Award recipients
- Samantha Shultz as Grant-in-Aid recipient
- Krystal Leece inducted as a new member
- Installation of New Officers:
 - a. Presidents – Judy Morante & Pam Emerson
 - b. Vice Presidents – Amy Wright & Jennifer LaRose
 - c. Secretaries – Margie Sievert & Linda Dobrzeniecki
 - d. Treasurer – Cindy Dietz
 - e. Parliamentarian – Pam Sayre
 - f. Past Presidents – Jackie Smart & Judi Fisher

New Business

The meetings and programs are available in the 2024-2025 Calendar in the newsletter. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 P.M. Members enjoyed tea and dessert after the meeting.

Linda Dobrzeniecki, Recording Secretary

***Note: Some details still need to be finalized.**

Calendar 2024-2025

Zoom link for meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5760748757>

Meeting ID: 576 074 8757

or

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 576 074 8757

September 26, 2024 (Thursday)

Time: 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Place: Northville Library (Basement)

212 W. Cady in Northville (Dinner following the presentation)

FYI: A brief business meeting will take place starting at 5:15. Our speaker will begin at approximately 6:00. Bring your summer reading books for sale. Unsold books will be donated to the library. 50/50 tickets will be available, too.

“Supporting Literacy Partnerships” Center for Success Network is committed to impacting youth through education and exposure to social interactions and activities. Their mission is to unite community and literacy to empower students in their journey of education. They believe that if they impact the next generation, they change our collective future. Their vision is to vitalize the community's relationship with literacy, thereby inspiring families to relate with literacy as a fundamental necessity. Their collaboratively rich programs ignite a unified passion for education that inspires students to thrive academically within safe spaces and intentional learning structures. We pave the way for community contribution towards children's lifelong love of learning through reading

October 17, 2024 (Thursday)

Time: 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Place: Northville Library (Upstairs)

212 W. Cady in Northville

Program: Costumed Presentation

A brief business meeting will take place starting at 5:15. Our speaker will begin at approximately 6:00. Bring your summer reading books for sale. Unsold books will be donated to the library. 50/50 tickets will be available, too.

“Mary Todd Lincoln”

Judi Fisher has arranged a speaker for a two-part presentation. Chris Miller will portray Mary Todd Lincoln in her younger life, marriage to Abraham Lincoln, and mother of four. In March, she will return for Part Two, the post assassination years. Dinner will be in Northville following the presentation. **Please remember to pay for the auction dinner! \$33.**

October 28, 2024 (Saturday)

Upper Peninsula Conference

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November 3, 2024 (Sunday) Annual Auction

Time: 11:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Place: St. Mary's Cultural Center

18100 Merriman Rd (between Six/Seven Mile Roads in Livonia)

This is a new venue!

Cost: \$33

Members should arrive at St. Mary's Cultural Center around 11:15. It is much faster if you fill out the donation sheet prior to arriving. (This is for State of Michigan tax purposes.) Be sure to include and written description on a card to accompany your items. Forms will be emailed to you, but there will be blank ones at the registration desk. Pick up your name tag and set up your auction items. Donated items should be new or handmade. (**NO** white elephant items.) Suggested items or services that could be donated:

- A certificate from businesses you frequent
- Baked goods (homemade or purchased)
- Gift certificates
- Massage
- Baskets (cooking, camping, movie night, reading, games, grandchild, sports, chocolate, wine, spirits, exercise, picnic, ethnic foods, etc.)
- Holiday items/decorations/wrapping supplies/gifts
- Tickets: Theater, movie, concert, or sporting event
- Best seller books, audio books, puzzle books
- Crafts

You can buy 'Small Raffle, Large Raffle' tickets, and 50/25/25 tickets. You can bid on silent auction items. Silent auction ends after lunch.

If you are unable to attend, **please consider a donation**. This is Gamma Alpha's only non-dues revenue fundraiser. The proceeds from the auction fund all of our projects and charitable donations for the year. Members who attend bring a guest or two, buy tickets for the raffles, and usually donate multiple items for the auction.

