



## Welcome To Gamma's New Member

Pat Farrenkopf was inducted into Gamma Chapter at the October meeting. Pictured from left to right are Dorene Henschen, Willa Mullins, Pat Farrenkopf, Reba Barney, and Michele Koenig. More information about Pat in Membership News pg 5. (photo by Sandie Trask-Tyler, used with permission)

## Membership Cards

DKG will no longer be issuing new Membership ID cards each year. The membership cards you receive this year are on sturdier stock and are meant to last. Please keep ID cards in a safe place as you will need your ID number to login to the DKG website.

**Membership dues deadline for 2019-2020 is now June 30. For more details, see Finance Report on page 3.**

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

## JANUARY THROUGH MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Sherry Grimes January 4
- Judy McDonalds January 11
- Joanne Katonak January 17
- Janet Halter February 15
- Mary Anne Wiedenheft February 21
- Virginia Cermelj March 3
- Michele Koenig March 19

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### *President's Message*

We are in the midst of the magical season. I do hope you have enjoyed all the festivities, but also have focused on the real reason for the season.

We are welcoming two new members to Gamma. Pat Farenkoph was inducted in November and Diane Hendrickson will be officially a member in February. A short bio about each one is in this newsletter. If you know someone you'd like to introduce to Gamma, feel free to bring them as a guest to a meeting.

We adopted the Royal Kids Camp for our foster children's project. We will send them \$762 to be used to sponsor a camper next summer. Thanks for your generosity.

The World Fellowship collection will finish at our February meeting. This program assists teachers interested from other countries to come to America to further their studies. It began in 1946 when 4 German educators were given a stipend by Delta Kappa Gamma to study in Sweden. Since then it has become a part of the Institute of International Education which helps students with visas, insurance, transportation, and obtaining grants to supplement the Fulbright Program. A few of our members gave their donation to Michele at our December meeting. If you wish to write a check for this international program, it should be made out to Gamma Chapter. Michele will write one check for our donations. Final donations for this will be taken at our February meeting. Our donations will be matched through the Scrivener fund.

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### *President's Message Continued*

I do hope you have taken the opportunity to go to Gamma's web page and viewed the pictures Ellen Clark has posted of our past meetings. Thank you, Ellen, for keeping us connected through this media.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Janet Halter for her part in our communication system via e-mail. When you receive her notice of an upcoming meeting, please respond YES or NO so we can be sure you have seen her message.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on February 2 at 10:00 AM at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 211 N. Merkle in Bexley.

Linda Ruehrmund co-president  
(with Dorene Henschen)

### *Gamma Chapter*

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Linda Ruehrmund - Co-President

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Newsletter editor- Michele Koenig

Webmaster- Ellen Clark

*Committees*

## FINANCE REPORT

At the DKG Society International Convention in July 2018, an Amendment to the Constitution changed the dues collection from the Fall to the Spring. Gamma Chapter will begin collecting dues at the Apr. meeting (Ohio State Convention), again at the May meeting (Founders' Day), and the deadline is the June meeting. Please pay by check since Michele will not have change.

Formerly dues were collected in the Fall after the beginning of the financial year. Now dues will be collected before the beginning of the financial year. The financial year has always been July 1st of one year to June 30th of the next year. You will be paying dues for 01 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. When collection was in the Fall, we only had 2 months to pay before the deadline. Now we have 3 months to pay.

Michele's deadline is solid. She must pay dues before the beginning of the new financial year. Let's help her achieve her deadline in plenty of time.

We will be inducting (formerly Initiate) a new member at the Feb. meeting. A new member inducted between January and June will pay Induction fees, state dues and 1/2 of the international dues. She will be a member immediately. She will also pay dues for the next year before the June deadline. This was also a result of the International Convention.

## COMMUNICATIONS

All members are asked to send an email reply to every chapter meeting announcement whether they are planning to attend, or not. This makes it easier to account for everyone, and to make sure that members needing other forms of communication receive it. Thank you.

