



Gamma members made blankets for [My Very Own Blanket](#) project at the February meeting

*Photo by Ellen Clark, used by permission*

DKG Dues for next year  
are now due by June  
30th. See details page 3.

## *Founders' Day Reservations*

Make checks for \$41 to Gamma Chapter and send them to Michele Koenig, 8190 Havens Road, Blacklick, OH 43004. See pg. 3 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



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## *Co-President's Message*

Gamma sisters, we are “marching” into Spring. The day this is written would be a good kite flying day. The breeze has a hint of spring and as I look around the perimeter of my house I see signs of bulbs trying to peek through the ground. However, I don't think we should put down our guard just yet. Should we have treacherous weather on our planned meeting dates, those signed up to come will receive a phone call noting pertinent information for the day.

Your responding to Janet on the e-mail is greatly appreciated. We want to keep in touch with all of you, especially if you cannot make the meetings. A suggestion was made to me at our last meeting that I would like to try at our April meeting. If each person would bring 2 thinking of you cards, once the friendship committee has reported, we'll take time to individually address those cards. It will be up to you to mail them at your convenience. I know I have good intentions of sending a card, but don't always follow through. We want to brighten others' days with something in their mailbox!

Hopefully you have been keeping up with our activities via Ellen's posts on our website. We have been reaching out in a variety of ways.

Rosie, the comfort dog, will be our special guest at the April meeting which will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church. Dorene will be sharing the workings of that program.

Don't forget to put your radar to work in finding special people who might be interested in membership. Invite them to one of our meetings.

Hope you all are staying well. Hoping to see you soon,

Linda Ruehrmund, co-president

### **Gamma Chapter**

Dorene Henschen—Co-President

Linda Ruehrmund - Co-President

Sandie Trask-Tyler - Vice-President

Co-Recording Secretaries - Mary Anne Wiedenheft & Esther Panning

Corresponding Secretary - Janet Howson

Treasurer— Michele Koenig

Parliamentarian - Joanne Katonak

Newsletter editor— Janet Halter

Webmaster- Ellen Clark

*Committees*

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Members can give Michele their dues for 2020-21 at the State Convention if you are attending. The next collection would be at the Founder's Banquet, or at the chapter meetings. Dues can also be mailed to Michele at 8190 Havens Rd., Blacklick, Oh 43004. Please make checks out to Michele Koenig, and mail by June 26th so the checks can be deposited by June 30th. Active member dues are \$69.00, and Reserve dues are \$32. If you wish to include an extra donation for Grant-in-Aid, you can do so at the same time.

Katherine Wheeler, chair

## SCHOLARSHIP

Remember the chapter voted to cover the \$40 registration fee for state convention for any Gamma member in attendance. Requests for additional reimbursement will need to be submitted to Mary Cardi-

**Grant-In-Aid Report**

A total of seven Grant-In-Aid awards were given this year.

Two went to first year Wellington teachers and five went to Columbus City Schools first year teachers.

All of the ladies have received their checks and have been sending thank yous and pictures.

Judy Valentine chairman

## COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Ellen Clark has accepted the liaison position between Alpha Delta State Ohio Education Foundation, ADSOEF, and Gamma Chapter. The information emails which are sent from this foundation to Ellen, she will forward to Janet who in turn will send them out to the chapter. The subject title for these emails will be ADSOEF - DKG.

Janet Halter, chair

**FOUNDERS' DAY BANQUET**

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Time: 6:00

La Scala Restaurant

4199 W. Dublin Granville Rd., Dublin

Cheese Lasagna, Chicken Parmigiana, and Grouper will be served family style. Italian green beans, garlic smashed potatoes, Italian salad and ciabatta bread. Iced tea or coffee will be available, and cake for dessert.

**Cost—\$41.00**

Mailed checks (made out to Gamma Chapter) must be **postmarked by April 22th** and sent to Michele Koenig, 8190 Havens Road, Blacklick, OH 43004.

## Meeting Highlights

**September:** Gamma enjoyed a dance presentation performed by three dancers from [Leap of Faith](#), which is a dance company for youth, and incorporates various types of dance. We were also given a tour of their practice studios, and learned about the operation of the organization.

**October:** A tour was conducted for the chapter of the new Hilliard Library building.

**November:** We welcomed representatives from [Royal Family Kids Camp](#), who spoke about this camping ministry held every summer for foster children. Pictured below are **Krista May, Jessica Dale, and Jessica Slone**. Gamma chapter collected \$620.00 which was matched with Scrivener funds to total \$1240.00 to help sponsor the cost of sending one child to camp this summer. This is our second year supporting this program in backing the foster care initiative of DKG.



**December:** 11 members enjoyed a personal tour of the Ohio Governor's home, which was decorated for the holiday season. We especially enjoyed all the uniquely themed Christmas trees, and the displayed collection of nativity sets owned by the first lady of Ohio.



**February:** At our February meeting, Gamma made 18 blankets to send to [My Very Own Blanket](#) which is an organization that provides blankets to foster children. Members donated the fleece material which they used to make the blankets. A note of encouragement was attached to each blanket from the member who created it. A group photo is on the front page of the newsletter.



## Upcoming Meetings

### Ohio State Organization DKG Convention Rescheduled

#### Saturday, April 18, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Atonement Lutheran Church

1621 Francisco Rd.

"Rosie the Comfort Dog"

Speaker: Mary Ludlum

Hostesses: Janet Halter, Cathy Jones

Thought for the Day: Will Mullins

Meal: Panera Bread

875 Bethel Road

Columbus, OH 43214

#### Wednesday, May 13, 2020

##### Founder's Day

6:00 p.m.

