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GAMMA ALPHA BULLETIN

Presidents' Message



Judi Fisher and Jackie Smart
Co-Presidents

Gamma Alpha Members,

Last year, Gamma Alpha decided to publish our newsletter quarterly. We have lots of information and dates to share, so this issue is a big one. Keep calm and carry on!

The last biennium was the most unusual and difficult one as the COVID-19 virus transpired. This affected not only our chapter, but the DKG Michigan State Organization, and DKG International as the pandemic spread. Michigan literally shut down. We stayed in our homes, had groceries delivered or had curbside pickup; and if we went out, we wore masks and stayed six feet apart. Members who were still working were having to work remotely or virtually over the internet in an empty classroom – teaching to a Brady Bunch grid full of students' faces.

Despite these challenges, Gamma Alpha Chapter was one of the few Chapters in Michigan that did not stop holding regular meetings. We met virtually for most of 2020. Carole Lower and Amy Wright, Gamma Alpha co-Presidents, did a remarkable job! We realized we could still be an effective chapter in this virtual world. Many thanks go to Amy Wright for her herculean assistance with technology! In 2021-2022, we had a mixture of virtual and in-person meetings. In 2022-2023, will continue to hold a combination of in-person and virtual meetings. We want Gamma Alpha to continue to adapt to an ever-changing world and embrace both the challenges and opportunities we will face.

Our chapter remains committed to helping those less fortunate, therefore Beverly House Group Home will be our major philanthropic project. We will gladly provide donations our Service Project Committee requests for the

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SAVE THE DATE

Sept 30-October 1, 2022

Executive Board & Fall Conference
DoubleTree by Hilton Grand Rapids-Airport
4747 28th Street SE
Grand Rapids 49512

NEXT MEETING

August 10, 2022

Executive Board via Zoom

September 22, 2022

Place: St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church Hall
32765 Lyndon
Livonia, MI 48154
Time: 5:30–7:30 PM
See calendar for details

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)

CALENDAR 2022-2023



August 22, 2022 (Monday) - Executive Board will meet via Zoom

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: The comfort of your home

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

Meeting: Strategic Plan and Standing Rules Updating

Hostess: Amy Wright, Zoom Master

September 22, 2022 (Thursday)

Membership Meeting

Time: 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Place: St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church Hall

32765 Lyndon

Livonia, MI 48154

Meeting: Express business meeting, short presentation about St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church by Rev. Dr. Rodrigue Constantin, and remember to bring an item from your summer travels, gardening, books you read, etc. for our annual Vacation Auction. Pizza, salad, dessert, and beverages will be provided by Gamma Alpha.

Hostesses: Amy Wright, Pam Husson, and Diane Frangie

Note: Cindy will bring cups for the vacation auction and 50/50 tickets. Jackie will bring tickets for the auction. Also, think about paying for the Annual Auction Dinner scheduled for November 6th at this time. (\$45 cash or check payable to Gamma Alpha.)

September 30 - October 1, 2022 (Friday/Saturday)

DKG Michigan State Fall Conference and Executive Board Meeting

DoubleTree by Hilton Grand Rapids Airport

4747 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

October 14-16, 2022 (Friday/Saturday/Sunday) Flyer on Page 22

Women in the Arts Weekend (See flyer in newsletter)
Butzel Conference Center at Camp Tamarack
3599 Perryville Road, Ortonville, MI

October 20, 2022 (Thursday)

Membership Meeting 'Field Trip to Seedlings Braille Books for Blind Children'

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Place: Seedlings Braille Books for Children
14151 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154

Meeting: Short presentation by Seedlings staff member and tour of the facility.

Hostess: Judi Fisher

Note: Dinner TBD

November 6, 2022 (Sunday) Flyer on Page 23

Membership Meeting - Annual Auction Fundraiser (Non-Dues Revenue)

Time: 1:00 - 5:00 P.M. (Members arrive at 12:30 P.M.)

Place: Laurel Manor
39000 Schoolcraft Road
Livonia, MI 48150

Hostess: Jackie Smart, Auction Chair

Cost: \$45



Members should arrive at Laurel Manor around 12:30. You register and set up your auction items. It is much faster if you fill out the donation sheet prior to arriving. This is for State of Michigan tax purposes. Be sure to include a written description on a card to accompany your items. Forms will be emailed to you, but there will be blank ones at the registration desk.

