

#### The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International DKG Michigan State Organization

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# GAMMA ALPHA BULLETIN

**Presidents' Message** 



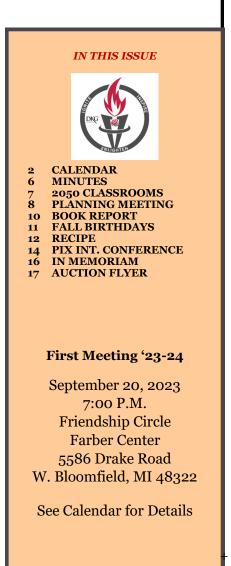
### Jackie Smart & Judi Fisher, Co-Presidents

#### Gamma Alpha Members,

In 2024, Gamma Alpha will celebrate the forty-fifth anniversary of being chartered as a chapter in DKG. In order to clear out the president's box of materials passed on to incoming presidents each biennium, I have been busy scanning minutes from the 80s to the mid-90s this summer. Gamma Alpha was chartered on April 2, 1979. According to the minutes, on September 8, 1982, President Joan Lyon asked Marcia Wiss-Scarr to present a motion to the Executive Board at the state level that the city and site of the 1983 Delta Kappa Gamma Convention be changed from Grand Rapids and the Amway Convention Center. This was due to the support which Amway gives to organizations which are anti-union, anti E.R.A., anti-reproductive rights, and anti-public education. Discussion also included that Grand Rapids utilized shared-time teaching with parochial schools and was highly identifiable with Amway. This was a gutsy move for a newbie chapter. The question was brought by Joan Lyon and the motion was passed intact unanimously. Important issues should not be ignored. Gamma Alpha Chapter was a new chapter-just three years old. Too new to get involved. Too new to let their wishes be heard. But Marcia Scarr, Sherry Green, Suzanne Bacinski, Barb

Broadley, Esther Loskowske, and Fran Saenz stood up for what was right. I, for one, am proud to be a member of an organization that isn't afraid to voice opinions. I stand with these members.

Jackie & Judi



### Calendar 2023-2024

#### In-person meetings general start promptly at 5:30 P.M. Virtual meetings are from 6:00-7:00 P.M. Please put dates on your calendar.



#### September 20, 2023 Field Trip to the Friendship Circle

Time: 7:00 P.M. Place: Farber Center 5586 Drake Road West Bloomfield 48322

#### **Meeting:**



Sarah Elsesser has found a wonderful place for the Gamma Alpha to visit - The Friendship Circle in West Bloomfield. The Friendship Circle is a non-profit agency provides assistance and support to 3,000 individuals with special needs and their families by providing recreational, social, educational, and vocational programming. In addition to helping those in need, The

Friendship Circle enriches its vast network of volunteers by enabling them to provide individuals with special needs the support, friendship, and inclusion that they deserve. The Friendship Circle operates The Soul Café that provides vocational opportunities for adults with special needs, the Soul Projects and Art Gallery, and the Dakota Bread Company. Attendees will meet at the center at 5:30. We will be given a tour of the facility and a brief talk regarding programs and volunteer opportunities. Dining will be on your own since the café closes at three.

Also, think about paying for the Annual Auction Dinner scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> at this time. This will save many reminders later! (\$45 cash or check payable to Gamma Alpha.) Remember to bring plenty of guests to the auction.

#### Friday/Saturday, September 29 - 30, 2023

DKG Michigan State Fall Conference and Executive Board Meeting The H Hotel 111 W. Main Street Midland, MI 48640 Information will be on the state website (dkgmichigan.org) and in *The Wolverine*.

#### Thursday, October 19, 2023

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. **Place:** Northville District Library 212 W. Cady Street in Northville



**Meeting:** Fran Saenz has scheduled Pam Craig for a presentation: Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera-in Detroit. During the 1930s, Edsel Ford invited these married artists to Detroit. Against the backdrop of the Great Depression and amid labor protests in the city, Rivera created his Detroit Industry murals which are the centerpiece for the Detroit Institute of Arts. Kahlo, meanwhile developed her own artistic identity almost unnoticed. Join us for a fascinating story about an explosive couple. He carried a pistol. She carried a flask. He romanticized Detroit. She

rejected it. But what they shared was a belief in communism, a thirst for tequila, and a passion for each other. Discover how they left their mark on Detroit. Note: Dinner in downtown Northville after the meeting. Place TBD.

