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GAMMA ALPHA BULLETIN

Presidents' Message

Gamma Alpha Friends,

Old man winter certainly showed up early this year. He also made an appearance at Women In The Arts. At least 3 inches of snow was already on the ground in northern Michigan when we arrived on November 8th.

We had a great time and a huge turn out! There was more time on Saturday afternoon, since the talent show was replaced by folk dancing. The low impact exercise was appreciated by all. There was unanimous approval of the change in location. The Kettunen Center, near Cadillac, was a closer destination and had everything under one roof. The food was great. The meeting rooms were large and the lodgings comfortable.

Pam Husson took some photos of the fun. Be sure to sign up early to reserve your spot for next year.

If you are seeking an additional dose of DKG and holiday cheer all under one roof and in comfortable and festive surroundings, join us on December 18th for the Holiday Happy Hour hosted by Carole Lower at her lovely home in Northville.

Please sign up to bring a dish to pass and an item to donate for the girls at the Beverly house. Please check the calendar on page 2 for a suggested list of gift ideas from the Service Project Committee.

If you are interested in a leadership role in Gamma Alpha for the 2020 biennium, please contact Rosa Russenberger. Her contact information is in your Gamma Alpha Chapter address book that you received in September.

I hope all of you have a pleasant Thanksgiving.

Hurrah for the fun,
Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the
Pumpkin pie!"



Yours in DKG,
Amy Wright

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REMINDERS

RSVP to:
jackie@mysmartfamily.com
for the December 18th
meeting.

Amy will prepare a Sign-
up Genius for food.

See the calendar for
suggested gifts for the
girls at Beverly House.

2019-2020 MEETING CALENDAR



December 18, 2019 (Wednesday)

Holiday Happy Hour

Place:

Carole Lower's home
45766 Fermanagh
Northville 48168

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Program: Holiday Happy Hour

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

Judy Morante suggested that you bring: gloves, cute socks, make-up/ make-up brushes, nail polish, costume jewelry, lotions, bath gels, journals, decorative box for storing personal items, pajamas, boxers, or flannels for sleeping, or lastly gift cards for Beverly House.

January 23, 2020 (Thursday)

Place: Claddagh Irish Pub

17800 Haggerty Road
Livonia 48152

Time: 5:30 PM-7 :00 PM Dinner and Fellowship

(One hour prior to meeting, Executive Board meets to complete reports)

January 23, 2020 (Thursday)

Place: Claddagh Irish Pub

17800 Haggerty Road
Livonia 48152



Time: 5:30 PM-7 :00 PM Dinner and Fellowship

(One hour prior to meeting, Executive Board meets to complete reports)



March 25, 2020 NEW date

Place: Northville Library

Time: 5:45 PM - 7:30 PM

Another group has the room until 5:30 so arrive at 5:45.

Speaker will begin at 6:00 PM.

Program:

Erin Bartells is the author of *We Hope for Better Things*, a Christy Award finalist, and *The Words between Us*, which was a finalist for the 2015 Rising Star Award from the Women's Fiction Writers

Association. Her short story "This Elegant Ruin" was a finalist in *The Saturday Evening Post* 2014 Great American Fiction Contest. Her poems have been published by *The Lyric* and The East Lansing Poetry Attack. A member of the Capital City Writers Association and the Women's Fiction Writers Association, she is former features editor of WFWA's *Write On!* magazine and current director of the annual WFWA Writers Retreat in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

She grew up in the Bay City area waiting for freighters and sailboats at drawbridges and watching the best 4th of July fireworks displays in the nation. She spent her college and young married years in Grand Rapids feeling decidedly not-Dutch. She currently lives with her husband and son in Lansing, nestled somewhere between angry protesters on the Capitol lawn and couch-burning frat boys at Michigan State University. And yet, she claims it is really quite peaceful. Please join us for an interesting evening with a wonderful author.

7:00 PM - Dinner following meeting in Northville

April 2, 2020

Place: Northville Library

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Speaker: Carol Anderson's sister-in-law, Peg Flatt will speak to the group about her experiences as a Vietnam M.A.S.H. nurse.