## GRANT-IN-AID

The committee is happy to report that seven applications have been received for our grants. We have also received an application for a second year grant from Tia Tyler. The chapter voted in December to fund all of the applications which will total \$800. The chapter also voted at the December meeting to use the \$300 allotment from the Kathy Thomas Funds for next year to support the Grant-in-Aid funds for next year.

*Gold Key Changes*

Gold Key added two changes to its requirements for this year. Two Chapter newsletters dated from July to February must be submitted. Previously, our Spring newsletter could be submitted, but no longer meets the requirements. This is the reason you are getting a January newsletter. You will still get a Spring newsletter since it will contain information about Founders' Day Banquet registration.

The second requirement is chapters support foster care programs. Our chapter has voted to support foster care with collected funds which will be used for a camper scholarship to summer camp.

## Meeting Highlights

September: A Docent Tour of the new gallery at Columbus Museum Of Art (CMOA) was enjoyed, along with lunch at Schokko Art Café in the museum.



*Marias*, a bronze sculpture of a horse, by Deborah Butterfield which is one of the exhibits members saw at the CMOA September meeting. (photo by Michele Koenig)

October: Erika Foster spoke on the principle of Fixed and Growth Mindsets, how mindsets tend to develop within students and the inherent impacts on academic achievement.

November: Attendees did some stretching using Silver Sneakers movements at Lifetime Fitness. A new member was inducted. Welcome to Gamma Chapter, Dr. Patricia Farrenkopf!

December: A docent tour of the Ohio State House was informative and festive with holiday décor and lit Christmas trees. Watch the short slide show on the chapter website under Announcements.

## Upcoming Meetings

### February 2nd

10:00 am

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

211 N. Merkle

Bexley, OH 43209

Members are asked to bring feminine supplies to support our speaker's program God's hygiene. Members may contribute to the World Fellowship collection which has collected \$115 so far. (Please make checks out to Gamma Chapter). Lunch will be served at the meeting. Members are asked to pay at the door for the meal. Cost of the meal will be given when Janet Halter sends out the meeting notice. Cash payments for the meal are appreciated.

### March 2nd

10:00 am

Michele Koenig's house

8190 Havens Road,

Blacklick, OH 43004

Members will be learning

how to create projects using stamps and stencils. Bring a shirt if you want to create a project with the DKG logo on it. Members are asked to bring a brunch dish to share for the potluck.



### April 5-7 —Alpha Delta State Convention

Polaris Hilton, Columbus.

Look for registration information in the February edition of **The Voice**.

## Membership News

### Gamma Chapter Welcomes Two New Members

Welcome to Dr. Patricia Farrenkopf, an adjunct professor and faculty course designer at Ashland University. Pat works in both the Department of Inclusive Services and Exceptional Learners as well as in Educational Leadership Graduate Program. She is passionate about all aspects of the learning process and enjoys helping others learn as well. She earned her Ed.D. in 2014 in the field of Educational Leadership from Concordia University of Chicago.

Pat's professional career has also included 39 years as a principal with Westerville City Schools as well as serving as the Gifted Coordinator for several school districts. Other career highlights include "Playing from the Heart" Benefit Concert for Children's Hospital, being the Co-Director of the Martin W. Essex School for the Gifted at Otterbein University, instructing and developing courses for gifted students at Northwestern University Center for Talent Development and participating as a dissertation committee reader for Concordia University of Chicago and Ashland University.

Pat enjoys watercolor pen and ink, and developing educational tools. We are excited to include Pat as a member of our Gamma Chapter in Columbus, Ohio and look forward to her exploration and development of her talented expertise in ways that the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society will enjoy embracing.

Dr. Patricia Farrenkopf joined the Gamma Chapter Saturday, November 10, 2018. Pat's e-mail address is emrsnpatty@columbus.rr.com. Her phone # is 614-440-3118 and her address is 463 Maplebrooke Drive East Westerville, Ohio 43082.