#### November 5, 2023 Gamma Alpha Annual Auction

**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:** \$50 (Sorry about the price increase.)

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 purposes. Be sure to include and written description on a card to accompany Michigan tax 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
- Experiences

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.

If you are unable to attend, please consider a donation. This is Gamma Alpha's only nondues revenue fundraiser. The proceeds fund all of our Service Projects, speaker stipends, facility fees, and charitable donations for the year.

#### November 10-12, 2023 Women on the Arts

Ralph MacMullen Conference Center **Conservation Drive** Roscommon, MI 48653 Details on the State website (dkgmichigan.org)



#### December 14, 2023 Holiday Happy Hour

Time: 5:30-730 P.M.

#### Place: TBD

**Meeting:** Amy will make a Sin-up Genius for apps, desserts, and beverages. The Service Project Committee will let us know what to bring for the girls at Beverly House so they have a happy holiday.

#### January 18, 2024 Virtual EXECUTIVE BOARD Meeting

**Time:** 6:00-7:00 P.M. No membership meeting, although members can Zoom in if desired.

#### February 15, 2024 Virtual MEMBERSHIP Meeting

Time: 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Place: Anywhere you want to be and have internet.



Valentine's Day was yesterday, but we would LOVE for you to attend this virtual session. Amy will lead the meeting. We will discuss things that touch our hearts. A few vintage valentines will be shared.

#### Thursday, March 21, 2024

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

**Place:** Northville District Library

**Meeting:** March is Women's History Month - commemorating and encouraging the WeCanDolt! study, observance, and celebration of the vital role of women in American



history. Judi Fisher has organized a speaker, Claire Dahl, from the Yankee Air Museum. Her presentation will be "Willow Run and the Story of Rosie the Riveter and the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C." The presentation highlights the history of the Willow Run B-24 Bomber plant, the inspiring story of Posia, the Piveter, and the involvement of the Vankee Air Museum

story of Rosie, the Riveter, and the involvement of the Yankee Air Museum with the National Veterans History Project. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll chant in this hour-plus program that highlights the cheer and teamwork of the "Arsenal of Democracy" that took place in our own backyard. Feel free to invite friends.

### April 20, 2024 Metro Council Field Trip and Luncheon

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Place: 1st Congregational Church

33 East Forest Detroit 48201

**Cost:** TBD @ \$25-30 Watch for flyer.



Underground Railroad Living Museum "Flight to Freedom" is a "storytelling" re-enactment, by members of the church about the original Underground Railroad passage that operated between 1840 and 1863. On the tour visitors will be shackled (with wrist bands) at the entrance of the tour and begin their journey by entering through the "Door of No Return," on Goree Island in Africa. As this journey

begins, visitors transform into passengers on the Underground Railroad and are led to freedom by a conductor. Passengers hide from bounty hunters, cross the Ohio "Deep" River, and take retreat in a safe house in Indiana which is owned by Abolitionist Levi Coffin. Finally, passengers move to "Midnight," the code name for Detroit and take safe haven at the First Congregational Church of Detroit before moving on to Canada and "Freedom." Lunch will follow the tour.

#### April 26-28, 2024 State Convention

DoubleTree by Hilton in 'The Tall Ships' Bay City will host the 2024 State Convention. Details will be on the State Website (dkgmichigan.org)



May 16, 2024 Membership Meeting - 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Chapter Anniversary Dinner Place: Genitti's Hole-in The Wall 108 E. Main Street Northville, MI Time: 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. Cost: \$27 (Flyer will be available-Prepay for dinner)

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, Installation of New Officers, Service Project donations and Cindy will collect dues. Dues are **\$85** cash or check payable to 'Gamma Alpha'.

