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## GAMMA NEWS



*Welcome, Emeri Ferguson, our newest member to the chapter. Her initiation was in October, 2021.*

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Our April 30th Gamma meeting at 10:00 AM will be held at Michele Koenig's home. Mary Schroeder will present the topic: Bee Keeping. Please invite your potential members who have expressed an interest in joining our Gamma Chapter, and reach out to our Gamma members whom we have not seen for a while. It will be rewarding to see one another in person this time!

During this meeting we will also have an informative presentation and review about Delta Kappa Gamma and the value of membership in this organization and its vision, connections and engagement activities at the local, state and international levels. On a personal level please be prepared to share how long you have been involved as a member, its value to you and your reasons to continue to be involved as well as any contributions or offices you have held. We value our friendships over the years and we will share this information with a partner during the meeting on April 30.

Please take a look at the Youtube video "Presentation for Membership Recruitment: Why Belong to DKG?" It is a brief explanation that can be used to introduce new members. You can find this video at: [www.dkgohio.org](http://www.dkgohio.org) In its search bar type *OSO Chapter Membership Resource Guide*. Scroll to *Membership* and click on it. Scroll to *Prescription for Membership Recruitment: Why Belong to DKG?* (a video) Click on this you tube video which is 1:47 minutes in length.

Have fun checking out the other resources in the Membership Toolbox that are available to you on this page as well. You will be amazed at what you will find!

Reba Barney Membership Chair

*Co-President's Message*

This will be the last time Dorene and I will be writing the president's comments. I speak for both of us when I say how much we have appreciated everyone who has supported Gamma in any way during our co-presidency. I have enjoyed working “long distance” with Dorene and all of you. One of the blessings of this position is to interact more personally with you. We have a wonderful and talented chapter and I look forward to including more educators who deserve the HONOR of membership in Gamma.

I especially want to take this opportunity to thank the members who stepped up to present our slate of officers for the next biennium—and to thank those who have accepted leadership roles. I am sure all of you will be supportive when called upon to assist.

Of the projects suggested by the OSO Educational Excellence Committee for this biennium, our choice of the Imagination Library met with enthusiasm. Encouraging children to read is extremely important and especially at an early age. Making fliers available to share with parents at various preschools and libraries, not only at Valentine's time but throughout the year, will be one goal. A matching donation from the Kathy Thomas fund will also support the continuation of this project in Ohio.

We've done well using Zoom to keep in touch. If you don't feel comfortable on the computer, you can use your phone to call in and join the meetings. Please contact Dorene or me if you need help in doing this prior to our meeting.

I would like to encourage all of you to be aware of how ORTA is speaking for current and retired teachers in a dispute with STRS. Channel 4 has been reporting on this. Keep aware of upcoming reports and hopefully the Ohio State Organization (OSO) will try to give us opportunities to hear both sides of this story.

I am looking forward to meeting our scholarship recipients at our March and April meetings. These are good months for you to invite guests, too.

There have been more “e-blasts” from the OSO. Those are very informative and an easy way to keep in touch with other sisters in education around Ohio.

I hope you believe Ohio's groundhog, Buckeye Chuck, when he says spring is coming soon. It will be welcome!!

God bless you all—and thank you for all your cooperation.

Co-President      Linda Ruehrmund



## Gamma Chapter

Co-President - Dorene Henschen

Co-President - Linda Ruehrmund

1st Vice President - Sandie Trask-Tyler

2nd Vice President - Carolyn Bordelon

Co-Recording Secretaries -

Mary Cardinal & Liz Biglin

Corresponding Secretary - Mariruth Seubert

Treasurer - Michele Koenig

Parliamentarian - Katherine Wheeler

Newsletter editor - Janet Halter

Webmaster - Ellen Clark

*Thank you to those who have led and served Gamma Chapter in various leadership capacities over the last biennium.*

*We welcome the new slate of officers, and are eager to support and collaborate with them in the furtherance of our chapter, and its endeavors.*

The 2nd Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary positions have been eliminated, and their tasks disseminated among other existing positions.

## Slate of Officers for Gamma Chapter 2022—2024

### Installation at the June 2022 meeting

Co-President—Michele Koenig

Co-President—Judy Valentine

1st President—Sandie Trask-Tyler

Co-Recording Secretaries -

Mary Cardinal & Liz Biglin

Treasurer—Dorene Henschen (an appointed position)

Parliamentarian—Katherine Wheeler (an appointed position)

## Gamma Dues for 2022—2023

It is time to think about paying Gamma dues for next year. You can pay your dues at the April 30<sup>th</sup> Gamma meeting at Michele Koenig's house, or mail it.

Please make the check out to Gamma Chapter for \$69.00. If you wish, you can include an additional donation for Grant-in-Aid or Scholarship.

