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## Gamma Alpha Bulletin The G.A.B. “Let’s Talk”

### President’s Message



- I don’t have to remind anyone about the sunny, frigid, snowy winter we’ve experienced this year. The January thaw has yet to arrive and our heating bills have all set new records. But, spring will come and, even though it’s wrapped in plastic like a weird construction site, Robson’s Greenhouse personnel are busy planting and trying to keep everything warm inside. You’ll soon have your order forms and can make plans to fill those pots languishing in garages, basements or buried under the snow with beautiful, cheery, COLORFUL flowers. Spring is coming—even to Michigan.
- Our next meeting is just around the corner, with our guest speaker, Gary Allen, giving us information on how to outlive our assets. Mary Jo, Judi Fisher and I met with Gary Allen last month so he would know someone from the group!
- We’ll also get updates on the Metro Council Luncheon at Karl’s Cabin on Godfredson Rd and M14, our meeting at Carole Lower’s home to work on decorations as well as our upcoming Birthday Dinner. Mary Jo Dreffs will be running the meeting because I realized my husband and I had scheduled a Florida getaway to Disney last year to begin on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Being obviously calendar-challenged, I also have to ask you to change the planning meeting date to the following week as I’m going on a family cruise to Alaska during that week—of course, it’s the only week everyone

could go. So I apologize. Three strikes—not good!

- Also, let Mary Jo know if you’re going to Convention in May! I think Gamma Alpha will as usual be very well represented. Don’t forget too about the International Convention in Indianapolis. It’s close by, has very good rates for the hotel and up to four can stay in a room.
- Please be thinking about what programs would be interesting for next year. I know Colleen had someone in mind and your input is needed whether or not you can attend the planning meeting. Any feedback is welcomed and appreciated. That goes for our newest members too! Let us know how we can help.
- Lastly, I’d like to thank everyone who helped fill out our reports for Alpha Iota State. You’re the best! Also, kudos to Amy and Jackie for their work on the Newsletter and Yearbook respectively. The entire Executive Board, Committee Chairs, Committees and volunteers as well as all of you with your hard work and donations of time, funds, auction items, etc, have made this a great year for our chapter.
- Be sure to pick up a form from Mary Jo to record the time you spend tutoring or helping early career educators. Be on the lookout for early career educators who would benefit from our scholarships!
- Yours in Gamma Alpha, Lynne
- PS Be sure to let Judi Fisher know if you’re attending the meeting.

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### Meeting Info

See calendar for details



**March 19**

**Elder Law Program—  
5pm**

Cassel’s Family Restaurant  
43003 7 Mile Rd.  
Northville, MI

RSVP to

Judi Fischer at

[judifisher@yahoo.com](mailto:judifisher@yahoo.com)

(248) 808-0477

**April 9**

**Craft Time Program  
5pm**

**Carole Lower’s Home  
45766 Fermanagh  
Northville 48168**



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Mark your calendars now!



**March 19, 2014**

**Place:**

Cassels Restaurant in Northville  
43003 7 Mile Rd  
Northville, MI 48167  
(248) 348-1740

**Time:** 5:00 pm

**Program:**

Elder Law with Gary  
Allen  
50/50



**April 9, 2014**

**Place:**

Carole Lower's home  
45766 Fermanagh  
Northville 48168  
carole\_lower@yahoo.com

**Time:** 5:00 pm

**Program:**

"Craft Time" We will be making table decorations, name tags, and favors for the April Metro Council meeting. We will have Esther and Grace's input on this activity.



**April 26, 2014**

**Metro Council Meeting**

**Place:**

Karl's Cabin  
6005 Gotfredson Road  
Plymouth Township, MI 48170  
(734) 455-8450

**Time:** TBD (approximately lunch time)

**Program:**

Chapter Woman of Distinction

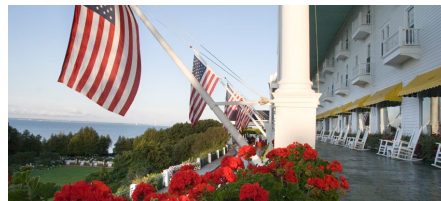
**May 2-4, 2014**

**Annual State Convention**

**Grand Hotel**

**Mackinac Island, Michigan**

Save your Starbuck's money!