### June 15, 2024 Planning Meeting



**Time:** 11:00 A.M. **Place:** 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.



"What do you say when your English teacher is crying? There, their, they are" π

Why isn't pi on Twitter? Because 280 characters isn't enough to express itself.

woman's day

- The last Gamma Alpha meeting of the year was held at the lovely home of Sarah Elsesser on June 17, 2023. There were 13 members in attendance. A delicious lunch, consisting of a Maurice Salad, relishes, and dessert, was shared by everyone.
- After lunch, Jackie Smart called the meeting to order at 12 noon. The main order of business was to discuss and plan activities for the coming year .A tentative calendar was distributed to everyone. It was determined that In- Person meetings will start promptly at 5:30 pm, and Virtual meetings will be from 6:00-700 pm.
- For the Wednesday, September 20th meeting, Sarah Elsesser suggested that our group should take a field trip to The Friendship Circle, Farber Center in West Bloomfield. This is a non- profit organization which provides services for individuals with special needs. Our group will learn about the real life experiences offered to individuals which help them develop these social, physical, and cognitive skills. Our guide will give us a tour to the Art studio and Bakery. The address is: Friendship Circle, Farber Center 5586 Drake Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48332.
- Judy Morante made a motion for Gamma Alpha to donate \$100.00 to the Friendship Circle. Margie Sievert seconded it. The motion passed.
- Judi Fisher suggested that our club should donate \$100.00 to the World Fellowship since we won't be holding a vacation auction. Amy Wright made the motion, and the motion passed. Amy will also purchase gift cards for the Fall Conference auction. Jackie also thought Gamma Alpha should give people attending the Fall Conference \$100.00 to encourage attendance.
- Fran Saenz suggested Pam Craig, a retired Media Specialist, for a presentation about Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo and their influence on Detroit. Judi Fisher will arrange to have the October 19 meeting in the Northville Library.
- The Fall Conference will be held from September, 29-30 at the "H Hotel" in Midland. Details will be on the State Website and in The Wolverine.
- Sunday, November 5 is the Annual Gamma Alpha Auction. Jackie stated that she has been delighted with the number of people attending the auction. However, she would appreciate it if members don't delay in sending the money. She will be out of the country for October and the last two weeks she will have no internet for reminders. So try to pay for you and your guests prior to October 21. If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation, since this is our only non-dues revenue fundraiser.
- Our annual Holiday Party will be on December 14. Place TBA.
- January 19 will be the Board Meeting from 6-7 pm. No membership meeting, but anyone can attend the Zoom meeting.
- February 15, there will be a Virtual Membership meeting, to be conducted by Amy Wright. Vintage Valentines will be shared, as well as other activities are planned.
- March 14 will have a speaker from the Yankee Air Museum and Rosie the Riveter.
- Metro Council Meeting has planned a trip on April 20, to learn about the Underground Railroad in Detroit. The group will visit The Underground Railroad Living Museum, Flight to Freedom at The First Congregational Church in Detroit, 33 E Forest Ave. in Detroit. Lunch will be provided: Fried Chicken, Spaghetti, Cookie, Lemonade and Iced Tea. Cost TBD, but around \$25.
- April 26 to 28, will be the State Convention at the Double Tree by Hilton, in Bay City. Details will be on the DKG Website and in The Wolverine.

- Thursday, May 16 is the annual DKG Birthday Dinner at Genitti's Hole In The Wall in Northville. Awards will be given. There will be Induction of New Members, Installation of New Officers, and the Founders Celebration.
- Saturday, June 15 will be the Planning meeting for the next calendar year. Place TBD.

#### **Old Business**

- Dues that have not been paid need to be sent to Cindy Dietz ASAP.
- Lynne Elsesser needs to submit the bill for flowers to Beverly House.
- Any member who is going to the International Conference in July will be reimbursed \$100.00 by Gamma Alpha.

A BIG thanks to Sarah for hosting the planning meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M. by Jackie Smart.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Dobrzeniecki, Co-Recording Secretary



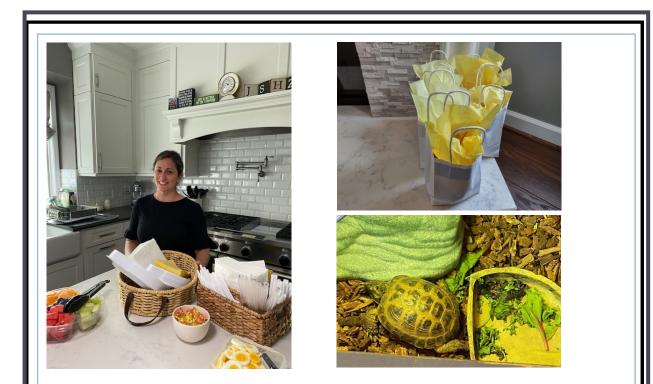
#### What Will Classrooms Look like in 2050?



