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Gamma Alpha Bulletin The G.A.B. “Let’s Talk”

President’s Message



At our meeting on January 20, 2016, I would like for us to celebrate the life of our departed sister, Christine Elizabeth Smith, who passed away in Port St. Lucie, Florida on December 26th, 2016. If you have memories of her that you would like to share, please plan to share them or send them to me, Jackie or Amy if you can’t attend. I will compile them and send them to the Necrology Chair to be worked into her obituary for the *Wolverine*. Chris will be honored in Kalamazoo in April at the Spring Convention so we hope to have several members there for her.

We are also looking forward to our first speaker of 2016, Doris Prieskorn, who will be sharing with us how she started her new career/business after retiring from teaching. If you know someone who might enjoy or benefit from this information, please invite them to join us.

Here’s wishing everyone a Happy New Year, good health, and the love and joy of family and friends.

Yours in Gamma Alpha,
Lynne

Happy Birthday Ladies!



January

- 1/1 Carol Anderson
- 1/7 Donna Colaianne
- 1/13 Mary Jo Dreffs
- 1/25 Debra Novak
- 1/31 Marie Canzoneri

February

- 2/17 Elizabeth Bunner
- 2/19 Carol VandenBrul
- 2/29 Marge Braun



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Meeting Info

See calendar for details



January 20

Cassels Restaurant
43003 7 Mile Rd
Northville, MI
5:30 pm
(4:30 for Exec Board)

March 16

The Bee’s Knees Pottery
149 East Main Street
Northville
6:30-

RSVP to

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or Judi Fisher

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(248) 808-0477

Mark your calendars now!



January 20, 2016

Place: Cassel's Restaurant

Time: 5:30-7:30 (Exec Board at 4:30)

Program:

- Executive Board meets one hour prior to the meeting to complete annual reports.
- Join Member Doris Prieskorn for her perspective on "Flunking Retirement."
- Book Sales

March 16, 2016

Fun for Gamma Alpha Members

Place: The Bee's Knees Pottery Studio
149 East Main Street
Northville

Time: 6:30-8:30

Cost: \$8 studio fee-for paints, lesson & firing + \$4-14 depending on your choice of pottery (could be more if you choose a really big item.)

Program:

- Gamma Alpha is all into camaraderie at this meeting. You will be able to create your own "masterpiece" to have as a lasting memory! Our chapter has rented the facility and will have our own personal guide to help us through an artful party experience. Our party guide will help keep our chapter on track and running smooth with techniques and advice.
- A committee will bring substantial hors d'oeuvres and beverages to enjoy.

April 9, 2016 (Saturday)

Metro Council Luncheon

Place: Our Lady of Sorrows (Parish Hall)
24040 Raphael Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Time: 10:00-2:00

Cost: TBD (@ \$15) for the luncheon

Program:

- Carol Waarala, a social worker with Odyssey Hospice, located will share with Metro Council a presentation entitled "A Caregiver's Travel Guide: The Alzheimer's Journey," which details an individual's journey through the multiple stages of Alzheimer's and how it can affect a caregiver. Please plan on attending this informative meeting.
- Gamma Alpha responsibilities will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Chapter Women of Distinction

April 15-17, 2016

State Convention in Kalamazoo
(Registration in *Wolverine*)

May 18, 2016

Place: Courthouse Grille
41661 Plymouth Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Cost: (\$28)

Time: 5:30-7:30

Program: Chapter Birthday
Dinner

- Installation of New Officers
- Grant-in-Aid Presentation
- Honor Retirees
- Friend of Education Award
- Chapter Woman of Distinction
- Gamma Alpha Birthday Program
- Beverly Girls' Group Home Project



June 15, 2016

Planning Meeting and Pot Luck

Place: Lynne Elsesser's home
20440 Lexington
Northville 48167
elsessl2@wowway.com

Time: 11:00 - 1:00 am

Program: Bring meeting ideas and dishes to pass.



**Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2015**



- The meeting was held at Cassel’s Restaurant. President Lynne Elsesser called the meeting to order at 5:40.
- She welcomed guests Rev. Carrie Wood and Tara Cooper.
- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with a motion by Carole Lower and a second by Grace Morgan.
- Lynne reminded members to fill out and return to her the Member Prospect cards.
- Several chapter members attended the Fall Conference last month. Eight Gamma Alpha sisters are on the state president’s advisory council.
- Treasurer Cindy Dietz reported that 5 members have not yet renewed membership. Sandra Brock will “take a break” because of family duties. Cindy moved to offer Elizabeth Bunner Reserve Membership. Judi Fisher seconded and the motion carried.
- Mary Jo Dreffs reported on the recent planning meeting for the Holiday Auction. It was decided that we will use the same format as last year. Discussions for possible changes as to format, venue, method of collecting donations, date, etc. should be held many months prior to the next auction.
- Judy Morante reported that we received a Wilma Adams grant from the state that will allow us to have Beverly House girls participate in the spring Seedlings Bowling fundraiser.
- Judy also informed us that tutors are needed for the girls in all secondary subjects. Members should contact Judy to help with tutoring.
- Sarah Dabiero welcomed a new baby boy on October 16.

