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Gamma Alpha Bulletin

The G.A.B. “Let’s Talk”

President’s Message



Well, even though some people have threatened to make a stew out a certain Pennsylvania groundhog due to his rather poor prognostication skills, I have faith that spring is upon us. Of course, we Michiganders are used to seeing snow one day and wearing shorts the next! But spring flowers are up (providing tasty, tender, colorful salads for our fearless urban deer herds), orange barrels and cones are sprouting along our pot hole filled roads and our Tigers are once again on the championship prowl. The streets and sidewalks are filled with middle and high school athletes jogging to get in shape for spring sports, and we are feeling the urge to tackle those yards and gardens, now that we can see them.

Unfortunately, however, the tax-man cometh all too soon on April 15, but, on a brighter, less costly note, on April 20th, we women of Gamma Alpha can look forward to a great day at the Metro Council Tea. This will be

followed by our up-coming Convention and 75th Alpha Iota State Anniversary Celebration on May 3-5 in Bay City, our Birthday Dinner at East Side Mario’s on May 15th and in June, our planning meeting at my house on June 19th. And, just so you know, we’re going to have a great menu for the Metro Council Tea—great tea sandwiches, quiches, scones, desserts, etc!

If you weren’t at the last meeting and would like to sign up to help, please contact Jackie. She and her committee have worked very hard provide a unique Metro Council Celebration for all the chapters involved. Gamma Alpha volunteers are preparing to be bakers, guides, set-up and clean-up workers among other jobs. Carol Anderson and I volunteered to make Pecan Tarts which all my “guinea pigs” at Easter dinner found delightful despite my less than artistic preparation. Practice does help. I hope! Other Gamma Alpha sisters are baking scones or making clotted cream under Esther’s expert tutelage. So please join us, as participant or volunteer or both!

We also need to pat

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April 20

Metro Council Tea
Greenmead
10:00

May 3-5

State Convention
Bay City Doubletree

May 15

Birthday Dinner
Eastside Mario’s
4:00

RSVP to Amy at
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OR

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Mission

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

Vision

*Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide*



Mark your calendars now!



April 20, 2013

Metro Council 75th Celebration

Place: Greenmead Village

Alexander Blue House

20501 Newburgh Road in Livonia



Time: 11:00-2:00

Program: Tea to celebrate Alpha Iota State's 75th Birthday

Notes:

- Metro chapters will provide refreshments.
- Attendees will tour the one-room schoolhouse for the program.

May 3-5, 2013

**Annual State Convention 2013
Bay City Doubletree Riverfront
Bay City, Michigan**

May 15, 2013

Birthday Dinner

Place: East Side Mario's

31630 Plymouth Road in Livonia

Time: 4:30

Program: Honor Friend of Education,
Honor Retirees, Award
Grant-in-Aid,
Recommitment Birthday
Ceremony



Notes: (Pre-payment of \$20 will be necessary)

June 19, 2013

Executive Board & Planning Potluck

Place: Lynne Elsesser's home

20440 Lexington

Northville 48167

Time: 11:00

Program: Planning Meeting

Notes:

- All of our programs are planned by the membership. 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 2012-2013.
- Let us know where you would like our meetings to be held. If you know of a speaker, please bring the contact information. The more cooks in this case the better the soup! Planning meeting and pot luck luncheon will be held at Lynne's at 11:00. Bring your favorite potato, pasta, fruit, or green salad to pass.



July 24-27, 2013

Northeast Regional Convention Portland, Maine

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ourselves on the back for our generous donations to the "Purple Basket" for the "Funding Our Purposes" auction at Convention and for our cash donations for the Mani-Pedi gifts for the young women we have "adopted". We do good work!

Lynne



Join Us for the Metro Council Tea



Feel free to wear hats and gloves to our tea party at the Alexander Blue House on the grounds of Greenmead.



Are you looking forward to the tea sandwiches and scones? Don't forget to bring your teacup and saucer.



Take your turn behind the desk as the teacher in the one-room school. Esther is glad she spent her career in a modern classroom.



Our program includes a presentation in the schoolhouse.

