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GAMMA ALPHA BULLETIN

Presidents' Message

Gamma Alpha Friends,

Cold winter days are a great time to curl up inside and get cozy with a good book and a hot beverage. I've always been a reader. Nowadays I am reading more than ever, though not quite as I expected. In the living room I'm reading issues of Real Simple Magazine. I tear out the pages for anything interesting I want to keep and recycle the magazines promptly. In my office I'm reading *Story Branding 2.0 Creating Stand Out-Brands Through Storytelling*, my new team at work read that together a couple months back. I'm trying to catch up on it, since they are using those concepts at work. In bed I read Alexander McCall Smith's *Emma A Modern Retelling* on my Kindle. In the car and in the kitchen I listen to audio books. The latest is *Girl Stop Apologizing* by Rachel Hollis.

Once upon a time, I would have considered this "promiscuous" reading behavior. To read more than one magazine and one book at a time would have been unseemly and unusual. I had been taught to finish what I started. I automatically applied that principle to reading as well. I felt I had to finish a book before starting a new one. Now I have a different title for every room of the house and use multiple formats and devices on a daily basis. It's interesting to consider how technology has changed what and how I read. How have your reading habits and tastes changed?

Our next meeting on March 25th, at the Northville Public Library will celebrate reading month. Our guest speaker, Erin Bartells, is an author and poet. She is from the Lansing area

and has won awards for her short stories. We will be back at the Northville Library the following week on April 2nd. Many of you are eager to hear Carol Anderson's sister-in-law, Peg Flatt, speak about her experience as a MASH nurse during the Vietnam War.

Both of these events are a great lead into our "Wild Women of Detroit Tour." Spots are still available, and we are now able to invite friends to join us on our tour.

Yours in DKG,
Amy Wright

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REMINDERS

The March and April meetings will be held at the

Northville Library
212 W. Cady Street
Northville

RSVP

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2019-2020 MEETING CALENDAR

March 25, 2020 NEW date

Place: Northville Library (212 W. Cady Street, Northville)

Time: 5:45 PM - 7:30 PM

Another group has the room until 5:30 so arrive at 5:45.

Speaker will begin at 6:00 PM.

Program:



Erin Bartells is the author of *We Hope for Better Things*, a Christy Award finalist, and *The Words between Us*, which was a finalist for the 2015 Rising Star Award from the Women's Fiction Writers Association. Her short story "This Elegant Ruin" was a finalist in *The Saturday Evening Post* 2014 Great American Fiction Contest. Her poems have been published by *The Lyric* and The East Lansing Poetry Attack.

A member of the Capital City Writers Association and the Women's Fiction Writers Association, she is former features editor of WFWA's *Write On!* magazine and current director of the annual WFWA Writers Retreat in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

She grew up in the Bay City area waiting for freighters and sailboats at drawbridges and watching the best 4th of July fireworks displays in the nation. She spent her college and young married years in Grand Rapids feeling decidedly not-Dutch. She currently lives with her husband and son in Lansing, nestled somewhere between angry protesters on the Capitol lawn and couch-burning frat boys at Michigan State University. And yet, she claims it is really quite peaceful. Please join us for an interesting evening with a wonderful author.

7:00 PM - Dinner following meeting in Northville

April 2, 2020

Place: Northville Library

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Speaker: Carol Anderson's sister-in-law, Peg Flatt will speak to the group about her experiences as a Vietnam M.A.S.H. nurse.

April 24-26, 2030

DKG Michigan State Organization Executive Board and State Convention

DoubleTree by Hilton Port Huron & Blue Water Convention Center
500 Thomas Edison Parkway
Port Huron, MI 48060

Information is in the newsletter and the *Wolverine*

Saturday May 2, 2020 Metro Council Field Trip

Program: Wild Women of Detroit Bus Tour

Cost: \$65

Time: 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Detroit may have been founded in 1701, by the French explorer and adventurer Antoine Laumet de La Mothe sieur de Cadillac, but it was his wife Marie who decided much of the town's original layout. From the very beginning Detroit has been a dame's town. Home to broads, women, cats, ladies, and Rosies, the Motor City's story is interlaced with the triumphs, adventures, dalliances and deeds of its female inhabitants. Join Metro Council for the Detroit History Tours on a 4 hour bus tour of some "Wild Women of Detroit" and their stories. You'll hear about Madam Cadillac to Motown greats, prostitutes to murderers, cults to saints, and so much more. Our tour guide will share stories about civil war spies and prohibition smuggling. You'll learn the verdict of the first all-female jury in Michigan and the story of a woman known as "Rocking Chair."