Diane Hendrickson was recommended as a member of our Gamma Chapter during our December 1, 2018 meeting. She will join our Chapter during our February 2, 2019 meeting.

Diane is retired from Columbus City Schools where she taught Career Connections, Computer Literacy, Cooperative Office Education and other business education courses. She was involved with the teaching profession for 32 years. Diane completed her Master's Plus Degree in 1985 from The Ohio State University in the area of Vocational Business Education. Along with her bachelor's degree at OSU, she earned a minor degree in Exceptional Children Area of the Blind and Partially Seeing.

Diane's administrative gifting included working as a Career Development Coordinator providing numerous staff presentations for in service meetings. After she retired she worked as a Voting Machine Trainer for Franklin County Board of Elections, a Web Wise Seniors instructor, and created the first website for the Columbus Education Association-Retired and typed their newsletter. Currently Diane volunteers as the vice president and executive administrator of God's Hygiene Help Center where she created and maintains its website, Facebook page, writes a monthly blog and organizes all its projects and speaking engagements.

For the past 6 years Diane has been the chairwoman for the Northwest Columbus Christian Women's Club which is affiliated with Stonecroft. She is an active member of Upper Arlington Lutheran Church where she served as the lector coordinator for 20 years, greeter, communion server, lector and attends Bible Study. Diane loves to travel all over the world and with her generous gift of hospitality she engages everyone she meets with enthusiasm. Welcome Diane, your presence and energy will inspire all of us. Diane Hendrickson's address is 4476 Wanda Lane Rd. Columbus, Ohio 43224. Her e-mail is hendrickson.diane@gmail.com and her phone # is 614-329-4661.



**GAMMA MINUTES – October 23, 2018****WELLINGTON SCHOOL**

Hostesses – Willa Mullins and Reba Barney; Thought for the Day – Willa Mullins (thoughts of a teacher friend/mentor and sharing a poem she had written for Willa)

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm with fourteen members in attendance.

Erica Foster presented the inspiring program, "The Growth Mindset Classroom", that promotes success in the classroom according to a student's mindset about success.

The minutes were approved as written with two corrections: 1) meeting date changed to 9/15; 2) second newsletter month changed to January; and two additions 1) It was mentioned at the executive board meeting about providing school supplies during the year to foster children; 2) Any state communication coming via the internet will be copied and sent by the friendship committee to those members who do not have access to a computer.

It was reported that there has been no response from Carolyn Bordelon at her last known address or phone number. Sara Herfel, who has been a member since 1985, enjoys hearing from members. There is an assessment fee of \$2 included in dues that goes into the grant-in-aid fund.

The treasurer's report shows a September balance of \$1,169.64 in the checking account. The reinvestment of earnings in one CD is now going to the principal as requested. A recent 5-year investment in a CD with Education First is paying 3.1%.

Reba Barney of membership gave the second reading of a prospective member's, Patricia Fahrenkoph's, credentials. When someone becomes a member, it should be noted that there is an induction ceremony and not an initiation.

Sandi Trask-Tyler, chair of education excellence, has researched a possible project to meet the state's requirement that we adopt something to help a child or children in foster care. A group known as Royal Family Kids' Camp in our area provides a week of summer camp for various children in the foster care system. The cost per child is \$550 for a week of camp.

Judy Valentine moved to use the \$300 annual allotment from the Kathy Thomas fund to assist in sending one child to camp. Michele Koenig seconded the motion. During discussion, Linda Wright thought we should also have a special collection at the November meeting to collect around \$125, and to match that with another \$125 from the Scrivener fund, in order to pay \$550 for a full campership and/or programming.

Katherine Wheeler moved that the motion made by Judy Valentine be rescinded, so we could make a new motion. It passed unanimously.

## October Minutes continued

Linda Wright then made a motion to have a special collection in November and to use some of our funds, as mentioned above, to fund one child for a week of camp. It was seconded by Michelle Koenig and passed unanimously.

