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The G.A.B. “Let’s Talk”

President’s Message



I think someone out there failed to put the brakes on November because it’s speeding by so fast it makes my head spin. All around, people are putting up Christmas decorations while I’m still trying to get the rest of my big outdoor garden pots emptied, cleaned up and put away. However, I can still picture how beautiful they were filled with the lovely flowers I got at our spring fundraiser. I did have to share some with the deer that don’t seem too keen on staying in the woods, but who seem to consider our front and back yard plantings as their own personal salad bars.

Coming back from my mom’s services in Illinois this past weekend, we saw lots of deer, folks all decked out in orange, and several fields with flocks of wild turkeys dining on the leftover grain from harvest. That inspired my shopping trip

this morning to capture the family bird the easy way—with a check-book instead of a gun or a snare like the pilgrims did—and to prepare for the welcome onslaught of family and friends for Thanksgiving.

Many of us Gamma Alpha sisters will spend this week preparing to share a lovingly prepared (or purchased, just as lovingly) meal and trying not to sweat the inevitable glitches. For some, the season will be bittersweet, with one less place setting at the table this year, but some will need more spots for new babies and new spouses or friends. Some of us will invite someone who is away from their family to join with ours, or we will help out others in distress with donations of our time and money as Americans have done since our beginnings as a country.

My husband and I spent a week in Rhode Island recently, sandwiched in between hurricane Sandy and the start of the nor’easter that cut our vacation short. We did get to Cape Cod on a rather cold, windy day similar to what the Pilgrims ran into when they made landfall there on a

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See calendar for details



December 5

Laurel Manor

4:00pm

January 16

Mr. Mike’s Grill

4:00pm

March 20

Mr. Mike’s Grill

4:00pm

RSVP to Amy at

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OR

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Mission

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

Vision

*Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*



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Mark your calendars now!



December 5, 2012

Holiday Auction

Place: Laurel Manor

Time: 4:00-7:30

Program: Holiday Auction

Notes:

- Arrive at Laurel Manor at 4:00 to set up registration and set up auction items.
- Guests arrive at 4:30.
- Appetizers/Cocktails/Bid on Silent Items/ Tickets in Cups: 4:30-5:00
- Start pulling cup tickets 5:15-5:30 and between dinner courses
- Dinner: 5:30-6:30 (Silent auction ends)
- Live Auction 6:30-7:30



January 16, 2013

Gamma Alpha Executive Board Meeting

Place: Mr. Mike's Grill

6047 North Wayne Road
Westland

Time: Arrive 4:00-4:30

Meeting and speaker
4:30-5:30

Order dinner 5:30

Program: Arts and Crafts Beading

Notes:

- Executive Board meets one hour prior to the meeting to complete annual reports.



- Service project donation to Cogswell Group Home for Girls TBD

March 20, 2013

Place: Mr. Mike's Grill

6047 North Wayne Road in Westland

Time: Arrive 4:00-4:30

Meeting and speaker 4:30-5:30

Order dinner 5:30

Program: Estate Sales

Notes:

- **Marie is the contact for the speaker.**
- Service project donation to Cogswell Group Home for Girls TBD



April 20, 2013

Metro Council 75th Celebration

Place: Greenmead Village

Alexander Blue House

20501 Newburgh Road in Livonia

Time: 11:00-2:00

Program: Tea to celebrate Alpha Iota State's 75th Birthday

Notes:

- Metro chapters will provide refreshments.
- Attendees will tour the one-room schoolhouse



May 3-5, 2013

Annual State Convention 2013
Bay City Doubletree Riverfront
Bay City, Michigan

May 15, 2013

Birthday Dinner

Place: East Side Mario's
31630 Plymouth Road in
Livonia

Time: 4:30

Program: Honor Friend of
Education,
Honor Retirees, Award Grant-in-Aid,
Recommitment Birthday Ceremony

Notes: (Pre-payment of \$20 will be necessary)



June 19, 2013

Executive Board & Planning Potluck

Place: Lynne Elsesser's home
20440 Lexington
Northville 48167

Time: 11:00

Program: Planning Meeting

Notes:

- All of our programs are planned by the membership. 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 Lynne's at 11:00. Bring your favorite potato, pasta, fruit, or green salad to pass.