April 24-26, 2030

DKG Michigan State Organization Executive Board and State Convention

DoubleTree by Hilton Port Huron & Blue Water Convention Center

500 Thomas Edison Parkway

Port Huron, MI 48060

Information will be in future newsletters and the *Wolverine*

Saturday May 2, 2020 Metro Council Field Trip

Program: Wild Women of Detroit Bus Tour

Cost: \$65

Time: 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Detroit may have been founded in 1701, by the French explorer and adventurer Antoine Laumet de La Mothe sieur de Cadillac, but it was his wife Marie who decided much of the town's original layout. From the very beginning Detroit has been a dame's town. Home to broads, women, cats, ladies, and Rosies, the Motor City's story is interlaced with the triumphs, adventures, dalliances and deeds of its female inhabitants. Join Metro Council for the Detroit History Tours on a 4 hour bus tour of some "Wild Women of Detroit" and their stories. You'll hear about Madam Cadillac to Motown greats, prostitutes to murderers, cults to saints, and so much more. Our tour guide will share stories about

civil war spies and prohibition smuggling. You'll learn the verdict of the first all-female jury in Michigan and the story of a woman known as "Rocking Chair."

Together we will enjoy a deli tray from Dan and Vi's with chips and a cookie. It promises to be a wonderful day on The Detroit History Tours "Wild Women of Detroit" tour. Because a bit of swearing comes with the history, all public bus tours are a strict 21 years old and older. Alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed on the bus (DARN.) Bottled water is provided at no cost and guests may bring snacks or nonalcoholic beverages on board.

The tour leaves promptly at 10:00 am and returns at 2:30 pm from Millennium Park in Livonia. Millennium Park is located on Middlebelt and I-96. We will park near the service drive in front the Home Depot parking lot. Home Depot is directly behind Costco. There will be a sign. Boarding starts at 10:00 AM. The bus holds 52 passengers and we need 46 attendees to make the trip less costly. DKG members and their guests are welcome (although DKG members will have priority.) We will not honor our Chapter Women of Distinction or Lifetime Service Awardees at this time. We'll do this at the Birthday Dinner. **Flyer was available at the auction and is in the newsletter.**

May 21, 2020 (Thursday) Birthday Dinner

Karl's Cabin
6005 Gotfredson Road
Plymouth, MI

Time: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Cost: Approximately \$33

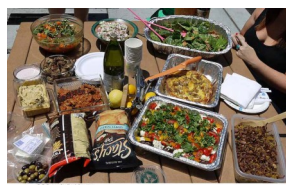
Program: Gamma Alpha Chapter's 41st Birthday Dinner will be held at Karl's Cabin. We will honor Chapter Woman of Distinction, Friend of Education, Retirees, and, Lifetime Service Awardee. We will me our Grant-in-Aid Recipient. Carole Lower will induct new members. Judy Morante will collect the baby clothes for Beverly Home for Pregnant Teens. New Gamma Alpha officers will be installed.

June 13, 20, or 27, 2020 (Date TBD) Planning Meeting

Place: TBD

Time: 11:00 - 2:00

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



July 7-11, 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia, PA (More details later)



Grant-in-Aid Awardee

Caitlin Griffith attended our October meeting. Caitlin was our 2019 Grant-in-Aid recipient. She is in her first full year of teaching and is purchasing books for her classroom with her grant. Caitlin will need to attend another chapter meeting in order to receive the second half of her grant.



November

- 4 Linda Dobrzeniecki
- 5 Amy Wright
- 10 Sherry Green
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- 17 Pam Emerson



December

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- 12 Barbara Broadley
- 30 Judi Fisher

DKG State Convention 2020

Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY)

Laura Chang is Michigan's Teacher of the Year for 2018-19. She will be the keynote speaker at the state convention in Port Huron April 24-26, 2020. Laura is proud Western Michigan University graduate times 2! She graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in education and again in 2004 with a Master of Arts in Education and Professional Development. She began teaching as a part-time instructor in the WMU College of Education's Special Education and Literacy Studies department.