Donated items should be new or handmade. (**NO** white elephant items.) Suggested items or services that could be donated:

- A certificate from businesses you frequent
- Baked goods (homemade or purchased)
- Gift certificates
- Massage
- Baskets (cooking, camping, movie night, grandma/grandchild, sports, chocolate, wine, exercise, picnic, etc.)
- Holiday items/decorations/wrapping supplies/gifts
- Theater, movie, concert, or sports tickets
- Best seller books, audio books
- Crafts

You can buy 'Small Raffle, Large Raffle' tickets, and 50/25/25 tickets.

You can bid on silent auction items. Silent auction ends after lunch.

We will have a small 'Giving Tree' where you can contribute money to fund an experience for the girls at Beverly House or gift certificates for early career educator.

If you are unable to attend, please consider a donation. This is Gamma Alpha's only non-dues revenue fundraiser. The proceedings fund all of our projects and charitable donations for the year.

December 15, 2022 (Thursday)

Membership Meeting - Holiday Happy Hour

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Place: Linda Clark's Home

777 Spring Drive

Northville, MI 48167

248-349-6945

Hostess: Linda Clark

Meeting: Gamma Alpha members will meet at the home of Linda Clark for an evening of fun and food. There will be a Sign-up Genius sheet in early December for hearty hors d'oeuvre or dessert. The Service Project Committee will let attendees know what to donate for the girls of Beverly House.

January 18, 2023 - Executive Board will meet via Zoom (Wednesday)

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: The comfort of your home

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

Meeting: Complete annual reports for the state, finalize plans for remainder of the year

Hostess: Amy Wright, Zoom Master

Meeting: Executive Board will complete annual reports and finalize plans for the remainder of the year.

February 15, 2023 (Wednesday)

Membership Meeting - Virtual February Trivia

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Place: The comfort of your home (See January for Zoom link.)

Hostess: Amy Wright, Zoom Master

Meeting: Pour yourself your favorite beverage and join our tech wizard, Amy Wright, as she leads Virtual Scavenger Hunt. There was a request for a repeat of this since everyone who attended had such a nice time. We will 'unite in a genuine spiritual fellowship' and probably have a laugh this evening.

March 16, 2023 (Thursday)

Membership Meeting at Archie's Restaurant

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Place: Archie's Restaurant
30471 Plymouth Road
Livonia, MI 48150



Hostess: Carol Anderson

Meeting: March is Women's History Month - commemorating and encouraging the study, observance, and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. The nurses who served in the Vietnam War are among the least recognized of American military veterans. Despite the long hours and sometimes horrifying wounds these women had to face, many nurses found their service rewarding. They were able to serve their country and save and comfort the wounded men in their facilities. During the Vietnam War 98% of the men who were wounded and made it to the hospital survived. Carol Anderson's sister will share her experiences as a M*A*S*H nurse during the Vietnam War.

April 21-23, 2023 (Friday-Sunday)

DKG Michigan State Convention and Spring Executive Board Meeting
DoubleTree by Hilton, 800 Harker Street
Port Huron, MI 48060

May 18, 2023 (Thursday)

Membership Meeting - 43rd Annual Birthday Dinner

Place: Genitti's Hole-in The Wall
108 E. Main Street
Northville, MI

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Cost: \$25 (Flyer will be available— Prepay for dinner)

Hostess: Linda Clark & Carole Lower

Meeting: We will be honoring our Chapter Woman of Distinction and the local Friend of Education. We will be presenting the Grant-in-Aid Recipient check and Anniversary pins for some members. We will be conducting some business, e.g. Induction of New members, collect Service Project donations and **dues**. Dues are **\$85** cash or check payable to 'Gamma Alpha.'



June 17, 2023

Membership Planning Meeting and Luncheon

Time: 11:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Place: TBD

Hostess: TBD

Meeting: We will meet for our annual planning meeting from 11:00 to 2:30 PM. Amy will create a 'Sign-up Genius' for the luncheon. Bring or email program ideas to this fun end of the calendar year activity.



2022-2024 Officers for Gamma Alpha

L-R: Margie Sievert and Linda Dobrzeniecki (Co-Recording Secretaries)

Jennifer LaRose and Amy Wright (Co-Vice Presidents)

Jackie Smart and Judi Fisher (Co-Presidents)

Missing - Pam Sayre (Parliamentarian)

Congratulations!

June 18, 2022 MINUTES

Gamma Executive Board Planning Meeting

The Gamma Alpha Chapter met on June 18, 2022 at Margie Sievert's house. Thirteen members were present. After enjoying a delightful lunch, co-President, Jackie Smart called the Planning Meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Planning Meeting

The purpose of this gathering was to plan meetings for the 2022- 2023 calendar year. The major items which were discussed were:

1. The dates of the meetings
2. Speakers, programs, or activities
3. Location of meetings
4. Format of meetings (In person meetings/Zoom)

After discussion, it was decided that the majority of meetings would be held on Thursdays, although some will be on different days. A speaker or activity was to be assigned for each month.

