



**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**DKG**  
*Serving Women Educators from Western Wayne Cty.*  
*Member of Detroit Metro Coordinating Council*

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### **Baked Apples**

#### **Ingredients**

- 6 large Rome Beauty apples
- 1/2 lemon
- 1/2 cup chopped, pitted dates
- 1/2 cup walnuts
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup seedless raspberry jelly
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup hot water
- Non-fat vanilla yogurt

#### **Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 375°.
2. Butter a 13x9 baking dish.
3. Core apple to within a 1/2 inch of the bottom.
4. Remove the top third of the peel from each apple, rubbing the peeled portion with lemon juice.
5. Stand the apples in the baking dish.
6. In a food processor, combine, the dates, walnuts, sugar, butter and cinnamon.
7. Pack the mixture into each apple.
8. Whisk the jelly with lemon juice and 1 tablespoon of hot water.
9. Brush apples with half of the jelly mixture.
10. Bake for 45 minutes, then pour 1/2 cup of hot water into the baking dish.
11. Bake another 20 minutes basting with the remaining jelly mixture.
12. Serve with vanilla ice cream.

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#### **REMINDERS**

- October 10: If you did not pay at the September meeting, bring \$75 check for your annual dues (check payable to Gamma Alpha) RSVP your intentions for a headcount to Jackie Smart at: jackie@mymartfamily.com
- Next Meeting: Nov. 4th Annual Auction See flyer on page 7 (\$30 check payable to Gamma Alpha by October 21)

# **GAMMA ALPHA BULLETIN**

## **Presidents' Message**



Gamma Alpha Friends,

Amy and I both were able to attend the Fall Conference in Midland, and it was terrific, as usual. The H Hotel was beautiful, the sessions were very beneficial, and I was able to experience both the Dow Gardens and the Midland Farmers' Market as well! Irene Miller was our keynote speaker, and I don't think there was a dry eye in the place by the time she finished. There was a 'pop-up' small session for first time chapter presidents, which I elected to attend, along with Liz VanWestenburg. There may be more small group, spontaneous sessions at conferences in the future.

It was so nice to chat with all of you, especially our new members, at our September meeting, and I'm really looking forward to seeing you all at our October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Northville Public Library, beginning promptly at 5:30. We'll hear Richard Baldwin, a Michigan mystery author and founder of Buttonwood Press. Let's all go to dinner in Northville afterward!

Don't forget about our annual auction on November 4<sup>th</sup> and please, if you can not attend, find it within your heart to make a monetary donation to our chapter to help support our various programs. We need contributions from all our wonderful members!

Alpha Iota State has asked us to ask you to remember to visit the DKG international website and sign in to your personal page. If you haven't done so already, sign in first with your member ID and the generic password dkg2014society. Then change your password to a personal one and create a DKG profile. This will be seen only by other members and may enrich our lives through new connections we can make online!

Amy and I look forward to seeing you all soon. Enjoy the crazy Michigan weather we're having!

Yours in DKG,  
 Colleen

**Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide**

## 2018-2019 CALENDAR

In order to avoid conflicts, **PLEASE put the dates in your calendar** and we'll see you there. Information about meetings will be updated in following newsletters.

### Annual Auction Flyer in the newsletter

#### Wednesday October 10, 2018

**Place:** Northville Library

**Time:** 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

**Program:** DKG Plus 1 – bring a friend

5:15 PM - 5:30 PM - Set up

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM - Speaker

Richard Baldwin is a resident of Haslett. He has published a slew of cozy mystery books including these catchy titles: *Murder at the Cherry Festival: It's the Pits*, *Lesson Plan for Murder*, *The Principal Cause of Death*, and *Administration Can Be Murder*. He has written two children's books, a set of religious vignettes, several skits, and the "AARP Magazine - Swim Suit Edition", under his own company - Buttonwood Press.

Rich is also a public speaker, addressing groups on the topic of "How to Self Publish Your Own Book." Prior to becoming a published author, he enjoyed a long and exciting career in special education, serving as a teacher, college professor and spending 20 years at the Michigan Department of Education where he was a consultant, supervisor, and State Director of Special Education from 1990-97. With his education background, you can see how he came up with some of his titles. Rich's wife Patty is a proud member of DKG Alpha Lambda.

