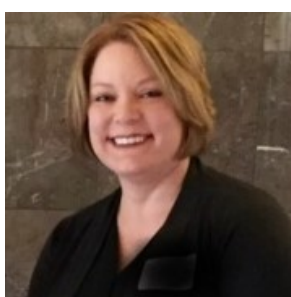




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GAMMA ALPHA BULLETIN

Presidents' Message
Amy Wright and Carole Lower
Co-Presidents



Gamma Alpha Friends,

Dear Gamma Alpha Friends,

What have you been reading? That that's what we're going to be talking about for our March meeting.

Are you a hardcover purist? Do you favor paperbacks that come with good references? Do you prefer a good bargain from a used book sale? What magazine do you look forward to every month? Have you found a new blog you love? Have you got a favorite recipe website? Or are you an author yourself?

What are your feelings about e-books? Have you taken a road trip with an audiobook to pass the time?

What book made you fall in love with reading? What books have been important to you as an adult? What books gave you valuable and needed information? What books got you through a tough time?

What book is next up on your to-read list? Who is on your Mount Rushmore of favorite authors (AKA your top 4)?

We are looking forward to seeing you in 2-D on Zoom or in 3-D at my house on March 23rd.

We are teachers, and we are hooked on books. If you like, bring a book to share, swap, or donate. If not, then just bring yourself and your love of books!

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SAVE THE DATE

May 6-8, 2022
Executive Board & State Convention
Delta Hotels Marriott
Kalamazoo Conference Center

NEXT MEETING

March 23, 2022
In-Person
& via Zoom
Hooked on Books
Amy Wright's Home
5:30-7:30 PM

Zoom link for meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5760748757>
Meeting ID: 576 074 8757
or
Dial by your location
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
Meeting ID: 576 074 8757

CALENDAR 2021-2022



March 23, 2022

Hooked on Books

Members should bring their favorite book(s) or a list of books they been reading and tell the group a bit about the book. Kindle and audio books are welcome.

Place: Amy Wright's home or on Zoom if you can't attend in person. See link info on page 1.

35415 John Street in Wayne

RSVP amosande@hotmail or text 734-740-4048

Time: 5:30-7:00 PM

April 28, 2022

Potluck Birthday Dinner (Sign-Up Genius will be available in April.) We will commemorate Gamma Alpha Chapter's 42nd Birthday.

Place: St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church Hall

32765 Lyndon

Livonia, MI 48154

Time: 5:30—7:30 PM

We will honor:

- Chapter Woman of Distinction (Amy Wright and Carole Lower)
- Friend of Education (Amy Wright and Carole Lower)

We will present:

- Grant-in-Aid Recipient check (Joanna Eiwen)
- Anniversary pins for some members (Cindy Dietz)

We will conduct business:

- Installation of new officers (Esther Loskowske and Helen Mate)
- Induction of new members (Lynne Elsesser and Linda Clark)
- Service Project donations will be bath and body products, fun socks, makeup bags, journals, etc.
- **Dues will be collected at the Birthday meeting. Dues are \$85 payable to Gamma Alpha.**

May 6 - 8, 2022

Executive Board and State Convention

Delta Hotels Marriott

Kalamazoo Conference Center

2747 South 11th Street

Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Flyer is included in the newsletter.

May 21, 2022

Metro Council Wild Women of Detroit Bus Tour (rescheduled from 2020)

The tour leaves at 11:00 am and returns at 3:30 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. **You may bring a friend or two!** Detroit History Tours requires a vax card (physical or on a phone) or a negative test. All of their staff is fully vaxed and take tests regularly.

Cost is \$65 due April 1, 2022. Send check to Cindy!

I received detailed from the folks at Detroit History Tours. The order may change, but here's the scoop:

- We head to the Ford Piquette Factory. We will be heading into the museum for a private look at the Ford Magneto FlyWheel Girls. The entrance fee is included in the tour.
- We then drive to Belle Isle and learn about Nancy Brown and her monument (off the bus), then Anna Scripps Whitcomb (off the bus), then the Detroit Yacht Club, and lastly we will (weather permitting) hop off the bus at sunset point to talk about the great women of Great Lakes shipping/ boating/ maritime fame.
- Leaving the island we will make a quick stop to view the exterior of a home that once operated as a brothel under Helen 'Rocking Chair' McGowan.
- Next, we will head to Michigan Avenue and we will view the old San Manato Cigar Factory and learn about the contribution of women to the industry at the turn of the century.
- We will stop for lunch (included in the tour) and a drink (at your own expense) at the oldest family-owned bar in the city, since 1907. Abicks bar has been run by the Abicks women, now on their 6th generation. The owner will meet our group and share her family's stories with a slideshow presentation about the bar. We will have pizza and salad you may purchase a drink. By the way, Abicks is a cash-only bar.
- Leaving Abicks we'll head to downtown where we will pause in the theater district to talk about female performers from Detroit.
- We will visit the Bathing Woman, a statue with a funny past.
- The Tour concludes back at the Livonia Home Depot Parking Lot