Suggestions for Speakers:

- A M.A.S.H. nurse who cared for soldiers during the Vietnam War
- Debra Bonde to speak about Seedlings at Seedlings
- A tour of the Detroit Library

Activities:

- Game night with board and card games.
- Annual Auction in November
- Holiday Party with donations to Beverly House
- Birthday dinner in May with awards, Grant-in-Aid, and donations to Beverly House

Hostesses:

Amy Wright and Carole Lower stated that at each meeting, we should consider having meeting hostesses who would greet members and speakers and be responsible for setting up meeting (if needed,) organizing activities, take money for raffles, and take attendance. This would encourage more members to get involved.

Linda Dobrzeniecki suggested that it was more convenient to hold our meetings in a restaurant which offers a separate room as in years past. Linda Clark, Rosa Russenberger, and Jackie Smart will be contacting Cantoro's, Archie's, Genitti's, and Rusty Bucket to find out costs, availability. If that is not an option, Judi Fisher offered to talk to Northville Library officials to see if we could meet there again.

Members decided that some of our meetings next year should be in person and some could be Zoom meetings especially during severe cold weather .

Jackie Smart suggested that in order to reduce the length of meetings, Executive Board meetings could be held on Zoom and information discussed could be emailed to members. Obviously, items requiring a vote would be brought up at meetings.

June 18, 2022 MINUTES, cont.

Amy Wright encouraged more members to sign up for the 3 part Leadership/Zoom Training taking place June 23, July 20, and August 9. Those who participate in all three of the sessions (or the recorded sessions) will have their registrations fee for Fall conference paid by the Betsey Cooper Leadership Fund. All members are eligible to attend and the meetings are not for only board members. Sign up now.

Cindy Dietz, chapter treasurer, stated that there are several members who have not paid their dues on time. This has caused several problems with Chapter and State Deadlines. It was suggested that she send an invoice for the dues in April to each member so that they could remember to pay on time. Cindy also reported that there is \$20,000 in the Chapter 's Saving Account.

Margie Sievert was thanked for hosting such a wonderful lunch and offering her home for the Chapter meeting. Jackie adjourned the planning meeting at 2:10 P.M.

All dates and meetings are included in the Calendar Section of the newsletter.

Executive Board Meeting

The Board members gathered together from 2:15 - 3:00pm after the regular Gamma Alpha meeting was adjourned. Jackie gave each Executive Board member a copy of the Chapter Standing Rules and the Chapter Strategic Plan that will need to be revised. The assignment is to determine what rules are still relevant and which ones are not. Also, the group should determine how to handle electronic voting issues. The Executive Board will meet August 22 at 10:00 A.M. to discuss the Standing Rules, Strategic Plan, budget, and final calendar and meetings.

Linda Dobrzeniecki Co - Recording Secretary



Planning meeting at the home of Margie Sievert.

RECIPES

J.L. Hudson Maurice Salad



The J.L. Hudson Department store meant a lot of things to a lot of Detroiters. For decades the department store was a place for not only people to shop and eat, but to gather with friends and loved ones. The building was a popular spot during the holiday season and was a great place to check out the latest fashion trends.

The legendary J.L. Hudson Department store was one of the world's tallest department stores and was in the forefront of shopping, entertainment, and even dining. This is where the world famous Maurice salad originated as the dressing appeared on salads at Hudson's and bottles of the dressing quickly became a hot seller. The salad itself featured unique flavors from sweet Gherkin and olives which married perfectly with the dressing. The lemony-mayo dressing is still popular to this day, and although no one knows for sure who created the dressing, its ties to Detroit go back numerous decades and to one of the area's most iconic buildings. We enjoyed a Maurice salad bar luncheon at Margie Sievert's home. It was delish! The downtown store was demolished on October 23, 1998, the this great recipe is still standing.

DRESSING

- 2 teaspoons white vinegar
- 1 ½ teaspoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons finely minced onions or 1 1/2 teaspoons onion juice
- 1 ½ teaspoons sugar or 1 1/2 teaspoons Splenda sugar substitute
- 1 ½ teaspoons Dijon mustard
- ¼ teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 hard-boiled egg, diced
- Salt



SALAD INGREDIENTS

- 14 ounces ham, cut into strips
- 14 ounces cooked turkey breast, cut into strips
- 14 ounces Swiss cheese, cut into strips
- ½ cup slivered sweet gherkin
- 1 head iceberg lettuce, shredded
- 12 -16 pimento stuffed olives

DIRECTIONS

- Combine the first 6 dressing ingredients and stir to dissolve the sugar.
- Add remaining dressing ingredients and mix well.
- Combine the ham, turkey, cheese and pickles together in a large bowl.
- Toss together with the dressing.
- Divide the lettuce among plates, top with salad and garnish each plate with two olives.

