



Gamma Alpha Bulletin

“Let’s G.A.B.”

International Dues Increase

The Society has proposed an amendment to *International Standing Rule 4.11* to increase the international portion of member dues to \$40. They have tried to implement changes to overcome increasing costs. These efforts include:

- Renegotiating of contracts for services to the Society (including hotels, copiers, electricity, technology, printing)
- Reducing staff and combining responsibilities of current staff
- Changing printing procedures
- Charging for postage to mail items ordered from headquarters
- Freezing requests for materials ordered by staff
- Lowering percentage put into the Permanent Fund to create the minimum ratio allowed
- Limiting printed materials distributed for conventions and conferences
- Reducing staff development allotments
- Increasing use of technology to reduce mailing preparation and postage expenses
- Using online committee meetings and conference calls
- Holding staff raises below cost of living
- Keeping member travel contributions for some international meetings to original allotment set more than 10 years ago.

The proposed increase poses several points worth pondering:

1. At a time when families, businesses, and school districts are being forced to consolidate to cut expenses and positions are being eliminated is this the appropriate time for 100% international dues increase?
2. How will chapter and state organizations be able to meet their members’ needs with this dues increase?
3. Some fear that Delta Kappa Gamma will become an elitist society and will not be representative of all educators.
4. There is also the fear that the sole purpose of the Society will simply become its survival as an institution rather than striving to fulfill the seven purposes for which the Society was originally formed.

Any member who attends the International Convention in Chicago can vote pro or con the amendment to increase the dues. I plan on voting against the increase.

Mission Statement

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



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June 16 Agenda

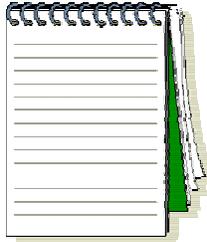
- Convention Recap
- Seedlings Update
- Set date for Audit
- Installation of Officers
- Planning for 2008-2009
- Quiche and Salad Luncheon

RSVP your intentions to Jackie by June 13th to:

jackie@mysmartfamily.com



Minutes in a Minute



Minutes in a Minute April 19, 2008

A pleasant day, a fine meal and wonderful company helped to make the Metro Council Luncheon on April 19, 2008 a memorable experience. Members met at G.Subu's Leather Bottle in Livonia for the annual event. Many members donated books that Gamma Alpha Chapter will deliver to the boys at Methodist Children's Home. Metro Council President, Alice Andre, Alpha Chapter, served as hostess.

Six chapters presented their Chapter Women of Distinction and they were honored in a lovely ceremony.

Wonderful entertainment was provided by the Renaissance Chorus, Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, courtesy of Gamma Gamma chapter. A drawing for door prizes and a 50-50 raffle provided some light-hearted fundraising fun. Proceeds from the raffle will go to our State President's Members Supporting Member Project. The afternoon ended with the birthday ceremony conducted by the Beta Delta chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Kitchen Talk

Grilled Salmon with Garden Mayonnaise

Ingredients :

- 4 6- to 8- oz. skinless salmon fillets, cut 1 inch thick
- 12 oz. asparagus spears
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- Sea salt or salt and freshly ground black pepper

Directions

1. Rinse fish; pat dry. Snap off and discard woody bases from asparagus. Brush asparagus and both sides of salmon with oil. Season both with salt and pepper.
2. For a charcoal grill, place salmon on greased rack of an uncovered grill directly over medium coals. Place asparagus on grill next to salmon. Grill for 8 to 12 minutes or until asparagus is tender and fish flakes easily, turning fish once halfway through grilling, and turning asparagus occasionally. (For a gas grill, preheat grill. Reduce heat to medium. Place fish and asparagus on grill rack. Cover and grill as above.)
3. To serve, arrange asparagus on plates. Top each with salmon. Spoon Garden Mayonnaise mixture on top of salmon. Makes 4 servings
4. Garden Mayonnaise: In a small bowl combine 1/2 cup finely chopped celery (1 stalk), 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions, 1/3 cup mayonnaise, 1 Tbsp. lemon juice, and 2 tsp. snipped fresh tarragon or 1/2 tsp. dried tarragon, crushed. Makes 3/4 cup.





