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GAMMA ALPHA BULLETIN

Presidents' Message



Gamma Alpha Friends,

Be careful what you wish for. Today was an interesting day. It was a lovely spring day. I was enjoying a nice lunch on my porch. A car I didn't recognize appeared in my driveway, and the driver motioned for me to come out. It turned out, the driver was someone I had not seen for 31 1/2 years. That person came to apologize to me for their previous behavior towards me. Wow! How unexpected!

I was really glad to have that apology, but it really did my head in. Of course, I spent the next half hour or so reliving the original situation, and the hurt it had caused.

Be careful what you wish for. I had planned to spend this wonderful spring day cleaning up my flowerbeds. And I did. I gardened for five hours straight without a break. I managed to pull off a minor miracle, I cleaned up all the flowerbeds in a single day! I am going to be so sore tomorrow.

Be careful what you wish for. For two years I had wanted to have a program at the library to learn about all of the fabulous, new online resources. It turned out, our presenter had a family emergency, and I ended up presenting at the library!

Be careful what you wish for. I bought a fun, new dress to wear at the Grand Hotel. It is bright green with pink flowers. It wasn't until after I got it home, that I remembered the color scheme of my last hotel room at the Grand Hotel: bright green with pink flowers. Chances are, if I stand against the hotel room wall, I will blend right in with the wallpaper.

Be careful what you wish for. I wished for several events on my social calendar that I can look forward to after working so many hours in the month of March. Again, my wish was granted. On the 13th, we have the metro council luncheon. That's always a good time! On the 17th, we have the program about women's clothing in Victorian England. And, last but not least, the State Convention is at the Grand Hotel the first weekend in May.

Be careful what you wish for. Right now, I am wishing that I win the 50/50 raffle at the State Convention...

Amy

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REMINDERS

Next Meeting is our Birthday Dinner on May 16. The flyer is on page 10. Please send your \$31 check to Cindy Dietz payable to Gamma Alpha by May 2, 2019. This is the 40th anniversary of Gamma Alpha. Please make every effort to attend this special meeting.

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2018-2019 MEETING 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.*

Wednesday April 17 , 2019

Place: Northville Library
212 W. Cady Street
Northville

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 on Mackinac Island

Thursday May 16 , 2019 Birthday Dinner

Place: Karl's Cabin
6005 Gotfredson Road
Plymouth 48170

Time: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Cost: \$31

Program: Gamma Alpha's 40th Birthday Dinner

- Chapter Woman of Distinction
- Friend of Education
- Honor Retirees
- Grant-in-Aid Recipient
- Initiation of New Members
- Donation for Sumpter House

The Service Project Committee is again requesting a donation of new baby clothes, sizes **3-12 months**, for Sumpter House, the group home for pregnant teens. Clothing donations can be for a boy or a girl. Bring your item(s) to the Birthday Dinner. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Saturday June 15, 2019 Planning Meeting

Place: TBD

Time: 11:00 - 2:00

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

BIRTHDAYS



May

4 Colleen Retherford

8 Carol Palk

June

19 Fran Saenz

25 Pam Sayre

July

4 Karen Marold

9 Joanna Eiwen

16 Suzanne Bacinski

20 Carol Holland

21 Judy Handley

30 Judy Morante

Happy Birthday to these wonderful ladies.
Cheers!

P.S.
If I missed your birthday, please let me know!

CHAPTER NEWS



Beverly House Project

Bev Stanton was instrumental in Gamma Alpha's Service Project to build shelves in the closet at Beverly House. The closet in question housed a variety of games and puzzles for the girls. Unfortunately, it was very disorganized and the girls couldn't easily get to any of the games.

Bev measured the closet twice (like Bob Vila recommends) and purchased the materials. Then she enlisted the help of Jackie Smart and her better half, Ian. After emptying the closet, Ian installed three shelves. The girls of Beverly House can now get to anything in the closet without all the clutter.

DKG-US FORUM CONNECTION

SMITHSONIAN WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM

Angela Bedenbaugh



For twenty years DKG's U.S. Forum has supported efforts to have a women's history museum in Washington, DC. It looks closer to becoming a reality with two bills introduced in Congress on March 28 and 29 of this year which would make a Women's Museum part of the Smithsonian Institution's complex of museums. Both the Senate bill (S.959) and the House bill (H.R.1980) have been referred to committee.

It interesting that the House version was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. Currently the museum exists only online at:

www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/online-exhibits.

The site contains "exhibits." These exhibits feature women in sports, women in STEM fields, women in history, and women campaigning for the right to vote to mention a few. In the STEM exhibit we learn that Maria Mitchell was America's first professional female astronomer. On October 1, 1847, at the age of 29, Maria Mitchell discovered a comet, becoming the first American to do so.