6:30 PM - Dinner in Northville

#### October 19-21, 2018

Women in the Arts Retreat

Kettunen Center

14901 H Drive

Tustan, MI 48688

#### Sunday, November 4, 2018

##### Holiday Auction/Luncheon

**Place:** Laurel Manor Banquet Center

**Time:** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Members arrive at 12:00 PM for set-up)

**Cost:** \$30

#### Thursday December 6, 2018

##### Holiday Happy Hour

**Place:** Judy Morante's house

**Time:** 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**Program:** Holiday Happy Hour

**Bring:** Sign-up Genius List for Hot & Cold Apps, Beverage, Salad or Dessert

Instead of a joke white elephant gift, this year you are asked to bring a wrapped gift for Beverley House.

More information will be announced as time nears.

#### Wednesday January 9, 2019

**Place:** Tentatively G. Subu's Leather Bottle

**Time:** 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Executive Board

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Dinner & Program

**Program:** Conversation and Fellowship

#### Thursday March 14, 2019

**Place:** Northville Library

**Time:** 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Speaker from Northville Library -

E-books, MEL, Michigan, Activity Pass

6:30 PM - Dinner in Northville

#### Saturday April 13, 2019

Metro Council Lunch

**Place:** Our Lady of Sorrows (School Cafe)

**Time:** 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Cost:** \$20

**Program:** Preserving Our History

#### Wednesday April 17, 2019

**Place:** Northville Library

**Time:** 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Tentative Program:

Unlacing Victorian Women - History of Women's Clothing

6:30 PM - Dinner in Northville

#### May 3-5, 2019

##### Executive Board and State Convention

Grand Hotel

Mackinac Island, Michigan

#### Thursday May 16, 2019

##### Birthday Dinner (40th Anniversary)

**Place:** Karl's Cabin

**Time:** 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**Cost:** \$30

**Program:** Chapter Birthday Dinner

- Chapter Woman of Distinction
- Friend of Education
- Honor Retirees
- Grant-in-Aid Recipient
- Ceremony for New Members

#### Saturday June 15, 2019

##### Planning Meeting

**Place:** TBD

**Time:** 11:00 - 2:00

**Bring:** Sign-up Genius for Dish to Pass, Program ideas

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### DKG Back-to-School Idea



A Texas Chapter President shared an idea. Invite teachers to bring their “outside school stuff” like grading papers, cutting lamination/bulletin board letters, etc. to the chapter meeting and all members help get the project finished. The grading will have to be done at some point, why not make this a win-win and do it while attending a chapter meeting? By the end of the meeting, teachers would have their evening free since their “homework” would be completed. I know we don’t have many working members, but I still think this is a great idea.



Twenty-four members plus two guests attended our inaugural meeting. Out Grant-in-Aid awardee, Amber, was there and seemed very enthusiastic about joining DKG. Lynne Elsesser brought a guest who is also interested in becoming a member.

The vacation auction earned \$155. We got to hear how members spent their summer vacations. September birthdays were acknowledged. The Service Projects Committee reported on what we are going to be doing for Beverly House for Girls. We had the used book sale and a brief business meeting. Make sure you read the next newsletter for details.

This spring will be the 40th anniversary of the chartering of Gamma Alpha Chapter. Please save May 16, 2019, for Gamma Alpha’s Anniversary Birthday Dinner at Karl’s Cabin in Plymouth. If you are not a regular attendee, we would love to have you come to this special event to celebrate 40 years of sisterhood.

Remember to send Cindy Dietz:

1. Dues \$75
2. \$30 Annual Auction (BRING Guests)  
*If you are unable to attend, please consider a generous donation. Those who attend the annual auction pay for their luncheon as well as donate several items for the auction. This is our only fundraiser for all of the service projects we support.*
3. \$10 Donation for Fall Conference and Spring Convention Basket Donations for World Fellowship.

**\*\*Zeta Brunch is December 1st at the Livonia Marriott at Laurel Park. Send \$22 check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma to Linda Pastucha by November 17 13834 Fairmount Street Detroit 48205 if you are interested in attending this event. The speaker will be Bailey Sisoy Isgro author of Rosie, “A Detroit Herstory.”**

# MINUTES

Minutes for Meeting on September 19, 2018



Meeting called to order at 5:45 p.m.

