

Minutes Nov. 5th, 2014

If you were unable to attend our November Gamma Alpha meeting at Cassel's Restaurant, here's what you missed:

- Twenty-eight members plus our guest speaker met at Cassel's Restaurant in Northville.
- Colleen began the meeting with the Initiation Ceremony of two new members, Judy Baker and Nancy Geiger. Doris Prieskorn will be initiated in January.
- Lynne introduced our guest, Jane Stevens and "The Linus Project." The project got its name from the security blanket-toting character from "Peanuts." Their mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to children who are seriously ill or traumatized through the gifts of new handmade quilts lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers." After dinner, Jane provided materials for the members to make a square for a quilt. Everyone had a great time drawing pictures with fabric markers on a quilt square. Jane will bring the finished quilt to our Birthday Dinner in May.
- Lynne made an announcement regarding the success of the outing to Three Cedars Corn Maze in for the Beverly Girls Group Home on October 26. Everyone who attended had a great time, especially the girls. Pictures were in the newsletter.
- Lynne also shared information about activities that occurred at Fall Conference in Battle Creek and Women in the Arts. Gamma Alpha was well represented and both events. Amy did a wonderful job organizing our donations into an attractive basket for the World Fellowship raffle at Fall Conference.
- Cindy announced that all members have paid their dues and no one has resigned. Yay!
- Jackie reported about an email from Kids 4 Afghan Kids director, Khris Nedham. She requested our help again on the "Empty Bowls" project. We participated in this project two years ago. The membership agreed on our involvement. The upcoming Kids 4 Afghan Kids Project will be in February 2015(exact date TBD.) Ten members signed up to make a crock pot of soup they will serve to the parents and children from Amerman Elementary School. Judi Fisher will solicit bread from the local Northville bakery. Jackie will contact Khris about the date, time, and whether we will provide bowls, napkins, and spoons. More information regarding the project will be available in the next newsletter.
- The Auction Committee and interested members are meeting for lunch at Karl's Cabin next Thursday at noon to finalize our major fund-raising event. If you are unable to attend the committee suggests that you make provide a donation for the auction or make a monetary donation if possible.
- Lynne announced November Birthdays: Happy Birthday, Gals! Amy's birthday was today and we all had birthday cake for dessert.
- Lynne announced that Helen's house in Gaylord was hit by lightning and damage was done but Helen was OK. Helen recently moved to Gaylord.
- Lynne sent around a clipboard for members to write a line or two about what is going on in their lives. Amy will publish the chapter chatter in the next newsletter.

I hope this filled you in on what you missed. We hope to see you next month.

Jackie Smart substituting for Carol Anderson