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# Gamma Alpha Bulletin

## The G.A.B. "Let's Talk"

### President's Message

Gamma Alpha friends,

As I, Amy, write this I am packing my bags for State Convention this weekend in Bay City. Gamma Alpha is always well represented at our state functions. Our chapter usually ranks 2nd to 4th place among all chapters in Michigan, in attendance at state events. Our members continue to hold various positions as committee chairs or as members of state committees. Be proud of yourselves! Our chapter is an extremely active chapter.

Once you finish packing your bag for Convention, it is time to RSVP to the Birthday Dinner. Take out your checkbook and write your check for \$30 payable to Gamma Alpha and pop it in the mail to Cindy by May 8th. The Birthday Dinner will be held at the Courthouse Grille on May 18th. This is the same location as last year. See the back cover of the newsletter for Jackie's flyer with complete details. Please bring an outfit for a 6 to 12-month-old to the Birthday Diner to be donated to the Sumpter House.

To date, we have had several applicants for our scholarship. Additionally, we have one retiree this year. We currently have no nominees for our Friend of Education.

Please be thinking of ideas for programs for next year. Our planning meeting will be at my house, just like

the Holiday Happy Hour in December. Please bring the contact information for the suggested speakers with you to the June meeting. This will allow us to double check a speaker's availability as well as record the contact information.

Yours in Gamma Alpha,  
Colleen & Amy



### Happy Birthday Ladies!

#### May

**4th Colleen Retherford**

**8th Carol Palk**

**20th Doris Prieskorn**



#### June

**19th Fran Saenz**



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### Coming Soon!

**May 5-7**

**State Convention**  
Bay City, MI

**May 18 (Thurs)**  
**Birthday Dinner**

The Courthouse Grille  
41661 Plymouth Rd  
Plymouth, MI  
5:30

**June 19 (Mon)**  
**Planning Meeting**  
Amy Wright's House  
35415 John Street  
Wayne, MI

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**(734) 740-4018**



Mark your calendars now!



**May 5-7, 2017 State Convention**  
**Place: Double Tree by Hilton,**  
**Bay City Riverfront**

**Thursday, May 18, 2017**

**Place:** Court House Grill

41661 Plymouth Rd

Plymouth, MI

**Time:** 5:30 - 7:30

**Cost:** \$30

**Program:** Chapter Birthday Dinner

Chapter Woman of Distinction

Friend of Education

Honor Retirees

Grant-in-aid Recipient

Initiation of new members



**Monday, June 19, 2017 Planning Meeting**

**Place:** Amy Wright's house

35415 John Street

Wayne, MI 48184

**Time:** 11:00 - 2:00

**Bring:** Dish to pass

Program ideas



**July 12-14 Northeast Regional Conference**

**Place:** Caesar's Windsor, Ontario, Canada

**Click here to register:** [http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2017\\_Regional\\_Conferences/Northeast\\_Regional\\_Conference\\_Ontario.aspx](http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2017_Regional_Conferences/Northeast_Regional_Conference_Ontario.aspx)

## Meeting Minutes March 9, 2017

- The meeting was called to order by Colleen at 5:45.
- Carole Lower took attendance.
- There was some confusion about who the contact person was for our speaker on My Voice My Choice—Advanced Directives. The members present had an informal discussion while waiting on our speaker to arrive. The speaker did not arrive, and the discussion included the following items:
  - \* **Metro Council Funding**—concerns, ideas, suggestions, recent history
  - \* **Use Gamma Alpha fund surplus to pay registration for first-timers to attend Fall Workshop and/or State Convention:** Jackie moved, Fran seconded
  - \* **Sponsor up to 6 girls from the Beverly House to Bowl at Seedlings Bowl-a-thon:** Cindy moved
- Approval of Minutes: Carol A., Cindy
- President's Report—Colleen apologized for the confusion about the speaker, and stated we would note a contact person for each future speaker in the minutes of the planning meeting.
- Treasurer's Report—Cindy said we had received \$2000 from Evelyn Shuput's estate. At the January meeting we had decided to spend it on service projects for the Beverly House.
- Corresponding Secretary Report—We received a thank you note from Seedlings for the \$100 donation for having a representative speak about Seedlings at our January meeting. We also received another thank you note from Seedlings for our \$100 donation toward the Adopt-a-Reader Program.
- Grant-in-Aid—Donna has received 1 application so far.
- Service Projects—Judi Fisher announced she was accepting donations for Seedlings, and the Seedlings Bowl-a-thon will be held 3/11.
- Service Projects—Judy Morante has purchased items for welcome bags for the Beverly House: bags, towels, hygiene items, underwear, and socks. Set aside \$500 from chapter funds for Beverly House Projects: Cindy moved, Judi Fisher seconded. Judy Morante will be reimbursed \$70 for the items she has purchased to stock the closet of the Beverly House. Bring an outfit for a 6-12 month-old to be donated to the Sumpter House to the Birthday Dinner.