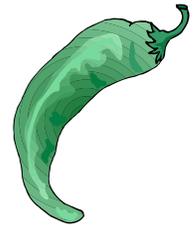


July 24-27, 2013

Northeast Regional Convention Portland, Maine

Jalapeño Salsa

- 4-5 large tomatoes (2 pounds)
- 3 cups chopped jalapeño peppers (1-1 1/2 pounds)
- 1 cup chopped onion (1/2 pound)
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp. cilantro, minced
- 2 tsp. oregano
- 1/2—1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. cumin
- 1 cup cider vinegar, 5% acidity



Measure 3 cups of peeled, cored, seeded, and chopped tomatoes. Combine with peppers and onion in a large sauce pot. Add garlic, cilantro, oregano, salt, cumin, and vinegar. Bring mixture to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes.

Canning Instructions:

Ladle hot salsa into hot pint mason jars to 1/4 inch below rim. Wipe jar rim clean. Place lid on jar and tighten band, just until point of resistance is met. Process 15 minutes in a boiling water canner. Cool for 12–24 hours. Remove bands. Lids should be concave in middle. Yields about 3 pints.

Note: Wear rubber gloves when cutting hot peppers

Recipe contributed by Donna Colaianne

“Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children they are all 30 feet tall.”

Larry Wilde

Women in the Arts



Judi is ready to string the first of the 2 necklaces she designed



Esther and Cindy try their hand at Art Journaling



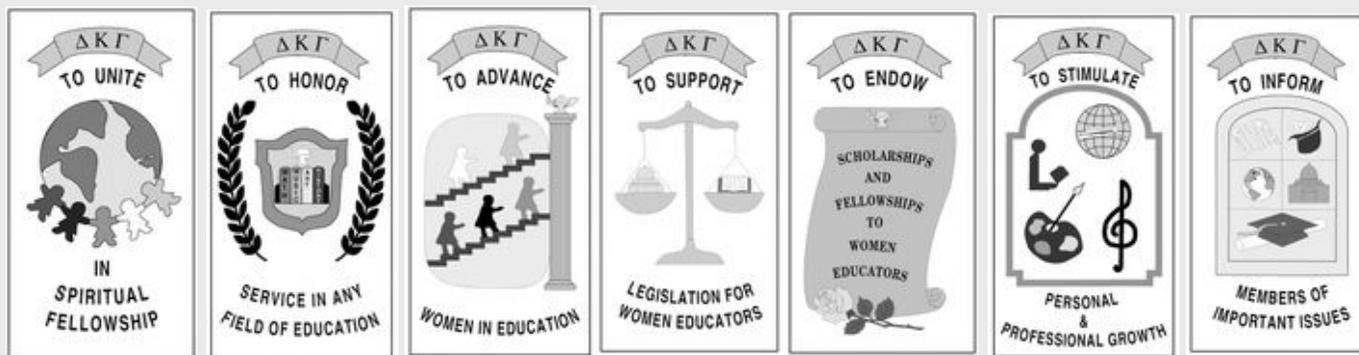
Cindy and Esther also enjoyed the Glass Painting session.



Amy wasn't feeling very crafty, but her wreath turned out great.

Four members of Gamma Alpha made the trip up to Higgins Lake for the Women in the Arts retreat held November 16-18. Ask them and they will rave about the cozy lodgings, good and plentiful food, abundant craft opportunities and superior fellowship. Make sure you register early to secure your spot for next year!

Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



Gamma Alpha Executive Board & Committee Chairmen

Executive Board

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Grant-in-Aid	Donna Colaianne
Birthday Dinner	Helen Mate, Esther Loskowske, Jackie Smart
Vacation Auction	Cindy Dietz & Esther Loskowske
50/50 Raffles	Donna Colaianne & Joanna Eiwen
Yearbook	Jackie Smart
Newsletter	Amy Wainwright
Sunshine	Barbara Broadley, Ellen August
Finance	Grace Morgan, Judi Fisher, Cindy Dietz, Carol Anderson
Nominations	Carol Anderson, Carole Lower
Holiday Auction	Mary Jo Dreffs, Carol Palk, Debbie Novak, Marie Canzoneri, Ellen August, Jackie Smart

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long ago November day after being unable to go further south because of the ocean shoals and before they made it up to Plymouth. It's hard to imagine what they went through just to survive and find the freedom they were seeking in what wasn't the most hospitable place especially at that time of year.

We also went to Boston and toured the city, soaking up the history and even throwing some tea overboard in a reenactment just yards away from where those brave early patriots began their sacrifices to insure us the liberty we have today. May we all make sure their sacrifices didn't go for naught and, make sure that those who follow us will someday thank us for doing our part for future generations. Happy Thanksgiving—forgive my rambling—and come to the auction on December 5th ready to share fellowship, a wonderful meal and to pick up some lovely gifts.

PS: Remember what's right around the corner!!!

Yours in DKG,
Lynne

