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Reminders

- Check out our website at: www.migammaalpha.org
- Dues are due! Mail to Cindy Dietz or bring to the first meeting. \$73 for Active Members and \$58 for Retired Members.
- Bring vacation souvenir to September 24 meeting.
 Proceeds go to World Fellowship Fund.
- Seek out a prospective member and bring her to the October meeting. Fill out Recommendation for Membership form and bring to the September meeting.
- Nominations Committee will begin 2004-2006 slate preparation. If interested in holding office, see Judy

2003-2004 CALENDAR

Meetings will be held at **Steak & Ale** in Plymouth unless indicated. We have been lucky to obtain a room that has door. This way $\Delta K\Gamma$ business and other diners will not disturb each other. In order to get out at a reasonable hour, dinner and meetings will begin at **4:30**. Try to be punctual. Steak & Ale is located on Ann Arbor and I– 275. Call or e-mail Lynne Elsesser to let her know if you are attending on Mondays, before the meeting. She needs to let the Steak & Ale manager have a rough idea regarding numbers for wait staff. Type this **carefully** when you email: elsessl@yahoo.com

September 24- Business Meeting, Committee Planning and World Fellowship Silent Auction. Executive Board and Barbara Broadley, World Fellowship Chairman will host the meeting. Remember to bring you vacation souvenir for the auction. All proceeds go to the World Fellowship Fund. This fund sponsors young women from other countries to study in the United States. We are inviting members from the dissolved Alpha Nu chapter to our September meeting to see if any would like to transfer to Gamma Alpha. Alpha Nu Sisters, please contact Lynne if you are interested in attending this meeting.

October 22- Introduction of New Members **AND** Orientation of New Members! Bring your **Recommendation for Membership** form filled out **AND** be sure to have your prospective member attend. Grace will provide a handson project for us. We will make blankets, scarves and hats for the residents of the Family Center.

November 19- Initiation of New Members at William D. Ford Career Technical Center. Chris Smith will make arrangement s for the facility and meal. Joan Cady and the Membership Committee will conduct the orientation and preside over the Initiation Ceremony prior to dinner. After our meal, President Judi has arranged a speaker from "SEEDLINGS".

Judi's Gems



Dear Gamma Alpha Sisters,

Increasing membership in $\Delta K\Gamma$ is still a major concern in the Society as well as our chapter. Try to seek out key women educators who might be interested in joining. Forms are included in the newsletter. We would like to welcome any Alpha Nu members who would like to transfer their membership. We will continue our involvement with the Family Center and Motts. A field trip to Build-a-Bear at Twelve Oaks is in the works. Larry Janes will return and teach us how to make healthy and interesting appetizers. It should be an exciting year. See you in September.

Judi Fisher, Gamma Alpha President



Judi Fisher and State President Helen Popovich at the State Convention in Pontiac.

August

- 1- Sue Briody
- 11- Joan Cady
- 18- Abby Roach
- 20- Grace Morgan



Happy Back-to-School Birthdays!

September

- 9- Cindy Dietz
- 19- Helen Mate
- 30- Jackie Smart

World Fellowship

Have you wondered where your missing DKG pin money goes? What do we do with the proceeds from our fall raffle of vacation souvenirs? We are providing financial aid to women in other countries. Since 1946 funding has been raised primarily at the chapter level. Therefore, the number of

fellowships granted depends directly on the contributions received. Recipients are evaluated and chosen by an international World Fellowship Committee. The grants must be used in a North American university. These fellowships directly support our purposes of uniting women educators and providing financial support for study in United States or Canada. A recipient of the fellowship will be in attendance at the Fall Workshop in Lansing.

Barbara Broadley World Fellowship Chairman



Minutes in Minute

June 5, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Planning meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. at Hayes Elementary. Members discussed calendar for upcoming year. The calendar of events is included in the newsletter. Committees will meet at the September meeting to finalize their plans. Please let Lynne and Jackie know final details. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Smith Recording Secretary



Julie Linn- Galileo Leader

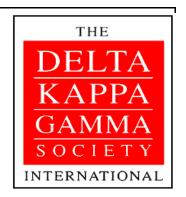
Julie Linn was selected as one of Livonia's Galileo Leaders for the next two years. The Galileo Leadership Consortium provides a leadership development program for educators from seven school districts, two community colleges and two regional educational service agencies in southeastern Michigan. The Leadership Academy is a seminar series focusing on Personal Assessment, Changing Organizations, and Strategies for Influencing and Planning for Action. It was launched in 1997 with funding by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and is sustained by the organizations themselves. A Galileo Leader's answer to the identity question, "I am a teacher," means "I am a leader of learning, a leader of change for my students and for my peers." Congratulations to one of Gamma Alpha's 'Key Women Educators' on this honor.

International Dates

July 27-31

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International Convention celebrating the 75th Birthday of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The goal is to have one member from each chapter present at the convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. See www. deltakappagamma.org for more information regarding the convention.



FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

State Dates

October 3 & 4– Fall Workshop is being held at the Lansing Sheraton. There are many great sessions being offered this year as well as a field trip to the Women's Historical Museum. Registration information is in the Summer *Wolverine*.

October 24-26 - Women in the Arts Retreat at Higgins Lake. Pre-registration is re-

April 30, May 1 & May 2– Kalamazoo Radisson Downtown Kalamazoo. See **www.deltakappagamma.org/MI** for more information.

Calendar Continued

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December 10- Executive Board and interested members will meet at Hayes Elementary at 4:30 to discuss the remainder of our $\Delta K\Gamma$ activities, fill in reports and await a needed winter break.

January 28- Field Trip to Twelve Oaks to Build-a-Bear. Details TBA.

February 18- Professional Affairs will sponsor Chef Larry Janes. Details TBA.

March 24– Reading Month activities with the residents from the Wayne County Family Center. Details TBA.

April 21- Birthday Dinner Details TBA.

April 30, May 1 & May 2- Alpha Iota State Convention will be held in Kalamazoo. Details TBA.

Metro Council Birthday Luncheon will be held sometime in April or May. I have not received the date yet. Details TBA.

June 3– Planning meeting for 2004-2005 at Hayes Elementary. Executive Board, committee chairmen and interested members should attend. Bring exciting meeting ideas. Details TBA

Gamma Alpha Executive Board 2002-2004

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Judi Fisher: President

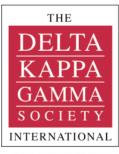
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Contact Jackie Smart, with information for future newsletters.



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