What Are We Reading?

***Where the Crawdads Sing* By Delia Owens**

Everyone has probably already read this novel about the 'Marsh Girl' since it was published in 2018, but I finished it just recently. There is a movie that is being released in the summer. Better late than never with my recommendation.

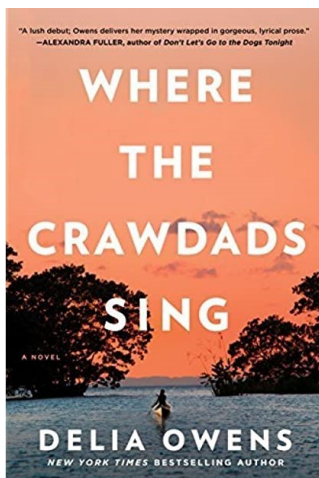
Barkley Cove, a quiet southern fishing village, heard rumors of the "Marsh Girl" for years. Katherine 'Kya' Clark is barefoot, wild, and white trash. She is unfit for polite society. So in late 1969, when the popular Chase Andrews is found dead, locals immediately suspect her.

But Kya is not what they say. A born naturalist with only one day of school, she takes life's lessons from the land, learning the real ways of the world from the dishonest signals of fireflies. But while she has the skills to live alone, the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. She is drawn to two young men from town. They are each intrigued by her wild beauty. Kya opens herself to a new and startling world - until the unthinkable happens.

In *Where the Crawdads Sing*, the author blends a beautiful tribute to nature with a coming of age story and mystery. Thought-provoking, wise, and deeply moving, Owens's debut novel reminds us that we are forever shaped by the child within us, while also subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

The story asks how isolation influences the behavior of a young woman, who like all of us, has the genetic need to belong to a group. The clues to the mystery are brushed into the lush habitat and natural histories of its wild creatures.

I don't want to give too much away since it is essentially a mystery. It was an enjoyable read.



Gamma Alpha Executive Board & Committees



Co-Presidents: Judi Fisher & Jackie Smart

Co-Vice-President & Membership: Amy Wright & Jennifer LaRose

Co-Recording Secretary: Linda Dobrzeniecki & Margie Sievert

Treasurer: Cindy Dietz

Parliamentarian: Pam Sayre

Committees

Grant-in-Aid - Joanna Eiwen & Amy Mullins

Newsletter & Yearbook Editor – Jackie Smart

Service Projects - Judy Morante, Lynne Elsesser, & Carole Lower, Linda Clark

Finance - Judi Fisher

Sunshine - Fran Saenz

50/50 - Cindy Dietz & Fran Saenz & Beth Banker

Gamma Alpha Annual Auction - Jackie Smart, Carol Anderson, Margie Sievert, Carole Lower, Pam Husson, Diane Frangie, Lynne Bemmer, Sarah Elsesser, Judi Fisher, Lynne Elsesser, Beth Banker, Cindy Dietz (& all Gamma Alpha Members)

WEBSITES

DKG Gamma Alpha
www.migammaalpha.org

DKG Michigan State Organization
www.dkgmichigan.org

DKG International
www.dkg.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

Induction of New Members



L-R: Amy Mullins, Linda Clark, Lynne Elsesser, and Beth Banker

Linda Clark and Lynne Elsesser, co-VPs and Membership Chairs, inducted two new members at the Birthday Dinner in April. They explained that they were here today because a member of this chapter recommended them for membership, believing that they are an outstanding and respected member in the education field. Members of Gamma Alpha are honored and pleased that they have made the decision to join us. We value the talents and skills you bring to our chapter and to DKG. We know that you will find our Society to be outstanding hope that you will take pride in our organization.

Amy Mullins was a student of Judi Fisher, her sponsor! Amy attended Eastern Michigan University for her BS and Madonna University for her MA (Autism Spectrum Disorder.) She taught adapted PE for 15 years and students with autism for 3 years in Garden City Public Schools. She is currently teaching Math at Plymouth High School in an ASD Center Based Program.

Beth Banker currently teaches sixth grade Science at Brownstown Middle School. She has taught in Maryland, Flatrock, and an American Missionary School in Mbarara, Uganda. She has her BS in Education from Towson State University and she earned her MA in Counseling from Spring Arbor University. She loves sharing the excitement about new things with her students and learning alongside them. Lynne Elsesser is her sponsor.

"Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero."

