



**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**DKG Michigan State Organization**  
*Serving Women Educators from Western Wayne County*  
*Gamma Alpha is a Proud Member of Detroit Metro Coordinating Council*  
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## **GAMMA ALPHA BULLETIN**

### **Presidents' Message**



### **Judy Morante & Pam Emerson, Co-Presidents**

Gamma Alpha Sisters,

Pam and I are honored to be your co-presidents for the 2024-2026 biennium. We began at the end June by attending the planning meeting. We hope that you will enjoy the upcoming meetings. We are offering a variety of experiences. Amy will be introducing us to Center for Success Network and Supporting Literacy Partnerships. Judi Fisher arranged an informative and entertaining two-part presentation about Mary Todd Lincoln, pre and post assassination of her husband, Abraham Lincoln. Metro Council has scheduled an inexpensive field trip to Michigan Fight Museum (formerly the Yankee Air Museum) as a follow-up to the meeting we had in March about women and the war effort. We hope you will attend the annual auction and our social gatherings. Details are in the calendar.

Think about joining us in taking an active roll in Gamma Alpha. Maybe one of you will volunteer to chair our Service Projects, Committee. I have been chair and I can say without reservation that this is a very rewarding position. Contact Pam or me if you would like to chair this committee.

We have been learning the DKG ropes. The State Strategic Planning/Leadership Committee provided short videos we could watch at our own time and pace.

There are materials on the state website we can easily access. We attended a Zoom session in August and an in-person meeting is scheduled for late September. We want to thank Jackie and Judi for their support and help as we transition to becoming co-presidents. We look forward to your suggestions and to seeing you at all our upcoming events and meetings.

Judy and Pam

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This is the link for all future Zoom 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: 76 074 8757

**First Meeting**  
**September 26, 2024**  
**5:00-7:00**  
**Northville Library**

**See you there!**

## 2024-2025 Calendar

### Zoom link for meetings

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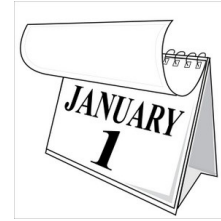
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### September 26, 2024 (Thursday)

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

Place: TBD Northville Library (Downstairs)

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.

Program: Speaker



“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: TBD Northville Library (Upstairs)

212 W. Cady in Northville

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.

Program: Costumed Presentation



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 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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Details on state website and in *The Wolverine*

**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! Members should arrive by 11:15 to set up their auction items.

Cost: \$33 Flyer is at the end of the newsletter and other auction information.

Members should arrive at St. Mary's Cultural Center around 11:15. You pick up your name tag and set up your auction items. 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 a 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. 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. We make absolutely no profit from the food. The proceeds from the raffles fund all of our projects and charitable donations for the year.

**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. More info later.

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

Place: Northville Library  
212 W. Cady in Northville

Meeting: Costumed speaker

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.

Meeting: 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*.

### **May 10, 2025 (Saturday)**

Metro Council Field Trip

Place: Michigan Flight Museum (formerly Yankee Air 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. Plan on carpooling to Willow Run. We will try to find a local restaurant for lunch after the meeting.



### **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 fun, end-of-the-year meeting.







## FALL BIRTHDAYS

### September

Cindy Dietz	9
Carole Lower	16
Helen Mate	19
Barb Anderson	24
Jennifer LaRose	26
Linda Clark	27
Jackie Smart	30

### October

Lynne Bemer	14
Alice Duke	21
Lisa Austin	23

### November

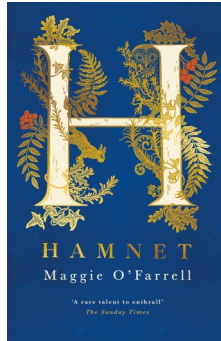
Linda Dobrzeniecki	4
Amy Wright	5
Sherry Green	10
Sarah Elsesser	11
Pam Emerson	17



# What Are We Reading?

## *Hamnet*

By Maggie O'Farrell



I am a real anglophile. In June, we stayed in Stratford - Upon - Avon. We visited every Shakespeare sight available. I really loved reading *Hamnet*! On one hand I was charmed by the beautiful writing style of Maggie O'Farrell, and on the other hand I enjoyed the educational side of the book about the Bard's life. However, reading historical fiction novels can be tricky for me! When a book gracefully combines facts and fiction, I sometimes end up not knowing where to draw the line between reality and fiction ... and that's something I felt often while reading *Hamnet*.

*Hamnet* tells an imagined story of Shakespeare's family life, focusing on what is usually mentioned only in footnotes: his mother, his father's occupation, his wife Anne, and his three children (Susanna, Judith, and Hamnet who died during childhood). It's a story of love, grief, passion, and hard work. What's interesting is that Shakespeare's name is not mentioned once in the story! However, it is very easy to recognize that the story is about him, especially once he moves to London and his plays are successful.

