

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

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2003-2004 CALENDAR



October 22- 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. Grace will "lead" our craft challenged and artistic members in making fleece blankets and scarves for the residents of the Family Center. **Bring scissors, quilting ruler, rotary cutter and mat.** (I know what scissors are, but not the other items!) The meeting will be held at Hayes. From Merriman, go east on Ann Arbor Trail. (You can see the back of Hayes from Ann Arbor Trail.) Turn right Hillcrest. Turn right on Louise. Park in the Hayes lot. Follow the pizza crusts to the lounge. Call or e-mail Lynne Elsesser to let her know if you are attending so we know how much pizza to order. There are a lot of sssss so, type this carefully when you email Lynne: elsessl@yahoo.com

November 20- (Note- This is a Thursday.) Initiation of New Members at William D. Ford Career Technical Center. Chris Smith has made arrangements for the facility and meal. More information next month. Joan Cady and the Membership Committee will conduct the orientation and preside over the Initiation Ceremony prior to dinner. After our meal, President Judi Fisher has arranged a speaker from "SEEDLINGS".

December 10- 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 a needed winter break.

January 28- Field Trip to Twelve Oaks to Build-a-Bear. Details TBA.

February 18- Professional Affairs will sponsor Chef Larry Janes. Details TBA.

March 24- Reading Month activities with the residents from the Wayne

- Reminders**
- Check out our website at: www.migammaalpha.org
 - Dues are REALLY due! Mail them to Cindy Dietz or bring to this month's meeting. \$73 for Active Members and \$58 for Retired Members.
 - Nominations Committee is beginning to prepare the 2004-2006 slate preparation. If interested in holding office, call Judy Kollasa. We need your involvement.
 - Next month: November 20- Initiation of new members at William D. Ford Career Technical Center.



Judi's Gems

Dear Gamma Alpha Sisters,

Fall Workshop in Lansing was very worthwhile. I am currently a member of the State Leadership Committee. Getting people to assume roles of leadership in the organization is a problem in many chapters and our committee is training members to feel comfortable in their new roles. Jackie is the State Legislation Chairman. Cindy Dietz is also on her committee. At Fall Workshop, Legislation and U.S. Forum had a "field trip" to the Women's History Museum. Several vans drove interested members to the museum. We met Annah, the World Fellowship recipient, at lunch.

See you in October.

Judi Fisher, Gamma Alpha President



Annah Molosiwa, World Fellowship recipient from Botswana, and Judi Fisher at Fall Workshop. Annah is studying Teacher Education at MSU .



Jackie and Cindy are a part of the Legislation/U.S. Forum team that sponsored a field trip to the Women's Historical Museum at Fall Workshop in Lansing.

Gamma Alpha Birthdays

October

- 18 Carol VanHeest
- 21 Alice Duke
- 26 Mary Lou Flynn
- 30 Joan Lyon



International Project



Teacher Training in Afghanistan

Afghanistan's education system is in a state of virtual collapse. Aside from two decades of armed conflict, physical resources reduced to rubble, and drought the Taliban regime drained intellectual resources by barring girls from the classroom and prevented the majority of teacher, who are women, from working. UNICEF, in partnership with Delta Kappa Gamma, is currently working on a project to fund teacher training in Afghanistan. Members are invited to join the U.S. Fund for UNICEF to support a partnership in education which includes a compelling training program for teachers in Afghanistan. UNICEF has been entrusted by the Government of Afghanistan and the Ministry of Education to play a major role in the reconstruction of the national education system. Check out www.deltakappagamma.org for the UNICEF brochure you can download that explains how a donation of just \$24 will help get an Afghanistan teacher trained.

Minutes in Minute

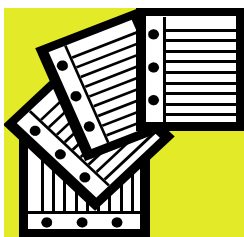
September 24, 2003

Meeting Minutes

After much conversation and catching-up after summer vacation, Gamma Alpha's first meeting was called to order at 5:00.

World Fellowship silent auction raised \$140. As suggested by the State World Fellowship Committee, we will sponsor Annah Molosiwa, a student from Botswana, during the month of February. Our members will send cards and well wishes for Annah and her two daughters. Our chapter World Fellowship committee will also send a gift certificate during the month.

Judy Kolassa asked people who were interested in taking a leadership role to contact her. She and her committee present the slate of officers to the executive board in December. Installation of new officers will be at the Birthday Dinner. Anyone interested in doing the newsletter for the



next biennium, let Judy know.

There was discussion concerning the warehousing and maintenance of Gamma Alpha Historian scrapbooks. Sherry Green has them but would like to **not** have them. At this point, there is no resolution. HELP!

The Build-a-Bear meeting in January at Twelve Oaks mall should cost members approximately \$15-25. No decision has been made where we will eat as yet.

Cindy Dietz presented the budget. Jackie Smart announced that the Metro Council luncheon would be on May 22. Judi Fisher is helping to secure a place on our side of town. Carol Holland is selling pins for Friends of the Northville District Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Smart for Chris Smith
Recording Secretary

International and Alpha Iota Update

International Dates

July 27-31

International Convention celebrating the 75th Birthday of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The goal is to have one member from each chapter present at the convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Interested travelers should see Judi Fisher or www.deltakappagamma.org for more information regarding the convention.



State Dates



October 24-26 - Women in the Arts Retreat at Higgins Lake. Pre-registration is required

April 30, May 1 & May 2 - State Convention- Kalamazoo Radisson Downtown Kalamazoo. See www.deltakappagamma.org/MI for more information.

Education costs money, but then so does ignorance.

-Sir Claus Moser

Calendar Continued

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County Family Center. Details TBA.

April 21- Birthday Dinner Details TBA.

April 30, May 1 & May 2- Alpha Iota State Convention will be held in Kalamazoo. Details TBA.

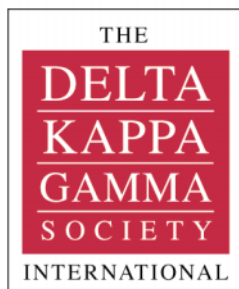
May 22- Metro Council Birthday Luncheon celebrating the 75th anniversary of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Our Chapter Founders are requested to attend in order to be part of the 75th Birthday Celebration. We want a good turnout, so mark your calendars. Details TBA.

June 3- Planning meeting for 2004-2005 at Hayes Elementary. Executive Board, committee chairmen and interested members should attend. Bring exciting meeting ideas. Details TBA

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