Fred Rogers

Grant-in-Aid Awardee



Joanna Eiwen, Grant-in-Aid chair, presented the check to Morgan Klabunde.

Gamma Alpha is involved in projects that aid the community and educators. We award one-two (\$1,000) Grant-in-Aid funds yearly for early-educators for continuing education, materials, or classroom projects. Five hundred dollars is presented to awardee at our spring “Birthday Dinner.” Our awardee is encouraged to bring a teaching colleague (female) to the dinner. Meals will be provided by Gamma Alpha. The remainder of the grant (\$500) will be awarded at one of our fall meetings the awardee chooses to attend. Awardee will give a brief update about how she has used the grant. She is encouraged to bring a colleague to this meeting, as well. The grant application is on our website: www.migammaalpha.org

This year’s recipient of the Grant-in-Aid was Morgan Klabunde. She is a second-year teacher at Stevenson Middle School in Wayne Westland. Morgan teaches in a classroom for students with Emotional Impairments. She comes to school with a positive attitude on a daily basis, despite joining the teaching profession at a very difficult time beginning with virtual learning and then helping students return to school after being virtual. Morgan plans to use some of the grant money for supplies to start a micro-business within her classroom to help teach the students fundamental skills needed for life and help cultivate a team environment. She also intends to use some of the money on behavioral incentives and manipulatives to support her students. Morgan works hard to create a safe welcoming classroom for her students. Gamma Alpha

Chapter Friend of Education



Tanya Pitkin and Lynne Elsesser

Our Friend of Education honoree is Tanya Pitkin, President of Northville Council of PTAs. She joined her first PTA in 2016 when her son was in Kindergarten. The following year she served as president of that PTA and began also serving on the Michigan PTA Advocacy committee. She met with State Representatives and State Senators on many issues pertaining to children and education within our public schools. In 2018, she was voted in as President of the Northville Council of PTAs where she continues to serve and advocate on behalf of students.

With her service on the Michigan PTA Convention committee and other various roles, she was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2019 and continued another term beginning in August of 2021. On this board she has attended the National PTA Federal Legislative Convention and spoke with several members of Congress on issues pertaining to students such as infrastructure plans need to include high speed wireless internet, school lunch program needs, etc. .

She has organized and moderated School Board Candidate Forums for elections in 2018 and 2020. This summer she will co-host a training for National PTA on 'How To Hold a School Board Forum' for PTA leaders across the country.

She also has served on the Northville Public Schools Curriculum committee as a parent volunteer. Tanya said that learning about the process to keep curriculum current and exciting for our educators and students has been incredibly insightful.

Tanya stated, "Being involved in the decisions that are being made has been my goal to not only help my child, but give a voice to all children in school ."

Thank you, Tanya. You **are** a Friend of Education.

Service Projects

Donations for Beverley House Girls are collected and organized by Judy Morante, Service Project chair and Sarah Elsesser.

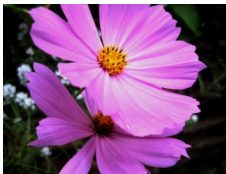


Lynne Elsesser and Amy Wright planted several kinds of daylilies and sedum at Beverly House. Some of the plants Lynne and Amy donated from their gardens as well as mulch. Our gardeners gave them a watering can since Beverly House has no hose and the water faucet is on the side of the house.



Service Projects

Voila!



"The thing I remember best about successful people I've met all through the years is their obvious delight in what they're doing and it seems to have very little to do with worldly success. They just love what they're doing, and they love it in front of others."

Fred Rogers

State Convention 2022



Top: Outgoing Co-Presidents Carole Lower and Amy Wright at the State Convention in Kalamazoo looking *très chic!*

Bottom: Jackie Smart, Judi Fisher, Gloria Richards (Nu), and Cindy Dietz waiting for a drink after Executive Board in Kalamazoo.



Wild Women of Detroit Tour



Bailey Sisoy Isgro is the owner of Detroit History Tours and the proprietress of the Detroit History Club. She was our excellent tour guide. The first stop on the Wild Women of Detroit tour was Belle Isle. If Belle Isle is Detroit's crown, then the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory is its brightest emerald, full of brilliant green ferns, palms, cacti, and plant life from all over the world. Anna Scripps was an American philanthropist and the daughter of *The Detroit News* founder James E. Scripps. She was an avid gardener (specializing in orchids) and art collector. The Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, along with the neighboring Belle Isle Aquarium, was designed by Albert Kahn who modeled the building after architectural exhibitions and garden pavilions he saw in London most notably The Crystal Palace and the Palm House at Kew Gardens. At her death she bequeathed her art collection to the Detroit Institute of Arts, where it is known as the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar B. Whitcomb.



