



*Caring Makes a Difference*

# GAMMA ALPHA BULLETIN

## “LET’S G.A.B”

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### Meeting Reminders

Mail dues to Cindy Dietz or bring your check to the first meeting.

\$58 Retirees

\$73 Working Members

Bring **vacation souvenir** to the meeting. Proceeds go to the World Fellowship Fund. Carol Holland warns everyone to wear their pin and nametag!

If you are presenting a candidate for membership, complete the Recommendation for Membership form and give it to Amy Wainwright, Membership Chairman.

We will meet for dinner at G. Subu’s Leather Bottle at 5:00. Dinner begins at 5:30 and the meeting will begin at 6:30. The Leather Bottle is located at 20300 Farmington Road just south of 8 Mile in Livonia. See you there!

### Volunteer at Seedlings

*Seedlings Braille Books for Children* is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to increasing the opportunity for literacy by providing high quality, low-cost children's literature in Braille.



Founded twenty-two years ago by Debra Bonde, *Seedling* sells its books for considerably less than it costs to make them. Thanks to the hundreds of generous donors, *Seedlings* has kept the price of its books to an average of \$10.

Volunteers donate their time and skills in helping to produce the books. Judi has volunteered at *Seedlings* for more than two years. She recently brought Jackie to *Seedlings* to help bind books. If interested in volunteering or making a tax-deductible donation, contact Debra at *Seedlings* (734) 427-8552 for more informa-



### Mission Statement

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*



## *Minutes in a Minute*

May 31, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 by President Jackie Smart. Members present were: Judi Fisher, Marie Canzoneri, Barbara Broadley, Mary Jo Dreffs, Amy Wainwright, Grace Morgan and Colleen Retherford. Email reports were sent in by Carol Anderson, Esther Loskowske and Helen Mate.

~A motion by Marie, and seconded by Colleen to approve the April 8 minutes was passed.

~There was no Treasurer's report at this time.

~Correspondence: Jackie received a thank you notes from Kathleen O'Connor, Grant-in-Aid recipient and a letter from the Wayne County Family Center thanking us for our donation of Women's Essential Needs bags.

### *Committee Reports*

**Membership: Marie/Amy-** There was discussion about sponsors encouraging their candidate's involvement in meetings and committee work. We will brainstorm ideas with the membership in September.

**Nominations: Amy-** Report was given at January's Business Meeting.

**Personal Growth: Barbara-** Auction report was given at January's Business Meeting. Helen Mate was honored at the Convention as Chapter Woman of Distinction. Grant-in-Aid Committee will help with this fall's Holiday Auction.

**Service Projects: Esther (via email)-** Esther suggested several ideas for possible projects. The Planning Committee liked the idea of stuffing holiday stockings for the children at the Wayne County Family Center. Service Projects will purchase 50 stockings and some small items with limited committee funds. Donations from membership are needed to help fill the stockings.

**Professional Affairs: Marge Braun-** C.P.R. report was given at January's Business Meeting. Amy was appointed co-chairman since Marge is in Florida for part of the year.

**Research: Lynne Elsesser** has volunteered to chair this committee. No report.

**Music: Chris Smith-** No report. Now that we are meeting later we hope Chris will be able to attend and include music in our meetings.

**Legislation/U.S. Forum: Cindy-** No report,

**Grant-in-Aid: Mary Jo-** Two grants were given to Eastern Michigan University students. Her committee will help Personal Growth with the Holiday Auction.

**World Fellowship: Carol Holland-** Report was given at January's Business Meeting. \$120 raised at last year's auction.

**Yearbook: Colleen R.-** We finally got the Pace Setter award!

**Newsletters: Jackie-** I will send a hard copy of the September newsletter to everyone so they can get the calendar and put meeting dates in the personal diaries straight away. Remember to make Gamma Alpha a priority when scheduling your events. The other newsletters will be posted on our website. Members will receive an email telling them the newsletter is on-line. I will mail hard copies to the members without internet service. It has saved the chapter money having members read the newsletter from our website. Our newsletter received second place in the communications competition and \$25 from then State this year.

**Birthday: Helen (via email) -** Helen will seek out an appropriate venue for our Birthday Celebration and will keep us apprised.

