



Gamma Alpha Bulletin

“Let’s G.A.B.”

Delivery to Methodist Children’s Village



Carol Anderson and Grace Morgan took a little trip to the Children’s Methodist Village after our February meeting. They were laden with goodies for the cottages. Mr. Dingman met the ladies and was very pleased with our generous donations. Carol and Grace were impressed with the facility and the welcome they received. They will be sharing their impressions with us during our planning meeting in June. Thank you Carol and Grace for taking the time to deliver our goodies!

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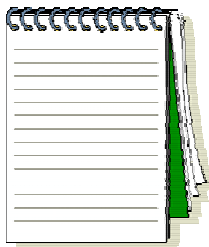
- April 2**
Purple Rose Theater
- April 19**
Metro Council Luncheon
See calendar for details
- May 2-4**
State Convention in
Kalamazoo
- June 16**
Installation of Officers
Planning Meeting
Salad Luncheon

Mission Statement

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



Minutes in a Minute



Minutes in a Minute February 27, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 at G. Subu's. (Did someone take attendance? I forgot to check.) Many wonderful kitchen items were donated toward our cottage shower for the Methodist Children's Village. Grace collected the items and she and I will deliver them to the Village.

Jackie led off with an icebreaker called "M&M's Speak." Members had a chance to tell something about themselves based on the color of the candies they preferred.

Information pertaining to the May 2-4 State Convention was given. Registration forms are on line. They are also in the latest Alpha Iota State newsletter. This year marks the 70th birthday of Delta Kappa Gamma. Information about the news and events of the year 1937 will be shared with convention attendees.

Chapter attendees who would like to sing in the convention choir can get a form from Jackie.

The Past President's International Convention Fund may provide scholarships for attendees to the International Convention to be held in Chicago July 22-27.

Leadership Development seminars will be held on June 17 in Jackson and June 16 in Clare. Incoming officers as well as all interested

members are invited to attend. Registration forms are the the *Spring Wolverine*.

The Metro Council Luncheon will be held on April 19 at G. Subu's. The cost is \$20. Please send your check to Cindy Dietz before April 1. At the luncheon, we will collect books suitable for boys ages 5-18. The books will be donated to the Methodist Children's Village. It would be great to see our chapter well represented at the luncheon.

You are reminded to complete your biographical information forms and turn them in the Jackie. Please let us know all of the wonderful things about you. You are supplying the information so you know what to include and what to leave out!

Debra Bonde of Seedlings asked to remind us of their Bowl-a-thon fundraiser to be held on March 9. Bowlers and event helpers are still needed. Judi, Esther, Colleen, Jackie and Lynne are planning on attending this event.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00. Members remained to help prepare and assemble table favors designed by Grace for the Metro Council Luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Anderson, Recording Secretary





Love Medicine

by Louise Erdrich

A book from my daughter's college reading list was recommended to me. This is the first novel in Louise Erdrich's Native American series. Erdrich introduces several generations in the inter-related families living in and around a Chippewa or Ojibwa reservation in North Dakota. The novel spans fifty years, from 1934 to 1984. *Love Medicine* is told through the voices of a series of characters, mostly Chippewa men and women who are caught up in the emotional tangle of their histories.

Erdrich has a poetic style and with this she creates an intense vision of a world that is at once violent and tender, ugly and lyrical, realistic and gothic. The separate

stories that make up the novel convey the subtle pressure upon the souls of people who are culturally mixed; of those whose lives are shaped by both Native American and non-Indian values, habits, and customs.

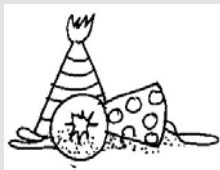
At a family gathering following the death of June Kashpaw who was frozen to death in a snowstorm on Easter Sunday, 1981, relatives exchange stories about June. They piece together the fragments of memories that are the stuff of family histories. By storytelling and recollection, Erdrich paints a series of family portraits some of whom are:

- Sensual Lulu, whose children have different fathers, but whose passionate tie to her first love intensifies over the years;

- Philosophical Lipsha, June's abandoned son, who makes a Chippewa love medicine to keep his grandparents together;
- The Lamartine boys, the "lucky" one, Lyman, whose ambition is to build a bingo palace, and the "unlucky" Henry, who returns from three years in Vietnam a restless, tortured soul;
- Ambitious Albertine Johnson, studying Western medicine and living far away off the reservation.

Louise Erdrich continued this family saga in three subsequent novels: *The Beet Queen*, *Tracks*, and *The Bingo Palace*. She has also written two collections of poetry, *Jacklight*, and *Baptism of Desire*. You may not have to read it for credit like Hannah, did, but you will enjoy it.