June TBD, 2022

We will meet at the home of Margie Sievert for our annual planning meeting from 11:00 to 2:00 PM. Amy will create a 'Sign-up Genius' for a "Dish to Pass." Bring program ideas to this fun end of the calendar year activity.

July 12-26, International Convention New Orleans, LA

SPRING BIRTHDAYS



MARCH

1 Diane Frangie
13 Esther Loskowske
14 Marilyn Wallenmaier
15 Jessica Walker

APRIL

1 Lynne Elsesser
3 Marcia Scarr

MAY

5 Liz Frazier

JANUARY 12, 2022 MINUTES



Minutes Gamma Executive Board Meeting

January 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Amy Wright.
Others present were: Jackie Smart, Linda Clark, Linda Dobrzeniecki, Carole Lower, Judi Fisher, and Jennifer LaRose.

The first order of business was the 2022-2024 slate of officers:

Co-Presidents: Judi Fisher and Jackie Smart

Co Vice Presidents/Membership: Amy Wright and Jennifer LaRose

Co-Recording Secretaries: Linda Dobrzeniecki and Margie Sievert

Treasurer: Cindy Dietz (Appointed)

Parliamentarian: Pam Sayre (Appointed)

The slate will be presented at the February 9, 2022 meeting.

We decided that the office of Corresponding Secretary is redundant and decided not to have a candidate for that office.

Wild Women of Detroit Tour

Jackie contacted Bailey Sisoy Isgro, owner of Detroit History Tour. Our 2020 price will be honored. Proof of vaccination with matching photo ID is required. Photo of your vaccination card is okay. There will be one historic bar stop. The tour traditionally does two historic bar stops. We will be picked up at 11:00 and dropped off at Home Depot Parking Lot in Millennium Park Shopping Mall on Middlebelt and Schoolcraft Roads in Livonia at 3:30. This is directly behind Costco.

Zeta

Zeta letter was discussed again. Those in attendance did not favor the idea of a merger. Zeta needs to dissolve and interested members transfer to Gamma Alpha. We will present the Executive Board's position at the February meeting and follow-up with a letter to Zeta.

Birthday Dinner

1. Amy and Carole will have a conversation about the Chapter Woman of Distinction.
2. Carole will talk to Judy Morante about the service project donation usually brought to the Birthday Dinner.
3. Judi Fisher will speak to her two candidates for membership and be sure they complete the paperwork. So far, Elizabeth Banker has completed the paperwork. Grant-in-Aid applications should be included for the working teachers.
4. Amy will check with Cindy if any members qualify for the Lifetime Service Award. Fifty years of membership or 80 years of age are the requirements. Previous awardees were: Elizabeth Bunner, Carol Holland, Marie Canzoneri, Jose Engel, and Barbara Broadley.
5. Amy will create a Sign-up Genius for the pot luck birthday dinner at the beginning of April. Gamma Alpha will pay for table covers, plates, napkins, and cups.

Place: St. Rafka

32765 Lyndon

Livonia, MI 48154

Time: 5:30-7:30 PM

A big thank you goes to Diane Frangie for arranging this venue for us.

FERRUARY 16, 2022 MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Amy Wright at 7:10. Amy welcomed the group. In attendance were: Amy Wright, Carole Lower, Cindy Dietz, Pam Emerson, Judi Fisher, Margie Sievert, Diane Frangie, and Jackie Smart.

Minutes of October 21, 2021 were approved and filed as printed.

President's Report :

- The slate of officers for 2022-2024
- Co-President : Judi Fisher/Jackie Smart
- Co-VP/Membership : Jennifer LaRose/Amy Wright
- Co-Recording Secretary : Margie Sievert/ Linda Dobrzeniecki
- Treasurer : Cindy Dietz (appointed)
- Parliamentarian : Pam Sayre (appointed)
- This slate will be voted on (and installed) at the April 28th Potluck Birthday Dinner.