Together we will enjoy a deli tray from Dan and Vi's with chips and a cookie. It promises to be a wonderful day on The Detroit History Tours "Wild Women of Detroit" tour. Because a bit of swearing comes with the history, all public bus tours are a strict 21 years old and older. Alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed on the bus (DARN.) Bottled water is provided at no cost and guests may bring snacks or nonalcoholic beverages on board.

The tour leaves promptly at 10:00 am and returns at 2:30 pm from Millennium Park in Livonia. Millennium Park is located on Middlebelt and I-96. We will park near the service drive in front the Home Depot parking lot. Home Depot is directly behind Costco. There will be a sign. Boarding starts at 10:00 AM. The bus holds 52 passengers and we need 46 attendees to make the trip less costly. DKG members and their guests are welcome (although DKG members will have priority.) We will not honor our Chapter Women of Distinction or Lifetime Service Awardees at this time. We'll do this at the Birthday Dinner.

May 21, 2020 (Thursday) Birthday Dinner

Karl's Cabin

6005 Gotfredson Road

Plymouth, MI

Time: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Cost: Approximately \$33

Program: Gamma Alpha Chapter's 41st Birthday Dinner will be held at Karl's Cabin.

At the meeting:

- We will install New Officers for 2020-2022 Biennium
- We will honor Chapter Woman of Distinction
- We will recognize Gamma Alpha's Friend of Education
- We will honor new Retirees and Lifetime Service Awardee
- We will meet our Grant-in-Aid Recipient
- Carole Lower will induct new members
- Judy Morante will collect the baby clothes for Sumpter House for Pregnant Teens

June 13, 20, or 27, 2020 (Date TBD) Planning Meeting

Place: TBD

Time: 11:00 - 2:00

Bring: Sign-up Genius for Dish to Pass, Program ideas



**July 7-11, 2020 International Convention
Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
1201 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 101907**

Information regarding the International Convention, excursions, and sessions can be found in the January/February DKG NEWS or on the DKG website. Below are a couple of stats:

*\$179 a night/double occupancy (parking is extra)
Convention rates applicable July 5-13, 2020
Online registration recommended, but you can register by mail. Just go to
www.dkg.org. Click on events, then download your paper registration form.
Cut-off June 15, 2020.*

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- 1 Diane Frangie**
- 13 Esther Loskowske**
- 14 Marilyn Wallenmaier**



APRIL

- 1 Lynne Elsesser**
- 3 Marcia Scarr**

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Classic Cuban Midnight Sandwich

Since I am in sunny Florida, I thought I would offer some regional eats. (Keep in mind there are several different kinds of Cuban sandwiches).

Ingredients:

- 4 sweet bread rolls
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup prepared mustard
- 1 pound thinly sliced cooked ham
- 1 pound thinly sliced fully cooked pork
- 1 pound sliced Swiss cheese
- 1 cup dill pickle slices
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted



Directions:

Split the sandwich rolls in half, and spread mustard and mayonnaise liberally onto the cut sides. On each sandwich, place an equal amount of Swiss cheese, ham and pork in exactly that order. Place a few pickles onto each one, and put the top of the roll onto the sandwich. Brush the tops with melted butter. Press each sandwich in a sandwich press heated to medium-high heat. If a sandwich press is not available, use a large skillet over medium-high heat, and press the sandwiches down using a sturdy plate or skillet. Some indoor grills may be good for this also. Cook for 5 to 8 minutes, keeping sandwiches pressed. If using a skillet, you may want to flip them once for even browning. Slice diagonally and serve hot.

Enjoy a **Real Mojito** with your Cuban Sandwich.

Ingredients:

- 10 fresh mint leaves
- 1/2 lime, cut into 4 wedges
- 2 tablespoons white sugar, or to taste
- 1 cup ice cubes
- 1 1/2 fluid ounces white rum
- 1/2 cup club soda



Directions:

Place mint leaves and 1 lime wedge into a sturdy glass. Use a muddler to crush the mint and lime to release the mint oils and lime juice. Add 2 more lime wedges and the sugar, and muddle again to release the lime juice. Do not strain the mixture. Fill the glass almost to the top with ice. Pour the rum over the ice, and fill the glass with carbonated water. Stir, taste, and add more sugar if desired. Garnish with the remaining lime wedge.