Mailed checks should be sent to \*Michele Koenig. Please have it postmarked by June 21<sup>st</sup> so she can get the treasurer books closed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## Founders

The Founders Day banquet will be held on May 11. The place is TAT Restorante Di Famiglia at 1210 S. James Rd., Columbus (at the corner of James and Livingston). Doors open at 5:30, and the event begins at 6:00. The cost is \$27.00. Please send your check to \*Michele Koenig **postmarked by April 18th so that it arrives to her in time to turn in all the reservations by the deadline.** Your menu choice must be written on the memo line of the check. Menu options are listed on the attachment sent in a recent email to the chapter. The program is entitled: Somewhere In Time. The speaker is Lorrain Dawley.

## World Fellowship

Gamma is collecting for our World Fellowship donation to DKG International. We will be taking the collection up till April 30<sup>th</sup>. You can give your donation at the April 30th Gamma meeting at Michele Koenig's house, or you can mail a check made out to Gamma Chapter and write World Fellowship on the memo line.

Mailed check should be sent to \*Michele Koenig. The donations from members will be matched from Scrivener funds.



**\*\*These monies can be combined into one check. Just be sure to write on the memo line exactly what the check covers.**

## Ohio Imagination Library: The Focus Project for Gamma This Year

At our February meeting, our members chose to support the Ohio Imagination Library by donating funds and distributing flyers. The following members distributed the Valentine's Day flyer for the Ohio Imagination Library:

- Reba Barney delivered flyers to the Mountview Christian Church Preschool.
- Katherine Kramer delivered flyers to the Upper Arlington Lutheran Church Preschool.
- Cathy Jones delivered flyers to the Linworth Childcare Center.
- Judy Valentine delivered flyers to the Kindercare at Mount Carmel Hospital.
- Janet Halter delivered flyers to the Methodist Creative Preschool in Marysville and the Marysville Public Library.
- Dorene Henschen delivered flyers to the Atonement Lutheran Church Preschool.

This spring, let's look for more places to deliver Ohio Imagination Library flyers, which can be printed from the website [www.ohioimaginationlibrary.org](http://www.ohioimaginationlibrary.org).

Flyers will be made available at the April meeting for distribution.



## GRANT-IN-AID

On February 8, 2022 Grant-in-Aid checks were written and mailed. Seven checks were sent. To date, two recipients have sent a Thank You. Both were so happy and excited to receive the money and plan to share with the chapter how they used their grant money. Each recipient will be invited to attend upcoming chapter meetings. Judy Valentine, Chair

## FINANCE

The Finance Committee welcomes Emeri Ferguson as a member of the Finance Committee. She is our newest Gamma member and looking forward to participating in the chapter. The Treasurer's reports are the Finance Committee reports. When there are expenditures, Michele Koenig brings the paperwork to my home for me to sign when there is no in-person meeting.

The Finance Committee will meet in person or by Zoom in late July or early Aug. to work on the budget for the next year (2022-2023). This meeting is held early so that those who are active teachers are able to attend a daytime meeting – no school conflicts. June 30th is the end of the Fiscal Year, so we give the treasurer time to file necessary documents for the Ohio State Society and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The Gamma annual Audit is done in late June. The new budget is provided to the membership at the Sept. meeting. Thanks to all who have served on this committee. The committee members are listed in the Red Program Book and now add Emeri.

Katherine D Kramer Wheeler, Chair

## FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE - STAYING IN TOUCH WITH EVERY MEMBER!

Cathy Jones coordinates the sending of cards to the entire chapter. She recently sent out Valentine cards to the chapter members whom we haven't seen in awhile, or who are unable to attend the meetings. We are hoping to keep in touch with these women to let them know we care about and miss them. Please let us know if you have any news or health issues you would like to share, or if you know someone who needs a get-well or thinking-of-you card.

Cathy Jones

Dorotha Fuhrman makes calls and sends mailings to those members without access to the internet and/or are unable to attend meetings at the present time. Calls are made to relay information and updates about upcoming meetings, including phone number access to the ZOOM meetings. Copies of the minutes and Chapter Newsletters are printed and mailed. If, during these communications, new information about a member is learned (health, new address, etc.) it will be shared with the chapter if the member wishes. Our hope as a chapter is to keep in touch with these members and their well-being and help them keep in touch with the business and on-going events of the chapter. We are all sisters within Gamma Chapter and therefore family of our own choosing.

Dorotha Fuhrman

### ***EVERYONE CAN BE A PART OF OUR FRIENDSHIP CONNECTION!***

- ♦ *Arrange a buddy system in order to provide transportation for members who could attend meetings but lack transportation.*
- ♦ *Members calling those who cannot attend in order to stay in touch would be an encouragement to them. This is in addition to the calls Dorotha makes.*
- ♦ *Members helping other members with how to use their phone or computer to join Zoom meetings.*
- ♦ *If anyone knows of a member needing cards or mailings please let Cathy or Dorotha know and they will be added to their list.*
- ♦ ***THANK YOU ALL FOR STAYING IN TOUCH WITH ONE ANOTHER!***



## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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October:

We were honored to initiate a new member, Emeri Ferguson, at our October meeting. Emeri is a teacher at the Wellington School. She and her husband have three boys who are all under 5 years of age! Everyone in attendance gave a brief introduction of themselves for Emeri including a special experience from the summer. A necrology was also held recognizing the passing of members: Miriam Hinton, Carol Kiefer, and Sara Herfel. While meeting, we enjoyed the onset of fall foliage from a shelter house at Griggs Reservoir.



