



# Gamma Alpha Bulletin

## The G.A.B. "Let's Talk"



### President's Message

As we "spring forward" I look forward to our upcoming events. Our March 25th meeting with Gamma Gamma is a great opportunity to showcase our chapter organization. Bring a guest to learn about Teen Dating Abuse from Mu chapter member, Cheryl Cyran, at the Livonia Civic Center Library at 7:00 p.m. Those of you who are helping, can set up the refreshments at 6:30 p.m. with Debbie Ervin in Rooms A and B. Applications for the Grant-in-Aid are on our website under FORMS. [www.migammaalpha.org](http://www.migammaalpha.org) Applications are due March 31 to Debbie Ervin.

I also look forward to our Saturday, April 17th Metro Council meeting at Subu's. Please let me know if you'll be attending. I need to send in names for name tags at this event. Esther, Helen, and Cindy are in charge of coming up with some spring centerpieces for this event.

Our State Convention is April 30th - May 2. I hope you can share this event with Jackie and our chapter. The setting and the activities are inviting! Please try to attend.

After Convention, our chapter birthday dinner is on Wednesday, May 12th. We will be collecting donations for the service

project for the MCV at this time. See the minutes for details. We will install our newly elected officers:

**President:** Carol Anderson

**1st Vice President:** Mary Jo Dreffs

**2nd V. President:** Colleen Retherford

**Recording Secretary:** Carol Palk

**C. Secretary:** Jackie Smart

Many chapters in the state are having difficulty finding members to accept leadership positions. Thank you ladies for stepping up to the leadership challenge!

And finally, let me know, if you have not already signed up, if you want to attend the Tipping Point Theater on Thursday, May 13th, at 8:00 p.m. I'd like to get a final count. Let me know!

### Happy St. Patrick's Day!

*May your glass be ever full.*

*May the roof over your head be always strong.*

*And may you be in heaven*

*half an hour before the devil knows you're dead.*



### Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
promotes professional and personal growth of women educators  
and excellence in education.

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### Meeting Info

See calendar for details.



#### March 25

Teen Dating Abuse

#### March 31

Grant-in-Aid

Deadline

#### April 17

Metro Council Luncheon  
&

Women in Aviation

#### April 30 - May 2

State Convention

Grand Traverse

Resort & Spa

#### May 12

Birthday Dinner

#### June Planning TBA

RSVP to Jackie at:

[jackie@mymartfamily.com](mailto:jackie@mymartfamily.com)

## Don't forget these dates!

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Location:

Livonia Civic Center Library

32777 Five Mile Road

Livonia 48154 (Located on Five Mile Road east of Farmington Road)



Time: 7:00 p.m.

Program: Guest Speakers from Mu Chapter

Metro Council and community are invited.

### **Teen Dating Abuse (7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)**

Teen Dating Abuse is a pattern of abusive behaviors that are used to gain power and control over a dating partner. Unhealthy relationship behaviors can start early and last a lifetime. Dating abuse occurs when harmful behaviors are repeated, creating a pattern of violence. According to recent research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one in eleven teens report being a victim of physical dating violence. Even more startling, adolescents who report experiencing dating violence are also more likely to report binge drinking, suicide attempts, physical fighting and current sexual activity. Mu Chapter has developed an effective program for educating students about this serious problem. Invite your daughters, school administrator, counselor, and social worker to this informative session. **SBCEU Available**

### **Saturday, April 17, 2010 Metro Coordinating Council Luncheon**

Location: G. Subu's

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Icebreaker:** Lambda Chapter

Agenda

- Family Style Luncheon at G. Subu's (Pre-payment of \$25 for the luncheon will be necessary.)  
Metro Council chapters will honor their Chapter Women of Distinction
- Founders Celebration
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Guest Speaker

### **Women in Aviation (1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)**

Women have been impacting the history of aviation since the first hot air balloon crested the horizon, yet their accomplishments have gained little recognition in the memories of people worldwide. Only a few resources choose to acknowledge the huge influence women have had in aviation. A pioneer aviator, Jessie Lambdin, will take you on a journey through time to explore the history of women in aviation. Your spirit will fly free as you learn about forgotten heroines. Information from the presentation can be easily transferred to Social Studies classes.

