

## Gamma Alpha Bulletin "The G.A.B."

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### Reminders

#### Dues are due!

Mail to Cindy Dietz or bring to the first meeting

- \$73 Active Member
- \$58 Retired Member
- Bring vacation souvenir to September 25 meeting. Proceeds go to World Fellowship Fund.
- Seek out a prospective member and bring her to the October meeting. Fill out Recommendation for Membership form .
- For more information: [www.migammaalpha.org](http://www.migammaalpha.org)

## Meet 2002-2002 Executive Board

On April 24, 2002 Hawthorne Valley Country Club hosted the annual Birthday Dinner for Gamma Alpha. Gamma Alpha's retiring officers helped to initiate the incoming officers.

**Judi Fisher** will serve as President for the next biennium. Judi was Gamma Alpha's Second Vice President last biennium. Judi is a sixth grade teacher at Hayes Elementary in Livonia. She has some wonderful ideas for Gamma Alpha's charity projects.

**Lynne Elsesser** teaches Spanish at Wayne Memo-



**Jackie Smart, Joan Cady, Chris Smith, President Judi Fisher and Lynne Elsesser are ready to work for Gamma Alpha.**

rial High School in Wayne-Westland. Although this is Lynne's first time on the executive board, she is ready to coordinate all of Gamma Alpha's programs for the upcoming biennium. Program chairmen should send their meeting information to Lynne. Continued on page 3

## Judi's Gems

Dear Gamma Alpha Sisters,

Increasing membership in  $\Delta\kappa\Gamma$  is still a major concern in the Society as well as our chapter. Try to seek out key women educators who might be interested in joining. I will be recommending my new daughter-in-law, Colleen Murray, for membership in October! In a break from tradition, we will introduce new members and conduct the orientation at the same meeting. In order to help us diversify our charitable efforts, I have made contacts with Mott's Children Hospital. See you in September.

Judi (with an "i")

## G.A.B. THE NEWS ABOUT US!

**Amy Story** (Wayne Memorial) is the proud mother of Jack Townsend, 7 pound 2 ounces. (Ed. note: We finally have some Gamma Alpha members young enough to give birth !)

**Cindy Dietz** (Wayne Memorial) was selected as Wayne-Westland YMCA Teacher of the Year.

**Gina Strand** (Wayne Memorial) has three students competing at the State Forensic Tournament.

**Judy Kolassa** (Farmington School), **Donna Colaianne** (Roosevelt-McGrath), **Judi Fisher** (Hayes) and **Lynne Elsesser** (Wayne-Memorial) had weddings this summer. Donna's youngest son graduated from high school, as well.

**Mary Lou Flynn** (Hamilton), a cancer survivor, walked in Canton's "Relay For Life".

**Abby Roche** (retired charter member from Wayne-Westland) is



### Let's Talk!

doing much better in her new residence. She is now living in a nursing home in Florida. Cards or notes of encouragement would be welcome.

**Judy Handley** (administration) will be assuming the role of president of Northville School Board this fall.

Our retired snowbird, **June Chartrand** will be leaving Michigan on September 28th and will be living year round in Arizona. We will miss you, June.

**Fran Saenz** (Webster) taught "swimnastics" and preschool swimming this summer.

**Marie Canzoneri** (retired LPS) had surgery mid-August. We hope you are feeling better soon.

**Carol Palk** (Edison) and **Mary Jo Dreffs** (Edison) loved Paris this summer. Oui, oui!

**Jackie Smart** (Elliott) and husband went to Wimbledon this summer. Tennis anyone? Do you have news we can share with members? Let Jackie know at:

jackie@mysmartfamily.com

## International and Alpha Iota Update

### International Date

**August 6-9, 2003**  
Northeast Regional Conference  
The Greenbrier  
White Sulphur Springs,  
West Virginia



### State Dates

**September 21-22**  
Fall Workshop-Soaring Eagle  
**May 2-4, 2003**  
State Convention-Detroit Marriott  
Pontiac at Centerpoint, Auburn  
Hills

The purpose of the United States Forum is to identify and select major issues affecting women, children, and education upon which the U.S. member may take action. The purpose of the United States Forum web page is to render a service to the United States members of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International by providing current information regarding pending federal legislation affecting children, women and education.

This service will facilitate the implementation of Purpose Number Four of the Society, that is, to support legislation in the interests women educators. This service will enable members to easily obtain information on pending federal legislation in order to contact legislators and thereby becoming advocates for children and women.

