

# GAMMA NEWS

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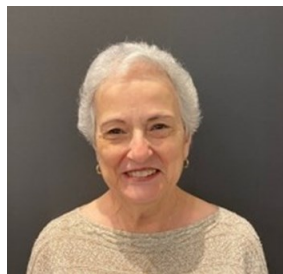
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## Leadership for 2022 - 2024

*(above—right to left)*

Judy Valentine & Michele Koenig are Co-Presidents

Sandra Trask-Tyler as Vice President

Elizabeth Biglin and Mary Cardinal *(upper left)* as Co-Secretaries

Dorene Henschen as Treasurer *(middle left)*

Katherine Wheeler as Parliamentarian *(lower left)*

Congratulations to each one serving in leadership, and the chapter looks forward to a productive and growing biennium ahead!

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*It is the start of a new biennium for Gamma. The challenge that lies ahead is sharing the benefits of belonging to Delta Kappa Gamma Society International with potential new members. We all know what being a DKG member means to us. Hopefully this year can bring in new members to share what membership does to support us as educators.*

*We are all another year older with new obligations that come down the path – some expected and some unexpected. Still, we have many gifts to share with our chapter and its members. I look forward to working with everyone to uplift the ideals which guide our society. Let us have a great year!*

*Co-President Michele Koenig*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



### Founders Day Banquet

Gamma chapter is co-host with Gamma Mu for this year's Founders Day Banquet. It will be at the TAT Restaurant on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Michele Koenig requested that the dinner start time be moved from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to allow teachers who are still teaching to attend with less traffic to navigate. Gamma Mu will handle the monies and reservations. Gamma is responsible for the program and favors. Members who are interested in serving on the planning committee for the Founders Day Banquet need to email Michele Koenig. Planning meetings initially will be over Zoom, but some in-person meetings will be needed to make the favors.



**OSO State Convention is scheduled for**

**April 14–16, 2023**

**Dublin Embassy Suites**



Members are encouraged to be informed of news updates from ORTA, *Ohio Retired Teachers Assoc.* Their monthly newsletter is forwarded to the chapter for your convenience. Their website is [www.orta.org](http://www.orta.org)

### *Committee Reports (con't on page 5)*

#### FINANCE

The Audit was completed on July 14, 2022, for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Finance Chair, Katherine Wheeler, requested information from former Treasurer, Michele Koenig. This information was presented at the Finance meeting the next week.

The Audit breakdown of monies for dues and the list of Gamma CDs was shared by Katherine Wheeler with additional information by Michele. Michele is finalizing the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

The budget for 2022-2023 was presented by Michele and, after discussion, amounts for each category were decided. Michele is finalizing the 2022-2023 budget to present to the Executive Board who will approve the budget. The budget will be presented to the chapter members at the Sept 2022 meeting.

Someone was needed for Grant-in-Aid chair. Our newest Finance Committee member, Emeri Ferguson, immediately volunteered for the position. She has since been appointed by Michele Koenig, Co-President.

Katherine Wheeler, Finance Chair

When members have a change in email please send this update to the Voice editor at [editor@dkgohio.org](mailto:editor@dkgohio.org)

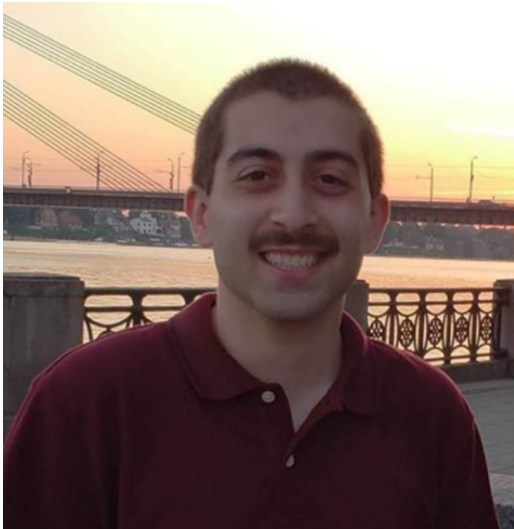
Include your name, the chapter, and new email address. This ensures that you will continue receiving the regular emails from DKG.