Representative Jahana Hayes (D-CT), the 2016 National Teacher of the Year, and Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT), introduced identical resolutions (H. Res. 231/S. Res. 110) saying federal funds should NOT be used to train or arm educators. The resolutions cite research showing that the presence of guns increases the likelihood of gun violence. They also note that the more guns there are, the more likely students are to be physically injured, feel less safe, and suffer from anxiety, fear, and depression. Already vulnerable groups like students of color and students with disabilities are among those most likely to be affected. A March 2018 Gallup poll that found 73% of U.S. teachers do NOT want to carry guns in school.

NEA Insider
April 7, 2019

EDUCATION NEWS

An Hour of Code

I saw an interesting article on the news. Code.org is a nonprofit dedicated to expanding access to computer science in schools and increasing participation by women and underrepresented minorities. Their vision is that every student in every school has the opportunity to learn computer science, just like biology, chemistry or algebra. Code.org also organizes the annual “Hour of Code” campaign which has engaged 15% of all students in the world. Code.org is supported by generous donors including Amazon, Facebook, Google, the Infosys Foundation, Microsoft, and many more.

The majority of their students are girls or underrepresented minorities. Code.org increases diversity in computer science by reaching students of all backgrounds where they are - at their skill-level, in their schools, and in ways that inspire them to keep learning.



How We Can Help

We can help bring computer science education to all schools by nominating a favorite K-12 teacher for a scholarship to participate in Code.org’s professional learning program. Eligible teachers can receive **full scholarships** and all teachers will learn about free resources to support their students. Teachers from all subject areas are welcome and no computer science experience is needed! I encourage you to go to www.code.org read more about nominating a teacher and their efforts.



March 13, 2019
Meeting Minutes

There was not a formal business meeting. Amy Wright shared some “hidden gems of the library” with us. These are great resources because they are trustworthy and FREE!

Amy introduced us to ***Rakuten Overdrive, Libby, and Sora***. These are apps you can download from your app store on your device and borrow and read free e-books, audiobooks, comics, and magazines from your library using your phone or tablet. It’s easy to get started—all you need is a library card! There is usually a two to three week due date and the book disappears from your device, but you can usually check things out again.

Amy told us about ***Lynda.com***. Lynda.com is an online learning resource 24/7 featuring video courses taught by industry experts in software, creative, and business skills. This is also free with your library card.

Michigan Activity Pass (MAP)



<https://tin.lib.mi.us/map/files/MAP-HOWTO.pdf>

You can “Check Out” free or discounted admission passes to hundreds of Michigan State Parks, campgrounds, museums, trails, arts and cultural destinations, and more.



Detroit Zoo - Tickets and More

<https://tickets.detroitzoo.org/affiliate.asp?ID=2195985C5-469F-B27C-CE7E3C30F65F>

Library cardholders can purchase discounted admission tickets to the Detroit Zoo, save on discounted memberships, and dining. You can even purchase a pre-paid parking voucher. The discounted offers are updated at intervals throughout the year.

Michigan Electronic Library (MeL) <http://mel.org>

MeL is Michigan's 24/7 digital library and is one of the oldest online libraries on the Internet. MeL provides statewide access to nearly 40 subscription based eResources, contains vetted Web sites on topics such as business, jobs, legal, health, government, books and literacy, kids, and teens. Other components of the Michigan eLibrary include:

- MeLCat, a statewide borrowing system over 430 libraries that allows users to place their own interlibrary loan requests if they belong to a participating library
- Michigana, a portal for discovering primary resources in digital format such as photographs, diaries, maps, and more on Michigan history
- Michigan Online Resources for Educators (M.O.R.E.), a portal linking to tens of thousands of curricular based resources such as lesson plans, interactives, videos and more that are aligned to the state and national standards.

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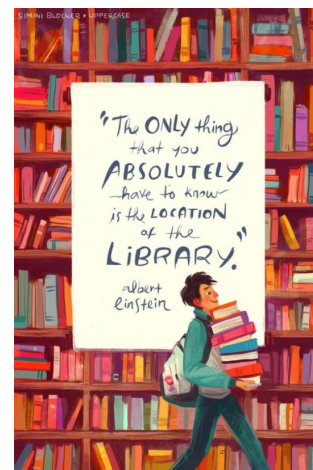
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As you can see, Amy did a lot of research for this meeting and we thank her for all of this useful information.