November 15-17, 2024 (Friday-Sunday)

Women in the Arts

Ralph MacMullen Conference Center

Conservation Drive

Roscommon, MI 48653

Information and registration is on the state website and in *The Wolverine*.

December 12, 2024 (Thursday)

Holiday Happy Hour

Time: 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Place: TBD

Meeting:

Gamma Alpha members will meet for an evening of fun, food, and giving. There will be a Sign-up Genius sheet in early December for hearty hors d'oeuvres or dessert. The Service Project Committee will let attendees know what to donate for the girls of Beverly House.

January 16, 2025 (Thursday) Executive Board Zoom Meeting

Time: 7:00-8:00 P.M.

Place: The comfort of your home

Meeting:

Executive Board will complete annual reports and finalize plans for the remainder of the year. The meeting is open to committee chairs and interested members.

February 20, 2025 (Thursday) Zoom February Scavenger Hunt

Time: 7:00-8:00 P.M.

Place: The comfort of your home

Meeting:

Pour yourself your favorite beverage and join our Zoom Master, Amy Wright, as she leads Virtual Scavenger Hunt. There was a request for a repeat of this since everyone who attended had such a nice time. We will 'unite in a genuine spiritual fellowship' and probably have a laugh this evening.

March 20, 2025 (Thursday)

Time: 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Place: Northville Library (TBD)
212 W. Cady in Northville

A brief business meeting will take place starting at 5:15. Our speaker will begin at approximately 6:00. Bring your summer reading books for sale. Unsold books will be donated to the library. 50/50 tickets will be available, too.

"Mary Todd Lincoln"

March is Women's History Month - commemorating and encouraging the study, observance, and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. Mary Todd Lincoln, AKA Chris Miller, is returning for Part Two of her presentation, "The Post Assassination Years." Mrs. Lincoln lived for seventeen years following her husband's death. Many of those years were not good for her. Dinner will be in Northville following the presentation.

May 2-4, 2025 (Friday-Sunday)

State Convention and Executive Board

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd.

Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Information and registration is on the state website and in *The Wolverine*. Let's have a great Gamma Alpha turnout at convention this year!

May 10, 2025 (Saturday)

Metro Council Field Trip to Michigan Flight Museum (formerly Yankee Air Museum)

Address:

Michigan Flight Museum

47884 D Street

Belleville, MI 48111

Time: 10:30 A.M.

Cost: \$10

Meeting:

We will have a tour of the museum. We will be able to visit the newest exhibit "Women Answer the Call." This exhibit tells the dynamic history of how ordinary American women joined the war effort to help the US win the war. Millions of women around the U.S. rolled up their sleeves and got to work. This exhibit features hands-on riveting stations and several other interactive displays. We can all be Rosie the Riveter. Although there is ample parking, you should plan to carpool to Willow Run. We will try to find a local restaurant for lunch after the meeting. Details to follow and flyer to follow.

May 15, 2025 (Thursday)

Gamma Alpha's 46th Anniversary 'Birthday' Dinner

Time: 5:00-7:30 P.M.

Place: Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

108 E. Main Street

Northville, MI

Meeting: We will honor our Chapter Woman of Distinction, the Friend of Education, and Lifetime Service Award members. We will present anniversary pins and the Grant-in-Aid check. We will induct new members and collect Service Project donations. Dues are paid at this time (\$85). If you know of a person or group in the community that does good things for children or educators...and is not an educator, they would be a good candidate for this award. They would be invited to the Birthday Dinner to receive the award (our treat). Please inform anyone on the executive board if you have a candidate. We can present more than one award.

June 21, 2025

Annual Membership Planning Meeting and Luncheon

Time: 11:00-2:00 P.M.

Place: TBD

We will meet for our annual planning meeting. Amy Wright will create a Sign-up Genius for the luncheon. Bring program ideas to this informative end-of-the-year meeting.