Book Talk Sammy's Hill

By Kristin Gore

Since we were taking a trip to Washington, D.C., my neighbor recommended this book to me and it was a stitch. Kristin Gore (yes, Al's daughter) tells the tale of a young's woman's experiences with her job, her life, and her love life on Capitol Hill.

The main character, Samantha Joyce, better known as Sammy, is a health care advisor for Robert Gray, a respected senator. In this novel, which covers about a year, we watch Sammy work endless hours, go through an exhausting campaign, take care of her lifeless Japanese fighting fish and watch her social life develop. I don't think

you will be disappointed in this novel. It is an easy read and Kristin Gore navigates the political world, creating scandals and making some not so obvious digs at President George Bush.

It will also keep the you laughing and engaged, through it's unique sense of humor.

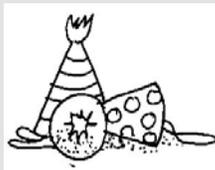
If there is any fault in this book, it is that, at times, Sammy's inane antics such as getting ready one morning with one hand in a sling so that she'd be prepared in the chance that she would become disabled. However, minor details like that don't clog up the plot and at times are even funny.

This book is marketed as "chick lit," I'm sure that anyone who enjoy amusing, political reads will enjoy this book as well as it's se-

quel, *Sammy's House*. I also read online that a screenplay was in the works. Sit back and enjoy a good read!



Sunshine Committee Birthday Greetings for May and June



May

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

June

- 6 Fran Saenz
- 6 Marianne Reinhard



Last Chance to Sign Up for the ΔΚΓ 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

June 16, 2008

Installation of New Officers
Selection of New Committees and Chairmen
Planning for 2008-2009
Set date for Annual Audit
Seedlings Update

All members are invited to attend.

11:00 p.m. at home of Jackie Smart

Quiche and Salad luncheon will be provided.

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

All of our programs are planned by the membership. Be reminded that this meeting is **not** just for Executive Board, but for members who wish to make our chapter vital. Come to our planning meeting armed with ideas **or** suggestions you want Gamma Alpha to be involved with for 2008-2009. Let us know if you are happy having the meetings at the Leather Bottle or would you like to explore another venue. If you know of a speaker, please bring the contact information. Meetings focus on the seven purposes of $\Delta\text{K}\Gamma$:

1. **Unite women educators in spiritual fellowship** (*We can plan meetings where members share their talents, travels, hobbies, or memorable teaching experiences.*)
2. **Honor distinctive service in any field of education** (*Honor our active and long-time members with certificates of appreciation; recognize those who attained higher-level professional degrees.*)
3. **Advance women in education** (*Bring in community leaders for a Q&A session; invite school board women members to share their experiences; have members share about leadership conferences they have attended.*)
4. **Support legislation for women educators** (*Invite the League of Women voters or legislators to discuss the latest information; study the lobbying process.*)
5. **Endow scholarships to women educators** (*Send congratulations or birthday notes to scholarship recipients; invite former recipients to share their experiences; list hostel, leadership retreats available to members; hold fundraisers for grant-in-aid awards and world fellowships.*)
6. **Stimulate personal and professional growth and services** (*Visit local resources to learn about opportunities for all members: museums, theaters, newspaper offices, nursing homes, judicial environments, senior centers, shelters, art galleries, and historical landmarks.*)
7. **Inform members of important issues** (*Invite legislators for a panel discussion; report on world developments and future innovations; email information updates to members; review opportunities through Delta Kappa Gamma.*)

Directions to Jackie's house:

North on Farmington Road to Seven Mile. Turn Left. Go ½ 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



Alpha Iota State Convention in Kalamazoo was a hoot! Esther, Carol, Fran, Judi, Lynne, Jackie and Grace had dinner on Friday evening in Burdick's. Amy arrived too late to join the gals. Esther actually attended some of the offered workshop sessions.