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS

Pat Ferrenkopf has accepted the position as chair of the Professional Affairs committee. Thank you, Pat! As she sends to Janet Halter legislative updates deemed pertinent to our members, especially active teachers, these will be forwarded to all members who receive email.

#### GRANT-IN-AID *continued on page 4*

Our newest member, Emeri Ferguson, has accepted the position of chair of the Grant-in-Aid committee. Thank you Emeri! She is actively teaching and could encourage her colleagues to consider accepting a grant, and perhaps telling them about Gamma as well. Every member is encouraged to seek out potential candidates for this grant, as well as seek out others for membership. Read from three recipients on the following page who received the grant this year and submitted a report.



Natale Schirripa photo used with permission

“I work with gifted and talented students from K - 3 at Alpine Elementary. Some of the items I was able to purchase using this grant ranged from classroom supplies, a science kit, and fidget/sensory toys for our classroom. I was also able to order one of the books my students enjoyed during our Caldecott Challenge we did back in December 2022, The Rock From the Sky. We are extremely grateful and are so excited to use these resources throughout the remainder of this school year and the next school year. “ **Natale Schirripa**

**Rupa Narayanan** is a Columbus City Schools middle school teacher for Gifted & Talented going to multiple schools each week. She used her grant money to provide challenging opportunities for her students. One way in particular was the purchase of rubric cubes which requires knowledge and applications of formulas to solve. She has plans for her Grant-in-Aid money next year which include chess boards and additional types of challenging rubric cubes.



Rupa Narayanan photo used with permission



**Sadie Feliz** is a K—5 art teacher with Columbus City Schools. She used her grant money to purchase items needed to create a ‘calming corner’ as pictured here. This space provides a space where students can go when stressed or need a place on their own while still participating in the art experience. Sadie is very grateful for the grant in order to provide this area for her students. *Photo by Sadie, used with permission.*

## MEMBERSHIP

**Special recognition of long-time members** in the Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International took place at our June 2022 meeting. We are so thankful for the many ways each one has served our chapter throughout their many years!

### 50+ Years

Mary Guinther is our longest active member with 54 years.

Judy Valentine - 50 years (left in photo)

Katherine Wheeler - 50 years (right in photo)



**40 +** Joanne Katonak (48); Mariruth Seubert (44); Janet Howson (41); Linda Ruehrmund (40)

**30+** Cathy Jones (36); Linda Wright (32); Esther Panning (31); Mary Anne Wiedenheft (31); Elizabeth Biglin (30)

### 25+ years

Mary Ellen Angeletti - 28 years

Martha Poland - 28 years (left in photo)

Michele Koenig - 27 years (right in photo)



*Congratulations to all recipients of this special recognition and to all of our members for what you do regularly to make our chapter thrive and continue to impact our world for the better.*

## September—March Birthdays

- ◆ Pat Ferrenkopf 9/19
- ◆ Linda Wright 9/30
- ◆ Mary Cardinal 10/3
- ◆ Marlynn Schwenk 10/3
- ◆ Liz Biglin 10/8
- ◆ Willa Mullins 10/13
- ◆ Linda Ruehrmund 11/4
- ◆ Emeri Ferguson 11/24
- ◆ Sally Tossey 12/4
- ◆ Cathy Jones 12/21
- ◆ Janet Howson 12/31
- ◆ Mariruth Suebert 12/31
- ◆ Sherry Grimes 1/4
- ◆ Joanne Katonak 1/17
- ◆ Janet Halter 2/15
- ◆ Mary Anne Wiedenheft 2/21
- ◆ Virginia Cermelj 3/1
- ◆ Michele Koenig 3/19

A special thank you to my Gamma sisters who contacted me following the passing of my brother, Darrel. Your thoughts, calls and cards were truly appreciated. Judy Valentine

## Beverly Fatig Tribute

A member since 1981, Bev passed away on April 1, 2022. Gamma members will remember Beverly Fatig for the leadership that she brought to the chapter. Bev served as chapter president from 1996-2000. Her years of serving in the Columbus Public Schools as both a science and math teacher as well as an administrator influenced students, coworkers and community members. Her educational efforts, after retiring from teaching, were as a docent at the Columbus Zoo where she had a special fondness for the gorillas. Although her last years were often challenged from the side effects of a stroke, she still enjoyed coming to meetings to share in the companionship of her Gamma sisters.