Wild Women of Detroit Tour



Top to Bottom:

Belle Isle Fountain

The Detroit Flag

The flag commemorates the countries that have controlled the city since its founding, divided into four sections. The lower left gold fleur-de-lis represents France. The upper right has three gold lions of Great Britain. The upper left and the lower right sections represent the United States, the 13 stripes and 13 stars to represent the 13 original colonies and American control of the city before and following the War of 1812. The city seal represents the Great Fire that destroyed the city in 1805. Two women stand in the foreground while on the left, the city burns in the background and a woman weeps over the destruction. The woman on the right consoles her by gesturing to a new city that will rise in its place. Two Latin mottos read “Speramus Meliora” (“We hope for better things”) and “Resurget Cineribus” (“It will rise from the ashes”), penned by Father Gabriel Richard.



Abick's Bar

We had lunch at Abick's Bar. This is one of the oldest family owned bars in Detroit (107 years) and largely unchanged in appearance. The original tin ceilings and low lights cast a warm glow over the mahogany bar top and back. The ancient brass cash register rests under a stained glass light fixture. If you step into the cigar lounge, a converted old backroom of the bar, you'll find leather couches, a carefully crafted cigar and scotch menu, and a personalized cigar locker if your tastes run that way. You'll see pictures from Abick family's deep roots from decades of family members in police, military, and fire service. There's an ancient police call box nestled among other relics, as well a still-functioning rotary phone. Bailey, a native Detroiter, shared stories about her beloved Detroit.



Wild Women of Detroit Tour



Landing of Cadillac's Wife at Detroit

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 Theresa who decided much of the town's original layout. From the very beginning, Detroit has been a dame's town. In September 1701 Madame Cadillac boldly set off from Montreal in a canoe, along with her nine-year-old son and Madame de Tonty, the wife of Cadillac's Lieutenant.

The group arrived at Fort Pontchartrain in October 1701. They are supposedly the first European women to set foot in Michigan. Upon their arrival, they were warmly received by many of the Native Americans and the fort's inhabitants. At the settlement Madame Cadillac took on many responsibilities and administrative duties for the settlement - she hired voyagers, signed contracts, and served as a doctor to the two hundred habitants and neighboring Native Americans. Her husband was recalled twice to Quebec, and during his absences she would maintain interests in his stead.

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girls as well as funds for 'experiences.' Education is a challenging career, and retaining quality teachers is an issue worldwide. Teachers supporting teachers is crucial. We will continue to assist early-career educators with Grant-in-Aid awards that can be used for projects, materials in the classroom, or furthering their education/training.

We will also continue to promote literacy in our community. Many members donate books to classrooms. Seedlings Braille Books for Blind Children is an organization we support that help us achieve this goal. Debra Bonde's mission as founder of Seedlings is to increase the opportunity for literacy for blind children as well as exposing sighted family members to Braille materials. Members volunteer at Seedlings binding books and helping with mailings when called upon. Debra will update us about Seedlings in October.

Our hope for this biennium is that Gamma Alpha members come to know and accept each other as friends, regardless of our differences, working toward the ultimate togetherness of our shared love of teaching. We hope our service can be expanded in order to promote improved education for all children and how important it is to have caring, key women educators in preparation of tomorrow's leaders. May we all feel the inner glow that comes through knowing that the world is a better place to live because of our deeds.

Your Gamma Alpha Presidents,
Judi and Jackie

SUMMER & FALL BIRTHDAYS

June

19 Fran Saenz
19 Tara Cooper
25 Pam Sayre

July

4 Karen Marold
9 Joanna Eiwen
16 Suzanne Bacinski
20 Carol Holland
21 Judy Handley
30 Judy Morante

August

22 Beth Banker

September

13 Amy Mullins
16 Carole Lower
19 Helen Mate
24 Barb Anderson
26 Jennifer LaRose
27 Linda Clark
30 Jackie Smart

October

14 Lynne Bemer
21 Alice Duke
23 Lisa Austin

November

4 Linda Dobrzeniecki
5 Amy Wright
10 Sherry Green
11 Sarah Elsesser
15 Jose Engel
17 Pam Emerson



Make a wish!

Annie Webb Blanton Honored in the National Women's History Museum



In May 2022, thanks to the efforts of Patricia H. Brenner, a member of Alpha Beta Chapter in Pennsylvania State Organization, **DKG Founder Dr. Annie Webb Blanton** was accepted into The National Women's History Museum (NWHM). The NWHM is "an innovative online museum dedicated to uncovering, interpreting, and celebrating women's diverse contributions to society."