MINUTES

January 23, 2020

4:30 Executive Board meeting held
Meeting called to Order at 5:48 p.m. by Amy Wright
Welcome Guests - Tara Cooper & Barb Anderson
Minutes - 10/16/19 minutes were approved as printed
Presidents' Report

- We lost two members - Debbie Ervin and Grace Morgan. Donations were made to Seedlings on their behalf
- March 25th meeting - author. April 2nd meeting M.A.S.H. nurse (Carol Anderson's sister-in-law) will speak.
- Please wear your name tags. There are new people at our meetings.
- Please encourage people to apply for Grant-in-aid. It is just a one page form. It's for early educators or teachers teaching in a new area. Half the grant is received paid in May and half in the fall when awardee attends a meeting. Last year a \$1000 grant was given. Application form is on our website. There is also a grant for the International Convention. You can apply once on the state website.
- Treasurer's Report - Savings has \$16,244.39. We have a loan out to Wild Women of Detroit. We paid the deposit. Checking has \$896.74. We did about the same at the Auction this year. We raised about \$2,000. We are still taking reservations for Wild Women of Detroit Tour - \$65 Saturday, May 2nd 10:00 - 2:30. It is open for members only till the January 31st. After that is will be open to anyone.
- Corresponding Secretary - no report
- Service Projects
 1. Seedlings Bowl-a-thon Saturday March 14 at Novi Bowl. They are looking for volunteers. Call Seedlings.
 2. Beverly House is now a combination of displaced girls and girls that have children. Judy Morante and Lynne Elsesser reported on their visit. Dynamics at the house have changed. They delivered the items collected at Christmas. The girls enjoyed their Christmas bags. There is a new director.
- New business
 1. Slate of officers was presented.

2020-2022

Co-Presidents - Amy Wright & Carole Lower
VP Membership - Linda Clark & Lynne Elsesser
Recording Secretary - Linda Dobrzeniecki and Joanna Eiwien
Corresponding Secretary - Jackie Smart and Liz Frazier
Treasurer - Cindy Dietz
Parliamentarian - Pam Sayre

2. Brainstormed Ideas for new activities for Beverly House
 - a) We will not sponsor a lane for Bowl-a-thon for Beverly house this year. It is not appropriate for girls with infants. Please still support it by volunteering or bowling.
 - b) Cooking demo - Lisa Austin has done cooking demonstrations before. It could be done at the house with 2-3 other members. A topic could be discussed such as healthy eating.
 - c) Craft demo could be done at the house with 2-3 other members
 - d) Judy Morante will run ideas past Mrs. Robinson and update us at the March meeting.
 - e) Lynne Elsesser has been planting flowers in the spring with the girls.
 - f) Possible May donation - cooking equipment/blender for house.
 - g) The house is small. Activities in the house need to be done in small groups.
- Meeting adjournment - 7:09 pm



DKG-Michigan State Organization State Convention

April 24-26, 2020
DoubleTree by Hilton Port Huron
800 Harker Street, Port Huron 48060
Creating Hope



Please Print: Use one form for each person

First	Last	Chapter
Address	City/State	Zip
Preferred Phone	Email	Years of Membership
Chapter Position	State Position	International Position
Is this your first state convention? Yes No	If yes, please attend the first timers meeting Friday evening.	Will you be in the Presidents' Procession? Yes No
Are you substituting for your chapter president at Executive Board and Presidents' Procession?		Yes No
Do you plan to arrive Friday evening? Yes No		
All participants must register to attend, even workers.		
* To help us "go green" please bring your neck wallet name badge holders. If you do not have one or forget yours, plastic holders will be available.		

Registration Fee Postmarked by March 24, 2020	\$70	\$
Late Fee (Postmarked after March 24, 2020)	\$40	\$
Corsage Order (Complete the form on the next page.)	\$25	\$
SCECH Fee (State Continuing Education Clock Hours)	\$15	\$
Friday Buffet	\$24	\$
Saturday Breakfast	Registered hotel guests get a ticket for breakfast	\$00.00
Saturday Lunch	\$20	\$
Saturday Banquet	\$47	\$
Sunday Brunch	\$25	\$
Total amount enclosed: Check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma		\$

Please continue on the next page.

Corsage Orders		\$25 each	
Person Ordering	Chapter		
Ordered for whom	Wrist	Pinned	
Total number ordered @ \$25 =	Please record total on previous page.		

Dietary Needs:

Dietary needs must be listed on this registration form in order to inform the hotel staff of your special needs. If you sign up for a special meal, please do not switch your selection at the banquet since the meal count is predetermined by registration. Special tickets will be provided in the registration packets of those who indicate the following needs. All meals except the banquet are buffet. CHECK DIETARY NEED, IF NECESSARY:

Gluten Free: ___ Vegetarian: ___ Diabetic: ___

Handicap Assistance:

There is elevator service to guest rooms. If you require special guest room accommodations, please notify the hotel staff directly when you make your overnight reservations.