**History: Sherry Green-** No report. Thanks for storing the scrapbooks. You too, Mary Jo!

**Sunshine Committee: Carol Anderson, Donna Colaianne, and Nancy Chiasson-** A motion made by Colleen and seconded by Mary Jo was passed to change the name of Empathy Committee to the Sunshine Committee. It just sounds happier than empathy. The Sunshine Committee will send members birthday cards and make calls or write short notes encouraging members whom we have not seen for a while encouraging

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## *International Tidbits*

Travel opportunities with ΔΚΓ. You'll discover the authentic pleasures of Tuscany on a personal scale: wine tasting in a vineyard villa...savoring a home-hosted lunch with a Tuscan family...sampling the rich regional bounty of ripe olives and chestnut honey...trying your hand at Tuscan specialties in a private cooking class. Join ΔΚΓ and redefine the pleasures of la dolce vita! Departing from JFK Airport October 24, 2006; returning November 6, 2006 (Air add-ons available from other cities.) Pricy, but what a trip! See the International website for details. [www.deltakappagamma.org](http://www.deltakappagamma.org)  
**Arrivederci!**

## *State News*

[www.deltakappagamma.org/MI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI)



State President Marilyn Mitchell stated in her Annual Report that focusing on increasing our membership and leadership are main goals for this biennium. She asked us to re-double our efforts and personally recruit, retain, and reclaim members. Marilyn states that membership in Delta Kappa Gamma is a gift to be shared. Think of the friends you have and people you are close to because of Delta Kappa Gamma. Think of the opportunities, benefits, and personal growth you have experienced through our Society. Then, think of key women educators, not currently members, who would benefit from our Society. Remember the 3 Rs of membership...**recruit, reclaim and retain!**

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ing them to attend a meeting. They will continue to send a rose from the membership if there is a death.

## *Unfinished Business*

~We will initiate Danielle Jopek and Marianne Reinhard at the November meeting with other new initiates. We want them to attend the September and October meeting, but they will not have to pay dues until they are initiated.

~A motion made by Amy and seconded by Grace passed reinstating Sue Briody, who dropped out last year because of health appointments.

~Cindy will convene the Finance Committee when she is ready for the books.

## *New Business*

~Judi and Jackie are Co-Chairmen for the 2007 State Convention at Detroit Marriott Pontiac at Centerpoint, Pontiac, MI. According to Sally Garrison, Executive Secretary, our chapter needs to "support our efforts by helping to man the registration desk and picking up another small job or two."

~A motion made by Mary Jo and seconded by Judi was passed to accept the revised Chapter Rules.

~Program Planning : See the Clip & Save Calendar on pages 7-8

Adjournment: 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Broadley for Carol Anderson, Recording Secretary

## September 13th Agenda

- A. Welcome & Introduction of Guests– Jackie
- B. Attendance Sheet– Amy W..
- C. Opener– Bonnie F
- D. Approval of May 31, 2006 Minutes
- E. Treasurer’s Report & Budget– Cindy
- F. Correspondence– Jackie
- G. Committee Planning: Chairmen will meet briefly (10 minutes) with their committees to put the finishing touches on their programs.
  - ~**October 18– Marge & Amy**- Professional Affairs & Membership; Tanzania Presentation & Orientation of Candidates for Membership
  - ~**November 29– Barbara, Mary Jo & Amy**- Personal Growth, Grant-in-Aid, Membership; Holiday Auction & Initiation
  - ~**December 13– Esther & Colleen R.**- Service Projects & Yearbook; Holiday Stockings for the Family Center
  - ~**February 7– Cindy & Lynne**- Legislation/ US Forum & Research; Dream Dinners Field Trip
  - ~**March 7– Grace & Chris S**- Finance & Music; Preventing Identity Theft
  - ~**April 25– Helen , Carol A., Donna, & Nancy**- Birthday & Sunshine Committees ; Planning the Birthday Dinner, Ceremony, & Favors
- H. New Business
  - ~Presentation of candidates for membership
  - ~Update regarding Gamma Alpha’s role at the 2007 Convention
- I. Announcements
- J. World Fellowship Vacation Auction– Carol H.
- K. Delta Kappa Gamma song– Chris Smith!

### The Sunshine Committee Sends Birthday Greetings To...



#### August

- 1 Sue Briody
- 18 Abby Roach
- 20 Grace Morgan

#### September

- 6 Pat Kurd
- 9 Cindy Dietz
- 19 Helen Mate
- 30 Jackie Smart

## President's Message



### Get Smart!

“Would you believe” I really am into recycling? I recycle newspapers, magazine, glass, cans, cardboard and plastic each week. But recycled presidents? I know each one of you are capable of taking leadership roles in ΔΚΓ. My mission this biennium will be to nurture leaders in our chapter so we won’t need to recycle ex-presidents.

