



Gamma Alpha Bulletin

The G.A.B. “Let’s Talk”

President’s Message



Ladies of Gamma Alpha, soon you and some very special guests will have the opportunity to meet and interact with the woman who, according to a 2002 BBC poll, is ranked number 70 of the 100 most famous Britons of all times—Jane Austen. Many of us had the opportunity to meet Jane at last year’s Spring Convention and were so impressed that we invited her to join us at our chapter meeting in January so others could share the enlightening experience. Of course, she graciously agreed and, along with some surprise appearances by a few of the characters who peopled her novels as well as her personal dress designer, she will share with us her story, including a peek into her family life as well as the important role her brother Henry played. If we’re really lucky, she’ll even explain what a “Janeite” is!

So I urge you all to join us at Cassel’s Restaurant on January 21st at 5:30 for camaraderie, for an escape from holiday clean-up and the winter weather that clearly didn’t think we’d had quite enough last year, for an opportunity to forget that pesky virus that decided to visit too many of our homes and for the opportunity to meet a famous author—she would probably sign a napkin or one of her novels if we asked nicely!

Again, I want to thank all of you for your participation in and generosity both in donations and purchases at our

Holiday auction. The hardworking committee and its willing volunteers pulled off another successful, entertaining evening. Cindy will provide exact details at the meeting.

PS. If our hard-working Executive Board could come around 5:00 P.M., it would be greatly appreciated.

Yours in Gamma Alpha,
Lynne

DKG Gets National Recognition

The lame duck session of congress passed legislation to establish an 8 bipartisan member commission - to be nominated in January - to produce recommendations for the governance, organizational structure, fundraising, operations & the location of a National Women's Historical Museum in Washington, D.C. President Obama signed it into law. The commission has 18 months to produce & submit the report to Congress.

Now this is something we can be proud of...Museum staff have acknowledged DKG as a group which greatly aided in the effort to get the legislation passed.

*Shared from the U.S. Forum
Connection by Kay Tebo*

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Meeting Info

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January 21

Executive Board 4:30

Jane Austen

Cassel’s Family Restaurant
43003 7 Mile Rd.
Northville, MI
5:30pm

March 18

Women’s Health

Cassel’s Family Restaurant
43003 7 Mile Rd.
Northville, MI
5:30pm

RSVP to

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Mark your calendars now!



January 21, 2015

Gamma Alpha Executive Board & Chapter Meeting

Place:

Cassels Restaurant in Northville

43003 7 Mile Rd

Northville, MI 48167
(248) 348-1740

Time: 5:30 pm

Program: Jackie Smart-Jane Austen and Her Fictional Men
50/50

(Executive Board meets one hour prior to the meeting to complete annual reports.)



March 18, 2015

Place:

Cassels Restaurant in Northville

43003 7 Mile Rd

Northville, MI 48167
(248) 348-1740

Time: 5:30 pm

Program: Nancy Higgins and Women's Health
50/50



April 25, 2015 Metro Council Meeting

Place: TBD

Time: TBD (approximately lunch time)

Program: TBD

May 1-3, 2015

Annual State Convention

Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac at Centerpoint

May 20, 2015

Birthday Dinner

Place: TBD

Time: 5:00 pm

Program: Installation of New Officers

Grant-in-Aid Presentation

Honor Retirees

Friend of Education Award

Gamma Alpha Birthday Program

Linus Quilt Project

Beverly Girls' Group Home



June 17, 2015

Executive Board & Planning Potluck

Place:

Lynne Elsesser's home

20440 Lexington

Northville 48167

elsessl2@wowway.com

Time: 11:00 am



July 8-11, 2015

Northeast Regional Conference (NERC)

Baltimore, MD

- Joanna Eivan's birthday



Happy Birthday Ladies!

January

- 1/1 Carol Anderson
- 1/7 Donna Colaianne
- 1/13 Mary Jo Dreffs
- 1/25 Debra Novak
- 1/31 Marie Canzoneri



February

- 2/17 Elizabeth Bunner
- 2/19 Carol VandenBrul
- 2/29 Marge Braun

Announcements

Stay tuned for information about the following:

- Birthday dinner—Change of location
- Details about the up-coming Empty Bowls fundraiser for Kids 4 Afghan Kids

Beverly House— The girls of the Beverly House are in need of tutoring in math, science, and English. Tutoring would take place at the office of the organization that oversees Beverly House, it is located at Middlebelt and Joy. It is possible to go with a partner and they are offering to pay.

If interested please call Kathleen Washington at 313 914 9050 or Judy Morante at 248 380 7390

New members, Judy Baker and Nancy Geiger were initiated at the November 5th meeting



Pam, Cindy and their winning horse at the Zeta Auction.



Cindy and Jackie at the Zeta Auction.



Minutes Nov. 5th, 2014



If you were unable to attend our November Gamma Alpha meeting at Cassel's Restaurant. Here's what you missed:

Twenty-eight members plus our guest speaker met at Cassel's Restaurant in Northville.

Colleen began the meeting with the Initiation Ceremony of two new members, Judy Baker and Nancy Geiger. Doris Prieskorn will be initiated in January.