**SBCEU Available**

### **State Convention April 30 - May 2, 2010**

Grand Traverse Resort and Spa

Convention and hotel registration are available in the *Winter Wolverine* on the state website at [www.deltakappagamma.org/MI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI). Please plan on attending to support me!

**May 12, 2010 WEDNESDAY New Date!**

Location: G. Subu's

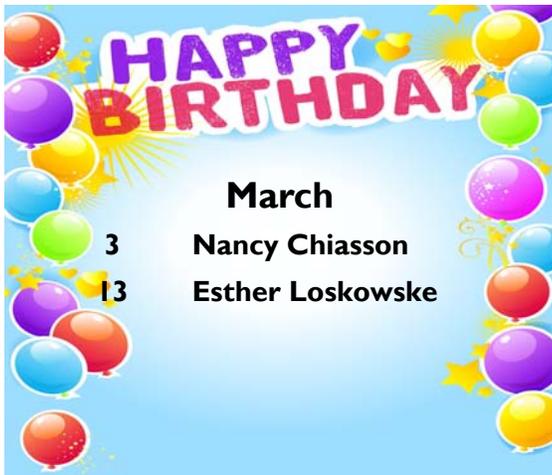
5:00 Birthday Dinner

Hostesses: Birthday Committee, Membership Chairman

Agenda:

- Family Style Birthday Dinner at G. Subu's (Pre-payment of \$25 for the family style dinner will be necessary.)
- 6:15 p.m. Program
  - Honor Friend of Education, Honor Retirees, Award Scholarships/Grant-in-Aids,
  - Install New Officers, Birthday Ceremony
- On Thursday, May 13 at 8:00 p.m., those interested will take a field trip to the Tipping Point Theater to see "Southern Comfort." The play is a comedy about a December-December romance. We will need to pre-order the tickets early like last year. Fran will collect money and make arrangements.

**June Date TBD, 2010 Planning Meeting, Location TBD**



**Membership  
Have You Been Honored?**

The Alpha Iota State Membership Co-Chair, Claire Rettenmund, has requested that we "have photos, articles, or clippings of members who have received honors or recognition in Delta Kappa Gamma or at their work or through an avocation or hobby."

If you have been honored and we don't know about it, please send me the articles, notes, photos, etc. to be displayed at the state convention.

**NATIONAL COMMON CORE EDUCATION STANDARDS**

The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers have released the first official public draft of the K-12 standards as part of the Common Core State Standards Initiative, a process being led by governors and chief state school officers in 51 states, territories, and the District of Columbia. (Alaska and Texas are the lone holdouts having recently adopted and funded state standards.) These draft standards, developed together with teachers, school administrators and experts, seek to provide a clear and consistent framework to prepare our children for college and the workforce. These groups encourage those interested in the standards to provide further feedback by Friday, April 2, 2010, at [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org). At that site you can subscribe to receive news about how the process is proceeding.

*Appreciation is like an insurance policy. It has to be renewed every now and then.*

Dave McIntyre

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### DKG Minutes for February 25, 2010

We opened the meeting with an Icebreaker provided by Donna Colaianne called Photo Scavenger Hunt. We had to find other members who had pictures of specific things in their wallets or purses. What a fun activity! It was amazing to see how many photos we carry with us! Nice job, Donna.

Our business meeting began with the Nominations Chairman, Lisa Austin. She presented the slate for the 2010 biennium:

<b>President</b>	<b>Carol Anderson</b>
<b>1st Vice President</b>	<b>Mary Jo Dreffs</b>
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	<b>Colleen Retherford</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Carol Palk</b>
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	<b>Jackie Smart</b>
<b>Treasurer (appointed)</b>	<b>Cindy Dietz</b>

The membership voted and the slate of recommended officers for 2010 - 2012 was unanimously approved. Congratulations, ladies!

Next was a report from Esther about the upcoming Service Project we will be doing for the Methodist Children's Village. Esther has given us an "Undercover Assignment." The committee is asking everyone to donate items the boys might need when they are getting ready for bed: pajama bottoms, tee shirts, deodorant, small fleece throws, different types of underwear (boxer and briefs,) and books they can read before bedtime. We will let you know about sizes at a later date. Jackie is getting toothbrushes and toothpaste from her dentist. Got to keep those smiles bright! Times are tough for all of us, but let's think about how much tougher it is for the boys in the Village!