Photo Release: By your attendance at this event you are granting your permission to be photographed by Alpha Iota State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and granting the use of your likeness, without compensation, in the *Wolverine* and/or on the Society website.

In order to earn the State Continuing Educational Clock Hours (SCECHs) you must do the following:

1. Register for the Clock Hours on your registration form. (Fee is \$15 for members.)
2. Sign in for SCECHs at the registration desk when you check in. (State Required Form)
A sheet will be in your packet.
3. Attend a minimum of three sessions for credit. Up to six clock hours may be earned.
4. Assure that you are stamped in and stamped out of each session. (You must attend the entire session, plus sign the State Form with your signature, and phone number. The monitor should have this form.
5. At the registration desk, there will be a special box for your completed Official Attendance Sheet and SCECH evaluation sheet.

- The Combined Executive Board and General Membership Meeting will start at 8:00 PM Friday.
- ALL MEMBERS should attend that meeting at 8:00 PM Friday.
- Practice for the Presidents' Procession will be Friday evening following the Executive Board meeting.
- Coordinating Councils will meet following the practice for the Presidents' Procession.

Please mail this completed form and your check, payable to Delta Kappa Gamma, to:

Registrar:
Judi Fisher
20180 Rippling Lane
Northville 48167
judifisher@yahoo.com 248-808-0477 (C)

Cancellation Policy:

"A person having to cancel will receive a refund provided her written request is posted fifteen days prior to the event" which would be April 10, 2020. (Standing rule 7:01 of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.) Requests for cancellations must be sent in writing to the same person to whom the registration form was sent. If it is necessary to cancel after April 10, 2020, you should attempt to get someone from your chapter to attend in your place. No refunds will be made after the cancellation date.

NOTE:

HOTEL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BEFORE MARCH 24, 2020 FOR CONVENTION RATE
(You must personally make and/or cancel your hotel accommodations.)

Generation of Hope

A very exciting phenomenon is taking place. There is a groundswell of HOPE across the world being led by committed, passionate young activists. They have been educated to believe scientists when they cite global crises and they understand that it is their own future that is at stake. While world leaders talk and meet, discuss and debate, the youth of the world have stepped up and are ACTING! I am referring to them as THE GENERATION OF HOPE!

We know of 17-year-old Greta Thunberg, Swedish environmental activist who has spoken bluntly to the UN Assembly and to leaders around the world, rallied 7 million followers and is TIME magazine's Person of the Year, 2019. She has awakened intense interest in the climate crisis. We are familiar with Malala Yousafzai, just an Afghanistan youngster when she started a foundation that educates girls in her country and other third world nations so they can have a career instead of being forced to marry at age ten. Then there is the group of students who survived the unthinkable horror of a mass killing at their high school in Parkland, Florida and they organized the global 'Never Again Movement' to demand gun control and stop gun violence everywhere, an initiative still going strong.

This GENERATION OF HOPE is the most real hope we have had in decades. It is genuine. As peacemakers we must follow the examples set by these young leaders and accept their challenges as our own. We must continue to set goals each day, and stay focused, as they do, on the solutions, not the problems. Dare to accept that children have power: they do!

Below are some programs and ideas you can use to become a member of the Generation of Hope

Girl Up



Girl Up is a global leadership development initiative, positioning girls to be leaders in the movement for gender equality. With resources in five languages and 2,500 Girl Up Clubs in more than 100 countries, 40,000 girls of all backgrounds have been trained to create tangible change for girls everywhere. Girl Up provides leadership training and gives girls tools to become gender equality advocates and activists. Through their programs, girls broaden their social impact skill set, benefit from a platform to tell their stories, and apply STEM learning for social good. Girl leaders create real policy change at local and national levels, help raise millions of dollars to support United Nations programs that reach tens of thousands of girls around the world, and build community-based movements. Girl Up was founded by the United Nations Foundation in 2010, and continues to work across a global community of partners to achieve gender equality worldwide. Find out more and discover how you can get involved at www.girlup.org.

