

2023-2024 Gamma Alpha Calendar



*“If you are planning for a year, sow rice;
if you are planning for a decade, plant trees;
if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people.”
– Chinese proverb*

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)

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Thursday, September 20, 2023

Membership Meeting

Time: 7:00 P.M.**Place:** Friendship Circle at the Meer Center
6829 W. Maple 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. 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 7:00. 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 5th at this time. This will save many reminders later! (\$50 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:** 5:15 - 6:30 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.

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Gamma Alpha Annual Auction

Time: 1:00 - 5:00 P.M. (Members arrive at 12:30 - 12:45 P.M)**Place:** Laurel Manor
39000 Schoolcraft Road
Livonia, MI 48150**Hostess:** Jackie Smart, Auction Chair**Cost:** \$50 (Watch for the flyer)

Members should arrive at Laurel Manor around 12:30 - 12:45. You pick up your name tag 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, reading, games, grandchild, sports, chocolate, wine, spirits, exercise, picnic, ethnic foods, etc.)
- Holiday items/decorations/wrapping supplies/gifts
- Tickets: Theater, movie, concert, or sporting event
- Best seller books, audio books, puzzle 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. **If you are unable to attend, please consider a donation. This is Gamma Alpha's only non-dues revenue fundraiser. We make absolutely no profit from the food and beverage. The proceeds from the raffles fund all of our projects and charitable donations for the year.**

Friday-Sunday, November 10-12, 2023

Women in the Arts Weekend

Ralph MacMullen Conference Center

Conservation Drive

Roscommon, MI 48653

Information will be on the state website (dkgmichigan.org) and in *The Wolverine*.

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Holiday Happy Hour

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

Place: TBD

Meeting: Gamma Alpha members will meet for an evening of fun, food, and giving. 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.

Thursday, January 18, 2024 - Executive Board will meet via Zoom

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: The comfort of your home (See August for Zoom Link)

Hostess: Amy Wright, Zoom Master

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

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Membership Meeting - Virtual February Trivia

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

Place: The comfort of your home

Meeting: Pour yourself your favorite beverage and join our Zoom Master, 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.

Thursday, March 21, 2024

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

Place: Northville District Library
212 W. Cady Street in Northville

Meeting: March is Women's History Month - commemorating and encouraging the 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 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.

Saturday, April 20, 2024 Metro Council Meeting

Underground Railroad Living Museum "Flight to Freedom" and Lunch

Place: First Congregational Church
33 East Forest Avenue
Detroit 48201

Cost: TBD @ \$25-30 (Watch for the flyer)

Meeting: The Underground Railroad Living Museum "Flight to Freedom" Tour is a "storytelling" re-enactment of 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, 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.

Friday-Sunday, April 26-28, 2024

DKG Michigan State Convention and Spring Executive Board Meeting

DoubleTree by Hilton,
1 Wenonah Park Place
Bay City, MI 48708

Info will be on the state website (dkgmichigan.org) and in *The Wolverine*.

Thursday, May 16, 2024

45th Annual Chapter Birthday Dinner

Time: 5:00 - 7:30 P.M. (We will be eating at 5:30.)

Place: Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall
108 E. Main Street in Northville

Cost: \$27 (Flyer will be sent. We will prepay.)

Meeting: We will honor Chapter Woman of Distinction and the Friend of Education. We will present Grant-in-Aid Recipient check & Anniversary pins. We will induct new members, install new officers, collect Service Project donations, and **\$85 Dues will be collected at this time.**

Saturday, June 15, 2024

Membership Planning Meeting and Luncheon

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

Place: TBD

Meeting: We will meet for our annual planning meeting. Amy Wright will create a 'Sign-up Genius' for a Maurice Salad /Dessert buffet. Bring program ideas to this fun end of the calendar year activity.