



Good-bye to a dear friend

Gamma was saddened by the news that long-time member Eileen Young passed away on March 15, 2017.

Eileen was a member of DKG since 1970 and served our chapter in many capacities including chapter president and parliamentarian.

Eileen was always willing to help with whatever the chapter needed and will be missed by her sisters in Gamma.

(See the tribute to Eileen by Joanne Katonak on page 5.)



Founders' Day Reservations

Make checks for \$26 to Gamma Chapter and send them to Michele Koenig, 8190 Havens Road, Blacklick, OH 43004. See pg. 2 for details.

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

APRIL THROUGH MAY BIRTHDAYS

- ◆ Esther Panning April 1
- ◆ Bev McPherson April 11
- ◆ Judy Valentine April 17
- ◆ Katherine Wheeler April 18
- ◆ Dorothea Fuhrman May 7
- ◆ Ellen Clark May 17
- ◆ Carol Keifer May 29

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

<i>President's Message</i>	2
<i>Membership News</i>	2
<i>Committee Reports</i>	3
<i>Alpha Delta State Convention</i>	3
<i>Meeting Highlights</i>	4
<i>Tribute</i>	5
<i>March Minutes</i>	6
<i>Future meetings</i>	8

President's Message

President's Message

It is with a heavy heart that I sit down to write this President's Message. That being said, I want to use this space to thank those of you who stepped up to fill my shoes at our Gamma meeting and at the Alpha Delta State Convention.

A special thanks to Ellen and Janet for providing our members with timely updates.

I also want to thank my Gamma sisters for their calls, visits, cards, e-mails, prayers, and hugs during this difficult time. Eileen surely did enjoy the many cards you sent her way. It made her day when I brought mail.

Thanks for the white rose in her memory.

Judy Valentine, president



FOUNDERS' DAY BANQUET

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Oakhurst Country Club

3223 Norton Road

Grove City

Registration 6:00 Dinner 6:30

Buffet Dinner (vegetarian and gluten free offerings will be included)

Cost—\$26

Mailed checks (made out to Gamma) must be **postmarked by April 23rd** and sent to Michele Koenig, 8190 Havens Road, Blacklick OH 43004.

Membership News

Sally Tossey's husband, Ken, passed away Jan 17, 2017.

Reba Kanning's husband, Neil, passed away on February 11, 2017.

Bev Fatig's husband, Ray, is home from rehab after having surgery in January to remove his gall bladder.

Mary Cardinal is back home after having her surgery

Marlynn Schwenk's e-mail address:
marlynn.schwenk@gmail.com

Esther Panning's brother Eldor Panning recently passed away.

Michele Koenig enjoyed visiting the Monarchs' Winter home in Mexico.

Gamma Chapter

Judy Valentine - President

Linda Wright - First Vice-President

Linda Ruehrmund - Second Vice-President

Co-Recording Secretaries - Dorothea Fuhrman and Janet Halter

Corresponding Secretary - Janet Howson

Treasurer - Michele Koenig

Parliamentarian - Joanne Katonak

Newsletter editor - Michele Koenig

Webmaster - Ellen Clark

Committees

EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

The program planning committee will meet immediately following the June program at Michele Koenig's home. We will look over the program suggestions generated by members at the April meeting.

FINANCE

The chapter voted to fund The Hope Coalition project for \$600 so the Finance Committee will be making recommendations for funding the project.

SCHOLARSHIP

Katherine Wheeler was awarded a scholarship of \$205 to help cover expenses from attending the DKG International Convention in Nashville this past summer.

Nine hundred dollars will be transferred into the Scholarship savings account from the Scholarship CD. This accounts for a total of \$1800 of the \$4500 chapter approved funding of the Scholarship Account from the Scholarship CD.

GRANT-IN-AID

The recipients of Gamma's Grant-in-Aid are Nami Stager, science; Christie Johnson, reading; and Joya Elmore, environmental studies. Each received a \$100 gift card. Lori Clarke, an intervention specialist who was a recipient last year, presented at our last meeting and will receive a second \$100 from DKG, which she wants to use for the purchase of maps.

