



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Gamma Pi Chapter

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

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS

Welcome back to another year for Gamma Pi Chapter. We hope to lead an interesting year with tentative and flexible plans during these Covid times. As educators, we are a flexible group and will move forward. Many meetings will be via Zoom until we are able to determine a public place allowing for safe meetings. We also decided to take some meetings outdoors, so we can see one another and social distance safely.

This summer we met via Zoom for many meetings with our former Co-Presidents and advisors, Ohio State Organization (OSO) Chapter Leadership Training, Gamma Pi Executive Board, and even a Zoom bingo evening with sisters from all over Ohio. Our OSO Fall Executive Board meeting, via Zoom, is August 29, 2020. The state convention was cancelled.

As our OSO motto states: Believe: Belong: Build. We hope you will all try to participate and encourage one another throughout this time. We look forward to DKG/Gamma Pi 2020-2021!

Holly and Kathy

YEARBOOKS WILL BE COMING OUT IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR. IN AN EFFORT TO ENSURE ACCURACY, WOULD YOU PLEASE CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION IN LAST YEAR'S BOOK? IF THERE ARE CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE, PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PHONE OR TEXT (330) 717-4369. THANKS, Barb Ade

Gamma Pi sisters help with Foster Care birthday bags after our March 2020 meeting.



Meetings at a Glance

Monday, September 14, 2020 Austintown Township Park Celebration Grove, 5:30-7:30. Bring your own lawn chair and beverage. Service project, school supplies. Installation of officers and induction of new member. Rain date, September 15, 2020 at 5:30.

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 Joint Chapter meeting cancelled. Zoom meeting 6:00-8:00 Chair Yoga.

Monday, November 9, 2020 Zoom meeting 6:00-8:00. Reading Radio Service. Contributions made for English Center

December 14, 2020 Zoom meeting featuring Mary Beth White and Diana Ghizzoni making bookmarks for shut ins. 6-8PM

Saturday, January 16, 2021 Executive Board Meeting at TJs 9:30am. All protocols observed.

Monday, February 13, 2021 9:30am Outdoors meeting at Mill Creek walking drive on Rt. 224. Bring your coffee or hot chocolate. May eat breakfast at Bob Evans on Rt. 224.

Monday, March 8, 2021 Zoom meeting 6-8 featuring local author, Susan Petrone talking about her book *Heebie Jeebie Girl*. New member(s) presented for consideration.

Monday, April 12, 2021 Zoom meeting featuring Mina's Closet in keeping with the Foster Care theme. New member(s) voted on.

Monday, May 10, 2021 5:30 -7:30 Induction



During our last **MARCH 2020** meeting of the **Minutes** Marian Zickefoose introduced Wanda Marland. Wanda Marland is a member of the club and is a foster parent. Co-President Marian Zickefoose called the meeting to order at 6:10. Jan Donofrio read the devotion. Mary Tsimouris reported that as of March 9, 2020, there was a balance of \$2,782.50 in the treasury. Mary also said dues for the 2020-21 year would be accepted beginning April 26, 2020. Committee reports were suspended for the evening. Under old business, the spring social is to be held at Drakes Landing at 5:45pm on May 11, 2020. Under new business, the slate of officers for the 2020-2022 biennium was announced. They include, Holly Buente and Kathy Murdock, Co-Presidents; Sonia Tsvetkoff, 1st Vice-President; Mary Beth White, 2nd Vice-President; Mary Tsimouris, Treasurer; Recording Secretary, Patty Schultz; Corresponding Secretaries, Derrie Wilkes and Jackie Conti; Publicity, Marian Zickefoose; and Yearbook, Barb Ade. Lisa Schiraldi-Argiro was introduced as a new member who will be inducted during the May meeting. Marian announced that October 21, 2020 is the date for the DKG Tri-County Banquet to be held at A la Carte Banquet Center. Rosemary McLaughlin asked for prayers for her great niece, Rebekah Lyons, who is fighting cancer. Laura Sullivan and Jan Harvey provided refreshments. 21 members were present. Wanda Marland from the Foster Care Program updated us on her blanket ministry and fund raising opportunities. Following her presentation, members helped stuff birthday bags for foster care children. The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted, Holly Buente, Secretary

DKG International World Fellowship Update

ZOOM

Thirty-two young women from around the globe were DKG International World Fellowship recipients for the 2019-2020 academic year. They are enrolled in universities across the United States and Canada and are pursuing advanced degrees in a variety of fields.

Mary Ellen Wilcox, World Fellowship chairperson for Gamma Pi, selected two of these recipients to receive cards, emails, and notes of encouragement from members. "I was really excited about one young lady being very close to us at Kent State University", Mary Ellen said.

"Deniz Akyel from Turkey was working on a masters degree in early childhood education. She very much appreciated our notes of encouragement and plans were in the works for her to attend our spring banquet, or at least, meet with us for dinner and a chance to get to know her. Unfortunately, the virus put an end to any plans. Since Deniz had been granted an extension for 2019-20, I'm not sure if she is still a KSU student or if she completed her studies and returned home. I have to wait and see."

The second fellowship recipient is Zhanar Tostubayeva from Kazakhstan. She is pursuing a masters degree in special education at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. "I did not hear from Zhanar until recently. She sent a wonderful note of thanks to our group," Mary Ellen said.

Zhanar wrote: Your postcards and kind wishes from all DKG members mean a lot to me! They've been warming my heart throughout this year! Now I am taking a summer course and enjoying the Pennsylvania nature. Sometimes I still cannot believe I am here! I am very proud to be part of DKG, and I am grateful to you all for this opportunity.

Mary Ellen said, "I'm sure my DKG sisters would agree that a few kind words and a note of encouragement can make a difference in someone's day—especially when she is so far from home. Our cards and notes meant a lot to Deniz and Zhanar, and I look forward to our sending best wishes to future fellowship recipients."

Zoom is a live-streaming video conferencing tool that we will be using for some of our meetings. It is easy to use, and it is free. Here's what you need to do to access Zoom.

1) Download the app. If you are using a smart phone, a laptop, or a tablet, go to the app store and type in Zoom in the search box. Choose Zoom Cloud Meetings from the menu, and click get it. Download the app to your device. If you are using a desktop computer, go to your search engine and type in Zoom.com. Select the sign up, it's free button. Once you sign up using your email address, fill out the information and download the Zoom app

2) Before a scheduled Zoom meeting, you will receive an email with a link, user ID and password for the upcoming meeting. You can click on the link, and be directly connected to your meeting. Press the join meeting button. If it asks, type in the user ID, then the password. You are now in and able to participate.

Additional information will be sent out before the first Zoom meeting. We look forward to seeing you all in our first virtual meeting.

Meet New Member Lisa Schiraldi-Argiro

Lisa Schiraldi-Argiro is a Cosmetology Instructor at MCCTC. She graduated from Lowellville High School, and then went on to earn her cosmetology credentials at Boardman Beauty Academy. She also attended Kent State University to earn her Career Technology teaching certificate.

Before teaching at the Career Center, Lisa was a master colorist, education director and public relations and marketing representative for Casal's De Spa and Salon. She also was an advanced educator at Casal's Avada Institute



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AGENDA

September 14, 2020

(PLEASE CHECK TO SEE THAT YOUR PHONES ARE EITHER TURNED OFF OR ON SILENT)

- CALL TO ORDER -DEVOTION
- INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS
- INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER
- ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES FROM MARCH 2020 MEETING IN NEWSLETTER
- APPROVE MINUTES
- TREASURER'S REPORT
- OLD BUSINESS DUES REMINDER
- NEW BUSINESS
- FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

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