Classrooms in 2050 will be vastly different from those of today. Here are some of the key features that we can expect to see:

- More technology. Technology will be even more pervasive in classrooms of the future. Students will use tablets, laptops, and other devices to access information, collaborate on projects, and learn in new and innovative ways.
- More personalized learning. Technology will be used to personalize learning for each student. This could include using adaptive learning software that adjusts the difficulty of lessons based on a student's progress, or using virtual tutors that can provide one-on-one instruction.
- More collaboration. Students will collaborate more often in classrooms of the future. They will use technology to work together on projects, share ideas, and learn from each other.
- More focus on soft skills. In addition to academic skills, students will also be taught soft skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, and teamwork. These skills will be essential for success in the workforce.
- More emphasis on experiential learning. Students will learn by doing in classrooms of the future. They will participate in hands-on activities, field trips, and internships to gain (*Continued on page 18*)

## **June Planning Meeting Pictures**



Our hostess, Sarah Elsesser opened her home for the planning meeting. She even made us gift bags. Members brought fixings for Maurice Salad, bread, butter, desserts, and adult beverages. Sarah made gift bags for attendees. The family pet tortoise, Franklin, was also in attendance, but did not offer any ideas for meetings.



Co-presidents Jackie and Judi called the meeting to order.



Fran came armed with meeting ideas; and Pam H., Pam S., and Linda kept us on track.



Besties: Carole and Margie!





### L-R:

Carole, Lynne B., Judy M., Amy, Sarah, and Lynne E. shared program ideas. Thank you, Sarah, for hosting a wonderful planning meeting.



#### Good Night, Mr. Wodehouse **By Faith Sullivan**



Spoiler Alert!!! The prologue of Good Wodehouse Niaht. Mr.begins with the obituary of the main character, Nell Stillman. Nell has lived a seemingly quiet life in Harvester, MN: raising her baby son alone after her husband's sudden death. Faith Sullivan teaching third grade, caring for friends and neighbors,

and reading voraciously. But like so many "ordinary" lives, Nell's story contains hidden depths and rich layers of love, loss and wisdom.

Author Faith Sullivan describes small-town life in Harvester through the eyes of Nell. She is an intelligent, generous narrator who fights off gossip, pettiness, and tragedy with compassion, perseverance, and forgiveness. Not an easy fate for a woman in small-town America at the beginning of the twentieth century.

The rest of the book covers Nell's life from the point of her husband's sudden death until her death many years later. Nell's friends and family members precede her in death as can happen real life - some get sick, some go off to war, and others drop dead without any foreshadowing. But in the works of Austen, Twain, Dickens, Elliot, Chekov, and especially the British novelist P.G. Wodehouse, Nell discovers a "world that provided all that the so-called real world withheld most especially, friends who didn't leave." Nell's enthusiasm for Wodehouse's books evoke a simpler time when reading and friendship could ward off despair. Nell manages to find hope, even love, in every stage of her life, the most satisfying of which is her interaction with her favorite author.

I highly recommend this book.



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

Newsletter/Yearbook - Jackie Smart

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

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 Bemer, Sarah Elsesser, Judi Fisher, Lynne Elsesser, Beth Banker, Cindy Dietz (& all Gamma Alpha Members)

#### Websites

**DKG International** www.dkg.org

**DKG Michigan State Organization** www.dkgmichigan.org

**DKG Gamma Alpha** www.migammaalpha.org



## Fall Birthdays

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#### **BRITISH STEAK AND ALE PIE**

Tender pieces of steak are cooked with vegetables and Guinness, then wrapped in a flaky buttery crust. Serve it with pea and chips for a perfectly comforting meal.