Alpha Delta State Convention Highlights

Convention Report—Three chapter members attended the Alpha Delta State Convention which was held March 24-27 at the Hilton Fairlawn near Akron. Joanne Katonak, Michele Koenig, and Katherine Wheeler represented Gamma Chapter.

Alpha Delta State Corresponding Secretary, Tammy Schroeder, expressed condolences to Gamma Chapter President, Judy Valentine upon the death of Eileen Young.

Joanne Katonak, Past President, registered to represent Gamma Chapter at the Executive Board Meeting on Saturday morning where several votes were needed. At the meeting (Exec. Bd./General Session) the Alpha Delta State (Ohio) Budget was presented. Revenues this past year have decreased. The Net balance for the year is \$-9,769. It was proposed and passed that the dues be raised this coming year by \$3.00 for active members and \$1.00 for reserve members to give the AD State Chapter a Net balance of \$1131.00. The money will be collected with dues beginning Sept. 2017.

Changes to The AD State Bylaws had formerly been scheduled for consideration each even numbered year. The proposal to allow changes to be made each year was passed.

(continued on pages 4 and 7)

A third proposal was to create a new foundation which will be exempt from Federal Income Tax under the Internal Revenue Code. The new foundation will be named Alpha Delta Ohio Educational Foundation. The former A. Margaret Boyd Overseas Foundation, and the Scholarship Fund will all be administered under the new foundation, as explained to Katherine by Past State President Dr. Norma Kirby. Contributions to these funds will now be tax exempted. World Fellowship Fund contributions are already tax exempt.

The Scholarship Committee, on which Joanne Katonak serves as a member, granted eight scholarships of \$1000 to students who will be student teaching this fall. A collection was taken at the convention to go to the Esther Strickland Student Teaching Grant Fund and raised \$2075.

Michele Koenig presented a workshop showing treasurers two different spreadsheet formats to help them move towards keeping chapter books on the computer. Joanne Katonak presented a workshop on Coloring for Relaxation and Health.

At the President's Banquet on Saturday evening, Past President Katherine Wheeler represented Gamma Chapter during the Presidents Honor Presentation.

Meeting Highlights

September— Michele Koenig showed Gamma the Monarch Project at Westerville North High School.

October— Nick Trennoff gave a presentation on STRS Health plan options for retirees.

November— Lisa Kuhar presented a program that explained the requirements for teacher licensure for new teachers.

December— The CEAR notes provided holiday musical numbers to put us in the holiday spirit.

February— Anita Ebbert taught Gamma members several line dances to get us moving.

March— Brandon Brown gave a tour of the glass gallery at the Hawks Galleries



Joanne Katonak takes a photo-op break as Sara Herfel, Janet Halter, Willa Mullins, Liz Biglins, Linda Wright and Dorene Henschen work on their line dancing moves at our February meeting.

(photo by Michele Koenig)

Eileen Young

As you know Eileen Spent most of her career as an editor. So when Judy asked me to pay tribute to Eileen today, the first thing that came to mind were letters and words.

Eileen E-I-L-E-E-N

E – ENERGETIC! - Whether she was working on a project at home or for an organization, or church, Eileen would go full speed ahead until each task was finished.

I – INTELLIGENT! - Whenever Eileen wrote something for work, or for a project for some organization, or church, her sharp thinking skills surfaced

L – LOVING! - Eileen was especially devoted to her family. She took excellent care of her aging mother. Even as her mother turned 100, she still went to the nursing home to visit her almost daily. And she was always a part of the lives of her nieces and nephews.

E – ENTHUSIASTIC! - Eileen was an enthusiastic traveler. She enjoyed going to new places and seeing new things, and meeting new people.

E – EDITOR—Her last job before she retired was as an editor for publication for federal programs within the state of OH. Her professionalism always produced excellent publications. One time I had a grant to write for work. When I got it written, I took it to Eileen for editing before I submitted it. She changed a word or phrase there to add some thoughts of her won to make the document better. I sat there listening to her and thought to myself—now why didn't I think of that.

