

Gamma Alpha Chapter Meeting and Birthday Dinner May 20, 2015

Held at Rocky's of Northville, the meeting was called to order at 5:45 by Lynne Elsesser.

Lynne introduced two special guests, Kristen Beyer and Michelle White who are the recipients of this year's Grant-in-Aid.

Jackie and Judi thanked the many members who attended and helped at the recent State Convention. The chapter received several awards: President's, Attendance, The Rose, Outstanding Newsletter, and Exemplary Yearbook. Elizabeth Bunner was honored for Longevity and Judy Morante for Chapter Woman of Distinction.

Chapter members to work at the State level include: Recording Secretary, Lynne Elsesser; Professional Affairs Committee, Jackie Smart; Scholarship/Grants Chair, Judi Fisher; Funding Our Purposes Co-Chairs, Fran Saenz and Carol Anderson.

Lynne reminded members that the Executive Board and Yearly Planning Meeting will be held at her house on June 17. All are asked to bring, email, text or phone in suggestions for programs for the coming year.

Donna Colainne presented the Grant-in-Aid winners with their awards. Each spoke briefly about their plans for the award and Jackie presented them with DKG totes and chapter "goodies".

Judy Morante was recognized as the chapter Woman of Distinction. Judy updated us on activities with the Beverly House and thanked Sarah Dabiero for supplying us with beach bags filled with shirts, flip-flops, and beach towels for each girl. The chapter agreed to add \$20 for gift cards, sun screen and other summer goodies to each bag.

Lisa Austin was recognized as the chapter's newest retiree.

Grace Morgan presented her plan to help the Beverly House girls make fleece quilts again this summer. She will get specific details (re: date and place) so members can come to assist her. Grace also asked about working on crocheted necklaces as a chapter so that they can be sold at upcoming State conventions and conferences.

Cindy Dietz was honored for 35 years' membership in DKG.

Pam Husson won the 50/50 raffle worth \$40.

Jackie Smart and Helen Mate led us in a Re-Dedication ceremony honoring Gamma Alpha's 36<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Carol Anderson: Recording Secretary, Gamma Alpha Chapter