Since the founding in 1929, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has been dedicated to enhancing the lives of women educators and the students they serve throughout the world. From the early struggles of women in education to the present, Delta Kappa Gamma continues to honor key women educators from diverse fields by inviting them to join the Society. Presidents are requested to make a chapter challenge. Here is my chapter challenge...

**I challenge** you to reflect on your initiation into the Society and the honor and pride you felt when you were asked to become a member.

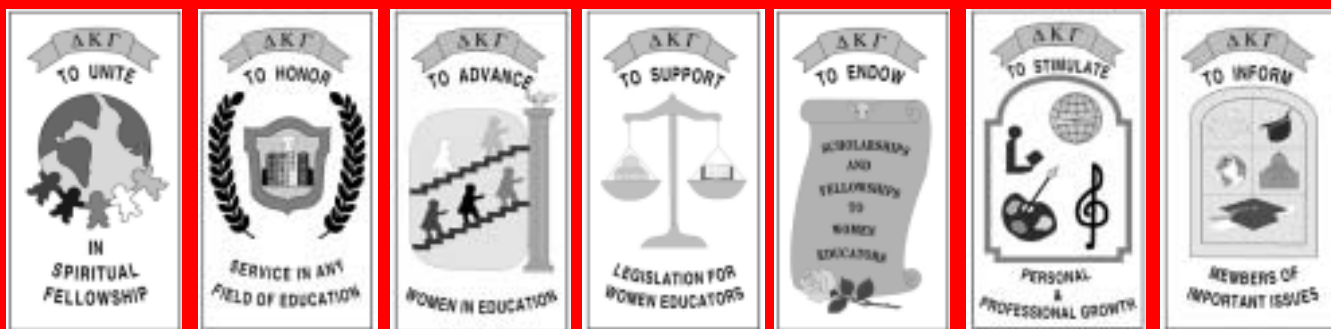
**I challenge** you to move your participation in chapter programs to the top of your “To Do” list. We have planned interesting meetings so try to attend.

**I challenge** members to attend Fall Workshops and the State Convention. Your participation will allow you to grow in the knowledge of the Society plus picking up some needed CEUs..

**I challenge** you to bring your particular expertise and skills to share with other members. Gamma Alpha members can be proud of our programs, the many Service Projects we do and the Grant-in-Aid awards we provide to women seeking a degree in education.

**I challenge** each member to invite one of your colleagues to join Delta Kappa Gamma. Members continue to be the heart of the Society. See you in September!

## *Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*



### *World Fellowships History*

The World Fellowships Program began in 1946 to aid women in war-torn countries. With financial assistance from ΔΚΓ members, four German women educators, spent eight weeks of study and visitation in Sweden in the spring of 1948. In 1952, Korean women educators were given funding.

Last year's silent auction raised \$120 for World Fellowships. Remember to bring in a vacation souvenir for the auction. You can buy auction tickets for any of the items during dinner. During the meeting, Carol Holland will pull an auction ticket and you might be going home with a prize. Your participation will make our contribution to World Fellowships a great success.

Members are also asked to donate items for the World Fellowship Auction that will be held at Soaring Eagle in October. Judi is co-chair of the State World Fellowships Committee.

*The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do.*

*J.M. Barrie, 1860-1937  
Scottish Writer & Dramatist*

### *Gamma Alpha Executive Board & Committee Chairmen 2006-2008*

*"Caring Makes a Difference"*

<i>Jacquelyn Smart:</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Judi Fisher:</i>	<i>First Vice President</i>
<i>Amy Wainwright:</i>	<i>Second Vice President</i>
<i>Carol Anderson:</i>	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
<i>Cindy Dietz:</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Barbara Broadley:</i>	<i>Parliamentarian</i>
<i>Judi Fisher:</i>	<i>Past President</i>
<i>Jacquelyn Smart:</i>	<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>