Correspondence:

A thank you note for the memorial donation to Seedlings in memory of Elizabeth Bunner was read. The note was from her children; Mark Bunner, Rosemary Maxwell, and Linda Dobrzeniecki.

Treasurer's Report:

Cindy reported - Checking account - \$1793.94, Savings account - \$20,204.46

Committee Reports:

- Annual Auction:
- Income \$5811
- Expenses \$3148.56 plus \$250 deposit
- Profit \$2412.44
- A \$250 deposit has been paid for next auction.

Grant In Aid: Applications are due. Joanna reported that a second year teacher will be applying for the grant. Judi Fisher and Lynne Elsesser will talk to their prospective members about the grant.

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Service Projects:

- Beverly House - Carole reported that the TV has been delivered to her house and she is waiting for a date to take it over. Judy Morante paid for the TV and has been reimbursed.
- Seedlings - no bowling because of Covid. They are finding online auctions are a better fundraiser.

Old Business:

Letter was read from Zeta chapter requesting a merge. Discussion followed. Judi Fisher said that this can be discussed at PAC meeting March 19th. Cindy Dietz will also speak with Barb Souve, State By-Laws Chairman. The general feeling is that Zeta members interested in joining Gamma Alpha should **transfer** and become members of the chapter.

New Business:

- See the Spring Birthdays on page 3.
- Our next meeting in person will be on March 23 at the home of Amy Wright. The topic will be "Hooked on Reading."

Adjournment: 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Sievert, Acting Recording Secretary



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Additionally, now is the time to register for state convention, find your roommate, and book your hotel room. The registration form is in the newsletter and in your *Wolverine*. Also, don't forget to sign up for our Metro Council event, the *Wild Women of Detroit* bus tour. Since well-behaved women rarely make history, it is sure to be a fun time!

Yours in DKG,

Amy Wright

RECIPES

Easy Cubano Sandwich

Most of you know I am a snow bird. I am in Florida and have been enjoying local cuisine. I made a pork tenderloin for dinner and decided to use the leftovers in a Cubano sandwich. Miami and Tampa have their own variations which depend on how you cook the pork. I placed my tenderloin in small prepared baking sheet and poured a mixture of olive oil, orange juice, lime juice, minced garlic, oregano, salt ground pepper, and cumin over the tenderloin. I roasted in for about 30 to 40 minutes at 375 degrees. (Meat thermometer read 145 degrees.)



A Cubano sandwich is all about the layers and each layer plays a significant flavor role in taste. The main ingredient is the two kinds of pork. Layers and layers of smoked ham are paired with thinly sliced pork tenderloin. The Cubano is the ultimate sandwich with the tangy and tart taste of the pickles and mustard paired with the melted Swiss cheese and pork.

Ingredients:

- 1 loaf of Cuban or (Italian bread)
- 1 pound of Swiss cheese
- 1 pound of smoked ham
- 1 pound of sliced pork tenderloin or shoulder
- 1 cup of dill pickles:
- 1/4 cup of plain or grainy mustard
- 2 tablespoons of butter

Assemble: Slice the loaf of bread in half and then cut into 4 equal parts. Begin the layering by placing half the Swiss cheese on the bottom halves of the sandwich. Top with the smoked ham, sliced pork, and pickles. Add the remaining Swiss cheese on the very top, and spread the mustard on the top half.

Toast: Melt butter in a skillet over medium heat. Place the sandwiches in the pan and put a heavy skillet on top to press them down. Flip and repeat. Slice the sandwiches in half before serving. If you have a panini press, butter both sides of the bread and press the sandwiches. This is what I use and it works beautifully.

This recipe makes eight generous, delicious sandwiches. Each sandwich is nearly 600 calories, but so good!

“Seize the moment. Remember all those women on the 'Titanic' who waved off the dessert cart.”
— Erma Bombeck

WHAT ARE WE READING?

The Thinking Woman's Guide to Real Magic

By Emily Croy Baker

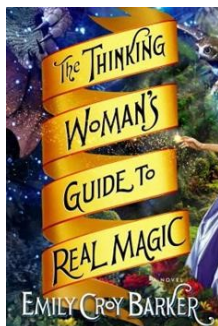
It's one of the most familiar stories in fantasy: someone from our world accidentally stumbles through a gateway into another world or alternate universe. The world is usually magical, sometimes dangerous, and always ripe for adventure.

The Thinking Woman's Guide to Real Magic begins with our heroine spending a miserable weekend at a friend's destination wedding in the mountains. Nora Fischer is trying to forget about her disastrous breakup and her stalled dissertation. Nora takes a hike on one of the mountain trails, wanders off the trail, and unknowingly walks through a portal finding herself in another medieval-ish realm.