Sunshine Committee Birthday Greetings for April and May



April

- 1 Lynne Elsesser

May

- 4 Sandy Becher
- 5 Colleen Retherford
- 15 Carol Palk
- 18 Kristin Chiasson
- 24 Jennifer Chambers
- 28 Joan Murray-Custer
- 29 Bonnie Franka





**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Convention
July 22-26, 2008
O'Hare Hyatt
Chicago**



It is hopeless for the occasional visitor to try to keep up with Chicago—she outgrows his prophecies faster than he can make them. She is always a novelty; for she is never the Chicago you saw when you passed through the last time.” ---Mark Twain, “Life On the Mississippi,” 1883

The 2008 Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont, Illinois. Attendees will be so close to the city of Chicago that they can't help but be drawn to that toddlin' town. It is not such a big and scary place. Knowing a few fundamentals about the city will help tourists feel more at ease and returning visitors acquaint themselves with the latest additions

Hotel Location: The Hyatt Regency Hotel is located in the Village of Rosemont, IL, on 1900 Bryn Mawr Avenue. Information about the village can be found at www.rosemont.com/index.shtml. Rosemont has an interesting history and, as in the words of Emily Nunn, "In Search of Rosemont," Chicago Tribune, April 16, 2004, "Everywhere you look in this town, it seems, there's a welcome sign, embellished with a big red rose. It's just lovely."

The easiest way to register for the International Convention in Chicago is to go to our state website. They have a great link that takes you to the registration page. You can register online with a credit card. They are finally starting to things electronically. Here is the link:

<http://deltakappagamma.org/MI/events.html>

I hope to see many of you in Chicago, that toddling town.



Calendar 2007-2008

April 2, 2008

Purple Rose Theater Field Trip

Lynne, Judi, Marianne, Carol Anderson, Joan, Bonnie, Grace, Esther, Helen, Danielle, Fran and I will be car- and-van-ing to Chelsea to see "Growing Pretty" a play about a young girl who learns to navigate the twisted and humorous path of becoming an artist. Judi will make reservations at the Common Grill in Chelsea for us at 6:30. Esther, Helen, Grace, Carol Anderson, Danielle and Fran are with me. Joan, Bonnie, Lynne, and Marianne are with Judi. Tickets are ordered on my trusty Visa. Since I will out of the country from March 18 to March 31, you can pay me when we are in Chelsea.. The tickets were \$16. An email regarding details has been sent to the participants.

April 19, 2008 (Saturday) Metro Council Birthday Luncheon

Please arrive at G. Subu's Leather Bottle between 11:15 and 11:30. There will be a family style luncheon prepared by Chef George Subu. **Please** send Cindy your check for \$20 payable to *Gamma Alpha* by April 1.

Cindy Dietz
7329 Gilman
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 427-9399

Chapter Women of Distinction from the Metro Councils will receive awards. We will be entertained by a vocal group from Plymouth-Canton. Remember to bring a book suitable for a boy. We will donate the books to the Methodist Children's Village. The flyer about the luncheon is on the next page.

May 2-4, 2008

Alpha Iota State Convention in Kalamazoo -zoo-zoo!

Please be sure to register by April 10. I hope to see many of you there supporting the Society. Registration forms are available on our website and the state website at:

www.migammaalpha.org
www.deltakappagamma.net/MI/

June 16, 2008

Installation of New Officers
Selection of New Committees and Chairmen
Planning for 2008-2009

All members are invited to attend.
11:00 p.m. at home of Jackie Smart
Salad luncheon will be provided.

Please RSVP to Jackie at: jackie@mymartfamily.com by June 14.

Directions to Jackie's house:

North on Farmington Road to Seven Mile. Turn Left. Go 1/2 mile to Gill (there is a traffic light). Turn Right. Drive approximately 1/2 mile. Turn Right on Navin. Make an immediate left on Southampton Drive. I am at the end of the block (Southampton and Whitby) on the east (right) side of the street. 20158 Southampton (248) 476-8659



I included this again in case you haven't paid Cindy yet!

**Detroit Metro Coordinating Council
Cordially invites Δ K Γ members and guests to attend the
Metro Council Birthday Luncheon**

**On
April 19, 2008, 11:30-2:00
At**

**G. Subu's Leather Bottle
20300 Farmington, Road
Livonia, Michigan
(Located south of Eight Mile Road on the east side of Farmington Road)**

Family Style Luncheon \$20

**Mixed Green Salad w/ choice of dressing
Breadsticks
Chicken Piccata
Penne w/ Marinara
Roasted Redskins w/ Rosemary & Garlic
Green Beans Almondine
Birthday Cake
Coffee or Tea**

**Help us celebrate the 79th Birthday of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.
We will be honoring the 2008 Chapter Women of Distinction from each of our chapters.
Gamma Gamma Chapter will provide entertainment.
Bring a book(s) suitable for a boy 10-16 to the luncheon.
We will donate the books to the library at the Methodist Children's Village.**

Chapter members should pay Cindy for the luncheon. Make checks payable to Gamma Alpha.