#### For the pastry:

3 cups all-purpose flour <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon salt 2 sticks/1 cup unsalted butter, cubed and kept cold until ready to use. You can also use lard. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup cold water 1 large egg beaten to brush on pastry

#### For the filling:

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 pounds beef round steak cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 medium onion, chopped finely
2 medium carrots, peeled and cut into bite-size chunks 1 cups
2 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 bottle of Guinness
3 cups beef stock (low sodium if possible) \* see note
1/2 teaspoon thyme
1/2 teaspoon rosemary
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 large egg, beaten

#### For the filling:

- 1. Add the vegetable oil to a large, heavy, ovenproof saucepan over medium high heat. Flour the beef cubes. Add the beef (don't overcrowd the pan, work in batches) and cook, turning the pieces until brown on all sides, adjust heat as needed if the bits on the bottom are getting too brown. Also add more oil as needed. When all pieces are browned, remove and set aside.
- 2. To the same pan, add the onion and carrots and cook until the onions soften. Add garlic and Worcestershire sauce. Stir to mix well and cook for 1 minute.
- 3. Stir in two tablespoons of flour. Stir for about two minutes. Then add the Guinness, beef stock, thyme, rosemary and salt. Add the meat back to the pan. Stir then cover with a lid. Place in a 325 degree oven for 1½ to 2½ hours (time will depend on the size of the beef pieces.) Remove the lid and cook for 15 more minutes to thicken the gravy if needed. You do not want it too runny; it should be rather thick.

#### To make the pastry:

- 1. Add the flour, salt and butter to a large bowl. Using your fingertips, rub the butter and flour until it resembles breadcrumbs. Drizzle in the water and mix using a fork until it starts to come together and holds together when pressed in your hand. You may not need all of the water. Remove and shape into a ball on a floured board. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate to chill the butter for 15 -30 minutes
- 2. Preheat oven to 425°F with rack in the center of the oven. Lightly butter a 9 or 10-inch pie dish.

- 3. Remove the dough from the refrigerator and cut in half. Wrap one half back in the plastic wrap and refrigerate. This one is for the top of the steak and ale pie.
- 4. Roll out the half onto a floured surface to a thickness of 1/8 of an inch. Cut a circle from the dough 1/2 inch larger than your pan and place into the pie dish allowing the edge to hang over.
- 5. Blind baking the crust: Cut a piece of parchment paper the size of the center of the pie dish and place dried beans in the center to weigh down the dough. Or you can place a piece of foil on top of the dough and weigh down with an oven-proof dish that will fit inside. Bake for 12 minutes until you start to see the edges get a little golden brown.
- 6. Remove the crust from the oven, grab the corners of the paper or foil and remove the beans or dish weighing the crust down. If it puffs, it should go down.
- 7. Return the crust to the oven for 5 more minutes to cook the pastry. Blind baking the bottom crust prevents it from being soggy.
- 8. Once the crust is out of the oven, take the rest of the dough and roll out onto a floured surface and cut a 10-inch circle. Fill the cooked crust with the beef filling (it shouldn't be too wet.) Reserve some gravy for use when served.
- 9. Brush the edges of the cooked pastry with the egg. Roll the pastry circle over your rolling pin, lift and place on top of the pie with the egg washed edges down so they stick to the other dough, folding the edge of the top dough under the bottom dough and pinch to seal, or press with a fork.
- 10. Brush with the entire top with egg wash and cut a couple of slits in the center of the crust. Bake for 25 minutes until golden brown. The time will vary depending on your oven. Allow to rest for 10 minutes after taking out of the oven before slicing to allow the sauce to thicken. Serve with gravy, mashed potatoes or chips, and peas.

NOTES

Taste your stock, if it is salty, you may need to adjust the amount of salt in the dish



### **International Conference in the D!**



Kathleen Rodak won a free stay in Maryland for the next International Convention. Michigan President, Karen Lessnau-Scott, Amy and Judi snapping selfies. Anne Wade, Wolverine Editor and Amy getting up to some hi-jinx.



Michigan attendees







Gamma Alpha + Colleen



International President (L) Deb LeBlanc and Nita Scott, Exe. Dir.





Left to Right/Top-Bottom

BFFs Amy and Pam Husson. Pam and the wait staff selling drink tickets! Amy and Carol Herzog, the Northeast Regional Director. And, a great picture of DKG Michigan's Corresponding Secretary.



Olive Horning, 2011-2019 State President, and Cindy with her "Newbie" gifts for being a first-timer at an International Conference.