Inspiring Kids to Care

Kid-friendly stories can help children develop understanding of the issues of poverty,

homelessness, and philanthropy and the power of action. Here are some interesting titles:

- *Cooper's Tale* by Ralph da Costa Nunez with Willow Schragger
- *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein
- *Have You Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids & Bucket Filling from A to Z: The Key to Being Happy* by Carol McCloud
- *The Invisible Boy* by Trudy Ludwig
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña
- *Maddi's Fridge* by Lois Brandt
- *Mango's Quest* by Ralph da Costa Nunez with Robyn Schwartz
- *Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed* by Emily Pearson
- *Saily's Journey* by Ralph da Costa Nunez with Karina Kwok
- *Stone Soup*, a folk tale retold by many authors
- *Those Shoes* by Maribeth Boelts

Do Something

Get ideas and see what others are doing at **DoSomething**— the largest not-for-profit exclusively for young people and social change, DoSomething's millions of members represent 131 countries and every US state. DoSomething members use a digital platform to become a part of volunteer, social change, and civic action campaigns to make an impact on issues they care about. <https://www.dosomething.org/us>

Pay it Forward Around Birthdays and Holidays

Help your child learn to celebrate themselves and their life by making someone else's life better. This can happen in a myriad of ways—from helping a neighbor to taking up a collection/asking for donations or doing a service project for a cause your child cares about. Starting small is okay, what is important is that your child receives the gift of giving.

Create a Giving Jar

Giving jars can also be a powerful way to build compassion, gratitude and generosity. Families (and groups like offices) can decorate an old jar, coffee can or other container, and decide when money will be added. Put the jar in a central location. Determine who will receive your contributions, label the jar, and decide when you will count and distribute the money.

So when do you add money? Celebrate good things that happen. Add change at the end of the day. Contribute change you find in the wash. Have children put in part of their allowance and match their donations. Have a family meeting once a week and add money for things you are grateful for. After the money is distributed, involve everyone in the decision to repeat a collection.



MEA NEWS

Senator Peters Appeals to Educators at MEA Winter Conference



This election year Michigan will be a battleground state in a fight that will determine the future direction of public education, U.S. Sen. Gary Peters told attendees at last week's MEA Winter Conference.

It's time to replace U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who has zero experience with public schools as a parent, teacher or administrator, Peters said: "Our children deserve better."

From squandering millions of dollars on charter schools that never opened (as MEA President Paula Herbart wrote about in the Free Press this week) to letting predatory colleges off the hook for defrauding their students, "her policies have ranged from bad to cruel," he said.

At the conference, MEA announced a continuing recommendation for Peters in his bid for re-election in November. The son of an MEA member, Peters is committed to investing in quality public schools to create opportunities for students whether they go on to four-year colleges or pursue an occupation through career-technical education.

"Everyone has a different path in life, but it's our job to ensure every child gets the same opportunity, no matter who they are, and that's through our public schools," Peters said.

Peters has represented Michigan in the U.S. Senate since 2015 following six years in Congress and seven years in the state Senate. He previously worked as an investment advisor and rose to the rank of lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve after volunteering at age 34.

In his keynote speech last Friday, Peters echoed the farewell address of President George Washington, who warned the fledgling nation to beware of political polarization, which could lead to the rise of a demagogue who inflames people's dark passions and fears.

"We're there folks," he said, rallying the conference crowd to step up to the challenge of redefining America. "That is not who we are; that is not our values."

Public education is part of his DNA, Peters said. He graduated from Rochester public schools where his father worked as a high school and middle school English and social studies teacher for more than 30 years.

"Even now I will have people come up to me and say, 'Your father made a difference in my life. I remember – he was my favorite teacher.' All of you are making a difference in people's lives, and I thank you for what you do."



MEA, February 13, 2020

BOOK SHELF

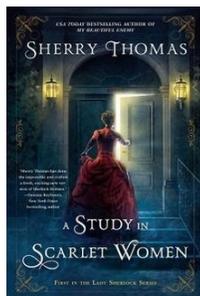
“A Study in Scarlet Women”

By Sherry Thomas

While on vacation, I have been listening to audio books I have borrowed from Libby app. I thoroughly enjoyed 'A Study in Scarlet Women.' This is the first novel in the Sherry Thomas' Lady Sherlock series. Thomas gender-flips Sherlock Holmes with Charlotte Holmes. With her inquisitive mind, Charlotte Holmes has never felt comfortable with the demureness expected of the fairer sex in upper class society. But even she never thought that she would become a social pariah, an outcast fending for herself on the mean streets of London.

When the city is struck by three unexpected deaths and suspicion falls on Charlotte's sister and father, she is desperate to find the true culprits and clear the family name. Charlotte creates the fiction of a "Sherlock Holmes, Consulting Detective." She masquerades as Sherlock's sister to solve crimes within the limited opportunities for women in Victorian England.

This was a cute read/listen, especially if you enjoy mysteries.



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