Welcome of Guests:

Lynn Bemer, Marilyn Wallenmaier, Amber Resseguie

Approval of June 23, 2018 minutes:

Jackie moved to approve minutes. Seconded by Barb Broadley. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking- \$909.39

Income- \$6069.00

Total income- \$6978.39

People initiated have not shown up on sheet yet. Cindy doesn't have cards for them. The cards given this year are permanent. You won't get one next year. They have your number on them.

International voted that dues are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

You will pay dues in May for 2019-2020.

We have \$16,000 that we have to use.

We must keep balance under 50,000 for tax reasons.

We will need funds from savings for presidents to go to Mackinac.

Jackie moved to accept treasurer's report. Seconded by Esther. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Newsletter is online.

Auction:

This year our theme is Schools for Africa. This is DKG's International Project. For the auction to be successful we must bring guests and of course items for the auction. Laurel Manor is charging the same prices as last year (\$30.) Pay by next meeting. The meal is Chicken Boursin or Tronchetto.

This is our last meeting at Cassel's Restaurant. They will only be serving breakfast and lunch

Grant-in-Aid:

Amber Resseguie attended the meeting. She is last year's Grant-in-Aid recipient. Some things she has already purchased include colored ink, rulers, and colored pencils. She received the second half at the meeting.

The application is online to apply for a grant this year.

Other grants are available at the state level

First timers for DKG International events can apply to have registration fees paid for their attendance.

Service Projects/Beverly House:

Some history about Beverly House. Residents are girls who go to WWCS.

They live in a home run by Spectrum Services. The home has a changing population. The Service Projects committee have decided to put together a reading center that will be permanent. Lynn has planted flowers out front.

She provided the plants and the girls planted and tended them. The

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membership voted to budget money for the reading center project. Judy M. has purchased a bookcase and is looking for appropriate books at resale shops. We talked about getting books on historical and inspiration African American women, books for teens, and magazines at varying reading levels. Beverly House already has board games. Gamma Alpha has purchased badminton, sidewalk chalk, outdoor activities. Grace brought Lawn Darts (the safe kind.) Bev Stanton wants to reorganize games. Jackie has volunteered her husband. So Ian and Colleen will help put up shelf. A suggestion was made to talk to a school librarian for recommendations for young adult books. Joanna will talk to a librarian at Stevenson Middle. There was also a recommendation to get graphic novels or comic books. For Christmas, instead of White Elephant Gift, members are asked to bring a gift for Beverly House. More information will follow.

Yearbook, Phone Book Calendar, DKG International Website:

1. Everyone should have received phonebook that includes your DKG number and a calendar for upcoming meetings. Jackie mailed absent members their booklets. If your information is not in yearbook or needs to be updated, let Jackie know. A yearbook was sent around for members to make changes. Only the presidents will get a hard copy. The yearbook is on the website. It is password protected.
2. To set up your DKG member page, do the following:  
Go to DKG.org to set up member page.  
For help with logging in, please call Society Headquarters at 1-888-762-4685 or 512  
Your username is your **six digit member id**  
The temporary password is: DKG2014  
Do it on computer not phone

October 10th Meeting will be held at Northville Library at 5:30 PM.

Richard Baldwin is a former educator and administrator who writes cozy mysteries Some of which have an "education" theme (*Lesson Plan for Murder, The Principal Cause of Death, Administration Can Be Murder*) or ones that take place in Michigan (*The Lighthouse Murders, Murder at the Cherry Festival, Murder in Tip-Up-Town.*) Mr. Baldwin will bring books to sell.

Interested members will eat in Northville after the presentation.

Fall Workshop:

Irene Miller, a speaker from a previous meeting, will be the keynote speaker.

Gamma Alpha's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration is May 16, 2019 at Karl's Cabin.

Carol Lower suggested a possible speaker. We will save the idea for next year.

Esther said Sunshine Committee will be doing cards again. Let her know if you are aware of individual people's needs other than birthdays.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Joanna Eiwen, Recording Secretary

## LEGISLATION

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE REAL ID PROGRAM

Beginning October 1, 2020 the federal government will start requiring Michigan residents to show a REAL-ID compliant document when boarding domestic flights. If you don't have a valid U.S. Passport or Enhanced Driver's License or state ID card, you will not be able to board a domestic flight.