Founded in 1996, "the Museum brings to life the countless untold stories of women throughout history, and serves as a space for all to inspire, experience, collaborate, and amplify women's impact-past, present, and future."

(<https://www.womenshistory.org/>)

Dr. Blanton is included in the Chronicles of American Women segment of the NWHM website. Interestingly, Brenner learned that DKG is a member of the museum's National Coalition of more than 60 national organizations with educational, professional, and/or service missions. Members of the Coalition support the NWHM's commitment to women's equality, empowerment, and story sharing.

The National Women's History Museum reaches more than 4 million visitors each year through its online content and education programming, ensuring that Blanton will be recognized among the many women who have had a significant impact in the United States. The Museum, a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)3, will mount its first physical exhibit at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library in downtown Washington, D.C., in 2023.

Visit the Museum at <https://www.womenshistory.org/> Access the tribute to Dr. Blanton by going to Women's History > Chronicles of American Women > Browse The Stories > Dr. Annie Webb Blanton.

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"There's a world of difference between insisting on someone's doing something and establishing an atmosphere in which that person can grow into wanting to do it."



Fred Rogers

Women in the Arts

Announcing the 2022 Women in the Arts Conference

Women in the Arts plan to gather October 14-16, 2022 at the Butzel Conference Center at Camp Tamarack. New attendees should know that Women in the Arts is a weekend to attend craft sessions, socialize or just relax in a beautiful Eastern Michigan setting. This will be a relaxing and creative weekend! NO creative talent is required to attend. This is meant to be a great way to meet members around the state for fun, food and fellowship. We're looking forward to seeing you all.

Jean Buller, Beta Chi and Nancy Walters, Beta Chi
Women in the Arts Committee

	<p>Delta Kappa Gamma Society of Key Women Educators Women in the Arts Weekend Retreat Friday, October 14– Sunday, October 16, 2022 4:00 PM or later – 1:00 PM Sunday Butzel Conference Center at Camp Tamarack 3599 Perryville Rd., Orionville, MI</p> 
REGISTRATION FORM	
Deadline: Forms must be submitted by September 1, 2022 to attend	
Name: _____	
Address: _____	
City/State/Zip: _____	
Chapter Preference or Friend of Chapter Member: _____	
Email: _____	
Room Preference: for two nights lodging including meals for Friday p.m., three on Saturday, two on Sunday	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Room per person price \$395.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Room (one twin, one queen) per person price \$245.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Triple Room (one twin, one queen) per person price \$195.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Quadruple Room (one twin, one queen, one roll away) per person price \$170.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Need room that is ADA accessible	
If you plan to arrive late, or leave early, please contact us for price differences.	
We will notify those pre-registered if Covid becomes an issue in the Fall for a refund.	
Roommate Names: _____	
Meal allergies or accommodations that are needed: _____	
List the areas you are willing to present (music, art, fibers, photography, poetry, dance, nature, crafts, etc.)	

Send your registration form to Jean Buller or Nancy Walters	
Payments & registration forms due by September 1, 2022	
Pay by Check to "DKG" (Mail with form to: Jean Buller 3190 W Ridge Ct., Commerce Twp., MI 48390)	
Pay by Credit Card (fee will be applied and either snail mail, text or email the registration form)	
Pay by Venmo (Scan the QR code above and either snail mail, text or email the registration form)	
Questions? Please Contact:	
Jean Buller (248) 880-5883 jbuller@sbcglobal.net or Nancy Walters (248) 802-1105 nwalt1855@comcast.net	
** Please join the Women of the Arts Facebook Group for the latest information and photos of projects **	
DKG Michigan Women in the Arts Group www.facebook.com/groups/401316468404337/	

Join your Delta Kappa Gamma sisters at Butzel Conference Center at Camp Tamarack for our Women in the Arts weekend. Learn a new craft, bring one of your own or just socialize and relax.

You do not need to be a DKG member. Guests are welcome.

We will be staying in the Butzel Conference Center where each room has its own bathroom.

Price includes 2 nights lodging (Friday and Saturday) and 6 meals.

10/14 Check in at 4:00

Dinner at 5:30

10/15 Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

10/16 Breakfast only

In late September, you'll receive an email listing info about the weekend. Please add us to your Address Book so that you receive these emails. Be sure to join our Facebook page to learn all that is going on! Thanks!

Jean Buller,
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(248) 880-5883

Nancy Walters
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Auction Flyer

GAMMA ALPHA ANNUAL AUCTION



Date: Sunday, November 6, 2022

(Members Only Arrive at 12:30-12:45 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)

Gamma Alpha Chapter's Annual Auction.

