

DKG Minutes for March 25, 2010

About fifteen members from Gamma Gamma Chapter joined us at the Livonia Civic Library for a presentation by Mu Chapter about Teen Dating Abuse. The prevalence of teen dating abuse is staggering. We learned that in the past five years the incidence of abuse in teen relationships has increased from one in five to one in three. Using a Ruth Mott grant, Mu Chapter purchased the copyrights from Deana's Educational Theater for the *Yellow Dress* program, a drama followed by discussion. Mu Chapter used this vehicle to promote awareness of teen dating abuse among the Genesee County teens. Cheryl Cyran, our presenter, was very passionate about this chapter project. Although the meeting was about how their project worked, Cheryl gave us folders that included the following information:

- Early warning signs of teen dating violence
- Safety planning and a safety wheel for teens in abusive dating relationships
- How to help a student or a friend
- Why it is so hard to leave
- Website information and suggested reading lists about dating violence

Debbie Ervin coordinated the yummy refreshments. Thank you Debbie!

Fran asked who was attending convention and the Metro Council Luncheon.

The Birthday Dinner is May 12. The flyer is in the newsletter. Esther asked us to remember our donations for the Undercover Project. See the calendar for details.

After the meeting, meetings ate, talked, and enjoyed the snacks.

Carol Palk for Mary Jo Dreffs, Recording Secretary