As MTOY, her mission is also to be the voice of Michigan teachers and the voice for the students of Michigan. She hopes to be an advocate for students to petition for teachers to have resources and training to meet the students' diverse social, behavioral and academic needs, both in school and in their homes.

Please come to Port Huron and meet this inspiring woman educator!

9 Things Teachers Need If We're Going to Save Public Education

www.weareteachers.com Love Teach October 28, 2019

Good teachers are leaving. States won't address the reasons why teachers are leaving. Good teachers are being replaced by inexperienced and/or underqualified teachers. And (eventually) our children *will be taught by these teachers*.

This is what teachers need if we want to save public education.

1. A living wage and competitive health care. We will no longer have talented teachers if we do not take steps to make teaching an attractive profession. Period.
2. Smaller class sizes. In addition to challenges with discipline, behavior, and building relationships, large classes force teachers to deliver less effective instruction.
3. Shared accountability with parents and students. We need parents to support us in and out of the classroom by following up with homework, discipline, and in modeling—especially in their conversations at home about school and teachers—that education matters.
4. Support and respect from the public. We will only fix the problems in education if people decide to do what's right for education; even if they don't have kids in school, or if they harbor decades long resentments towards school or teachers.
5. Lawmakers who treat education as seriously as security. Because in so many ways, education IS security. A country that cannot think is just as dangerous as a country that cannot defend itself.
6. For people in education reform to actually *listen* to teachers. Longer recess. More arts education. Play-based learning. All of these are better for kids and their academic and developmental growth. We know this from research. And yet those in positions of power continue to impose limits on them or cut them completely.
7. Highly qualified administrators. A school is only as good as its leadership. We have to demand that our administrators have more than two years of experience teaching!
8. School facilities that reflect that the people within them actually matter.
9. Counselors. Mental health is a topic that's been in the news a lot in the past couple of years, particularly as it relates to school shootings. But very few public schools have enough counselors to meet their students' needs.

We've known that education has been in trouble for years, but the solution is simple: Listen to teachers. Listen to research. Elect people who do so.

October 16, 2017 Meeting

No Business Meeting was held.

Our speaker was a Detroit teacher who was very inspiring. Michael Craig's vision of a horticulture program for special education students began five years ago with a few vegetable seeds in plastic cups inside a classroom.

Today, Mr. Craig and his students at the Drew Transition Center have established The Garden at Drew, a year-round, award-winning program that has spread to 48 outdoor garden beds, hoop houses and an entire school gymnasium where rows of hydroponic growing tables sit on the ground and adorn the walls with greens in the middle of December.

Mr. Craig started the horticulture program at Detroit Public Schools Community District to combat early-onset diabetes and child obesity through healthy food. Over the years, the program has turned into teaching moderately to severely impaired students ages 18 to 26 skills in horticulture that lead to employment opportunities.

"It's just taking a chance on these students and giving them an opportunity," Mr. Craig said.



Michael Craig and President Amy Wright

Joanna Eiwen, Recording Secretary



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

This fantastic **Breakfast Bread Pudding** is a fun, all-in-one take on French toast with maple syrup and sausage. Melted ice cream enriches the “custard” base.

INGREDIENTS

1 pound bulk breakfast sausage
6 large eggs
1 pint vanilla or cinnamon ice cream, melted
1/2 cup water
2 teaspoons thinly sliced sage leaves
2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 cup pure maple syrup
3/4 pound brioche, crusts removed and bread torn into 1-inch pieces (10 cups)
1/4 cup heavy cream

Step 1

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

In a large skillet, cook the sausage, breaking it up with a wooden spoon, until it is nicely browned and cooked through. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the sausage to a bowl and let it cool.

Step 2

In a large bowl, beat the eggs with the ice cream, water, sage, salt and 1/2 cup of the maple syrup. Fold in the sausage and brioche. Scrape the mixture into a 9-inch square or 2-quart oval baking dish and let stand for 15 minutes. Bake for 35 minutes or until the top is browned and the center is set.

