

May 16, 2019 Minutes

The 40th Anniversary Birthday Dinner was called to order at 5:25 pm by Amy Wright and Colleen Retherford. Colleen announced her resignation as president. Although she has moved to Kalamazoo, she will still retain membership. If someone would like to step up as co-president that would also be welcomed.

Opener: Jackie made three openers:

1. We had to put names to our grade school pictures. My how we changed!
2. Name the artist/group who recorded 1979 hits.
3. We watched Gamma Alpha Memories slide show with pictures of events over the past 40 years.

Initiation of New Members: Nancy Shuyten was sponsored by Judi Fisher Lynne Bemer was sponsored by Lynne Elsesser Rose Kelly was sponsored by Linda Dobrzeniecki Rosa Russenberger was sponsored by Linda Dobrzeniecki

Grant in Aid: Caitlin Griffith is the Grant-In-Aid recipient of the year. She is in her first full year of teaching and is looking to buy books for her classroom.

Six members of Kappa Chapter who will be joining our chapter. Diane Frangie, Jennifer LaRose, Marilyn Wallenmaier, Elizabeth Frazier, Pamela Sayre, and Jose Engel.

Linda Dobrzeniecki was selected as the Chapter Woman of Distinction for Gamma Alpha. Linda was sponsored by Fran Saenz.

Donna Colaianne is the newest member to become a retiree.

Chapter Certificates earned were announced: Award of the Rose, Exemplary Award for Yearbook, Exemplary Award for Newsletter, and Convention Attendance Award.

Service Project Report: Baby clothes donated today go to support Sumpter house- a home for unwed teen mothers. This year we built a reading center for Beverley House. Chapter members donated books and magazines at Christmas. We still need to get a bean bag chair for the reading center. Thanks to Jackie Smart, her husband Ian, and Bev Stanton who cleaned out the closet and built shelves for the games. And a BIG thanks to Judy Morante for her enthusiasm as chairperson.

We heard about two charter members. Harriet Larson has passed. Arlene Corriveau was unable to attend because she has a thriving tutoring business in the Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor area and tutors every night. This is Arlene's 60th year of teaching. Marcia Scarr, the Gamma Alpha Charter President, told us about how Gamma Alpha was started in 1979 with twelve teachers from 3 different school districts. She and Sherry Green shared some humorous stories about conventions and DKG protocol from 40 years ago.

Joanna Eiwen, Recording Secretary