



# Gamma Alpha Bulletin

## "Let's G.A.B."

### Come to Fall Workshop in Lansing

Information about the September 14-15 Alpha Iota Fall Workshop is included in this newsletter. August 15 is the deadline for the hotel registration and September 1 is the deadline for registering for the conference. Non members are invited to attend.

One of the many duties I have as Alpha Iota State First Vice President is planning the workshop sessions at both Fall Workshop and Convention. My State Program of Work committee chairmen (or as I refer to them "Prisoners of War") have come up with some wonderful sessions that are sure to interest. You can receive SB-CEU credit for many of the sessions.

- Promoting Internet Safety
- Book Discussion Group
- eBay Education
- Viva Panama!
- Brain Gym Introduction
- "Low Impact" Carbon Foot Print Teaching
- Jellyfish Pudding: Reminiscences of a Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter
- Origami is for All Ages
- Creating Hopeful Learning Environments
- What's Happening in Lansing, Washington,
- D.C. and Around the Globe?
- Ringing in the New Biennium
- Calling All Presidents

Session descriptions are in the *Wolverine*.

The Friday night alternate session, asks, "How many gifted, but mobility impaired people do not have opportunity to fully express their talents?" This session will offer awareness and insights into the difficulties individuals with impairments face. Elke Riedel, World Fellowship recipient from Brazil, addresses this issue. She will share her personal journey from a young child stricken with poliomyelitis and confined to a wheelchair to studying in the Doctoral program of voice performance at the University of Michigan School of Music, Dance and Theater. With the support of her family, Elke never gave up her dreams to have a life as normal as possible. She will also perform several vocal selections. Elke has not had an easy journey, but she has succeeded with courage and talent.

There's only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self.

*Aldous Huxley, 1894-1963*

**FYI-** Put October 17 on your calendar. Bring your candidate for membership for orientation. This meeting will also feature a speaker from Children's Methodist Home, our new Service Project. More information in the next newsletter.

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#### September 26, 2007

##### Meeting Reminder

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 & State President's project. Carol Holland warns everyone to wear their pin and nametag!

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

We will meet for dinner at G. Subu's Leather Bottle at 4:30. Dinner begins at 5:00 and the meeting will begin at 6:00. *The Leather Bottle is located at 20300 Farmington Road just south of 8 Mile in Livonia.*

#### Mission Statement

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



## Minutes in a Minute

**April 25, 2007**



The meeting and Birthday Dinner were held at G. Subu's Leather Bottle. Twenty-six members were in attendance. Social gathering began at 4:30. Call to order was at 5:00.

Joan Murray introduced an icebreaker activity called "A Penny for Your Thoughts." The conversations that occurred during the activity allowed members to share some interesting bits of information about themselves and their lives.

A Ceremony of Remembrance for Joan Lyon was held. Fran Saenz read a letter that Joan had received from a former student. The very touching letter reminded all of us of the powerful effect that a good teacher can have on the lives of her students.

Five new members were initiated into the chapter. Jennifer Chambers, Kristen Chiasson, Judith Hurlley, Karen Scott, and Pamela Emerson became our sisters in Gamma Alpha. Many thanks to Amy Wainwright for her

preparation of the lovely initiation ceremony. A wonderful family style birthday dinner followed the initiation. New member Karen Scott prepared a birthday cake that received rave reviews.

After dinner, President Jackie Smart presented Friend of Education awards to Debra Bonde and Larry Janes.

Debra Bonde is the founder of Seedlings which prepares Braille materials for school children. Her dedication to helping visually handicapped children with reading has inspired some members of Gamma Alpha to donate their time and efforts to the cause, as well.

Larry Janes is a chef of distinction who has worked in several venues including Livonia Public Schools to teach others the joy of cooking.

Mary Jo Dreffs announced that Sarah Elseser, daughter-in-law of member Lynn Elseser, is the winner of this year's Grant-in-Aid award. Sarah was awarded \$500.00 to continue her pursuit of a degree in education.

Two chapter members were recognized as 2007

Women of Distinction. Mary Jo Dreffs and Carol Holland were thanked for all the effort they have put into supporting Gamma Alpha.

Retirees Mary Lou Flynn, Fran Saenz, and Marianne Reinhard were recognized for their years of service as educators and members of Gamma Alpha.

A 50/50 raffle held by the Service Projects committee earned Cindy Dietz the tidy sum of \$72.00. The same amount was donated to Seedlings.

Helen and her committee concluded the meeting with the Founder's Day ceremony. All members were given the opportunity to participate in the ABC's of  $\Delta\Gamma$ .

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00. Members were reminded to return their completed Membership Program Survey and their Officer Interest and Committee Sign-up forms to Judi or Jackie as soon as possible.

**June 2, 2007**



Jackie Smart, Judy Fisher, Mary Jo Dreffs, Amy Wainwright, Cindy Dietz,

Barb Broadley, and Carol Anderson met at St. John's Conference Center restaurant for a brunch and planning session at 10:00AM.

Jackie announced that the chapter received awards at the state convention for continuing excellence in producing our newsletter, for our yearbook and for sending chapter reports to the state in a timely manner.