Step 3

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, boil the remaining 1/2 cup of maple syrup over moderate heat, stirring, until reduced to 1/4 cup, about 7 minutes. Remove from the heat; whisk in the cream. Serve the bread pudding with the maple cream.

The unbaked bread pudding can be made up to 6 hours ahead and refrigerated. Bring to room temperature before baking.



"Wild Women of Detroit" Bus Tour

Join Metro Council on a 4-hour bus tour of some "Wild Women of Detroit" and their stories. It is mainly a "driving" tour, but the bus stops at Belle Isle to view one of the public sculptures and a few other places of interest.

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Boarding is at 10:00 AM and returns at 2:30 PM from Millennium Park in Livonia. Millennium Park is located on Middlebelt and I-96. We will park near the service drive in front of the Home Depot parking lot. Home Depot is directly behind Costco.



Cost: \$65

(Price includes lunch and the cost of the bus.)

Additional information

1. The bus holds 52 passengers
2. We will open the tour to DKG members in Metro Council, Oakland Coordinating Council, and River Lake Council, and guests. Metro Council members will have priority if we have a "flood" of people. Wanting to attend our field trip.
3. As far as handicapped access, the bus company Detroit Historic Tours uses said they can place a wheelchair in the storage area under the passenger compartment. (Obviously, she would need to be able to get on the bus.)
4. There is some walking, but it is mainly a driving tour.
5. Lunch will be on the bus to save time.
6. There is a bathroom on the bus.

Send your check to your chapter treasurer now so you don't miss out!

To save your seat on the bus, give your check for \$65.00 payable to Delta Kappa Gamma to your chapter treasurer and all chapter treasurers will send **ONE** check with names of those attending to Metro Council Treasurer, Cindy Dietz.

REMEMBER

RSVP to your chapter treasurer.

Chapter treasurer sends one check to Cindy by January 31, 2020.*

Cindy Dietz

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UPCOMING METRO COUNCIL CHAPTER EVENTS

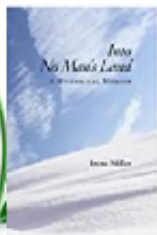
Zeta Holiday Brunch

Saturday, December 07, 2019
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Buffet brunch consisting of:

Assorted Chilled Juices
Sliced Seasonal Fresh Fruit
Muffins, Pastries and Bagels
Assorted Fruit Yogurt
Scrambled Eggs
Grilled Sausage and Crisp Bacon
Breakfast Potatoes
Freshly Brewed Columbian Coffee
Assorted Herbal Teas

Program



Irene Miller is a Holocaust survivor, author, speaker, educator, and mediator. She will be discussing her book, *Into No Man's Land*, along with her experiences in the world. She will share with you memories from her childhood when her family fled from Nazi occupied Poland to Russia where she experienced abandonment, hunger and hardship; surviving life in a Siberian labor camp and years in orphanages. Her resilience in the face of adversity and her quest for knowledge have shaped her into the accomplished woman with a joy of living that you will feel privileged to meet.

Chinese Auction Poinsettia Raffle

Laurel Park Marriott Hotel 17100 Laurel Park Drive north, (Six Mile Road just east of I-275), Livonia, MI 48152, 734-462-3100

Please RSVP by November 23, 2019 to Linda Pastucha, 13834 Fairmount, Detroit, MI 48205. Make your checks payable to Delta Kappa Gamma. The cost is \$23.00 per person.

Name: _____ phone: _____

Number of Reservations _____ X \$23.00 = _____

Please enclose a list of your guests' names on a separate sheet of paper.



BOOK SHELF

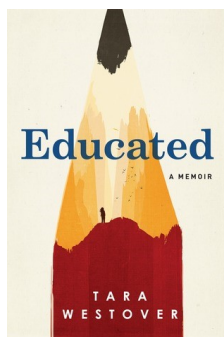
"Educated"

by Tara Westover

Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her "head-for-the-hills bag." In the summer she stewed herbs for her mother, a midwife and healer, and in the winter she salvaged in her father's junkyard.