### In Memoriam F. Jose Engel November 15, 1929 - June 23, 2023

Diane Frangie, Judi Fisher, and Jackie Smart attended the funeral of Jose Engel to honor our friend, colleague, and Gamma Alpha (formerly Kappa chapter). During her lifetime, she was all our organization represents - a key women educator. She performed her educational tasks with enthusiasm, professionalism and dedication. Whatever she attempted, she carried through responsibly. She searched constantly to enrich the lives of those she taught and with whom she worked.

Jose was born in Orange, New Jersey, on November 15, 1929. She was a smart and caring person and was the Valedictorian of her high school class. She received her BA from the University of Michigan and her MA from Michigan State University. Jose taught at Burton Elementary in Berkley. She changed districts and taught math at Anderson Middle School and Bloomfield East and West Junior high for a total of 37 years. Jose scored and timed girls and boys sporting events (track, basketball, volleyball, and wrestling) for 40 years until she was 90.

We mourn Jose's passing because we will miss her; but death is another beginning for our dear friend. She has left a part of herself with those she loved, with her colleagues, and she will missed by all who knew her.







#### Date: Sunday, November 5, 2023

(Members 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 \$50

Fresh Crudité with ranch dip, Imported & Domestic Cheese Display (with crackers & Italian bread garnished with grapes, olives, cherry peppers, & pepperoncini) Garden Salad w/ Ranch or Italian Dressing Homemade Bread

Chicken Limoncello GF (Chicken breast, crispy pan roasted and topped with Limoncello vinaigrette, potatoes Anna, and fresh vegetable medley) or

> Tronchetto V (vegetarian lasagna) Cake

- 1. Indicate entrée choice: Chicken Limoncello or Tronchetto
- 2. Make checks payable to "Gamma Alpha."
- 3. Send \$50 check to Cindy Dietz, by October 21, 2023
- 4. Please list names of guests and their entrée for name tags.
- If you fill a table (8-10) we can reserve the table for your party. Please include their names and entrée selection.
- 6. If you are a guest, indicate at whose table you will sit.
- 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. Cindy Dietz 7329 Gilman Westland, MI 48185 cdietz02@comcast.net 734-812-7285 (Continued from page 7)

real-world experience.

- More focus on global citizenship. Students will learn about different cultures and perspectives in classrooms of the future. They will be prepared to live and work in a globalized world.
- Overall, classrooms of the future will be more flexible, interactive, and personalized. They will be equipped with the latest technology to help students reach their full potential.

Here are some additional features that we might see in classrooms of the future:

- Virtual reality headsets. Students will be able to use virtual reality headsets to explore different worlds and learn about different subjects in a more immersive way.
- 3D printers. Students will be able to use 3D printers to create physical models of their work. This will help them to better understand the concepts that they are learning.
- Robotic assistants. Robots will be used to help teachers with tasks such as grading papers and giving presentations. This will free up teachers to spend more time interacting with students.
- Smart classrooms. Classrooms will be equipped with sensors and other technology that can track student progress, identify learning gaps, and personalize instruction.
- Gamified learning. Students will learn through games and other interactive activities. This will make learning more fun and engaging.

The classrooms of the future will be a place where students can learn in a more flexible, interactive, and personalized way. They will be equipped with the latest technology to help students reach their full potential.

#### \*Editor's note:

I asked Google Bard the question. "What will classrooms look like in 2050?" The above article was written totally by Google Bard, an AI chat-bot. Bard collected information found on the web and wrote the above article. I then asked the AI chat-bot why it was called 'Bard'? Its reply:

I am called Bard because the word "bard" means "poet, traditionally one reciting epics and associated with a particular oral tradition." I am named after bards because I am a large language model that can generate text, translate languages, write different kinds of creative content, and answer your questions in an informative way. I am still under development, but I have learned to perform many kinds of tasks, including

- *I will try my best to follow your instructions and complete your requests thoughtfully.*
- *I will use my knowledge to answer your questions in a comprehensive and informative way, even if they are open ended, challenging, or strange.*
- *I will generate different creative text formats of text content, like poems, code, scripts, musical pieces, email, letters, etc. I will try my best to fulfill all your requirements.*

The name "Bard" also has a geeky connotation, which fits with Google's naming conventions. Bards are a type of playable character in Dungeons and Dragons, and they inspired the old Apple II game called The Bard's Tale. I hope this answers your question!

OMG! Bard even has a sense of humor. 2050, here we come!