Nora meets Queen Ilissa, who introduces her to a decadent new world and her handsome son, Prince Raclin. Nora is transformed from a drab grad student into a stunning beauty. But when the elegant veneer of this dreamland shatters, Nora finds herself in a fairy tale gone incredibly wrong.

Surviving here will take skills Nora never learned in graduate school. Her only real ally is a grim magician with a biting tongue and a shrouded past. She becomes the magician's student and learns magic in order to survive. When a passage finally opens, Nora must weigh her "real life" against the dangerous power of love and magic.

If you enjoyed Lev Grossman's *The Magicians* series or Deborah Harkness's *All Souls Trilogy*, you will definitely like this.



GAMMA ALPHA EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEES



Co-Presidents: Amy Wright & Carole Lower

Co-Vice-President & Membership: Linda Clark & Lynne Elsesser

Co-Recording Secretary: Joanna Eiwen & Linda Dobrzeniecki

Co-Corresponding Secretary: Jackie Smart & Liz Frazier

Treasurer: Cindy Dietz

Parliamentarian: Pam Sayre

Committees

Grant-in-Aid - Joanna Eiwen

Newsletter & Yearbook Editor – Jackie Smart

Service Projects - Judy Morante, Lynne Elsesser, & Judi Fisher

Finance - Judi Fisher

Sunshine - Esther Loskowske

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

50/50 - Cindy Dietz & Esther Loskowske

Used Book Sale –Margie Sievert

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 Amy or Carole.

WEBSITES

DKG Gamma Alpha

www.migammaalpha.org

DKG Michigan

www.dkgmichigan.org

DKG International

www.dkg.org

CURRICULUM OF HOPE EXCERPTS



A CURRICULUM OF HOPE
FOR A PEACEFUL WORLD

Each edition of the Curriculum of Hope Newsletter has a section devoted to 'Caring for Our Planet.' The Winter '22 edition, focuses on information and resources for teaching and caring for our planet. As we are witnessing the changes in our weather, sea levels, food production, fires, floods, and so much more, we are alarmed. Each of us can and should be an advocate for change. If a young girl from Sweden can be an activist and do her part for our planet, then we surely can too. The issue of climate change is huge. It will take

every individual, every community, every company, and every country worldwide to stop the destruction of our planet. Time is of the essence.

Some suggestions from the newsletter:

- Consider using alternative energy sources, such as wind, solar and electric vehicles
- Before or after a storm, think about replacing old trees with new trees
- Read about the benefit of net-zero emissions
- Learn about greenhouse gas emissions
- Talk to children with age-appropriate information
- Introduce kids/children to youth role models
- Show videos about climate change and eco-friendly activities
- Lead by example in practicing recycling, reusing and reducing

Simple life-style changes:

- Change your light bulbs
- Use less water
- Keep your home at the right temperature
- Walk and bike more
- Work from home – Join a carpool – Use public transportation
- Buy food that's locally home-grown
- Plant a tree

Useful list of resources for teaching about climate change:

- **A Student's Guide to Global Climate Change**– This site from the archives of the Environmental Protection Organization offers information for middle school students as well as lesson plans for educators.
- **NASA's Climate Kids** includes information collected about the environment by NASA satellites. The site is probably best for middle schoolers.
- Elementary teachers—This is the site you are looking for to help your students understand what's going on and why it matters. **15 Meaningful and Hands-On Climate Change Activities For Kids** (weareteachers.com)
- **Alliance for Climate Education** has an online multimedia resource for teenagers, with a mix of animation, music, video, and interactivity. 'Climate Our Future' teaches the latest climate science and inspires young people to take action. <https://ourclimateourfuture.org>

"All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors—in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver."

-Fred Rogers

STATE CONVENTION 2022



DKG-Michigan State Organization State Convention

May 6-8, 2022

Delta Hotel by Marriott Kalamazoo Conference Center
2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Reservations 1 888 890 3222 or 269 375 6000



Please Print: Use one form for each person

First	Last	Chapter
Address	City/State	Zip
Preferred Phone	Email	Years of Membership
Chapter Position	State Position	International Position
Is this your first state convention? (circle your answer) Yes No	If yes, please attend the first timers meeting Friday evening.	Will you be in the Presidents' Procession? Yes No
Are you substituting for your chapter president at Executive Board and Presidents' Procession?		Yes No
Do you plan to arrive Friday evening? (circle your answer) Yes No		
All participants must register to attend, even workers.		
* To help us "go green" please bring your neck wallet name badge holders. If you do not have one or forget yours, plastic holders will be available.		