She shared thank-you messages sent to the chapter from Debra Bonde of Seedlings and from the wife of Chef Larry Janes. Both were appreciative for the recognition as a Friend of Education at our April Birthday Dinner.

Cindy reported a checking balance of \$62.00.

Amy reported that membership in the chapter now includes 38 members; this includes 32 members since before the year started, 5 new members and one reserve member.

Jackie is now First Vice-President of Alpha Iota State and is no longer president of the Metro Council. She will remain secretary for Metro Council, though. As the chapter responsible for



selecting the site for the 2008 Metro Council Birthday Dinner, we have selected G. Subu's Leather Bottle. Surprise, surprise!

A calendar for 2007-2008 was planned. Most dates and activities are secure; a few meetings are still in the planning stages. Jackie will keep us posted in the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol A. Anderson  
Recording Secretary

**Book Club**  
*Tales of a Female Nomad* is the story of Rita Golden Gelman, an ordinary woman who is living an extraordinary existence. At the age of forty-eight, on the verge of a divorce, Rita left an elegant life in Los Angeles to follow her dream of connecting with people in cultures all over the world. In 1986 she sold her possessions and became a nomad, living in a Zapotec village in



Mexico, sleeping with sea lions on the Galapagos Islands, and residing everywhere from thatched huts to regal palaces. She has observed orangutans in the rain forest of Borneo, visited trance healers and dens of black magic, and cooked with women on fires all over the world. Rita's example encourages us all to dust off our dreams and rediscover the joy, the exuberance, and the hidden spirit that so many of us bury when we become adults.

**Kitchen Talk**  
*"Chex & O's Treats"*  
Submitted by Kathy Muench,

**Ingredients:**  
2 cups of Cheerios  
1 bag (8.75 oz.) Chex Mix  
Sweet 'n Salty Trail Mix  
1 bag (12 oz.) white chocolate chips  
3 Tbsp. Oil

**Directions:**

1. Line 2 baking sheets with nonstick foil. Mix cereal and trail mix in a large bowl.
2. Microwave white chocolate chips in a medium bowl on high, stirring every 20 seconds, until mixture is blended and smooth. Immediately pour over cereal mixture and toss with a rubber spatula until well coated.
3. Drop 1/4 cup mounds onto the lined baking sheets. Refrigerate 10 minutes or until firm. Lift off foil.
4. Can be made up to two weeks ahead. Refrigerate airtight with wax paper between layers.

**Substitutions:**

1. Use semisweet or milk chocolate chips.
2. Use multicolored Fruity Cheerios.
3. Add a handful of mini-marshmallows.

**Sunshine Committee  
Birthday Greetings**

**June**

- 19 Fran Saenz
- 26 Marianne Reinhard

**July**

- 16 Suzanne Bacinski
- 20 Carol Holland
- 21 Judy Handley

**August**

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

**September**

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



Happy Birthday to you!





## International & State News Northeast Regional Conference at Traverse City was Cherry-iffic!



Alpha Iota State's President J-Jay Pechta and First Vice President Jackie Smart after the Presidents' Banquet that was held at the Northeast Regional Conference in Traverse City.

*Friendship consists in forgetting what one gives, and remembering what one receives.*  
Alexander Dumas, 1803-1870

Past International President Dr. Paula Dent and State Personal Growth and Services Chairman Judi Fisher share a quiet moment after the Presidents' Banquet at NERC.



In the  $\Delta\text{K}\Gamma$  News, Dr. Barbara Day, International President said, "People who think they are wise and passionate enough to change the world often do."

Dr. Day's biennium theme, "Leading with Wisdom and Passion," and the regional conference theme, "Wisdom to Share - Passion to Care," led her to ponder with great appreciation what we are doing in our Society for those who are financially less fortunate than we. We are putting our dreams and commitment on a global stage through our many connections.

Delta Kappa Gamma is reaching out and helping to respond to the Millennium Development Goals adopted by 189 nations and signed by 147 heads of state and governments during the United Nations Millennium Summit in September 2000. The goals are as follows:

- *Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.* By 2015, reduce by half (1) the proportion of people whose income in 1990 was less than \$1/day and (2) the proportion of people who were hungry in 1990.
- *Achieve universal primary education.* By 2015, all children will be able to complete primary school.
- *Promote gender equality and empower women.* By 2015, equal numbers of girls and boys will go on to higher education.
- *Reduce child mortality.* By 2015, reduce by two-thirds the rate of children who die before their fifth birthday.
- *Improve maternal health.* By 2015, reduce maternal mortality by 75 percent.
- *Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.* By 2015, reverse the spread of these diseases.
- *Ensure environmental sustainability.* By 2015, make drinking water safer for 100 million slum dwellers.
- *Develop a global partnership for development.* By 2015, developed countries will increase the amount of development assistance up to 0.7 percent of gross national income.

Dr. Day concluded that we at Delta Kappa Gamma have been chosen to share our wisdom and passion in helping and serving others. Among the top 10 characteristics of a successful leader is the desire to help others succeed. Synergy is created when a leader truly invests her efforts in the success of others. Dr. Day is impressed with two "wisdoms" that relate here: "When you light the candle of another, your candle does not grow dimmer," and "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."