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Members RSVP by April 1, 2008.



Are you a Key Women Educator in Michigan? Be Part of our Membership Explosion

Gamma Alpha Members,

Now is the time to start thinking about friends, colleagues, and former members who might be interested in joining Delta Kappa Gamma. The information below was taken from the State website.

Jackie

Benefits of Membership:

- A True Spiritual Fellowship with Fellow Educators inside and outside your district
- Opportunity for Professional Networking with other Key Women Educators
- Opportunities for Professional Networking with retired Key Women Educators who have shaped much of what is excellent in education in Michigan and the United States
- Scholarships and Opportunities for Travel
- First Rate State, Regional, and International Conferences
- Participation in philanthropic projects which benefit educational causes

Requirements for Membership:

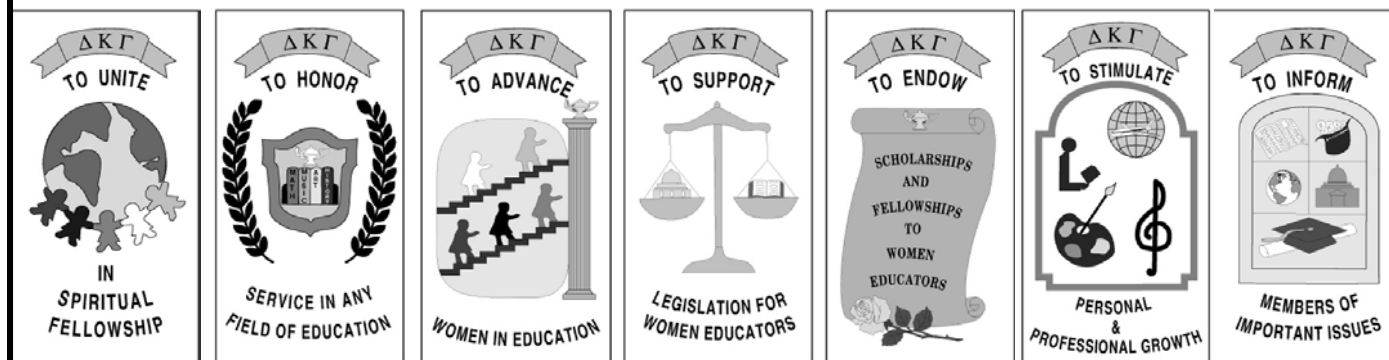
- Educators in both private and public sectors: teachers, college and university professors, administrators and supervisors, librarians and educational specialists.
- Employment in the profession at the time of consideration.
- At least three years in the profession.
- Commitment to pay dues, participate to take an active part in programs, special projects, and organizational activities.

How to get Started:

- Read about The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International at www.deltakappagamma.net and more about Alpha Iota State at www.deltakappagamma.net/MI
- Contact a Chapter near you to be considered for membership.
- If you need help determining which chapter is closest to you, contact the Alpha Iota State webmaster for information.
- Most chapters induct new members once each year. All new members must be approved by a vote of the chapter membership.



Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



Gamma Alpha Executive Board & Committee Chairmen

Executive Board

Jacquelyn Smart:	President/ Newsletter
Judi Fisher:	First Vice President
Amy Wainwright:	2nd 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 Elsesser:	Research
Cindy Dietz:	US Forum/Legis.
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
Danielle Jopek:	Nominations

President's Message

I am trying to get this newsletter to bed before I go to England on Tuesday.

A big thank you to Grace and Carol Anderson for delivering our goodies to the Methodist Children's Village.

Judi informed me that although a worthy candidate, Debra Bonde was not selected for the Delta Kappa Gamma Distinguished award. We were asked to resubmit her application for next year. No information about the ΔΚΓ \$5,000 Educational Foundation Grant for Seedlings yet.

As you saw in the calendar, twelve members will be carpooling to Chelsea and The Purple Rose Theater. It should be a fun outing. I have sent an email with details to those who are attending .

April 19 is the Metro Council Luncheon. Because of my nephew's wedding in D.C., I won't be able to attend this function. I almost skipped the wedding because of this obligation, but family ultimately trumps everything. I am hoping we have a good turnout from our chapter, though. It was our suggestion to have the luncheon on our turf. So, those of you not out of town, please send your money in to Cindy by April 1.

I hope to see many of you at convention. Cheerio!

Jackie