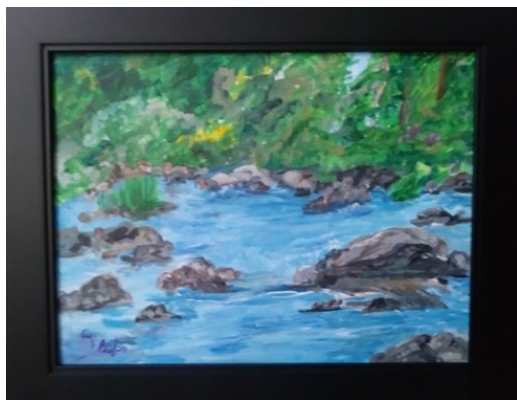


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Farrenkopf*

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sion*

Linda Wright is receiving medical treatments which appear to be effective. She appreciates all the thoughts and prayers from the chapter for her continued treatments and healing.

*Spotlight on creative endeavors of our members. If you have something you would like to share with the chapter, please submit it so we can all celebrate and learn from one another*



I am a member of the Worthington Art league. I have entered a recent painting (9 x 12) into an upcoming show in September at Innis Woods Metro Park. The painting is entitled, The Breeze on the Stream. It is pictured here. Show dates are Sept. 1—29, 2022.

Elizabeth Biglin

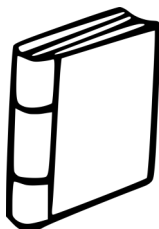
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This is submitted by Pat Farrenkopf

The Wallace Foundation has a wonderful mission statement: “Our mission is to foster equity and improvements in learning and enrichment for young people, and in the arts for everyone.” In 2021, Columbus City Schools and Ashland University received a Wallace Foundation grant to create an Equity Principal Pipeline. This required us to do collaborative planning to decide: What is our definition of equity? How can we incentivize our teacher leaders to enter an Educational Leadership graduate program to prepare to be equity based principal candidates? What would be the Educational Leadership program at Ashland University look like to prepare these teacher leaders? So, we got to work. We established a rigorous timeline to clarify equity, create a refresh of our current Educational Leadership coursework to embed and assess those equity standards, and identify Columbus City Schools’ Teacher Leaders to start the first cohort in the summer of 2022. Our monthly meetings are exhilarating and have enabled us to create a two year schedule for completion of each cohort. We have a range of class cohort sizes; the summer 2022 cohort 1 had 22 students. Very recently, we had our induction ceremony for cohort 2 and welcomed 29 teacher leaders. Below you can read about the Wallace Equity Pipeline Project, and a Dispatch feature on Columbus City Schools involvement with Ashland University.

[Equity Centered Principal Pipeline—Wallace Foundation](#)

[Columbus City Schools awarded \\$8 million grant from Wallace Foundation \(dispatch.com\)](#)



## BOOK CORNER

The Personal Librarian.....by Marie Benedict.....creative nonfiction.....Dorene Henschen

Constant Fear.....by Daniel Palmer.....fiction.....Alida Pletcher

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek.....by Michele Richardson.....historical fiction.....Linda Wright

A Search for Common Ground: Conversations About the Toughest Questions in K—12 Education.....by F Hess & P Noguera.....Pat Farrenkopf

A Long Walk to Water.....by Linda Sue Park.....historical fiction.....Janet Halter

Switchboard Soldiers.....by Jennifer Chiaverini.....historical fiction.....Alida Pletcher

His Gift, My Story.....by Kin Collingsworth.....personal memoir.....Linda Ruehrmund

Romans.....by Paul, the apostle.....Biblical Book.....Willa Mullins

### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS *(pages 8—9)*



**MICHELE MANGIONE**

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In March our speaker was **Michele Mangione PhD**. Her business, [Ageless Ways](http://www.agelessways.com), [www.agelessways.com](http://www.agelessways.com), teaches movement play in order to build natural strength and promote healing and joy. She led us through many simple movements in demonstration of this philosophy. Anyone can join her in the regular sessions she conducts online. She is accepting new participants. Her contact number is: 614-488-3041.

Grant-in-Aid recipient, Natale Schirripa, gave a report on how he used his grant money. See story on page 4.