Check out the State and International websites for information

International: [www.deltakappagamma.org](http://www.deltakappagamma.org)

State: [www.deltakappagamma.org/MI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI)

U.S. Forum: [www.deltakappagamma.org/US-Forum](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/US-Forum)

**Joan Cady** is a sixth grade teacher at Adams Middle School in Wayne-Westland. Serving as Second Vice-President means that Joan is also the Membership Chairman. She will conduct an orientation for prospective members and coordinate their initiation. This is also Joan's first year serving on Executive Board.

**Chris Smith** teaches sixth grade at Marshall Middle school in Wayne-Westland. Chris is very active in WWEA and can keep Gamma Alpha updated on legislative concerns. As Recording Secretary, Chris will keep minutes of our meetings.

**Jackie Smart** will be taking over the duties of Corresponding Secretary. Jackie is no stranger to this role and served four years as Corresponding Secretary under Alice Duke's double reign. She was President from 1998-2000 and has been chairman on two Alpha Iota State committees and is currently on the State Membership Committee.

Our treasurer, **Cindy Dietz** reminds us that you can make this biennium suc-



**Accolades to the 2000-2002 retiring officers: Grace Morgan, Bonnie Franka, Joan Murray-Custer, Judi Fisher and Judy Kolassa.**

cessful by getting involved on a committee. Become a "do-er" in ΔΚΓ, not a "due-er".

**What office is there which involves more responsibility, which requires more qualifications, and which ought, therefore to be more honorable than that of teaching?**  
*Harriet Martineau*

## Gamma Alpha Birthdays

### August

- 1- Sue Briody
- 11- Joan Cady
- 18- Abby Roach
- 20- Grace Morgan

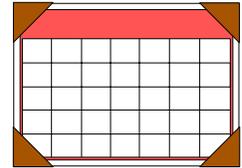


### September

- 9- Cindy Dietz
- 19- Helen Mate
- 30- Jackie Smart

**Enclosed is a flyer from Zeta Chapter. They are attending "Aida" at the Fisher as part of the Paul Dent Grant-in-Aid Fund and are inviting other Metro Council members to attend this gala event. See orange Flyer for further information.**

## 2002-2003 CALENDAR



Meetings will be held at **Steak & Ale** in Plymouth unless indicated. We have been lucky to obtain a room that has a door. This way ΔΚΓ business and other diners will not disturb each other. In order to get out at a reasonable hour, dinner and meetings will begin at 4:30. Try to be punctual. Steak & Ale is located on Ann Arbor and I-275. Call or e-mail Lynne Elsesser to let her know if you are attending on Mondays, before the meeting. She needs to let the Steak & Ale manager have a rough idea regarding numbers.

**Menu** (price includes tax and gratuity)

**Hawaiian Chicken** (marinated in pineapple juice, soy sauce and sherry wine) \$10.50

**Vegetarian Pasta** with either cream or marinera sauce (no rice or potato with the pasta dish) \$10.00

**7 oz Atlantic Salmon Fillet** \$12.50

**7 oz center cut Top Sirloin** \$13.25

Dinners include the following:

Salad:

Bleu Cheese Iceberg Wedge,

Caesar or the Salad Bar

Rice Pilaf or Potato

Dessert, Coffee, Tea or Soft Drinks

There will be a cash bar.

**September 20-21** Executive Board and Fall Workshop Shop at Soaring Eagle. Registration information is included in the Summer

*Wolverine* and in the newsletter. Please try to attend this wonderful workshop (or come to try your luck gambling!)

**September 25** Business Meeting, Committee Planning and World Fellowship Silent Auction. Executive Board and Barbara Broadley, World Fellowship Chairman will host the meeting. Remember to bring you vacation souvenir for the auction. All proceeds go to the World Fellowship Fund. This fund sponsors young women from other countries to study in the United States.

**September 28** Luncheon meeting for Metro Council. President and Past President's attendance is requested. Laurel Park Jacobson's Restaurant at 11:30 (unless it is closed).

**October 23** Introduction of New Members **AND** Orientation of New Members! Bring your **Recommendation for Membership** form filled out **AND** be sure to have your prospective member attend. We will have a speaker from Mott Children's Hospital enlighten the membership about the "Caps for Kids" program, art therapy for children who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy treatment. Gamma Alpha will provide supplies for the children to make hats. Membership and Research Committees, chaired by Joan Cady and Aggie Quirk, will host the meeting.