January 16, 2013 Minutes



Executive Board Meeting

- Meeting at Mr. Mike's was called to order at 4:30 by Lynn Elsesser.
- Minutes from 1-16-13 were amended and approved with a motion by Marie Canzoneri and seconded by Amy Wainwright.
- Treasurer's report showed \$1543.17 in the chapter checking account and \$9782.47 in savings. The Metro Council account has \$197.42.
- Lynn confirmed that Ian Smart will be honored as the chapter's Friend of Education this year.
- Jackie Smart gave a brief report on her well-received Leadership Seminar on Bullying, "Sticks and Stones," that was presented on March 9.
- Judy Morante reported that she was able to purchase winter coats and hoodies at wonderful sale prices for the 6 residents of Beverly Group Home, our Service Project recipients. She said that the girls were thrilled when she personally delivered them. Money was collected so that the girls will be able to go for a professional manicure and pedicure. In addition, chapter members had the opportunity to sign up for items to fill beach bags for the girls. The items will be collected at the May meeting, the chapter Birthday Dinner. Judy and the Service Project committee members were warmly thanked for their generosity.
- It was reported that there are 2 applicants for the chapter Grant-in-Aid award (or awards) this year.
- Cindy Dietz requests that you send her your \$20.00 by May 5 for a reservation to the chapter Birthday Dinner at Eastside Mario's on May 15.
- Amy Wainwright reminds us to send her articles and information for the newsletter.

- Lynn asked that all members complete and send to her the Biography Information sheets that she provided at past meetings.
- Several members brought items that will be put together in a Purple Theme basket as Gamma Alpha's donation for the State Convention World Fellowship raffle.
- Amy indicated that she will send e-mail forms for ordering flowers. Forms will also be available at the Metro Council Tea on April 20.
- Jackie and Esther distributed a form for members to sign up for responsibilities and donations for the April 20 Tea. Gamma Alpha has much of the responsibility for the success of the event and all chapter members are asked to assist. Carol Vandenbrul's husband will be the official photographer at the Tea.
- Former state president Jackie Smart invited all chapter members to consider attending the State Convention in Bay City on May 3-5.
- The meeting ended at 5:03. It was followed by Speaker Diane Wise who gave a greatly enjoyed presentation on Estate Sales.
- Presentation ended at 5:35.

Carol Anderson, Recording Secretary

Happy Birthday Ladies



April

4/1 Lynne Elsesser

4/5 Evelyn Shuput

May

5/4 Sandy Becher

5/4 Colleen Retherford

5/15 Carol Palk



Delta Kappa Gamma is turning 75!



Be there to help us celebrate

**Friday May 3rd, 2013
at the Bay City Doubletree Riverfront
in Bay City, Michigan**



**Summer Fun for the
Beverly House**
Service project update



Bring your items for the Summer Fun service project to the May meeting.

Sign-up list from the March meeting

- Sun tan lotions (3 each)—Lower and Fisher
- Flip flops (1 large, 5 medium)—Palk
- Sunglasses—Elsesser and Bunner
- Beach Towels—Saenz, Smart and Dietz
- Tan Top (5 large, 1 medium)—Palk
- Cover-up (5 large, 1 medium)—Dobrzaniecki
- Hair items—Canzoneri and Broadley
- Visor—Anderson
- Lotions—Anderson Wainwright and Morante

If anyone did not sign up and would like to bring items for the beach bags please do so; all donations are very much appreciated by the girls.

Thank you.

Judy



Good Deed Challenge

Lynne Elsesser, like many other members, listed participation in our chapter service projects along with personal donations of time, money or resources. It is impressive to see the impact of just one Gamma Alpha member. We are well on our way to meeting the Good Deed Challenge!

Donations to Gamma Alpha projects:

Holiday & Vacation Auctions, World Fellowship baskets, Beverly House, Cookies for Metro Council Tea, and Seedlings

Donations to other organizations:

Purple Heart, March of Dimes, St Vincent DePaul, Salvation Army, OLV, Holy Family

Lending a Hand :

To sick, elderly, or grieving neighbors; by cooking raking, babysitting, driving

Member Profile: Barbara Broadley

Contributed by Judy Morante



Barbara Broadley is an active member of our Delta Kappa Gamma chapter having served as a membership chairman, president, sunshine chairman and world fellowship chair. She has been honored two times as our DKG's Chapter Member of Distinction. Barbara graduated from the University of Michigan and earned Master Degrees from Eastern and Madonna. As a teacher Barbara encouraged inclusion of her special education students.

Art is very important in Barbara's life. Her mother was an artist and encouraged her artistic interests. Kindness is essential in her life and she tries to inspire others to be kind.

Gamma Alpha's 34th Anniversary Birthday Dinner

May 15, 2013

Arrive at 4:00 p.m. for meeting. Order dinner at 5:00

Eastside Mario's
31630 Plymouth Road
Livonia, Michigan

(734) 513-8803

(Located on Plymouth Road between Farmington and Merriman Roads)

Choice of:

Seafood Linguine N.Y.Strip Eggplant Parmigiana Tortellini
Fettucine Alfredo (w/ Chicken or Shrimp) Lasagna al Forno

Entrée choice will be made at the restaurant.