The book is divided into two parts and toggles between the past and the present. Part of part one takes place during the Black Plague. There are doctors wearing some kind of masks that look scary. People are frightened by the disease. Theaters are closed. A lockdown is imposed. Sounds a bit like Covid. On this is day, the plague first afflicts Hamnet's twin sister Judith. His mother and older sister are not at home to help. His grandmother is away. The grandfather is in his shop gives Hamnet a wallop for bothering him. His father is in London. So Hamnet runs into town for help. Then the story circles back to when Hamnet's parents' (Agnes and the unnamed father) passionate relationship began some 15 years earlier.

Part two begins immediately after Hamnet's death. Agnes struggles with grief while preparing Hamnet's body for burial. The father returns from London but departs again right after the funeral. *Hamnet* is, among other things, a love story about a sorely tested marriage. The father transposes his grief into his masterpiece - titled with a common variant of his son's name - in which the father dies and the son lives to avenge him. While reading the book it's impossible to not resonate with the story, to not empathize with the characters, to not relate with their fear of unknown. It was a lovely read.

# Minutes

## 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](http://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.

### 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.



# Minutes

## Unfinished Business

The following items from May 16, 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:

Presidents – Judy Morante & Pam Emerson

Vice Presidents – Amy Wright & Jennifer LaRose

Secretaries – Margie Sievert & Linda Dobrzeniecki

Treasurer – Cindy Dietz

Parliamentarian – Pam Sayre

Past Presidents – Jackie Smart & Judi Fisher

## New Business

The meetings and programs are available in the 2024-2025 Calendar section in the newsletter.

**Announcements:** None

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

Linda Dobrzeniecki, Recording Secretary



Planning Meeting Luncheon June 29,

## Birthday Dinner



DKG State President Karen Lessnau-Scott with the State Visitation chair, Shaila Jehle



Lynne, Judy, Margie, & Carole



Rosa, Linda, & Linda



Pam, Judy, & Amy



Diane, Joanna, Liz, Jackie, & Cindy



Judi, Fran, & Marcia



Chapter Woman of Distinction awardee was Linda Clark. She is given a special pin and certificate by Judi & Jackie.



The Lifetime Service Award was presented to our Charter President, Marcia Scarr, by Jackie and Judi. Esther Loskowske and Alice Duke also received a LSA but were unable to attend. Read about all of our LAS awardees in your contact booklet.



## Birthday Dinner



Lifetime Service Award was presented to Fran by Judi



Amy conducted a lovely White Rose Ceremony for Jose Engel who passed away in 2023. Diane and Liz, who were members of Kappa Chapter with Jose, shared memories about her.



Amy and Carole inducted new member Krystal Leece. L-R: Amy, Carole, Krystal standing with her friend, State President Karen Lessnau-Scott



### Incoming Gamma Alpha Officers

#### Co-President

Judy Morante & Pam Emerson

#### Co-Recording Secretary

Margie Sievert & Linda Dobrzeniecki

#### Co-Vice President

Amy Wright & Jennifer LaRose (absent)

#### Appointed Treasurer:

Cindy Dietz

#### Appointed Parliamentarian:

Pam Sayre (absent)

## A Message from Seedlings Director, Debbie Bonde

Dear Seedlings' Readers, Supporters, and Friends,

In July, we celebrated Seedlings' 40th Anniversary AND we have another big announcement!

It is with mixed emotions that I have decided to retire after 40 wonderful years of service. This was a difficult decision because I love what we do here at Seedlings, and I feel so fortunate having been a part of this amazing organization from the very beginning.

Seedlings got its start in my basement 40 years ago after I heard that braille books were scarce and expensive. My own young daughters had dozens of books so it didn't seem right that children with vision loss lacked the same opportunities to learn and grow through reading. Our goal was to make more braille books available while keeping the prices low. With just 12 titles in our catalog and a small braille printer that my father made, we were able to send out 200 low-cost braille books that first year. And then the word began to spread!



Fast forward to the present: we now offer over 1,100 low-cost braille titles. In the past year, we distributed over 48,000 books, two-thirds of which were made available for free, and we reached a grand total of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a million books placed in children's hands worldwide since 1984!

None of this would have been possible without all of the generous and dedicated people who have supported Seedlings' mission throughout the years. Thank you so much! As I transition into retirement, I am confident that Seedlings is in good hands for the next chapter: Seedlings 2.0!



I am thrilled to announce that our current Assistant Director, Amanda Hercula, will become our Executive Director by the end of the year. She has shown exceptional dedication and leadership during her four years here at Seedlings. She is a quick learner and has moved rapidly through several roles here. The more we worked together, the more I realized that she possessed the exact things we were looking for in our next Director: the experience and education, and most of all, the heart and passion for this work.

I assure you, this decision was not made lightly. Seedlings' Board of Directors developed a multi-year plan leading us up to this point for the smoothest possible transition. Stay tuned for more information on Amanda in the coming months!

We hope you will continue to support Seedlings, especially during this time of change. I look forward to spending more time with my family and to my new role as a super Seedlings supporter! I know that Seedlings will do great things in the future and will be giving many more children the life-changing gift of literacy! Thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts, for all of your help and support!

**See Seedlings on The Kelly Clarkson Show!:**

<https://youtu.be/UKO6p9qrAmk?si=Z48Qtrkc59PbFCU3>

## Beverly House

Here is a little information about Beverly House.

Beverly House is run by Spectrum Child & Family Services. Their philosophy is simple: dignity and respect are human gifts belong to everyone.

Since 1976, they've worked to strengthen children, families, and communities across the state of Michigan.

Beverly House residents are teen girls whom the court has decided that it is in their best interest not to live in the family home. The Beverly House program is designed as a normal home-like setting with elements like:

- Going to school
- Learning to share common spaces with others
- Completing assigned household tasks which includes cooking for the house family, cleaning, making the bed
- Participating in school activities like going to the prom or extracurricular activities
- Volunteering and community involvement

Spectrum therapeutically address issues of traumas and behaviors associated with:

- Low self-esteem
- Substance abuse in the family
- Truancy
- Sexual abuse
- School related problems
- Neglect
- Separation from family.

The girls have very little in terms of possessions. Our donations and the activities we sponsor are truly appreciated by the residents and staff.



## Gamma Alpha Executive Board & Committees



### Co-Presidents:

Judy Morante & Pam Emerson

### Co-Vice-President & Membership:

Amy Wright & Jennifer LaRose

### Co-Recording Secretary:

Linda Dobrzeniecki & Margie Sievert

### Treasurer:

Cindy Dietz

### Parliamentarian:

Pam Sayre

### Immediate Past Presidents:

Judi Fisher & Jackie Smart

### Committees

**Grant-in-Aid:** Joanna Eiwen & Karen Mosca

**Newsletter/Yearbook:** Jackie Smart

**Service Projects:** OPEN

**Finance:** Judi Fisher

**Sunshine:** Fran Saenz

**50/50:** Cindy Dietz and helper

**Gamma Alpha Auction:** Jackie Smart

### Websites

**DKG International**

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

**DKG Michigan State Organization**

[www.dkgmichigan.org](http://www.dkgmichigan.org)

**DKG Gamma Alpha**

[www.migammaalpha.org](http://www.migammaalpha.org)



## Auction Flyer

# GAMMA ALPHA ANNUAL AUCTION



**Date: Sunday, November 3, 2024**

**Time: 11:45-3:45 P.M**

*(Members arrive at 11:30 to set-up auction items.)*

**NEW VENUE**

**St. Mary's Cultural Center**

**18100 Merriman Road Between Six & Seven Mile Roads**

**Livonia, Michigan 48153**

**Lunch 12:45**

*(Auction following lunch)*

**We have a new venue, a lighter lunch, and smaller price!**

**You can BYOW (bring your own wine)**

**Be ready to buy raffle tickets that support  
Gamma Alpha Chapter.**

**Proceeds will be used in part for:**

**Early-Career Educators Grants**

**Schools for Africa**

**Community Service Projects with Seedlings Braille Books for  
Children and Beverly Girls Group Home**

**Cost \$33**

*Fresh Crudit  with Ranch, Domestic Cheese & Crackers, Relish Tray*

*Minestrone Soup & Rolls*

*Michigan Salad with Grilled Chicken*

*Coffee, Pop, Tea, Decaf*

*Cake*

**NEW! You may bring your own wine for your table!**

*Remember your corkscrew*

1. Indicate if a vegetarian Michigan salad is requested.
2. Make checks payable to "Gamma Alpha."
3. Send \$33 check to Cindy Dietz, by October 24, 2024
4. Please list names of guests and their entr e for name tags.
5. All tables have 8 seats. If you fill a table (8) we can reserve the table for your party. Please include their names and if vegetarian.
6. If you are a guest, indicate at whose table you will sit.
7. If you are unable to attend after you have paid, please find someone to take your place.

DKG is a professional honor society of key women educators in the United States, Canada, Europe, Latin America and Japan. Our mission is: "to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education." If you are currently a teacher or retired from the teaching profession, please ask any member about joining DKG.

Cindy Dietz  
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State of Michigan Form for Your Auction Donation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

November 3, 2024

Item or Service Donated	Cash Value
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Total	_____

## Auction Table Directions

### Auction Table Directions

Member donations “rule of thumb”:

- \$5-25 value is on the small items raffle cup table (**yellow cups**)
- \$25-50 value is on the large items raffle cup table (**blue cups**)
- \$50 or higher value is on the SILENT auction table. (**Suggested bid is often 50-75% of the value.**)

#### Raffle Cup Directions:





- Get a numbered cup: **yellow** for small items, **blue** for large items
- Write a description of your item on a card.
- Write the same number on the colored sticker and place it on your card.
- Put the same numbered sticker on your item as well. (Sometimes the cups get mixed up and if your card, item and cup are numbered, no mistakes.)

#### Silent Auction Directions:

- Write a description of item on a bidding sheet.
- Indicate a starting bid.
- Suggested bidding price is approximately half to 75% of the value



**Auction Donation Cards for Your Items**

<div>Item</div> <div>Donated by</div> 	<div>Item</div> <div>Donated by</div> 
<div>Item</div> <div>Donated by</div> 	<div>Item</div> <div>Donated by</div> 

# Letter of Introduction for Business Donations



## Michigan State Organization

Gamma Alpha Chapter  
of  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, DKG, is a professional, international honorary organization of women who work in the educational field. The Society was established in 1929, naming the organization for the initial letters of the three Greek words meaning “key women educators.” In each of the fifty states there are chapters, as well as in sixteen other countries and there are over sixty thousand members. Our local chapter is Gamma Alpha. We are teachers, counselors, and administrators. Our members are retired and currently employed. The chapter provides a strong professional and social networking opportunity and a chance to do community service. We support the international mission to “promote the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.”

Gamma Alpha demonstrates we are Key Women Educators through our commitment to our DKG sisters and our service to others. One of our important chapter goals is our annual auction that raises money to support education in our communities (Seedlings Braille Books for Children and Beverly House for Young Girls,) DKG sponsored project (UNICEF Schools for Africa Project,) and classroom/project grants for early-career educators in the Wayne-Westland, Livonia, and Northville schools.

Gamma Alpha chapter assists and cooperates with the ***Seedlings Braille Books for Children*** organization in supporting, encouraging, and improving the education of visually impaired children. We volunteer binding Braille books and helping with mailings. Members volunteer at Seedlings’ Bowling for Braille fundraising event and help to coordinate their Christmas card sales. The chapter ‘adopts’ a blind child and purchases books for him/her throughout the year.

**Beverly House for Young Girls** is service project Gamma Alpha members sponsor. Beverly House residents are teen girls whom the court has decided that it is in their best interest not to live in the family home. We have donated personal hygiene supplies, back to school supplies and clothes. We have made summer fun bags for the girls and purchased winter coats and hoodies. We have purchased a smart television and a streaming package for the house. Games and books have been purchased as well as storage and shelving for the books and games. Members help girls plants spring flowers at the house. We sponsor outings to the corn maize, Greenfield Village, Wayne Recreation Center, lunch, and mani-peds. We purchased materials so the girls could make personal no sew blankets with our members. We sponsor a lane during Seedlings’ annual Bowling for Braille so the girls have an opportunity for helping others while having fun.

Our Annual Auction will be held on November 3, 2024 at St. Mary’s Cultural Center in Livonia from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Contact Jacquelyn Smart for further information:  
jackie@mysmartfamily.com

Contact information:  
DKG international headquarters: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)  
DKG Michigan: [www.dkgmichigan.org](http://www.dkgmichigan.org)

Thank you for your support of our local students and schools.



## Metro Coordinating Council Educational Opportunity

### Michigan Flight Museum

47844 D Street

Belleville, MI 48111



In 1941, Ford Motor Co. received a \$200 million government contract to produce B-24 bomber planes. This was a thriving boost to Michigan's economy and the plant was known as the world's largest factory at the time. Ford simplified production to an assembly-line format. At the Michigan Flight Museum (formerly the Yankee Air Museum), you'll discover a diverse array of exhibits. While some are permanent fixtures, others grace the halls for a limited period. We will have a tour of the museum. We will visit the newest exhibit honoring the real Michigan women behind World War II icon Rosie the Riveter with a new exhibit "Women Answer the Call." The exhibit, which opened on Veterans Day 2023, depicts the working life of women at Willow Run, *Women Answer the Call*. This exhibit features hands-on riveting stations and several other interactive displays. We all can be Rosie the Riveter for a day.

Date: May 10, 2025

Time: Tours begins at 10:30 A.M.

Cost: \$10 p/p

Send your check payable to 'Gamma Alpha.

'Mail check to the Metro Council treasurer:

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Guest(s): *Men are welcome* \_\_\_\_\_

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Total amount of check: \$\_\_\_\_\_ We will find a place for lunch in Belleville.