The next item we discussed is the upcoming presentation on **Teen Dating Abuse** on Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (NOTE the time change and venue change.) Please plan on attending and bring any friends/colleagues/family you can. Debbie Ervin is coordinating the refreshments. If you would like to contribute a munchies, please let Debbie know [dcervin@comcast.net](mailto:dcervin@comcast.net) The Plymouth-Canton chapter, Gamma Gamma, is helping out with some refreshments, too. Contact Jackie or Fran if you would like to have some extra flyers to place in your school or other areas. This is a VERY important subject and although you

personally may not have had experience with this growing problem you probably know of someone who has. Our speaker is an expert and can provide so much information that we may be able to pass along to anyone who needs it. Let's support our teens.

We all welcomed our newest members, Joanna Eiwien and Carol VandenBrul. Amy presided over the Initiation Ceremony for Carol Anderson who was ill. Amy did a great job. Welcome to both women! We are honored to have you in our chapter.

Just 4 reminders about upcoming dates...

**March 25 and April 17** Bring donations for our Picnic Basket that will be auctioned off at the State Convention. Be creative.

**March 31** Grant-in-Aid applications are due.

**April 17** Metro Council Luncheon (at Subu's from 11:30 -2:00. Cost \$25.00 for the same delicious dinner as we have at the auction) Thanks to Helen, Esther, Cindy, and Sandy for "volunteering" to do door prizes and table decorations. We will have more flyers at the March meeting. Bring donations for our Picnic Basket that will be auctioned off at the State Convention. Be creative.

**May 12** Birthday Dinner (always fun!) Flyers will be available at the March meeting, too.

**May 13** (yes, it's the next day) our trip to the Tipping Point Theatre. (It's a preview show so the cost is only; even cheaper if you are 62!) Let's enjoy a fun evening together.

### April 30 - May 2

State Convention in Traverse City - This sounds like lots of fun with great sessions. Let's support State Prez Jackie as she "does her thing". There will even be some extra entertainment provided by Judi Fisher and myself as we will be flag bearers for the Presidents' Banquet. That alone should be reason for you to come!! If not... there is 24/7 shuttle service to the casino. What more can you ask?

See you at the March 25 meeting!

Mary Jo Dreffs, Recording Secretary

## NEW CREDIT CARD RULES

### What has changed.

1. The credit card company cannot change the interest rate on existing balances. (There are some exceptions to this.)
2. The credit card company cannot change the interest rate on new accounts for 12 months.
3. The credit card company may not charge a fee if you go over your credit limit.
4. If balances on a credit card are subject to different interest rates, the company is required to apply any payment to the balance with the highest interest rate.
5. Your statement must be mailed or delivered at least 21 days before payment is due
6. Payment due dates must be the same every month, and if the due date falls on a weekend, the payment must be credited on the NEXT business day.
7. The credit card company can no longer use a customer's average daily balance over two months to calculate interest.
8. The credit card company is required to give at least 45 days notice before changing annual fees or cash advance fees.
9. Individuals under the age of 21 must have a cosigner in order to get a credit card. (Parents of college students rejoice!)

### What has not changed.

1. There is no limit on the amount of interest which a credit card company can charge.
2. The interest rate on future purchases can change.
3. The credit card company CAN CHARGE AN INACTIVITY FEE as well as annual fees. The inactivity fee is probably going to be used by companies more often.

### THE BOTTOM LINE.

*THOROUGHLY READ ANY CHANGES IN CREDIT CARD PROCEDURES WHICH COME TO YOU IN THE MAIL.*

### Meet Carol VandenBrul



Carol is a graduate of Michigan State University and majored in Business Education. In the a previous life, Carol was a meeting and incentive travel planner for American Express Travel and Maritz Travel Company. Carol is currently retired but taught Business Education Teacher in Wyandotte Schools. She brings varied work experience to our chapter. Carol's hobbies include gardening, reading, and travel. She has traveled extensively with trips to Argentina, South Africa, Italy, France, Switzerland, Great Britain, Mexico, and Nevis among the most memorable. She is active in Women's Ministries at Northridge Church in Plymouth, Michigan. She is also a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, a National Business Honorary Society. Jackie Smart sponsored Carol for membership. Welcome to our chapter.