Lynne introduced our guest, Jane Stevens and "The Linus Project." The project got its name from the security blanket-toting character from "Peanuts." Their mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to children who are seriously ill or traumatized through the gifts of new handmade quilts lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers." After dinner, Jane provided materials for the members to make a square for a quilt. Everyone had a great time drawing pictures with fabric markers on a quilt square. Jane will bring the finished quilt to our Birthday Dinner in May.

Lynne made an announcement regarding the success of the outing to Three Cedars Corn Maze in for the Beverly Girls Group Home on October 26. Everyone who attended had a great time, especially the girls. Pictures were in the newsletter.

Lynne also shared information about activities that occurred at Fall Conference in Battle Creek and Women in the Arts. Gamma Alpha was well represented and both events. Amy did a wonderful job organizing our donations into an attractive basket for the World Fellowship raffle at Fall Conference.

Cindy announced that all members have paid their dues and no one has resigned. Yay!

Jackie reported about an email from Kids 4 Afghan Kids director, Khris Nedham. She requested our help again on the "Empty Bowls" project. We participated in this project two years ago. The membership agreed on our involvement. The upcoming Kids 4 Afghan Kids Project will be in February 2015(exact date TBD.) Ten members signed up to make a crock pot of soup they will serve to the parents and children from Amerman Elementary School. Judi Fisher will solicit bread from the local Northville bakery. Jackie will contact Khris about the date, time, and whether we will provide bowls, napkins, and spoons. More information regarding the project will be available in the next newsletter.

The Auction Committee and interested members are meeting for lunch at Karl's Cabin next Thursday at noon to finalize our major fundraising event. If you are unable to attend the committee suggests that you make provide a donation for the auction or make a monetary donation if possible.

Lynne announced November Birthdays:

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Happy Birthday, Gals! Amy's birthday was today and we all had birthday cake for dessert.

Lynne announced that Helen's house in Gaylord was hit by lightning and damage was done but Helen was OK. Helen recently moved to Gaylord.

Lynne sent around a clipboard for members to write a line or two about what is going on in their lives. Amy will publish the chapter chatter in the next newsletter.

I hope this filled you in on what you missed. We hope to see you next month.

Jackie Smart



Just Jane

Brush up on Jane Austen before you enjoy Jackie's program about the leading men of Austen's novels.

- Jane was born in England in 1775
- She wrote 6 novels: *Northanger Abbey*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Mansfield Park*, *Emma*, and *Persuasion*
- Jane's father attempted to get his daughter's novel *First Impressions* published. We now know it as *Pride and Prejudice*.
- Jane's dearest friend was her sister Cassandra.
- Her cousin Eliza was her inspiration for her character, Elizabeth Bennett.
- By age 23 she had completed the original drafts of three of her novels.
- She died at age 41.
- There are 14 kisses in her novels.
- Jane Austen was the first writer to use the phrase 'dinner party' (*Mansfield Park*, Chapter 41).
- In December 1802, Jane Austen accepted a marriage proposal from Harris Bigg-Wither.
- After a restless night thinking about it, however, she changed her mind and turned him down.
- Mark Twain hated Austen's works, once stating that that an ideal library is one "that does not contain a volume by Jane Austen."

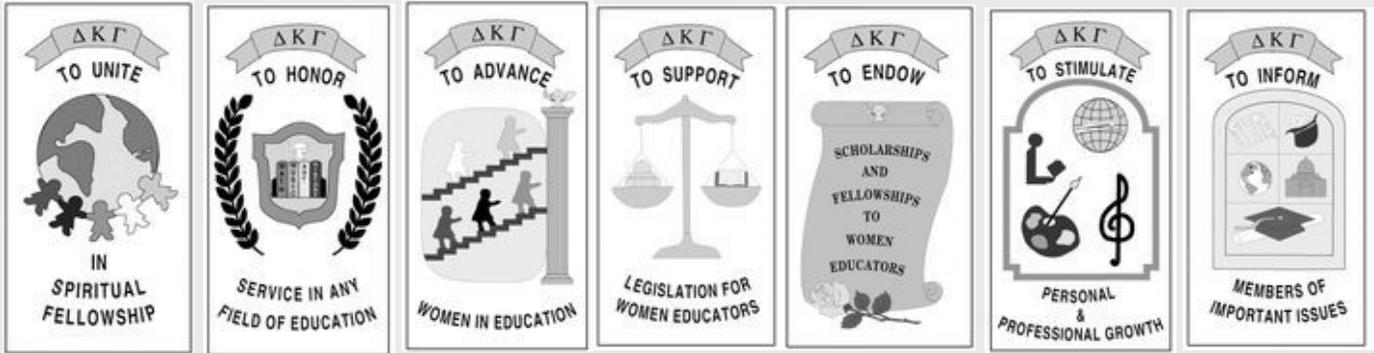


International Convention

Gamma Alpha was well represented at the International Convention in Indianapolis this summer.

Can you find the smiling faces of Esther, Lynne, Judi, Jackie, Elizabeth and Linda?

Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



Gamma Alpha Auction

December 3, 2014

Laurel Manor



The wine is always popular! Barb thinks so too!



Esther and Colleen show just how fierce the bidding can get.



Grace brought some adorable snowmen for the large item table.



Pam & Amy find that a bit of wine enhances the bidding experience (and the bid too, of course!)



Joanna & Linda selling tickets for cup auctions.



The ice cream sundae is never forgotten, but the chicken was so pretty and yummy, it should be remembered too!