N – NEIGHBOR –Whether on Hampshire Road, or at the condo in Columbus or her home in FL, Eileen was always sociable and willing to give a hand to a neighbor when needed.

YOUNG Y-O-U-N-G

Y – Yeoman dog lover. As long as I can remember Judy and Eileen had dogs. Big dogs, little dogs, sleepy dogs, active yappy dogs; Penny and Patchie being the last. Eileen loved them all.

O – Outstanding friend. If you needed anything, Eileen was there to help—for Judy, for Sharon, for fellow church members, or as a support for people who belonged to the same organizations as she did.

U – Uninhibited Bochi Ball player– Since Eileen's activity of playing Bochi Ball was something she did in FL, I never got to see her play. But knowing Eileen's nature, I am sure she was no "whimpy" player.

N – Newspaper Devotee– Every a.m. with a cup of coffee, with cream, or in the bathroom, Eileen devoured the paper. Even after her stroke, so wanted to know what was in the paper. So friends and visitors read to her. The last visit I made to see her, she asked me to hold the paper so she could read it herself.

G – GOD FEARING CHRISTIAN—Eileen loved her churches and the people in them— both her early membership at Good Shepherd and later here at Faith. I am sure when she gets to heaven God will have a job for her, and she will get it done.

Put all of these letters and traits into one bundle and you come up with Eileen Young.

Tribute to Eileen Young by Joanne Katonak

Gamma Chapter Meeting Minutes March 11, 2017

The March Gamma meeting was held at the Hawk Glass Art Galleries located at 153 East Main St., Columbus with 10 members in attendance. Vice-President Linda Wright brought the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Linda served as the hostess for the day also. President Judy Valentine was at the hospital with Eileen Young who had suffered another stroke.

Ellen Clark gave the thought for the day addressing teachers of all subjects, grade levels, personalities, and circumstances. She quoted President Barack Obama as having said: "New evidence shows that from the moment our children step into a classroom the single most important factor in determining their achievement today is not the color of their skin, or where they came from. It's not who their parents are or how much money they have. It's who their teacher is."

Liz Biglin moved that the February minutes be accepted as written. Janet Halter seconded the motion and it carried.

The treasurer's report will be given at next month's meeting. Treasurer Michele Koenig is out of state and could not attend this meeting.

Linda read a thank-you from Reba Kanning for the kindnesses of members shown to her during the loss of her husband. Several had attended his celebration of life. She will be in Pennsylvania for awhile visiting family. She looks forward to seeing us when she returns.

Gamma member Mary Cardinal will be staying with her sister, Judy Bracken, for awhile. The address is: 571 Plum Orchard, Columbus, OH 43213.

It was reported that Angie Clark has injured her back again.

Gamma's next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 4th, at 4:30 p.m. It will be held at Christ United Methodist Church at 1480 Zettler Rd., Columbus, OH 43229. This will be an important meeting where we will be choosing Chapter Projects and Program Planning for the next year. Members are encouraged to attend.

One of our grant-in-aid recipients, Laura Carter, attended our meeting today and shared with us her story of having changed school systems in the last couple of years after 27 years of teaching and losing some of the classroom supplies and resources to which she had access before coming to this area. She has made good use of the grant-in-aid money and looks forward to purchasing a large world map and a map of the United States for the classroom. She has been doing wonderful things with the children in spite of her vision impairment. We invited her to join us at our meetings on a regular basis.

March Minutes continued from page 6

The Founders' Day Banquet will be on Wednesday, May 10th at the Oakhurst Country Club in Grove City. The cost of the banquet will be \$26 and reservations are due on May 1st. Please save the date. More information will be forthcoming.

The Delta Kappa Gamma song was sung by all and the meeting was adjourned.