Judy said that only one grant-in-aid application had been received. Applications are due December 15, 2018. She stated that notices will be sent out to all new teachers through CPS.

Under new business Judy Valentine said that the Gamma Nu chapter, which had co-sponsored the Founders' Day dinner, was asking that we pay \$147.85 for our half of the gratuities and tax that had not been covered in the contract. Judy and Michele volunteered to personally pay our Gamma Chapter's half.

Linda Ruehrmund represented Gamma at the October 10<sup>th</sup> coordinating council meeting. Dorene Henschen represented Gamma at the October 20<sup>th</sup> executive meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Anne Wiedenheft and Esther Panning

## Alpha Delta State will have a New Name

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International's Constitution was amended at the International Convention this past summer in Austin, Texas. It was determined that state organizations will no longer contain Greek letters in their name but be designated by a geographic area or a country name. International headquarters has shared that Alpha Delta State will be known as "Ohio State Organization". Chapter names will remain the same with their Greek names. Further information is shared in January issue of **The Voice**.

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## For Our Members

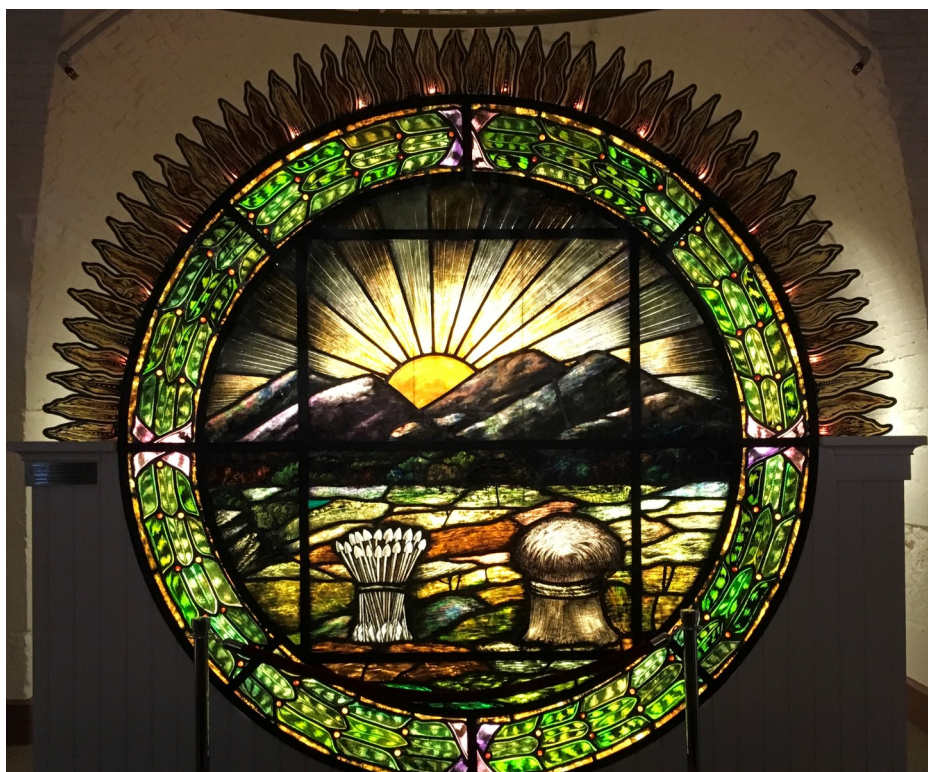


"Outer Harbor - Inner Light"

Liz Biglin shared a watercolor painting she created based on a friend's photograph . *(photo by Liz Biglin)*



*Nocturne Navigator* by Alison Saar at the Columbus Museum of Art. The holes in the skirt show star constellations slaves used to guide them on the Underground Railroad *(photo by Michele Koenig)*



A stained glass former seal of Ohio was one of the highlights from our Statehouse tour in December. *(photo by Michele Koenig)*