The good news is that you may already have an acceptable REAL-ID document, like a valid U.S. passport, a passport card, an Enhanced Driver's License, or a U.S. Military ID.

Your driver's license or state ID or REAL ID if it has a star circled in gold printed in the upper right hand corner of your card, or if you have an Enhanced Driver's License or state ID card which has a small American Flag printed on it. When you get your renewal notice in the mail it will state whether or not your license or state ID is REAL-ID Compliant.

*September 2018  
MEA Retired Tribune*

### VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!!!

The Michigan Education Association is pleased to announce our recommendations for important races for the Michigan Supreme Court, Congress, and the four statewide education boards.

The recommendations were chosen after interviews held by MEA's Statewide Screening and Recommendation Committee, comprised of teachers, education support professionals, higher education faculty and Recommendation Committee, comprised of teachers, education support professionals, higher education faculty and staff, and school retirees from across the state.

To get the MEA list of supported ballot measures and candidate recommendations go to: <https://mea-retired.org> Click on "Publications" then "Tribune" and finally October 2018. I would have listed the candidates, but DKG is supposed to be neutral.



## DKG Fall Conference

Eight Gamma Alpha members attended Fall Conference in Midland. Grace led a session on card making, we finalized plans for the Metro Council luncheon, and of course there was shopping opportunities.



# GAMMA ALPHA ANNUAL AUCTION



**Date: Sunday, November 4, 2018**

*(Members Arrive at 12:00 for Set-Up)*

**Time: 1:00-4:30 pm**

**Laurel Manor**

**39000 Schoolcraft Road**

**Livonia, Michigan**

**Cash Bar - Buy Tickets for Raffles - Bid on Silent Auction - Socialize**

**Lunch 2:00**

*(Auction Following lunch)*

**Hold on to your hats (and purses.) It's here! Gamma Alpha Chapter's Annual Auction. You can do your Holiday shopping early this year!**

**Proceeds will be used in part for:**

**Early-Career Educators Grants**

**Schools for Africa**

**Community Service Projects with Seedlings Braille Books for Children**

**Beverly Girls Group Home and Sumpter House**

**Plated Luncheon Entree \$30**

**Garden Salad w/ Ranch or Italian Dressing**

**Homemade Bread**

**Chicken Boursin**

**(Boneless chicken breast, roasted peppers and Boursin cheese wrapped in a puff pastry filled with basil cream sauce)**

**Anna Potato**

**Green Beans**

**or**

**Vegetarian Choice: Tronchetto (vegetarian lasagna)**

**Cake**

1. Indicate entrée choice: Chicken Boursin or Tronchetto
2. Make checks payable to "Gamma Alpha."
3. Send to treasurer, Cindy Dietz, by October 21, 2018
4. Please list names of guests and their entrée for name tags.
5. If you fill a table (8) we can reserve the table for your party. Please include their names and entrée selection.
6. If you are a guest, indicate at whose table you will sit.

Europe, Latin America and Japan. Our mission is: "to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education." If you are currently a teacher or retired from the teaching profession, please ask any member about joining DKG.

**Cindy Dietz  
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## DKG International President

**“...To Be Continued...”**

**by Cathy Daugherty**



*I am on the brink of the continued journey. We, as a convention, have heeded the minds, voices, and actions that will keep us forward moving ever...It's not my story... It's our story. YOU and WE are "Leading women educators, impacting education worldwide."*

Those words were never uttered at the 2018 international convention, but they were supposed to be your new international president's lines as part of a report jointly given by Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid, 2014- 2016 IP, and Carolyn H. Pittman, 2016-2018 IP. Ultimately, convention business preempted this agenda item. Perhaps it was best that your 2018-2020 international president's DKG acting debut be relegated to these above written words and not a halting recital opposite two accomplished performers! By sharing it now

you can visualize the words in the context they truly represent and the evolutionary continuum they represent going forward into this biennium.