Place La Scala Restaurant

Hostesses: Gamma Nu and Delta Iota

#### Saturday, June 13, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Place: Judy Valentine's Party House

5255 Ironwood Ridge Ct.

Columbus, OH 43213

"Container Gardening" by Michele

Koenig

Officer Installation

Education Excellence Meeting following meeting

Hostesses: Judy Valentine, Esther Pan-

ning, Mary Anne Wiedenheft

Thought for the Day: Judy Valentine

Lunch: Potluck

### DKG International Convention

July 7 –11, 2020

Philadelphia, PA

#### Tuesday, September 15, 2020

4:00 p.m.

Ashland University (Columbus)

1900 East Dublin-Granville Rd.

Columbus, OH 43229

"Gifted Education"

Speaker: Pat Farrenkopf

Hostesses: Michele Koenig

Thought for the Day: Michele Koenig

Meal: TBA

### 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 August 25

### Slate of Officers for Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma for 2020 to 2022 - installation at the June 2020 meeting

Co-Presidents: Dorene Henschen & Linda Ruehrmund

1st Vice President Sandra Trask-Tyler

2nd Vice President Carolyn Bordelon

Co-Recording Secretaries: Mary Cardinal & Liz Biglin

Corresponding Secretary: Mariruth Seubert

Treasurer: Michele Koenig (an appointed position)

Nominations: Mary Ellen Angeletti

## Membership News

Gamma is sad to announce the passing of Carol Kiefer last August 15, 2019.

Joanne Katonak recently fell and broke her arm. She has moved to an assisted living residence and her new address is:

Brookdale Senior Living  
Room 5002  
3500 Trillium Crossing  
Columbus, Oh 43235  
Ph. 614-389-1700

Thanks to Dorothea Fuhrman for keeping us updated on members who are not able to communicate through email, or cannot attend regularly.

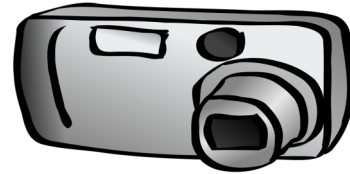
## Ohio State Organization

### Convention Postponed

**Due to rising concerns about the global Coronavirus, and in accordance with state governor DeWine's public order to limit mass gatherings, the state convention will be postponed until August 2020. Details will be forthcoming in a future email from the OSO.**

## Gamma Photo Directory

Sandie Trask-Tyler is currently getting new photos of our members to create a photo directory. Our hope is that this will make it easier for people to recognize members who are not always able to make it to meetings. If you have not had your photo taken, let Sandie know or you can make arrangements to send in a photo.



## World Fellowship

Gamma members collected \$395 for World Fellowship. This collection amount will be matched with Scrivener funds for a total donation of \$790 which will be sent to Delta Kappa Gamma International to support women educators worldwide.

**GAMMA MINUTES – FEBRUARY 8, 2020****JOANN FABRICS, POLARIS**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 with 17 members in attendance.

Hostesses – Ellen Clark and Mariruth Seubert provided Valentine treats and cookies individually decorated by Ellen.

Thought for the Day – Mariruth Seubert highlighted thoughts by well-known people, beginning with one from a new book by Maria Schriver.

The minutes were approved by an affirmative vote, after a motion by Beverly Fatig, seconded by Sherry Grimes.

The treasurer's report showed a positive balance in the checking account. The check for our tour at the Urban Arts had never been cashed. It was filed for audit.

There was no correspondence reported by Janet Howson.

The finance, scholarship, and music committees had no reports.

Dorothea Fuhrman of friendship reported that she had spoken with Rosemary Conroy who had not been in town, Mary Ginther who was having difficulty with vertigo, and Angie Clark who reported having had a stroke. Joann Katonak had broken her arm and would be moving to an independent living facility. Judy McDonald is still teaching after 51 years.

Judy Valentine of grant-in aid had only heard from two recipients. One person from Wellington was purchasing Spanish readers, another returned her check because she was no longer in the classroom.

New Business - Reba Barney of the membership committee and Michelle Koenig recommended and moved that Jessica Dale and Krista May of the Royal Family and Kids Camp be taken into honorary membership at a one-time fee of \$49. Before passing the motion someone asked if they would be eligible for full membership. It will be checked.

At least eight members have said they are registered for the state convention March 20-22, Friday evening through Sunday morning. Mary Ellen Angeletti moved, Bev Fatig seconded the payment of the \$40.00 registration fee for those attending, The motion passed.

It was suggested that individual pictures with names not be posted online (ie. directory information).

Mary Ellen Angeletti suggested that we check deductions sent on our individual STRS informational mailings.

Michelle Koenig said she would provide chocolates for sale at the Agora at the convention with the money going to the grant-in-aid fund. (\$268 was raised last year.)

Election of officers will be held at the next meeting on Saturday, April 18, 10:00 am, at Atonement Lutheran Church. The program will feature Rosie, the comfort dog.

The meeting was adjourned to lunch at Mimi's Café.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Anne Wiedenheft and Esther Panning

## **Volunteers Needed**

Gamma members have an opportunity to help during the summer. Jessica Dale shared that on Monday morning of Camp week (July 27, 2020), the children are dropped off at Registration. They need a group of people to help with "registration" from about 7am - about 11am. Jessica would like to find out if anyone from the Gamma Chapter would like to help Royal Family Kids during registration. Royal Family Camp needs door greeters, people to stop check the luggage, or pass out new t-shirts, and they need people to help direct the families through the process. And they need people in the rooms to play games with the kids and keep the chaos at a minimum. This would be a 1/2 day adventure that Gamma members might be interested in helping.

If you have questions please contact Jessica Dale at the information below.

Jessica Dale

RFK Volunteer Coordinator

614-738-4510

jessica.dale47@yahoo.com

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WEB AT**

**GAMMAOHIO.COM**

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