#### *Committee Chairmen*

<i>Barbara Broadley:</i>	<i>Personal Growth</i>
<i>Esther Loskowske:</i>	<i>Service Projects</i>
<i>Marge Braun, Amy Wainwright:</i>	<i>Professional Affairs</i>
<i>Lynne Elsesser:</i>	<i>Research</i>
<i>Cindy Dietz:</i>	<i>US Forum/Legislation</i>
<i>Chris Smith:</i>	<i>Music</i>
<i>Mary Jo Dreffs:</i>	<i>Grant-in-Aid</i>
<i>Helen Mate:</i>	<i>Birthday</i>
<i>Carol Holland:</i>	<i>World Fellowships</i>
<i>Colleen Retherford:</i>	<i>Yearbook</i>
<i>Sherry Green:</i>	<i>History</i>
<i>Carol Anderson, Donna Colaianne &amp; Nancy Chiasson</i>	<i>Sunshine</i>
<i>Grace Morgan</i>	<i>Finance</i>
<i>Bonnie Franka, Joan Murray &amp; Carol Palk:</i>	<i>Ice Breakers</i>
<i>Open:</i>	<i>Nominations</i>



## Good Reading

### The Mermaid's Chair

By Sue Monk Kidd

Kidd is the author of the bestseller *Secret Life of Bees*. Her second novel, *The Mermaid's Chair*, begins with Jessie Sullivan being awakened by a phone call to horrifying news. Jessie's mother, who has never recovered from her husband's death 33 years earlier, has chopped off her own finger with a cleaver. Jessie is worried and apprehensive at the thought of returning to the small South Carolina barrier island where she grew up in the shadow of her beloved father's death and her mother's fanatical Catholicism. But she gets on the next plane, leaving behind her psychiatrist husband and college-age daughter.

*The Mermaid's Chair* explores many themes— but in an interesting way. I know this looks like an English class, but...

- Mid-life marriage crisis
- Crisis of faith
- Parental loss
- Mother-daughter relationship
- Leaving home to find home

*The Mermaid's Chair* has been dubbed emotional menopause by some reviewers. I thought it was a quick, smooth read and worth the time I spent reading it.

**Note:** If you want to let members know what you are reading, send me a short book report and I will include it in a future newsletter.

*Of all the diversions of life, there is none so proper to fill up its empty spaces as the reading of useful and entertaining authors.*

~ Joseph Addison

*I feel a recipe is only a theme, which an intelligent cook can play each time with a variation.*

~ Madam Benoit

## Good Eating

### Shrimp New Orleans

#### Ingredients:

2 cups of cooled, cooked white rice  
(Cook 1 cup of rice according to package directions to get 2 cups of cooked rice.)  
1 head of cauliflower cut into small bite-sized florets.  
2 carrots, shredded  
1 green pepper, diced  
3 green onions, sliced  
20-30 pimento stuffed olives, halved  
1 celery stalk, diced  
2 cups of shrimp (drained, rinsed and mashed)  
1/2 to 3/4 cup of Hellman's mayonnaise mixed with  
1 teaspoon French dressing  
1 teaspoon of hot sauce (optional)  
Paprika  
2 Tablespoons of Parsley  
Salt and Pepper to taste

#### Procedure:

After rice has cooled, mix all of the above ingredients. Garnish with paprika. If the salad is made a day before, you may need to add more mayonnaise.

**Note:** Send me your favorite recipe and I will include it in a future newsletter.



## 2006-2007 Gamma Alpha Chapter Clip & Save Calendar

Put these dates in your planner now and check out our website for future newsletters, forms, links, photos and more at: [www.migammaalpha.org](http://www.migammaalpha.org) RSVP to Judi Fisher five days before the meeting date at [judi-fisher@yahoo.com](mailto:judi-fisher@yahoo.com) or call (248) 349-7105.

### **September 13, 2006**

Business Meeting, Program Planning, & Vacation Auction for World Fellowship. Executive Board and World Fellowship Committee are hostesses. Members arrive at G. Subu's Leather Bottle at 5:00 for Initiation of New Members followed by conversation and cocktails. Dinner begins at 5:30. Meeting will begin at 6:30. G. Subu's Leather Bottle is located at 20300 Farmington Road (south of 8 Mile Road) in Livonia. State President Marilyn Mitchell has been invited to attend. See "Reminders" for details.

### **October 13-14, 2006**

Fall Workshop/Executive Board

Soaring Eagle Resort, Mt. Pleasant Registration and hotel information are in the Summer Wolverine and on the State website under "Forms" [www.deltakappagamma.org/MI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI)

### **October 18, 2006**

Orientation of New Members and Tanzania Education Presentation. Membership and Professional Affairs Committees are hostesses. Amy and her committee will lead a discussion regarding our chapter and Delta Kappa Gamma with candidates for membership. After the orientation, we will listen to a presentation regarding an educational project in Tanzania. We can help break the cycle of poverty through education. Financial donations will be accepted. Members arrive at the Leather Bottle at 5:00 for conversation and cocktails, dinner at 5:30. Meeting will begin at 6:30.