- Lynne requests that Biography sheets be returned to her ASAP.
- Mary Jo won \$40.50 in the 50/50 raffle.

Guest speaker, Rev. Carrie Wood, offered a very informative presentation on Human Trafficking. Rev. Wood is part of a group called “Pearls of Great Price” that works to raise awareness of and assistance to trafficking victims. The group meets once a month at United Methodist Church in Plymouth. Their goals are Awareness, Education and Action in regard to preventing such trafficking. She informed us that there are 3 types of human trafficking that occur: Labor Trafficking, Sex Trafficking, and Organ Trafficking. A movie “Nefarious” that aims to inform the public about this difficult issue will be shown in theaters in the near future. After the presentation, Colleen Retherford moved and Judi Fisher seconded that we donate \$50 to “Pearls of Great Price.” Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Submitted by

Carol Anderson
Recording Secretar



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Timeless Advice for the New Year

- When in doubt, just take the next small step.
- It’s OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
- When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
- Get rid of anything that isn’t useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways.

Compiled by Regina Brett

**Holiday Auction
December 2, 2015
Laurel Manor**



Barb selling tickets.



Barb and friends at table 7.



Esther and her sister Jan.



Kathleen buys tickets from Joanna & Helen.



Ev, Grace, Marie, Carol & friends at table 8



Laura
&
baby Alison.
It's Alison's first
auction, but Laura
is a veteran!



Lynne explains the cup auction.



Lynne with friends and family at table 6.



"...and a partridge in a pear tree!"



Jackie & Ian

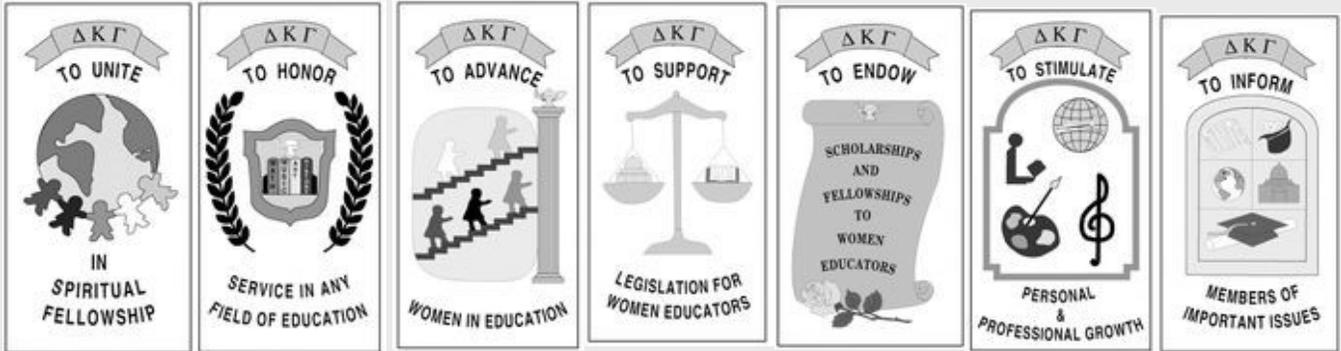


Jackie & Carol with friends and family at table 2.



Donna contributed a super cute and yummy cookie basket.

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Meeting reports & reminders

Holiday Auction

Ladies,
The following is the list of revenues for the auction.

Silent auction	\$541
Cups	\$1155
50/50	\$186
Bar	\$186 (31 glasses @ \$6)
Total	\$1696

We received donations from Barb Broadley and a friend of Jackie's. Thank you to Brenda and Pam Ketter for donating auction items. Also, Pam was called to delivery duty.

Cindy

January

- Executive Board meets at 4:30.
- Bring used books to sell

February—No meeting

March

- Kids 4 Afghan Kids fundraiser date TBD. Whip up a tasty crockpot of your favorite soup to donate.
- **March 12** - President's Advisory Council (PAC) meets in Lansing. AND Seedlings Bowl-a-thon
- **March 16** - Meeting at Bee's Knees Pottery Studio in Northville. Bring drinks & snacks

April

- **April 9** - Metro Council Luncheon, \$15, we are in charge table programs, name tags & certificates.
- **April 15-17** - State Convention - It is early this year!