Sometimes in our zeal to celebrate a new biennium, we emphasize elements such as a theme and visual motif to the exclusion of the real substance that allows a new biennium to build on previous biennia. We lose momentum generated at a convention and forget accomplishments of previous two-year spans in our desire to start with a clean slate as we would a new school year. The concerted effort and agreement between the last two presidents and your new president determined that now was the time to establish a more vibrant and clear continuum, an obvious linking of each, one to the other, to push DKG forward. That was the purpose of the presidents' performance that never aired at the convention. Moving from one set of elected international officers, board members, and appointed committee members should not result in a "throwing the baby out with the bathwater" mentality. We knew from experience that building on the past moves us farther and faster along the path to destinations sought. Indeed, innovations and possibilities must be added as the journey progresses, but not at the expense of eliminating viable programs, projects, and purposes developed and nurtured in the past. To grow we must concentrate on turning into actions the ideas generated in possibilities discussed in previous biennia. That is your president's vision for 2018- 2020. We are DKG members, "Leading women educators impacting education worldwide."

As educators we know that meaningful repetition creates progress in the classroom. It may have the same impact on Society members. During the lengthy convention discussion on changing the name of our organization, a member spoke out against the proposed amendment. She cited that we were seeking only to affix a bandage to the real issue. She argued that it wasn't our name, but our lack of ability in explaining who we are to others that lay at the root of the issue. Continued, purposeful use of our Vision Statement with others will alleviate the hesitation we sometimes experience when sharing the DKG story. So, for the first time in my Society experience the 2018-2020 international theme remains the same as the previous biennium – DKG's Vision Statement. Radical? Not at all, but different from tradition and expectation. Could we eliminate our identity issues at all levels by embracing this mantra as our definitive theme throughout all levels of the Society? Could this theme used by every member, every day become the phrase that best markets who we are and what we are about? Could a philosophy of continued effort built on past endeavors lead DKG members to capitalize on our present momentum to evolve farther and faster. You know the answers. We are the answer. YOU and WE are DKG members, "Leading women educators impacting education worldwide." And so, it continues.

### Editor's Note:

With the online publishing of *DKG NEWS* starting in September, those without valid email addresses on file at Society HQ will miss out on all the exciting news happenings in DKG! Please update your profile information in your MyDKG Account at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). More than half of all DKG members do not have valid email addresses. This can easily be done on a computer or even on a cell phone. You will need to log in with your DKG membership number. I have included your membership number in our Calendar/Phone Book.

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Newsletter & Yearbook- Jackie Smart

Service Projects - Judy Morante, Lynne Elsesser, Judi Fisher

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Sunshine - Esther Loskowske

Vacation Auction - Mary Jo Dreffs, Carol Palk, Sherry Green

50/50 - Cindy Dietz & Esther Loskowske

Used Book Sale -Carol ?

Gamma Alpha Annual Auction - Jackie Smart, Pam Husson, Esther Loskowske, Cindy Dietz (& all Gamma Alpha Members)

If you would like to be part of a committee, please contact Colleen or Amy.

### WEBSITES

**Gamma Alpha**  
[www.migammaalpha.org](http://www.migammaalpha.org)

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[www.dkgmichigan.org](http://www.dkgmichigan.org)

**DKG International**  
[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

## Book Report

### *The President is Missing* By Bill Clinton and James Patterson



President Bill Clinton and bestselling novelist James Patterson have written a spellbinding thriller, *The President is Missing*.

*The President Is Missing* is set in modern day and tells a story about U.S. President Jonathon Duncan, who faces impeachment for persistently escaping from the eyes of the Secret Service.

His recent attempts to evade the public and private eye have been to have private negotiations with an international terrorist. Duncan, determined that he is the only man with the insider information to stop an imminent cyber-terror attack on the U.S., does whatever it takes to save the country.

Uncertainty and fear grip Washington. There are whispers of espionage and a traitor in the cabinet. The President himself becomes a suspect, and then...the President goes missing. The novel is set in real time, over the course of three days. *The President Is Missing* is one of the most dramatic thrillers I have recently read. What make is so compelling is that it could all really happen.

## Magazine Subscriptions

Judy Morante, Service projects chair, asked me to include information for those who would like to donate magazine subscriptions for Beverly House Literacy Nook. Here is the address :

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38500 Beverly  
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