**May 21, 2014**

**Birthday Dinner**

**Place:**

East Side Mario's  
31630 Plymouth Rd  
Livonia, MI 48150  
(734) 513-8803

**Time:** 5:00 pm

**Program:**

Installation of New Officers  
Grant-in-Aid Presentation  
Honor Retirees  
Friend of Education Award  
Gamma Alpha Birthday Program



June 25, 2014

**Executive Board & Planning Potluck**

**Place:**

Lynne Elsesser's home  
20440 Lexington  
Northville 48167  
elsessl2@wowway.com

**Time:** 11:00 am



July 28-August 1, 2014

**International Convention**

Indianapolis, IN



Gary, Brenda, Lynne & Judi at the westernmost point of the European mainland--Cabo de Roca, Portugal!

**Happy Birthday Ladies!**



**March**

3/11 Nancy Chiasson

3/13 Esther Loskowske

**April**

4/1 Lynne Elsesser

4/5 Evelyn Shuput

**Please note**

The date for the planning meeting has changed from Wednesday June 18th to the following week Wednesday June 25th.

Be on the look out for fun, creative program ideas!

**The Metro Council Luncheon is fast approaching!**

Mail your check for \$20.00, made out to Gamma Alpha, by April 1st to:

Cindy Dietz

7329 Gilman

Westland, MI 48185

### Minutes of Gamma Alpha Meeting January 15, 2014

- At 3:30, the Executive Board and committee chairs met to complete Biennial Reports for Alpha Iota State.
- At 5:00, Lynne Elsesser called the general chapter meeting to order.

#### **Business:**

- Minutes for the October meeting were approved with a motion by Ev Shuput and a second by Mary Jo Dreffs.
- Treasurer Cindy Dietz reported a profit of \$1800 from our holiday auction. Jackie Smart has secured Laurel Manor for Dec. 3, 2014 for the next holiday auction.
- Donna Colaianne recommended some small changes to the Grant-in-Aid application form. She will begin sending it out only in e-mail form from now on.
- Amy Wright (formerly Wainwright) explained that our flower fundraising orders must be paid before May 1. She will have order forms online and at the March meeting.
- Judi Fisher of the World Fellowship committee asked if the chapter is willing to donate a basket for auction at the Fall Conference. License regulations from the state are becoming more strict as to the value of items donated. No decision was made.
- Judy Morante reported encountering a snag in our plans to supply Wayne Recreation Center passes to the girls in Beverly House. A Wayne resident only may apply and names of the girl must be given. Amy Wright will check into handling the issue.
- Lynne asks that we submit to her our record of volunteer hours.
- We are reminded that the Metro Council Luncheon Meeting is a Karl's Cabin on April 26.
- A decision by vote decided that we will have a meal of delivery pizza and salad for our

April 9 meeting which will be held at Carole Lower's house.

- Sherry Green won \$34 in the 50-50 raffle.
- January and February birthdays were recognized by Lynne.
- Address book updates include Pam Emerson's move to Holland MI and Amy Wainwright's name change to Amy Wright.
- With thanks to Jackie (and Ian) Smart, we were informed that our website yearbook can be accessed with the user name "keywomen" and the password "DKG GA 1979."
- Chapter Woman of Distinction and State Woman of Distinction nominations should be sent to Amy Wright ASAP as they are due to the state very soon.

#### **New Business:**

- The 2014 International Convention will be held in Indianapolis. There are scholarships available for first time attendees. All of the information about the convention can be found in the Jan.-Feb. DKG News and on the Alpha Iota State website. Members who have attended previous conventions greatly encourage others to attend.
- The meeting adjourned just after 6:00 followed by an entertaining and informative presentation on Genealogy by Kathleen Makstutis of Kappa Chapter.

Submitted by Carol A. Anderson

Recording Secretary

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