Dinner Includes:

Unlimited family-style garden salad
Freshly baked garlic home loaf
Pop, Coffee or Tea (Cash bar available)
Birthday Dessert

Before Dinner

Initiation of New Members
Award Scholarships/Grant-in-Aids
Certificate for Friend of Education
Honor Chapter Woman of Distinction & Retiring Teachers
Guest from Beverly Girls Home

After Dinner

34th Birthday Celebration

RSVP by May 5, 2013 and send \$20 check made out to Gamma Alpha to treasurer:

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

Remember to bring your "Beach Bag" donations!



Cindy Dietz's Famous Pumpkin Roll



Cindy was happy to share her recipe with us, but she did so on one condition: we may not bring it to the Holiday Auction. This Pumpkin Roll has been her signature donation to our auction, and has always been a popular item. As Treasurer, Cindy wants to ensure it continues to drive up our auction profits!



Batter Ingredients:

2/3 cup pumpkin	3/4 cup flour
3 beaten eggs	1 tsp salt
1 cup sugar	1/2 tsp cinnamon



1. Mix above ingredients and put onto cookie sheet/jelly roll pan lined with parchment paper or greased waxed paper.
2. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes.
3. Turn out onto a kitchen towel covered with powdered sugar. (Remove parchment/waxed paper.) Roll. When cool, carefully unroll and spread with filling.



Filling Ingredients:

1 8 oz. pkg cream cheese
1 tsp vanilla
2 Tbsp softened margarine
1 cup powdered sugar

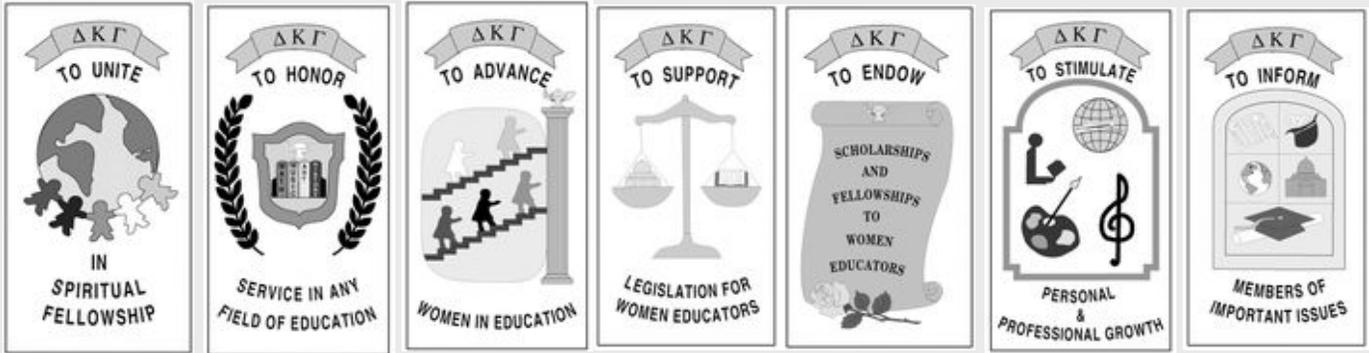


1. Mix the above ingredients. Spread filling mixture onto cooled, unrolled cake.
 2. Reroll very carefully; sprinkle with powdered sugar.
- ** Some people sprinkle nuts on cookie sheet before baking for extra pizzazz.



Make 1 Roll

Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



Gamma Alpha Executive Board & Committee Chairmen

Executive Board

President	Lynne Elsesser
1st VP/Program	Mary Jo Dreffs
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Recording Secretary	Carol Anderson
Corresponding Sec.	Amy Wainwright
Treasurer	Cindy Dietz
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Service Projects	Judy Morante, Amy Wainwright
US Forum/Legislation	Pam Emerson
Grant-in-Aid	Donna Colaianne
Birthday Dinner	Helen Mate, Esther Loskowske, Jackie Smart
Vacation Auction	Cindy Dietz & Esther Loskowske
50/50 Raffles	Donna Colaianne & Joanna Eiwen
Yearbook	Jackie Smart
Newsletter	Amy Wainwright
Sunshine	Barbara Broadley, Ellen August
Finance	Grace Morgan, Judi Fisher, Cindy Dietz, Carol Anderson
Nominations	Carol Anderson, Carole Lower
Holiday Auction	Mary Jo Dreffs, Carol Palk, Debbie Novak, Marie Canzoneri, Ellen August, Jackie Smart



The Purple Basket

Here is what we collected for the “purple” basket for the World Fellowship auction at the state convention:

- Lavender bath gel
- Lotion
- Hand sanitizer
- Dark purple hand towels
- Soap dispenser
- Violet scented candles
- Sherry vinegar
- Zinfandel wine
- Napkins
- Party favors
- Paper clips
- Duct tape
- Can opener
- Potholders
- Cleaning wipes
- Scrubbers
- Wash cloths
- Flower seed packets
- Garden gloves
- Food storage containers