At the April meeting local beekeepers **Marc and Mary Schroeder** made a presentation on their work with bees using many of their authentic equipment. They demonstrated how they raise bees, and shared much about the life cycle and importance of bees. They sell pure honey produced by their honeybees, and can be reached at 614-397-8451. After the meeting all were invited to stay for a potluck at the home of Michele Koenig.

*Also at this meeting, 19 hand-knotted fleece blankets were collected as a donation towards, *My Very Own Blanket.**



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The speaker at the June meeting was **Margo Long**. She helped launch and is a manager with [Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future](#), working at the OSU main campus. The program focuses on preparing youth for careers with a curriculum tailored to high school youth and their own particular set of strengths, interests, and skill set. Also, Grant-in-Aid recipient, Rupa Narayanan, gave a report on how she used her grant money. Story is on page 4.



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Saturday, September 17, 2022**

10:00 am

Huber Village Park  
326 Huber Village Blvd.  
Westerville, Ohio 43081

**Master Gardener - Susie Maynard**

Hostess: Liz Biglin

Sandie Trask-Tyler

Thought for the Day: Liz Biglin

Meal: First Watch

2 Huber Village Blvd.  
Westerville

**Tuesday, October 4, 2022**

4:00 pm

Program & Dinner at:

Bob Evans

841 N. State St  
Westerville, Ohio 43082

**Nationwide Children's Mental Health**

Nakeia Hudson

Beth Cumming

Hostess: Michele Koenig

Thought for the Day: Michele Koenig

**Wednesday, November 9, 2022**

4:00 p.m.

**Tai Chi**

The remainder of the meeting details are to be determined. Stay tuned via meeting emails.



Check out the chapter website, [gammaohio.com](http://gammaohio.com), for meeting information and meeting summaries with photos. There is also a lot of information and useful links that are posted there!

Gamma Meeting June 14, 2022

President Linda Ruehrmund called the meeting to order at 10:08.

There were 19 members present and guests Sally Dye and Rupa Narayanan, grant-in-aid recipient.

**Hostesses:** Janet Halter and Cathy Jones. They made decorations and treats for Flag Day.

Rupa Narayanan made a surprise visit to inform members how she spent the \$100 given to her through our Grant-in Aid. She teaches Gifted and Talented students and encourages them to create new skills. She bought Rubric cubes and taught them how to play chess. As a reward and motivation she treated them to a party. She told of plans for her next year. She will be going to five different schools.

**Thought for the Day:** Linda discussed "Powerful Papers". Examples were her degree and her DKG Certification. These papers influence our life.

**Speaker:** Margo Long: The Ohio 4-H Workforce Development and Pathways program manager with Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. She started out as 4H adviser helping students find their paths in life. She gave us a handout entitled Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future and went over a new outreach to benefit students.

**Minutes:** April minutes stood as printed. The Parliamentarian announced that the wording in the March Minutes regarding the appointment of the Parliamentarian and Treasurer is invalid. **An appointment is a special request by an elected/installed president. The Parliamentarian and Treasurer were not appointed in March. They will be appointed after the new presidents are installed by June 30.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Michele Koenig presented the report and it was filed for audit. She said that the World Fellowship was matched from the Scrivener Funds and a check for \$491 was sent.

**Correspondence and communication from members:** Janet Halter gave an update on Mary Ellen Angeletti from her son, stating that she had suffered a stroke. He suggested getting in touch with her through him. Also Linda Wright is undergoing therapy. Contacts are made with members that do not attend the meetings.

**Educational Excellence:** Sandie Trask-Tyler has secured the Heritage Antrim Shelter, 60 N. Cleveland Ave., Westerville Ohio 43081 for September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Suggestions about possible programs were shared.

**New Business:**

Updates from OSO General sessions: Dorene gave us handouts for Ohio Governor's Imagination Library. The Past Presidents were recognized and each shared what they were proud of. We acknowledged the Grants-in-Aid that we give to classroom teachers and keeping in contact with all our members.

Reba Barney recognized members who had 25 - 50 years membership in DKG by passing out certificates. The installation of new officers followed.

Co-Presidents - Michele Koenig  
Judy Valentine

Vice President. - Sandie Trask-Tyler

Co-Secretaries - Elizabeth Biglin  
Mary Cardinal

After a discussion of Rupa's plans for next school year, Michele made a motion that we gift Rupa \$300 from the Kathy Thomas fund. Carolyn Bordelon seconded it. The motion passed.