**November 20** Initiation of New Members **and** Holiday Auction. Joan Cady and the Membership Committee will conduct the orientation and preside over the Initiation Ceremony prior to dinner. After our meal, the Holiday Auction begins. All proceeds from the auction will go to Grant-in-Aid recipients. Last year, five young women received a grant. Remember to bring an item(s) for the auction, a guest or two and plenty of money (or your checkbook). We hope Sandy, Fran, Marie, Sherry and Cindy will be the auctioneers. Mary Jo Dreffs and Jackie Smart Co-Chair this committee. More information will be sent out in the November newsletter.

**December 4** Executive Board and interested members will meet at Hayes Elementary at 4:30 to discuss the remainder of our ΔΚΓ activities, fill in reports and await winter break.

**January 29** Personal Growth, chaired by Marie Canzoneri, will host "Weekender Clothes". After the presentation you may want to purchase something you have seen, so bring your checkbook so you can have some wonderful wrinkle-free clothes for your next vacation.

**February 19** Professional Affairs, chaired by Marge Braun, will host Healthy Cooking with Chef Larry Jain. Location TBA.

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# Minutes in a Minute

New Gamma Alpha President, Judy Fisher called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. at Hayes Elementary School. Remarks regarding the State Convention were shared. We had ten members attend the convention. Awards presented to Grace for Gamma Alpha:

- President's Award
- Pace Setter Award for Yearbook
- Chapter Award for Newsletter
- Award of the Rose
- Professional Affairs Award
- Chapter Woman of Distinction was awarded to Judy Kolassa

Grace gave Cindy new signature cards for the new president to sign so she can write checks at Michigan Education Credit Union.

## Old Business

### 1. Grant-in-Aid:

There were five applications for the Grant-in Aid fund. This fund is for women pursuing careers in education. We made \$1,400 this year towards scholarships at the Holiday Auction. A motion was made and seconded to take \$2,500 from savings in order to give five \$500 scholarships to the women who applied. Motion passed. The names of applicants were:

- Elizabeth Bonnell
- April Woods
- Erin Neill
- Colleen Murray
- Kathleen Bell

2. Workshops in Troy - June 25th. It costs \$20. Anyone interested can attend. It is useful for new officers. President will be funded by Gamma Alpha.

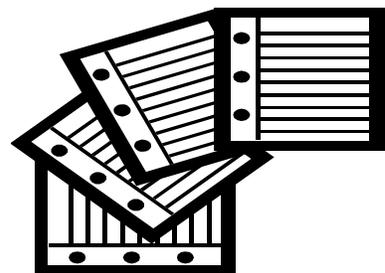
3. We need to update yearbook information at the first meeting. Jackie will give information about new International officers to Colleen Retherford, Yearbook Chairman.

4. Assigned chairmen for different committees. The World Fellowship vacation souvenir silent auction will be part of our first meeting. We discussed adding a new committee or adding these duties to the Historian's role.

5. We still need someone to volunteer to be the Historian Chairman.

6. Plans for the year can be found in the calendar section

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Smith  
Recording Secretary



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**March 26** To celebrate March is Reading Month we will host a pizza dinner, bedtime stories and make felt animal bookmarks with the residents from Wayne County Family Center at Elliott Elementary. Bring books to donate to the center ranging from preschool to adult. The parents enjoyed getting magazines last year. Elliott is located at:

30800 Bennington in Westland. Esther Loskowske chairs Service Projects. More information will follow.

**April 30** Birthday Dinner hosted by Gina Strand

and Birthday Committee. More information will follow.

**May 2-4** State Convention Auburn Hills. Try to attend- especially since this one is so close to home.

**May 17** Metro Council Luncheon

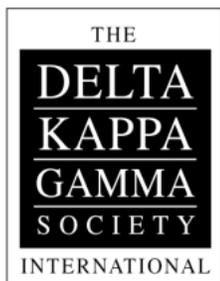
Time and location TBA.

**May 28** Planning meeting for 2003-2004 at Hayes Elementary. Executive Board, committee chairmen and interested members should attend. Bring exciting meeting ideas.

<b>Gamma Alpha Executive Board</b>	
<b>2002-2004</b>	
Judi Fisher:	President
Lynne Elsesser:	First Vice President
Joan Cady:	Second Vice President
Chris Smith:	Recording Secretary
Jackie Smart:	Corresponding Secretary
Cindy Dietz:	Treasurer

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