### **November 29, 2006**

Initiation of New Members and Annual Holiday Auction. Membership and Personal Growth Committees are hostesses. November's meeting is devoted to fundraising for the Grant-in-Aid for women seeking a degree in education. Application for the Grant-in-Aid is on the website under "Forms." Members donate items to be auctioned off. If you cannot attend, please try to drop your item(s) off for the auction. Here are a few ideas for items that you could donate:

- A certificate from businesses you frequent
- Homemade baked goods or canned goods
- Massage
- "Theme" baskets (genre books, coffees, teas, cookies, jams, etc)
- Teacher gift baskets
- Holiday crafts or decorations
- Theater or game tickets
- Best Seller Books

Please be prompt. Members arrive at the Leather Bottle at 5:00 for the Initiation Ceremony. Dinner will be at 5:30. Holiday Auction will begin at 6:30. Be sure to invite relatives, friends, colleagues, potential members, etc. This way, we will raise more funds for the Grant-in-Aids and we will not be the only ones spending money!

### **December 2, 2006**

Zeta-Alpha Holiday Brunch and Silent Auction at Holiday Inn at Laurel Park. More information later.

### **December 13, 2006**

Holiday Stockings for the Wayne County Family Center. Service Projects Committee are the hostesses for this meeting. Esther and her committee will purchase Christmas stockings and members will donate small items and treats to fill the stockings. We will make 50 stockings so keep this number in mind when purchasing items. More information in future newsletters.

## January 10, 2007

*Executive Board beginning at 4:30 at Jackie Smart's Home. More information in future newsletters*

## February 7, 2007

*Dream Dinners— All the Ingredients for a Great Meal.*

Legislation and Research Committees are the hostesses. Gamma Alpha has booked a two-hour session at *Dream Dinners*. You will meet at store and assemble three meals (or more if you share meals) that you can take home and store in your freezer. The meals portions are for six. All you have to do to enjoy a delicious family meal is to thaw and cook. Dream Dinners provide all of the ingredients with easy-to-follow instructions and freezer containers. The planning and preparation are done for you, as well as the clean up. All you have to bring is a bag to carry your meals home and pop them in the freezer until you are ready to use them.

Procedure:

1. Visit [www.dreamdinners.com](http://www.dreamdinners.com)
2. Members will pre-register, pay by credit card on Dream Dinners' secure website and choose three dinners. Our group name is *Delta Kappa Gamma* and the password is *gammaalpha* (one word no spaces or capitals).
3. Our session time for Dream Dinners is February 7 from 5:00-7:00.
4. Arrive and assemble your meals.
5. Freeze your dream Dinners at home.
6. Cost per member is \$49.50.
7. If you don't feel comfortable registering online, call Jeannie (248) 477-8300 for help. More information and reminders will be available in future newsletters.

Livonia Dream Dinners  
33591 Seven Mile Road

(Just 1/4 mile west of Farmington Road in the Stamford Plaza, next to the Italian Bakery.)

## March 7, 2007

*Preventing Identity Theft* Finance and Music Committees are hostesses for this meeting. A speaker from the State Attorney General's office will speak to us about the fastest growing crime, identity theft and some steps to help prevent this from happening to you. Members arrive at the Leather Bottle at 5:00 for conversation and cocktails, dinner at 5:30. Meeting will begin at 6:30. More information in future newsletters.

## April 25, 2007

*Birthday Dinner* The Birthday Committee members and Sunshine Committee are the hostesses for this meeting. More information regarding cost and location in future newsletters.

## May 4-6, 2007

*Alpha Iota State Convention 2007*

Detroit Marriott Pontiac at Centerpointe. Judi and Jackie are co-chairs for the state Convention.

Details regarding the convention will be in future newsletters, the Winter *Wolverine* Alpha Iota State website:

[www.deltakappagamma.org/MI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI)



## June 2, 2007

*Planning Meeting for 2007-2008*

Join us for breakfast at Five at St. John's at 10:00. Come armed with program ideas for 2007-2008. After breakfast and program planning we can be refreshed with a walk through The Gardens of St. John's Center for Youth and Family. The Gardens have been created to inspire spiritual reflection for all who visit. More information in future newsletters.

*These Gamma Alpha members met on a stormy day in May to plan next year's programs. L-R: Colleen, Amy, Grace, Mary Jo, Judi, Barbara, Marie and Jackie (taking the photo). Esther and Helen emailed their program ideas.*