### Meet Joanna Eiwen

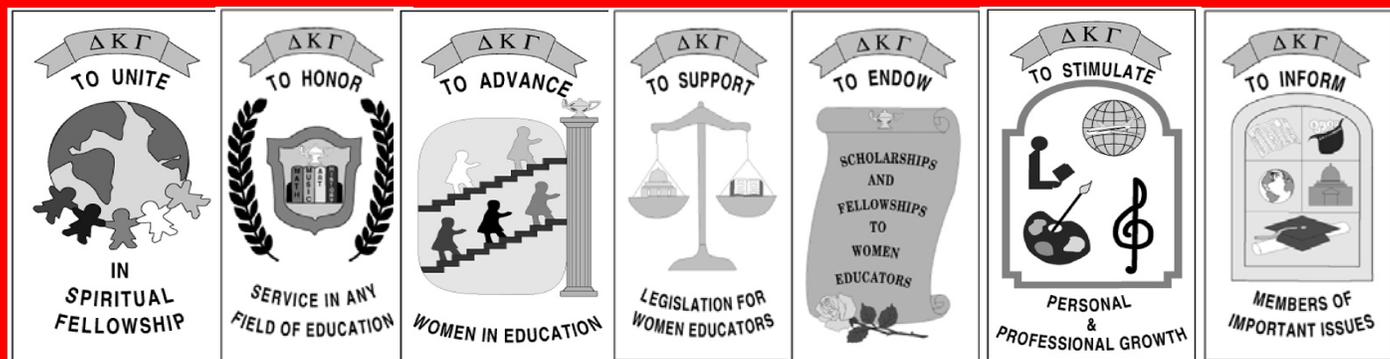
Donna Colaianne and Helen Mate are Joanna's DKG sponsors. Joanna is currently teaching at Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School in Wayne-Westland. She is teaching in an elementary classroom for POHI students (Physically or Otherwise Health Impaired.)

Joanna is single and enjoys spending time with her friends and their children. She is actively involved in her church including participating in the choir and bell choir, preparing meals for homeless, and teaching Vacation Bible School. She enjoys scrapbooking and traveling. Joanna says the most interesting place that she has visited is Pakistan.



Welcome to Gamma Alpha, Joanna.

# Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



## Gamma Alpha Executive Board & Committee Chairmen

### Executive Board

President	Fran Saenz
First Vice President	Amy Wainwright
2nd Vice President	Carol Anderson
Recording Secretary	Mary Jo Dreffs
Corresponding Sec.	Jackie Smart
Treasurer	Cindy Dietz
Parliamentarian	Barbara Broadley

### Committee Chairmen

Personal Growth & Service	Esther Loskowske
Professional Affairs	Lynne Elsesser
Research/History	Sherry Green
US Forum/Legislation	Pam Emerson
Music	Chris Smith
Grant-in-Aid	Debbie Ervin
Birthday	Helen Mate
World Fellowships	Colleen Retherford
Yearbook/Newsletter	Jackie Smart
Sunshine	Donna Colaianne & Nancy Chiasson
Finance	Grace Morgan
Nominations	Lisa Austin
Holiday Auction	Mary Jo Dreffs

## Research

### Why do you teach?

Apparently, teachers who are motivated mainly by intrinsic factors, so called "autonomous motivation", have a greater sense of personal accomplishment and fewer feelings of exhaustion. Perhaps more importantly, they promote autonomy-supported teaching which offers students choice and greater clarification of subject relevance. This type of teaching then is reflected in students' more positive feelings for the task at hand and greater behavioral engagement. The researchers for this study concluded with concern that the increase in high stakes testing would have a detrimental effect on these highly effective teachers by making them feel "less autonomous and consequently act in more controlling ways toward their students."

Roth, G. et al. (2007). Journal of Educational Psychology. Vol 99(4), 761-774.

## Raffle Basket for Convention

We need to start thinking about our theme basket donation for the state convention. Bring some ideas to the March meeting. Last year we donated a beautiful gardening basket. Amy displayed the items in the basket creatively.