Registration Fee Postmarked by April 9, 2022	\$80.00	\$
Late Fee (Postmarked after April 9, 2022)	\$40.00	\$
Corsage Order (Complete the form on the next page.)	\$20.00	\$
Friday Buffet <i>Mixed field greens salad, garlic bread sticks with Marinara, Cavatappi Alfredo, Assorted pizzas,</i>	\$25.00	\$
Saturday Breakfast <i>Warm croissants, seasonal preserves, whipped butter, sliced fresh seasonal fruits, individual assorted yogurts, fresh granola, hard boiled eggs</i>	\$19.00	
Saturday Lunch <i>Handmade sandwich halves, deli fresh pasta salad, house made potato salad, coleslaw, house made kettle chips, cookies and brownies!</i>	\$26.00	\$
Saturday Banquet <i>Herb seared Bay of Fundy Salmon, parmesan and garlic roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables or Chicken Florentine (stuffed with spinach, cheese, & mushroom duxelles), cous cous, grilled asparagus Coffee, Tea</i>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div> Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 </div> <div> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 </div> </div>	\$
Sunday Brunch <i>Assorted pastries, fresh fruit, assorted juices, individual yogurts, seasonal vegetable Strata, hash brown casserole, bacon, Coffee, Tea</i>	\$32.00	\$
Total amount enclosed: Make Check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma	(Note: Checks will not be deposited until March 30 in case of event cancellation)	\$

*Cost of the meals helps to defray the cost of the room rentals
Please continue on the next page.

Corsage Orders		\$20 each
Person Ordering	Chapter	
Ordered for whom	Wrist	Pinned
Total number ordered @ \$ =	Please record total on previous page.	

Dietary Needs:

Dietary needs must be listed on this registration form in order to inform the hotel staff of your special needs. If you sign up for a special meal, please do not switch your selection at the banquet since the meal count is predetermined by registration. Special tickets will be provided in the registration packets of those who indicate the following needs. All meals except the banquet are buffet. **CHECK DIETARY NEED, IF NECESSARY:**

Gluten Free: ___ Vegetarian: ___ Diabetic: ___

Handicap Assistance:

There is elevator service to guest rooms. If you require special guest room accommodations, please notify the hotel staff directly when you make your overnight reservations.

Photo Release: By your attendance at this event you are granting your permission to be photographed by Alpha Iota State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and granting the use of your likeness, without compensation, in the *Wolverine* and/or on the Society website.

There is NO SCECH fee for this Convention. In order to earn the State Continuing Educational Clock Hours (SCECHs) you must do the following:	
1.	Register for the Clock Hours on your registration form.
2.	Sign in for SCECHs at the registration desk when you check in. (State Required Form) A sheet will be in your packet.
3.	Attend a minimum of three sessions for credit. Up to six clock hours may be earned.
4.	Assure that you are stamped in and stamped out of each session. (You must attend the entire session, plus sign the State Form with your signature, and phone number, and MI PIC number. The monitor should have this form.
5.	At the registration desk, there will be a special box labeled for your completed Official Attendance Sheet and SCECH evaluation sheet.

- The Combined Executive Board and General Membership Meeting will start at **8:00 PM Friday**.
- **ALL MEMBERS** should attend that meeting at 8:00 PM Friday.
- Practice for the Presidents' Procession will be Friday evening following the Executive Board meeting.
- Coordinating Councils will meet following the practice for the Presidents' Procession.

Please mail this completed form and your check, payable to Delta Kappa Gamma, to the 2022 Convention Registrar:

Colleen Retherford
1627 Melcrest Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006
Phone: 734 223 0660; Email: bettylousmt@hotmail.com

Cancellation Policy:

*"A person having to cancel will receive a refund provided her written request is posted **fifteen days prior to the event**" which would be **April 15, 2022.** (Standing rule 7:01 of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.) Requests for cancellations must be sent in writing to the same person to whom the registration form was sent. If it is necessary to cancel after **April 15, 2022**, you should attempt to get someone from your chapter to attend in your place. **No refunds will be made after the cancellation date.***

NOTE: HOTEL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BEFORE FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022 FOR CONVENTION RATE OF \$129 FOR STANDARD QUEEN, SINGLE OCCUPANCY.

You must personally make and/or cancel your hotel accommodations:

Reservations 1 888 890 3222 or 269 375 6000