Linda thanked all those who faithfully served the last two years and said it was team work.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Linda adjourned the meeting at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Biglin, Ph.D. Co-secretary

The budget below, items 7–110, contain all the monetary details of the chapter. Items 1–6 which are not here do not address monetary issues.

GAMMA CHAPTER -- DELTA KAPPA GAMMA-- Budget July 1 through June 30 of designated year						
	2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-20	
7	Checking - Share 10					
8	Balance brought forward as of July 1 (does not include)	5,901.44	5,901.44	5,163.53	5,163.53	5,390.15
18	Total Pre-paid dues	2,307.00	2,211.00	2,144.00	2,144.00	2,007.00
19	Pre-paid GIA, donations, and Induction fees		220.00	200.00	322.00	
20	Available Balance as of DATE July 1 of budget year	5,901.44	5,901.44	5,163.53	5,163.53	5,390.15
21	Dues: Active <sup>1</sup> [\$66] [\$69]			0.00	69.00	
22	Dues: Reserve [\$31] [\$32]	32.00	32.00	0.00		
24	Total Dues:	2,339.00	2,243.00	2,144.00	2,213.00	2,007.00
25	Est. Interest to Checking from Any Purpose CD	100.00	37.49	37.00	32.42	25.00
26	Checking Account Interest	10.00	7.45	8.00	6.58	6.00
27	Donations & assessment from members for Grant in	251.00	251.00	322.00	322.00	140.00
28	Donations from members Scholarship		21.00	30.00	30.00	75.00
31	Reservations (income) (F Day & Train trip)	200.00	0.00	200.00	297.00	300.00
32	Miscellaneous income		448.00	100.00	65.00	384.15
34	Transfer from Scholarship	900.00	0.00	900.00	0.00	800.00
35	Transfer from Grant-in Aid	700.00	600.00	600.00	700.00	1,000.00
37	Chapter Project--Community Connections (2017 SOA)	(600.00)	(290.00)	(300.00)	0.00	(200.00)
38	Chapter Project collection	300.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
39	Project Match (Scrivener)	300.00	290.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
40	World Fellowship Collection	300.00	0.00	300.00	481.00	300.00
41	World Fellowship Match Scrivener)	300.00	500.00	300.00	481.00	300.00
42	Website Fee from Scrivener Funds	175.00	0.00	175.00	350.00	175.00
44	Dues to State & Int'l	(1,827.00)	(1,827.00)	(1,696.00)	(1,758.10)	(1,589.00)
45	Initiation Fees to State & Int'l)	(2.50)	(2.50)	(5.00)	(2.50)	0.00
46	Transfer to Grant-in-Aid from dues	(66.00)	(66.00)	(64.00)	(64.00)	(58.00)
47	transfer from Grant-in-Aid from Donations	(185.00)	(185.00)	(258.00)	(258.00)	(82.00)
48	Transfer of donations from members to Scholarship	0.00	0.00	(30.00)	(30.00)	(75.00)
49	Scholarship Fees to State & Int'l (\$.20) (\$.40) <sup>1</sup>	(7.20)	(7.20)	(6.40)	(13.60)	(6.20)
50	Scholarship Fees to Chapter Savings--Share 32(\$.80)	(56.80)	(53.80)	(25.60)	(25.60)	(24.80)
51	Kathy Thomas Funds Allocation	(175.00)	(300.00)	(300.00)	(300.00)	(300.00) (300.00)
52	Newsletter <sup>2</sup>	(40.00)	0.00	(40.00)	0.00	(40.00)
53	Printing (Red Program Book)	(70.00)	(60.11)	(110.00)	(91.58)	(150.00)
54	Red Book Stipend	(25.00)	(25.00)	(25.00)	(25.00)	(25.00)
55	Supplies - General	(20.00)	(7.44)	(10.00)	0.00	(25.00)
56	Chapter Meeting (speakers)/Donations	(100.00)	(300.00)	\$150.00	(200.00)	(100.00)
57	Chapter Meeting (Expenses)	(125.00)	0.00	(125.00)	0.00	0.00
58	Flowers, Memorials, Cards, Gifts	(20.00)	(25.00)	(25.00)	(50.00)	(25.00)
59	Initiation Costs/Necrology	(15.00)	0.00	(15.00)	(9.57)	(15.00)