Bring your purses and get ready to SHOP!

Proceeds will be used in part for:

Early-Career Educators Grants

Schools for Africa

**Community Service Projects with Seedlings Braille Books for Children and
Beverly Girls Group Home**

Cost \$45

(Meal prices have increased 13.5% and service increased to 24%)

***Appetizers: Fresh Crudit  with ranch dip, Imported & Domestic Cheese Display (with crackers
& Italian bread garnished with grapes, olives, cherry peppers, & pepperoncini)***

Lunch:

Garden Salad w/ Ranch or Italian Dressing

Homemade Bread

***Chicken Limoncello GF (Chicken breast, crispy pan roasted and topped with Limoncello
vinaigrette, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, and fresh vegetable medley)***

or

Tronchetto V (vegetarian lasagna)

Cake

1. Indicate entr e choice: Chicken Limoncello or Tronchetto
2. Make checks payable to "Gamma Alpha."
3. Send \$45 check to Jackie Smart, by October 21, 2021
4. Please list names of guests and their entr e for name tags.
5. If you fill a table (8-10) we can reserve the table for your party. Please include their names and entr e selection.
6. If you are a guest, indicate at whose table you will sit.
7. If you are unable to attend after you have paid, please find someone to take your place.

DKG is a professional honor society of key women educators in the United States, Canada, 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.

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Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Fall Conference September 30-Oct 1, 2022
DoubleTree by Hilton Grand Rapids Airport
4747 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49512
www.grandrapidsairport.doubletree.com
616-957-0100



Please Print: Use one form per person. DO NOT complete this form if you already registered on the Google Form/Square

First	Last	Chapter
Address	City/State	Zip
Preferred Phone	Email	Years of Membership (or year of induction)
Chapter Position	State Position	International Position
Is this your first fall conference? If yes, please attend the first timers meeting Friday evening. Yes No	Do you plan to arrive Friday evening? Yes No	Are you currently teaching or employed? 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 September 3, 2022	\$70	\$
Check here if you are a first-timer or participated in all three Betsey Cooper Leadership Workshop (BCLW) Events and will attend the last session at the Fall Conference. If you check this box, your registration fee will be paid by the BCL Fund	\$ 0	First-timer <input type="checkbox"/> BCLW <input type="checkbox"/>
SCECH Fee Fee waived. Check here if you want to register-pick up forms at registration.	\$ 0	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday Buffet: House Smoked Beef Brisket, House Smoked, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chef's selection of sauces, Corn on the Cob, House Made Side Salads	\$42	\$
Saturday Breakfast FYI Continental buffet included for registered guests in hotel. Otherwise purchase your own in hotel restaurant.	\$ 0	
Saturday Lunch: Served with mixed greens salad, rolls & butter, Chef's selection of seasonal vegetables, beverages. Select One: Grilled Chicken breast with lemon, rosemary & white wine pan sauce or Teriyaki marinated Beef Kabobs with onion, bells peppers & pineapple	Included in Registration	Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/>
Total amount enclosed: Check payable to 'Delta Kappa Gamma'	\$	

Continue on the next page.

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 DKG Michigan State Organization and granting the use of your likeness, without compensation, in the *Wolverine* and/or on the Society website.

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 conference registration table 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 4 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. The monitor should have this form.)
5. At the registration desk, there will be a special box for your completed Official Attendance Sheet and SCECH evaluation sheet.

- The Combined Executive Board and General Membership Meeting will start at 7:00 PM Friday.
- ALL MEMBERS should attend that meeting at 7:00 PM Friday.
- Coordinating Councils may meet following Executive Board

Please mail this completed form and your check, payable to Delta Kappa Gamma, to:

Registrar:

Dr. Penny Larsen
2060 7th St NW
Grand Rapids, Mi. 49504

Cell: 906.360.6060
Email: Dr.pjlarsen@gmail.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 **September 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 **September 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.

Reservation Information

A dedicated website is now available for you to book your hotel rooms online. Reservations can be made until **September 9, 2022** at this web address: Booking Website (Copy and paste into your web browser. Please note, the entire URL must be copied and pasted for it to work properly):

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?cityhcn=GRRADT&groupCode=CDTXDK&arrivaldate=2022-09-30&departuredate=2022-10-01&cid=OM.WW.HILTONLINK.EN.DirectLink&roomId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Reservations can also be made by calling the Hotel **616-957-0100**

Discounted Group Guestroom Rate:

\$135.00 per night plus 6% state tax and 5% occupancy tax (11% total)

Cut-Off Date: Friday, September 9, 2022

Check-In Time: 3:00 PM

Check-Out Time: 11:00 AM

Cancellation Policy: