

2011-2012 Gamma Alpha Calendar



Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
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2010 – 2011

August 16, 2011

Tour of Methodist Children's Village

The Methodist Children's Village is one of our philanthropic projects. MCV provides for the needs of abused and neglected children by providing an array of housing, educational, clinical, and therapeutic services. Members interested in touring the facility should meet at 11:00 a.m. at MCV located at 26645 W. Six Mile Road in Redford. The tour is approximately 45 minutes. Be prepared for some walking.

September 21, 2011

4:30 p.m.

Hayden's Grill and Bar

39895 Ford Road in Canton (east of I-275)

Agenda:

- Bring your dues to the meeting \$75. If you are writing a check, make it payable to *Gamma Alpha*. If mailing your dues, send to: Cindy Dietz 7329 Gilman Westland, MI 48185
- Service Project: Early Career Educator Bags
- Vacation Souvenir Raffle. Remember to bring your vacation souvenir for the raffle.
- 50/50 raffle (Esther will be selling tickets.)
- Update our contact information and yearbook biographies
- Cider and apple orders from Gamma Alpha's Lynda Neuroth, owner of Ostbaum Orchards will be accepted. Delivery will be at the October 19th meeting.
- Can you part with a few books that you've finished reading? Bring them to our meeting in September. \$1 for hardcover books or \$.50 for paperbacks. Leftover books will be donated to 'Friends of the Library.' Bring books every meeting except the Holiday Auction.
- Bring your **Recommendation for Membership** form filled out and candidate to the meeting. Orientation will be in October.
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Speaker: Judy Foster, State Legislation & U.S. Forum Chair; Vice President of MEA-R; will keep us up-to-date with what is happening in Michigan regarding the latest legislation dealing with children, education, and women.

October 7-9, 2011

Women in the Arts, Higgins Lake (Registration information is in the Summer *Wolverine* and online at www.deltakappagamma.org/MI) Grace, Jackie, Esther, Cindy, Colleen, Judi, and Lynne are attending.

October 19, 2011

4:30 p.m.

Jackie Smart's home

20158 Southampton Drive in Livonia (248) 476-8659

Agenda:

- Bring your candidate to an English tea (dinner) at the home of anglophile Jackie Smart. Colleen Retherford will lead a brief DKG orientation for candidates for membership. FYI, initiation of new members will be held at the January meeting.
- 50/50 Raffle
- Book Sale

Speaker: Melissa McDermid will share her yearlong experience as a participant in the Fulbright Teacher Exchange program. Melissa, a Farmington teacher and Beta Eta member, taught in the primary grades in England.

October 21-22, 2011

Alpha Iota State Fall Conference

Fall Conference will be held at the Lansing Lexington Hotel in Lansing. There are many great sessions offered. It is only about an hour away from Livonia (no need for hotel unless you want to get away for the night) and inexpensive (registration fee includes lunch.) Fall Registration information is included in the Summer *Wolverine*. You will also find information on the state website www.deltakappagamma.org/MI

December 7, 2011

4:30 p.m. Dinner/Holiday Auction at Laurel Manor

Laurel Manor is located at 39000 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia
(Arrive 4:15 for set-up)

(Prepayment of \$25 is necessary for this event.)

Holiday Auction Reminders

1. For the smaller items, we will sell raffle tickets and have people put tickets into cups and winners will be randomly selected.
2. Some of the larger items will be in the “silent auction” format with pad, pen, a starting bid, and a time cut-off for bids.
3. And lastly, some items will be put on the auction block.
4. Members still need to bring a 3x5 card for each item they donate. On the card, they should describe the item, list the value, and name of the donor. Members should try to bring more than one donation so we will have a variety of auction items. We need to guarantee Laurel Manor at least 50 will be in attendance, so we encourage you to bring guests so we meet our quota and so we aren't the only ones spending money!

January 18, 2012

4:30 p.m. at Hayden's Grill and Bar

39895 Ford Road in Canton (east of I-275)

Executive Board will meet at 3:30 to complete biennial reports.

Agenda:

- 50/50 Raffle/Book Sale
- Initiation of New Members

Speaker: Maria Dismondy is a primary teacher in Plymouth-Canton and author of “The Juice Box Bully” and “Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun.” Maria stated that in today's society, it's important to remind children that, although we are different on the outside, we are very much alike on the inside. Unfortunately, bullying has become a major problem in the United States. It's not only painful for children, but occurring at an increasingly young age. Both of her books are meant to empower children to positively handle tough situations through their timeless messages. Books will be available for purchase.

March 21, 2012

4:30 p.m. at Hayden's Grill and Bar

39895 Ford Road in Canton (east of I-275)

Agenda:

- 50/50 raffle
- Book Sale
- Flower Orders (More information in future newsletters)

Speaker: Our own Colleen Retherford will speak to us about the community garden she was instrumental in starting in Ann Arbor. Community gardens are “hot” ideas, especially after the attention they received on *60 Minutes* and by the First Lady. Not only do community gardens defray the rising cost of produce and the freshness of your crop is superior to anything you can buy at the grocery store. A portion of the harvest is donated to local pantries and community gardens help our country go green.

April 21, 2012

Metro Coordinating Council Luncheon

More information will follow in future newsletters.

April 25, 2012

4:30 p.m.

Hayden's Grill and Bar

39895 Ford Road

Canton (east of I-275)

- 50/50 Raffle
- Book Sale

Discussion regarding our Service Projects and donations Speaker: In Michigan, the lottery is big business. So, why is there still a barrage of school closings and major cutbacks, including layoffs? When you buy that lottery ticket, how much goes to fund education? Our speaker is a representative from the Michigan Lottery will give us the lowdown on the lottery and education

May 4-6, 2012

Alpha Iota State Convention

Radisson Plaza in Kalamazoo

Convention and hotel registration will be available in the *Winter Wolverine* and in future newsletters. Please plan on attending.

May 16, 2012

Gamma Alpha Birthday Dinner

4:30 p.m.

East Side Mario's

31630 Plymouth Road in Livonia

Agenda:

- Birthday Dinner
- (Pre-payment of \$20 will be necessary)

- Honor Friend of Education/Honor Retirees/Award Grant-in-Aid
- Installation of New Officers
- Recommitment Birthday Ceremony

June 23, 2012

Planning Meeting

All of our programs are planned by the membership. Be reminded that this meeting is **not** just for Executive Board, but for members who wish to make our chapter vital. Come to our planning meeting armed with ideas **or** suggestions you want Gamma Alpha to be involved with for 2012-2013. Let us know where you would like our meetings to be held. If you know of a speaker, please bring the contact information. The more cooks in this case the better the soup!

Planning meeting and pot luck luncheon will be held at Carol's at 11:00. Bring your favorite potato, pasta, fruit, or green salad to pass. We will need rolls and some healthy snacks to munch on while we are meeting. Carol will have dessert and beverages for us. Carol lives in Canton. Take I-275 to Ford Road (west.) She is off Ford Road approximately 2 miles west of I-275. Her sub is Nottingham Forest between Lilley and Morton Taylor Roads. From Ford Road turn north on Willow Creek and then left on Wedgewood. Her address is 5855 Wedgewood. Carol's house is on the left. (734-981-3741) Please RSVP your intentions and what you are bringing to Jackie: **jackie@mysmartfamily.com**