Joanna Eiwen
Recording Secretary



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

BBQ Rub Roasted Chicken and Potatoes and Carrots

This delicious and easy recipe makes enough to have leftover chicken for another meal. The traditional bbq rub mix is stellar, and you might want to keep some on hand in an airtight container to sprinkle across other dishes, such as pulled pork or a salmon steak. Small red potatoes and baby carrots roast alongside the chicken, so cleanup is easy. Keep dinnertime rustic by taking the baking sheet from the oven to the table, and eating family style.

Ingredients

- 4 teaspoons dark brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 5 teaspoons kosher salt, divided
- 2 1/2 teaspoons black pepper, divided
- 2 (4- to 5-lb.) whole chickens
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 1/2 pounds small red potatoes, halved
- 1 (8 oz.) package baby carrots
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

How to Make It

Step 1

Preheat oven to 375°F. Stir together first 5 ingredients, 4 teaspoons of the salt, and 2 teaspoons of the pepper. Remove necks and giblets from chickens, and reserve for another use. Pat chickens dry.

Step 2

Sprinkle 1 teaspoon brown sugar mixture inside cavity of each chicken. Rub 1 tablespoon olive oil into skin of each chicken. Sprinkle evenly with remaining brown sugar mixture; rub into skin. Tuck wing tips under.

Step 3

Toss together potatoes, carrots, remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil, remaining 1 teaspoon salt, and remaining 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Spread potato mixture in a single layer in a 17 x 12-inch rimmed baking sheet. Place chickens, breast side up, facing in opposite directions (for even browning), on top of potato mixture.

Step 4

Bake in preheated oven until a meat thermometer inserted in thickest portion of thigh registers 165°F, 1 hour to 1 hour and 15 minutes. Cover and let stand 10 minutes before slicing. Stir parsley into vegetables.



BOOK SHELF



The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

The Goldfinch is a sprawling story centered on 13-year-old Theo Decker, whose world is violently turned upside down when, on a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a terrorist bomb goes off, killing his mother, among other bystanders.

After the shocking beginning, the remainder of the novel reads like *Oliver Twist* from Charles Dickens' pen. At the behest of a dying old man in the museum, he takes a painting, *The Goldfinch*, a 1654 masterpiece by Carel Fabritius. He is asked to find his friend, Hobart. For the next 14 years, the painting becomes both his burden and the only connection to his lost mother.

Since Theo's father ran off some months ago, he is effectively an orphan. He is taken in by a school friend's wealthy yet emotionally chilly family on Park Avenue. He is still grieving for his mother. Theo finally remembers to track down Hobart. There he finds himself welcomed by Hobie, an eccentric but kindly antiques dealer. Hobie becomes a kind of father figure to Theo.

More Dickens drama ensues when Theo's alcoholic, drug-and-gambling-addict father turns up with a cocaine-snorting girlfriend and whisks him off to live with them in Vegas. Here, Theo meets rascally Russian teenager Boris (could this be the Artful Dodger?) These two latchkey children embark on a friendship which includes lengthily described drink and drugs binges and even the odd youthful dabble in homosexuality. And all this time, Theo still has the painting, which, though hidden away, he likes to know is there "*for the depth and solidity it gave things*".

Fast-forward eight years, now in his 20s, the high-jinks continue with ever more drug-addled capers, some of them bloody. We are now in the world of art crime and, though there is a mildly guessable twist involving the painting and a heist.

The Goldfinch was the winner (I am not sure why this won) of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2014. It was an interesting read, but long (754 pages) read.

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www.dkg.org

BIRTHDAY DINNER FLYER



Gamma Alpha Chapter 40th Birthday Dinner Thursday, May 16, 2019 Karl's Cabin 5:00 p.m.



**Karl's Cabin
6005 Gotfredson Road
Plymouth, MI 48170**

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Birthday Dinner Agenda

Welcome

Opener

State Convention Memories

Chapter Business:

- **Initiation of New and Kappa Transfers**
- **Grant-in-Aid Award(s)**
- **Service Project Donations**
- **Honor Chapter Woman of Distinction**
- **50/50 Raffle**
- **40th Birthday Celebration**
- **Announcements**
- **The Delta Kappa Gamma Song**



RSVP by May 2, 2018

You will make a choice from three Karl's Cabin signature entrees (Chicken Marsala, Parmesan Encrusted Cod, or vegetarian option TBD) at the Birthday Dinner. The chicken and fish entrees come with chef's vegetable, redskin potatoes, tossed salad with choice of two dressings, warm bread and butter. Price includes coffee, soft drinks, and teas. Gamma Alpha Birthday Cupcakes made by Helen Mate. Cash bar available.

Send check for \$31 by May 2, 2019 payable to "Gamma Alpha" to our treasurer:

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