

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

2003 CALENDAR

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- Reminders**
- Bring books (pre to adult), magazines and fresh fruit donate to the residents of the Wayne County Family Center.
 - Check out our website at: www.migammaalpha.org
 - **Elliott:** South on Merriman past Avondale. Left on Parkwood (Inn & Out Drive-Thru Party Store at turning). Drive to the stop sign. Left on Bennington. Enter Elliott through doors by the gym.

March 26

To celebrate *March is Reading Month* we will host our annual dinner, bedtime stories and craft (making felt animal bookmarks) with the residents from Wayne County Family Center at Elliott Elementary (30800 Bennington). The Wayne County Family Center offers both a temporary home and the help families need to make permanent changes in their lives.

Arrive by 4:15. Assignments will be handed out as you arrive. Bring books (new or gently used) and magazines to donate to the residents ranging from preschool to adult. Joyce Shain, Activities Director for the Family Center, said that the fresh fruit we donated last year was a welcome treat for the children's after school snack. So, bring a bag of apples, oranges or any fresh fruit that can last for a few days with your book donation. Residents arrive promptly at 5:00. **Esther Loskowske** chairs Service Projects.

April 30

Birthday Dinner hosted by **Gina Strand** and Birthday Committee. More information to follow.

May 2-4

State Convention held in Auburn Hills. Registration information is available in the Winter Wolverine.

May 28

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





Gamma Alpha Birthdays

February

- 13 Susie Miller
14 29 Marge Braun

March

- 2 Diane Anselm
13 Esther Loskowske
22 June Chartrand
23 Andrea Griffin

April

- 1 Lynne Elsesser
8 Evelyn Shuput
15 Gina Strand
22 Shirley Wahlstrom

Judi's Gems



Dear Gamma Alpha Sisters,

Wasn't February's meeting with guest speaker Chef Larry Janes inspiring? We all went home determined to do something good for ourselves— eat healthier, drink more water and exercise a little more. Thanks to Marge Braun for arranging for Chef Larry to speak to our group. This month is dedicated to helping those less fortunate. Our donations of books and fruit for the residents of the Wayne County Family Center may brighten a child's or parent's day. Please try to attend. Pizza and other goodies provided for everyone.

Judi

International and Alpha Iota Update



International Date

August 6-9, 2003

Northeast Regional Conference
The Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia

www.deltakappagamma.org

Travel Opportunities

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International offers its members and their guests the opportunity to take enriching and exciting trips to every part of the world. Not only are travelers exposed to the beauty of the lands in which they travel, but they learn about the history and culture from knowledgeable guides who accompany them. Delta Kappa Gamma's Travel and Study Committee ensures that every tour includes an opportunity for travelers to learn about the educational system of the country by visiting schools and speaking with fellow educators.

TRAVEL TIMELINE

Upcoming Society Excursions

2003

South Africa & Zimbabwe	March 24-April 7	\$5669
Easter in Guatemala	April 12-21	\$2366
Canadian Rockies Rail Tour	June 21-30	\$3593

For more information e-mail: promem@deltakappagamma.org.

State Dates

May 2-4, 2003

State Convention-Detroit Marriott Pontiac
at Center Point, Auburn Hills

www.deltakappagamma.org/MI

Let's try to have as many members take part in the convention, especially since it is so close to home. See current *Wolverine* for registration information.

Have you wondered where your missing DKG pin money goes? What do we do with the proceeds from our fall raffle of vacation souvenirs?

We are providing financial aid to women in other countries. Since 1946 funding has been raised primarily at the chapter level. Therefore, the number of fellowships granted depends directly on the contributions received. Recipients are evaluated and chosen by an international World Fellowship Committee. The grants must be used in a North American university. These fellowships directly support our purposes of uniting women educators and providing financial support for study in United States or Canada.

Barbara Broadley, World Fellowship Chairman

Minutes in Minute

January 29, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Ford Vocational Technology Center. The Executive Board present were: Judi Fisher, Lynne Elsesser, Joan Cady, Chris Smith, Jackie Smart, Cindy Dietz. There were 25 members present.

We had the initiation of 3 new members. They were Julie Linn, Patricia Curd, and Colleen Fisher.

Colleen Retherford: Pick up your updated yearbook for this year. Check off your name as you get your updated yearbook.

Esther Loskowske: At our meeting on March 26 we will be celebrating March is Reading Month. The meeting will be at Elliott School. We will be working with families from the shelter. Members will meet and greet a family. They will help them get their name tags. The name tags will be color coded to help the families go to a room where reading will be happening. Each person will sit with their family for dinner. Each member is asked to bring new or gently used books and magazines. These will be given to the children and the parents. We are asking each member also to bring fresh fruit that will last (apples, bananas, oranges, etc.) The staff will take the fruit with them at the end of the evening.

Alice Duke will be having knee replacement surgery. She will be doing one knee at a time. It takes 5 to 6 weeks to recover with each knee.

Our next meeting is: February 19, 2003 at Steak and Ale at 4:30. Books are being donated for libraries in elementary and middle schools.

Cindy Dietz: Financial statement given. Proposed budget presented.

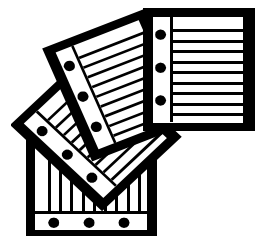
Mary Jo Dreffs: Grant in Aid should be \$1,500 (3- \$500 grants). March 30 is the deadline for applications. The grants will be presented at the Birthday Dinner.

State Convention is May 2, 3, 4 at the Marriott in Pontiac. Registration information is in the winter *Wolverine* publication.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Weekenders was presented by Bernie Werkmeister. She presented a fashion show. Clothes were available at the presentation. 10% from total sales was going to our organization. Classic line is available all year. Spring line will be available after February 14th. Fashion show concluded at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Smith
Recording Secretary



Diversity Calendar

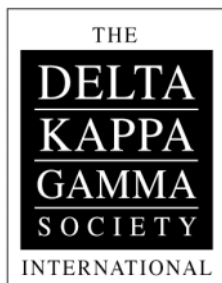
March	April
Irish-American Heritage Month National Women's History Month (United States)	1- April Fool's Day (United States)
1 - St. David's Day (English, Welsh)	6 - Daylight saving time begins
3 - The Doll Festival (Japan)	6 - Organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
4 - Mardi Gras (United States)	13 - Palm Sunday (Protestant, Roman Catholic)
5 - Ash Wednesday (Protestant, Roman Catholic)	13 - Sinhala and Tamil New Year (Sri Lanka)
8 - International Women's Day (United Nations)	16 - Passover (Jewish)
13 - Ashura (Islamic, Muslim)	17 - Holy Thursday (Christian)
17 - St. Patrick's Day (Ireland, United States)	18 - Good Friday (Protestant, Roman Catholic)
18 - Purim (Jewish)	20 - Easter (Protestant, Roman Catholic)
20 - Spring Begins	22 - Earth Day
21 - Naw-Ruz (Baha'i, Persia)	24 - Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day (United States)
22 - New Year's Day (India)	25 - Arbor Day
25 - The Annunciation (Christian)	27 - Easter (Orthodox)
30 - Mothering Sunday (England)	29 - Yom Hashoah/Holocaust Memorial Day (Jewish)
	30 - Beltane (Celtic)

Gamma Alpha Executive Board
2002-2004

Judi Fisher:	President
Lynne Elsesser:	First Vice President
Joan Cady:	Second Vice President
Chris Smith:	Recording Secretary
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