The group then took a tour of the glass gallery led by Brandon Brown, a Hawk Galleries assistant. Ellen Clark has posted on the Gamma website a delightful and comprehensive report on this tour with pictures and videos included.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothea Fuhrman, Recording Secretary

State Convention Highlights (Continued from page 4)



Gamma had two entries in the Silent Raffle for the Alpha Delta State Convention. Joanne Katonak made a "Reading, Writing, and Relaxation" basket containing books, writing supplies and a mug with tea (the mug and tea were donated by Liz Biglin). The basket brought in \$45. Michele Koenig made and framed a design of two Monarch butterflies with roses. The framed embroidery went for \$22. Fifty-three baskets brought in \$3464 for the Be Wise Camp, which runs a summer math and science camp for middle school girls.

(Photos by Michele Koenig)

JUNE THROUGH AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- ◆ Mary Guinther June 12
- ◆ Sara Herfel July 20
- ◆ Dorene Henschen July 21
- ◆ Martha Poland July 26
- ◆ Sandie Trask-Tyler August 1
- ◆ Rosemary Conroy August 12
- ◆ Angie Clark August 16
- ◆ Mary Ellen Angeletti August 24
- ◆ Alida Pletcher

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, May 10th 6:00 PM

Founders' Day Banquet

Oakhurst Country Club, Grove City

Tuesday, June 13th 2017 4:30 PM

Climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro –Tim Koenig

Koenig's, 8190 Havens Road, Blacklick

Potluck

Tuesday, September 12th 2017 4:30 PM

Scioto Audubon Metro Park tour

Dinner to follow at Spaghetti Warehouse

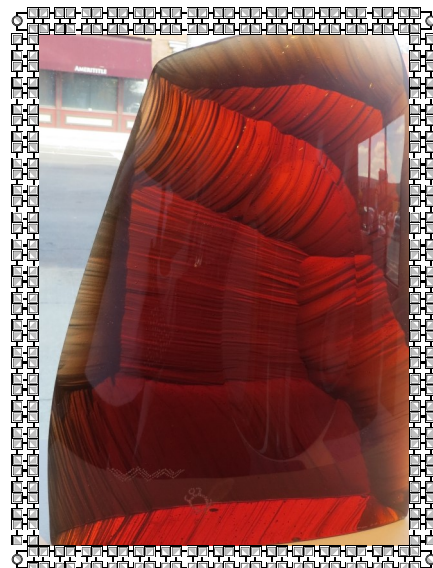
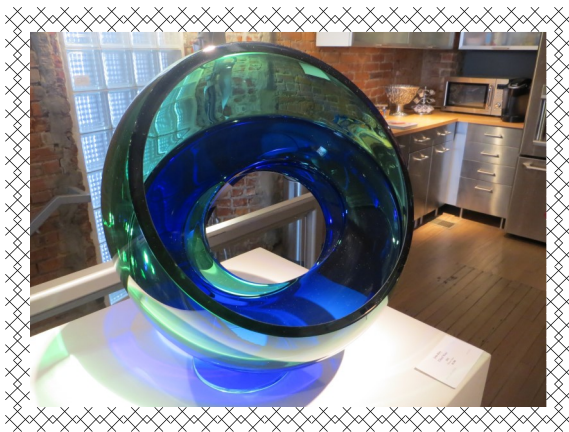


Stained glass at the Botanical Gardens in Toluca, Mexico. *Photo by Michele Koenig*

REMEMBER WE ARE ON THE WEB AT
GAMMAOHIO.COM

Highlights from Hawk Gallery Tour

photos by Ellen Clark



Monarchs in Mexico



Top-left Clusters of Monarch butterflies winter in Oyamel Fir trees in the mountains of Mexico. (photo by Michele Koenig)

Top-right Close-up of a Monarch cluster (photo by Carol Pasternak—used with permission)

Bottom-left Close-up of Monarchs on a Oyamel tree trunk (photo by Carol Pasternak—used with permission)

Bottom-right A Monarch caterpillar on Tropical Milkweed outside of the school in Machero, Mexico. (photo by Michele Koenig)