- Old Business—Beverly House donation for essential items—see Service Projects Report
- New Business—NERC will be held 7/12-7/14 at Caesar’s Casino Hotel in Windsor. Registration forms are not yet available online. Judi Fisher reminded us one member from our chapter could receive the Kathy Cashen scholarship to help pay for registration costs.
- World Fellowship—Cindy will use \$200 from chapter funds to purchase gift cards for the World Fellowship Basket for the State Convention. We will continue to donate gift card baskets next year. Gift cards will be collected in the fall and divided up for fall and spring baskets—Cindy moved, Judy Morante seconded.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:08

Respectfully submitted by Amy Wright



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### Time to Register for NERC— the Northeast Regional Convention

Use the following link to register for NERC and take a peak at the sessions and sightseeing tours they have planned for us.

[http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2017\\_Regional\\_Conferences/Northeast\\_Regional\\_Conference\\_Ontario.aspx](http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2017_Regional_Conferences/Northeast_Regional_Conference_Ontario.aspx)

NERC will be held at Caesar’s Casino Hotel in Windsor from July 12—14th. Be sure to bring your passport. The law has changed, and enhanced driver’s licenses may no longer be sufficient. If you go to NERC, we want you to make it back home to the USA! Bring your passport.

Also, have your membership number, printed on your membership card, handy when you use the link to register online. See you in Windsor, eh?

### Seedlings Braille Books



Our speaker from Seedlings at our January meeting informed us of the recent changes to Braille to make it more consistent worldwide. This required all of the books in the current Seedlings catalog to be reformatted to conform to the new international standards for Braille books.

This year we gave

- \$100 donation for the speaker at our January meeting.
- \$100 to the Adopt-a-Reader program. We were assigned to Julia, and infant who will receive 10 books of her parents’ choosing.
- A donation in place of purchasing a corsage for the President’s Procession at State Convention.
- Our members also donated time and money to help make the Bowl-a-thon a success.
- Next year we continue to pay for up to 6 girls from the Beverly House to bowl at the Bowl-a-thon.



**Gamma Alpha Chapter Birthday Dinner**  
**May 18, 2017**  
**The Courthouse Grille**  
**5:30 p.m.**



**The Courthouse Grille**  
**41661 Plymouth Road**  
**Plymouth, MI**  
**734.453.2002**

**Donation for Sumpter House**

Service Project Committee requests a donation of new baby clothes (sizes 6-12 months) for Sumpter House, the group home for pregnant teens. Clothing donations can be for a boy or a girl. Bring item(s) to the Birthday Dinner. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Birthday Dinner Agenda**

**Welcome** Colleen & Amy

**Opener** Esther

**State Convention Memories** Attendees

**Chapter Business:**

- **Initiation** Carole L.
- **Grant-in-Aid Award(s)** Donna
- **Service Project Donations** Judy M.
- **Honor Chapter Woman of Distinction** Colleen & Amy

**50/50 Raffle** Donna & Joanna

**38th Birthday Celebration** Esther, Jackie, Helen

**RSVP by May 8, 2017**

You will make a choice from three Courthouse Grille signature entrees (chicken, fish, or vegetarian) at the Birthday Dinner. All entrees are served with fresh garden salad and freshly baked rolls. The chicken and fish entrees come with chef's choice of appropriate starch and seasonal vegetable. Price includes, coffee, soft drinks, herbal teas, Gamma Alpha Birthday Cake, and room cost. Cash bar available.

Send check for **\$30** by May 8, 2017 payable to "Gamma Alpha" to our treasurer:

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