During the Convention, Gamma Alpha received many awards.

- Pace Setter Yearbook Award (highest rating)
- Chapter Attendance Award at Convention
- President's Award (for meeting membership goals of recruiting, retaining and reclaiming members)
- President's Award of the Rose (for recognition of our merits in attendance at chapter meetings, participation and achievement of our Chapter, State, and International goals.
- Approved Website Award
- First Place Newsletter Award (\$25 prize)
- Amy Wainwright was recognized as Gamma Alpha's Chapter Woman of Distinction

Dates to remember:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Convention is in Chicago July 22-26.

Fall Workshop will be October 17-18 in Alpena.

If you can't make the International Convention, please be sure to consider attending the Fall Workshop.



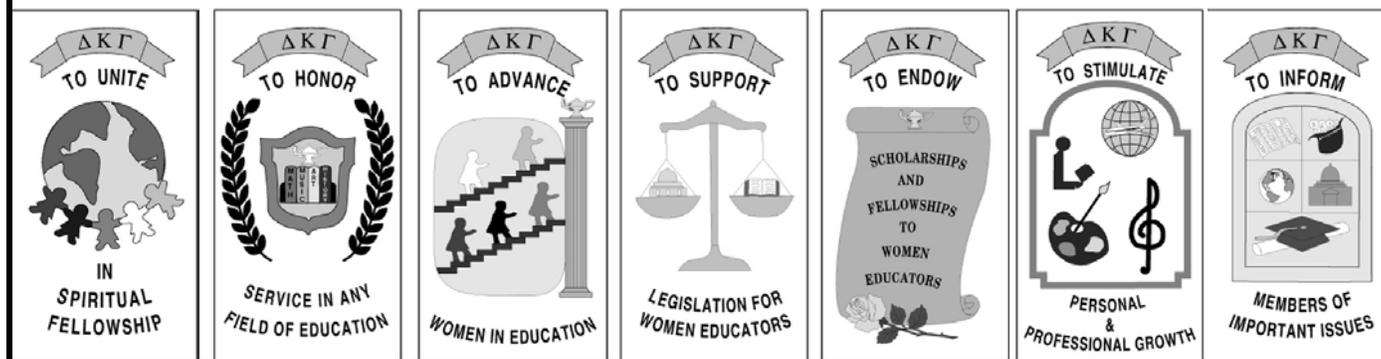
Metro Council Birthday Luncheon

Carol Anderson snapped some photos from this year's Metro Council Luncheon. Over forty women attended from Zeta, Alpha, Lambda, Beta Delta, Gamma Gamma and Gamma Alpha Chapters. The meal at G. Subu's was excellent, as always. Beta Delta members officiated the Birthday Ceremony. Members were entertained by the Renaissance Chorus.



Suzanne Bacinski, one of Gamma Alpha's Charter members, attended the luncheon and found time to catch up with President-Elect, Fran Saenz. Amy Wainwright was honored as Gamma Alpha's Chapter Woman of Distinction. She will receive recognition at the Awards Breakfast at Convention.

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

As I sit writing my last President's Message, many things are popping into my head. Curriculum mapping, benchmarks, looping, state assessments, intruder training and the new three R's: Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships. These are the latest terms in our profession. Meanwhile class sizes have increased to the point where we are busting at the seams in some districts. At the same time, many of our students are coming to school with more emotional baggage and instructional needs.

When we step back to ask ourselves what it was that brought us to this profession, we all know the answer...the kids. Although the future is uncertain educators and for our state's economy, remember we chose this profession to make a better world for children. We can give our students hope that their future will secure, safe and fulfilling by giving them the gift of a solid educational foundation.

- In 2008-2009, I want each of you to commit to attending each meeting that you are able.
- Let your voice be heard during planning meetings. Your ideas and opinions are important.
- Consider inviting at least one educator to join that could add to the diversity of our chapter.
- Continue to support our fund raisers that provide scholarships for members or promising new educators.

It has been a pleasure serving as your president these past two years.

Jackie