## Calendar 2007-2008

*Please arrive at 4:30 for the Wednesday meetings at G. Subu's. We will order dinner off the menu at 5:00 and our meeting will begin at approximately 6:00.*

### September 26, 2007

Dinner at G. Subu's  
Presentation of candidates for membership  
Bring *Recommendation for Membership* form.  
Vacation Auction for  
World Fellowship and State President's Project  
Business Meeting and brief Committee Planning

### September 14-15

Sheraton Hotel, Lansing  
Fall Workshop  
Registration forms are enclosed.  
Please try to attend.

### October 17, 2007

Dinner at G. Subu's  
Orientation of candidates for membership.  
Presentation by Steve Dingman re: Methodist Children's Village (our new Service Project)

### November 28, 2007

Family Style dinner at G. Subu's  
(We need to prepay for this event.)  
Holiday Auction for Grant-in-Aid  
Bring guests!

### December 12, 2007

Dinner at G. Subu's  
Initiation of New Members  
Executive Board Meeting/ Yearly Reports

### January 30, 2008

G. Subu's for dinner  
Field Trip/tour to Seedlings following dinner.

### February 27, 2008

Dinner at G. Subu's  
Service Project for Methodist Children's Village  
More information regarding the project will be available after the October meeting with the M.C.V. director.  
Keeping watching your newsletters.

### April 2, 2008

Theater outing  
Location & Cost TBA

### April 19, 2008 (Saturday)

Family style luncheon at G. Subu's  
(We need to prepay for this event.)  
Metro Council Birthday Luncheon  
More information to come.

### May 2-4, 2008

Kalamazoo  
State Convention  
More information available in the winter *Wolverine*.

### June 16, 2008

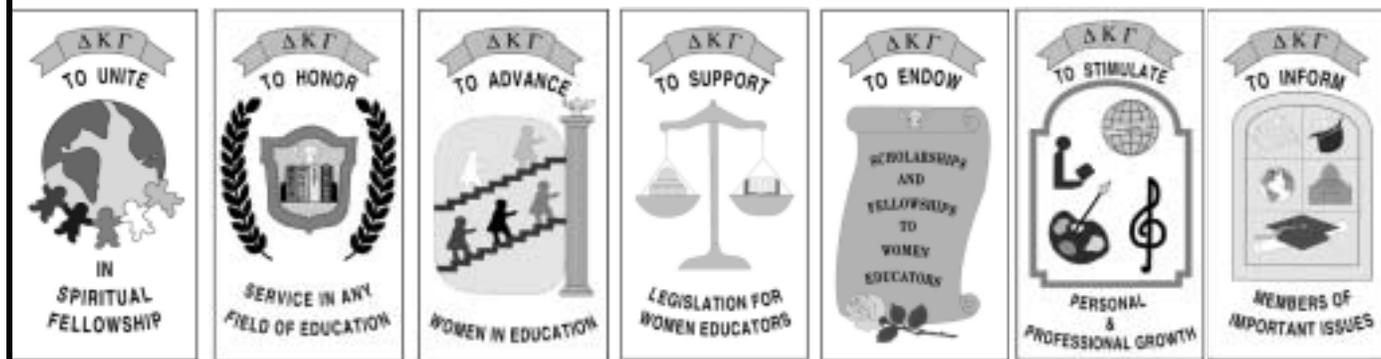
Executive Board & Members  
Planning for 2008-2009  
Location TBA



*Mary Jo, Carol, Amy and Jackie stayed after the planning meeting in June to tour the serenity gardens at St. John's.*

*\*More information will be in following newsletters about the Metro Council Luncheon, Theater Outing, Convention, and other meetings.*

## Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



### President's Message

Membership and leadership are our main goals for this year. This is the year we elect new officers for 2008-2010. "Hand in hand, our loyal band, forward moving ever!" Lend a hand and join the band by taking a leadership role. 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**

Jackie

### Gamma Alpha Executive Board & Committee Chairmen

#### Executive Board

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

#### Committee Chairmen

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

### September Agenda

Welcome – Jackie

Attendance Sheet– Amy

Opener– Bonnie, Joan, Carol P.

Approval of April/June 2007 Minutes

Treasurer's Report & Budget– Cindy

Correspondence– Jackie

Committee Planning: Chairmen will meet briefly (10 minutes) with their committees to put the finishing touches on their programs.

- **October 17:** Professional Affairs- Methodist Children's Village
- **November 28:** Personal Growth, Grant-in-Aid, Music, Holiday Auction
- **December 12:** Membership & Executive Board- Initiation
- **January 30–** Legislation & U.S. Forum, Seedlings Field Trip/Tour
- **February 27:** Service Project for Methodist Children's Village
- **April 2:** Sunshine, Theater Outing TBD
- **April 19: Metro Council Luncheon** Birthday & Sunshine Committees will help with Gamma Alpha's contribution.

New Business

- Presentation of candidates for membership
- Election of Nominations Chairman
- Other

World Fellowship Vacation Auction- Carol H.

Music- Chris Smith!

Announcement/Adjournment