60	Reservations (expenditures) (F Day)	(200.00)	0.00	(200.00)	(297.00)	(300.00)	
61	World Fellowship Donation	(600.00)	(500.00)	(600.00)	(962.00)	(600.00)	
62	Website Fee	(175.00)	(175.00)	(175.00)	(175.00)	(175.00)	
63	Domain Name (every 5 years)					(100.85)	
64	Scholarship Awards	(900.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(800.00)	
65	Grant-In- Aid awards	(700.00)	(600.00)	(600.00)	(700.00)	(1,000.00)	
66	Postage	(10.00)	(12.80)	(70.00)	(59.53)	(10.00)	
70	President's Convention Expenses <sup>13</sup>	(500.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(100.00)	
72	Founders Day Assessment	(60.00)	(60.00)	(60.00)	(60.00)	(60.00)	
73	Treasurer Expenses	0.00	0.00	(40.00)	0.00	(51.30)	
74	Publications from Int'l and State	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
75	Miscellaneous expenditures	(254.00)	(450.00)	(638.00)	(1.90)		
76	Encumbered Thomas and overdraft funds	(1,875.00)	(2,000.00)	(1,700.00)	(1,700.00)	(1,400.00)	
77	Checking Income	11,786.44	10,299.38	10,699.53	10,473.53	11,302.30	0.00
78	Checking Expenditures	(6,258.50)	(4,946.85)	(5,568.00)	(5,083.38)	(5,912.15)	
79	Checking Balance--must match checking balance	5,527.94	5,352.53	5,131.53	5,390.15	5,390.15	
880	Scrivener/Thomas Funds <sup>17</sup> --PRIME Share 00 Estimated balance brought forward as of May 31, 2015 <sup>7</sup> [includes Thomas Funds = \$2,700; see note 14 for remaining funds] 2019 KT Funds \$1800 2021	3,467.25	3,467.25	4,100.68	4,100.68	4,773.86	
81	Estimated Dividend <sup>8</sup>	2.00	1.89	1.80	2.17	2.00	
82	Interest from [all] Scrivener CD's	1,500.00	1,922.54	1,500.00	1,854.01	1,700.00	
83	Grant-in-Aid--Match S2 Dues Collection <sup>9</sup>	(105.00)	(251.00)	(324.00)	(322.00)	(240.00)	
85	Website	(175.00)	0.00	(350.00)	(350.00)	(175.00)	
91	World Fellowship Match CURRENT YR	(300.00)	(500.00)	(250.00)	(481.00)	(300.00)	
93	Transfer to Scholarship				(30.00)	(75.00)	
94	Project match / collection match	(600.00)	(290.00)			(200.00)	
97	Scrivener Income	4,969.25	5,391.68	5,852.48	5,956.86	6,475.86	
98	Scrivener Expenditures	(1,180.00)	(1,291.00)	(924.00)	(1,183.00)	(990.00)	
99	Scrivener Balance	3,789.25	4,100.68	4,928.48	4,773.86	5,485.86	
	Scholarship--Share 32						
100	Funds on Hand <sup>7</sup>	2,954.53	2,954.53	3,180.29	3,180.29	3,400.46	
101	Deposit Transfer from Share 82 Interest Share 88+\$	160.00	149.41	145.00	132.90	60.00	
102	Estimated Dividend <sup>11</sup>	1.40	1.55	1.50	1.67	1.00	
103	Scholarship Savings from Dues (line 30 above) <sup>18</sup>	56.80	53.80	25.60	25.60	24.00	
105	Donation from members <sup>16</sup>	12.00	21.00	30.00	30.00	75.00	
106	Scrivener Match				30.00	75.00	
107	Scholarship Awards	(900.00)	0.00	(200.00)	0.00	(800.00)	
108	Scholarship Income	3,184.73	3,180.29	3,382.39	3,400.46	3,635.46	
109	Scholarship Expenditures	(900.00)	0.00	(200.00)	0.00	(800.00)	
110	Scholarship Balance	2,284.73	3,180.29	3,182.39	3,400.46	2,835.46	