Her father forbade hospitals, so Tara never saw a doctor or nurse. Gashes and concussions, even burns from explosions, were all treated at home with herbalism. The family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent.

Then, lacking any formal education, Tara began to educate herself. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, from Brigham Young to Harvard and Cambridge. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home. *Educated* is an account of the struggle for self-invention. It is a tale of fierce family loyalty and of the grief that comes with severing the closest of ties. Ms. Westover has written a universal coming-of-age story that gets to the heart of what an education is and what it offers.



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

WEBSITES

DKG Gamma Alpha
www.migammaalpha.org

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www.dkgmichigan.org

DKG International
www.dkg.org



U.S. FORUM

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR



Now is the time to make plans to attend the **National Legislative Seminar**. The seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn Crystal City on March 15-18, 2020. The registration form can be found on the United States Forum website (www.usforumdkg.org). The main issues we will be addressing are issues such as human trafficking, gun violence as it pertains to school shootings, opioid crisis and vaping among our students, and mental health issues with students. There will be additional topics from survey taken at the international conferences this past summer.

Before you come to the NLS, get with the other ladies in your state and schedule your visits to your legislators for Tuesday, March 17. This is our day to visit Capitol Hill. Even if you are unable to get a time set with one of your legislators, plan on stopping by their office and leaving some information on the US Forum, a business card, and issues of concern. The steering committee will be providing folders and brochures for each state to use. Look for that communication to come out by email in early January. However, now is the time to start making those legislative contacts.

Be sure and take advantage of one or more of the optional tours that are provided. Check your registration form for more details. The Capitol Steps is a popular one on Saturday night, March 14. Come and enjoy the networking with other DKG members.

FORUM FACEBOOK PAGE LINK

For those of you desiring discussion of legislative topics there is a U.S. Forum Facebook page online at <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum> and a Group page online at:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/2269724846587657/?source_id=349823881770007
Let us know the issues that concern you and let your voice be heard!

FORUM WEBSITE: <http://www.usforumdkg.org/>

CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATOR

If you wish to contact your senator to express your opinion, call the Congressional Switchboard at 1-202-224-3121. This is not a toll-free number. Another way of contacting your senator is via email or a telephone number which is not toll free both of which are available at:

https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

Email access and addresses:

<http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives

<http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate

FIVE CONSTITUENT CONTACTS WILL CAUSE A LEGISLATOR TO PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO A GIVEN ISSUE.

THE PURPOSE of the United States Forum is to identify major issues affecting women, children, and education upon which the United States members may take action.

Gamma Alpha Auction 2019



Eighty-six women attended Gamma Alpha's Annual Auction. After the bills were paid, we made a little over \$2,000. This will cover our Grant-in-Aid award(s), donations to: Beverly House, Sumpter House, Seedlings, Educational Foundation, Schools for Africa, and World Fellowship. Thank you for being so generous.

Women in the Arts

If your creative juices start flowing when someone mentions "crafting," then make a point to join the your Gamma Alpha Sisters at Women in the Arts. The Women in the Arts Committee reserved rooms in the Red Oak and White Pine lodging areas of the Kettunen Center in Tustin (near Cadillac.) The rooms accommodate two and have a private bath. The Kettunen Center will provide delicious and nutritious meals all day Saturday and Sunday breakfast. Friday dinner is optional. Crafts are presented for and by our members. Crafting opportunities include a jewelry project, greeting cards, and



glass painting. Many sessions are taught by attendees who found an idea on Pinterest or in a magazine and just wanted to try it themselves. There are talented artists but many others simply like experimenting with new materials or media or just in a new way. It is a great time to make new friends and catch up with women you already know.

After a full day of arts and crafts on Saturday the group gathered in the evening for folk dancing. Nancy Everett has volunteered to lead everyone to master a simple dance.



Thank you, Pam Husson, for the lovely pictures from this year's Women in the Arts.