*E.J. Thomas*

*Used with permission*

November:

Speaker, Nema Saleem-Green of the [Dr. Moussavand Tranquility Center](#), presented a program on Mindset Reset. It was a conversational, interactive format on ways we self-care and why it is important to do so now more than ever. Toward the end of the session, each participant created a list of 5 personal non-negotiable goals to implement daily for self-care and self-enrichment.



*Nema Saleem-Green*

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January:

E.J. Thomas, the CEO of [Mid-Ohio Habitat for Humanity](#), was our guest speaker. He shared about the prerequisites, process, and support that this organization affords to applicants in need of housing and/or house maintenance. The chapter made a monetary donation to this organization, and members can make further donations in terms of money, materials, or labor by going to their website:

[www.habitatmidohio.org](http://www.habitatmidohio.org)

February:

Due to weather, this meeting was held by Zoom. The blanket making planned for this meeting will be conducted by members over the next couple months and given to [My Very Own Blanket](#) for foster children. Much business was accomplished at this meeting, and a slate of new officers for the next biennium was presented for consideration.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

10:00

Michele Koenig's home

8190 Havens Road

Blacklick, Ohio

Beekeeping, and the  
Importance of Bees

Speakers: Marc & Mary Schroeder

Hostess: Michele

Thought: Dorene

Lunch: Potluck

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**Tuesday, June 14, 2022**

This meeting has been changed to the following:

Shelter House at  
Huber Village Park  
362 Huber Village BLVD  
Westerville, Oh

10:00

SPARK Expo & Pathways to the Future

Life skills for youth & young adults

Speaker: Margo Long

Hostesses: Cathy Jones & Janet Halter

Thought: Willa Mullins

Also:

Installation of new officers

Program Planning for 2022 - 2023

Lunch - To Be Determined



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**Blanket Making:** Blanket kits can be purchased from the My Very Own Blanket location at \$10 each, 407 W. Main St. Westerville. Hours are 9—12, M—F. Or, anti-pill fleece material can be purchased at JoAnne Fabrics. The material needs to be 1&1/2 yards long. The strips cut 1" apart and 4" in from the edge, then each strip tied. Tied strips on two opposing sides only. A video explaining the procedure is on their website:

<https://www.myveryownblanket.org/no-sew-fleece-blankets.html>

Also, members will be able to order kits ahead of the April meeting when you send in your attendance reply and can work on them during the meeting or take them home. \$10 reimbursement is paid to Sandie Trask-Tyler for each kit ordered. Finished blankets can also be brought to the April or June meetings, and someone will deliver them to My Very Own Blanket. Thank you

## April - August Birthdays

♦ Esther Panning	April 1
♦ Judy Valentine	April 17
♦ Katherine Wheeler	April 18
♦ Dorothea Fuhrman	May 7
♦ Ellen Clark	May 17
♦ Michelle Walker	June 10
♦ Mary Guinther	June 12
♦ Reba Barney	June 25
♦ Dorene Henschen	July 21
♦ Martha Poland	July 26
♦ Sandra Trask-Tyler	August 1
♦ Rosemary Conroy	August 12
♦ Mary Ellen Angeletti	August 24
♦ Alida Pletcher	August 25
♦ Carolyn Bordelon	December 28

### Mary Ellen Angeletti has a new address:

The Inn at Walnut Trail

100 N. Miller Drive Room 604

Sunbury, Oh

43074

Cell: (614)-288-4668



The nurse's station number is: 740-913-0132

If Mary Ellen can't be reached by cell phone, call the nurse's station and they will leave a message for Mary Ellen to return your call.

**Photo Requested as soon as possible!**

The following members have not yet sent in a head shot/upper body photo to Sandie Trask-Tyler for the chapter's photo directory: *Mary Ellen Angeletti, Elizabeth Biglin, Carolyn Bordelon, Virginia Cermelj, Ellen Clark, Rosemary Conroy, Pat Farrenkopf, Mary Guinther, Janet Halter, Cathy Jones, Joanne Katonak, Alida Pletcher, Marlynn Schwenk, Mariruth Seubert, Sally Tossey, Michelle Walker, Emeri Ferguson.* Sandie can crop a photo of the upper body down to a head shot. Photos can also be taken at one of the upcoming meetings, April or June. If anyone can help another member get this submitted, that would be wonderful! Call or email Sandie with any questions, or comments. Thank you very much for taking care of this so that the directory can be produced.

**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.**

**Please change the email for Reba Barney in your Red Book. Her email address is:**

**[Rabarney@gmail.com](mailto:Rabarney@gmail.com)**



*Spotlight on creative endeavors of our chapter 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.*

Liz Biglin has two acrylic paintings which were entered in the [Worthington Art Show at the Art Road Gallery](#), 12 E. Stafford Ave, Worthington. A painting of monarchs and a larger one with lotus flowers. The show runs until March 26. Congratulations, Liz!



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## **BOOK CORNER**



Mitford Series.....Jan Karon.....Fiction.....Sherry Grimes

The Jordan River Rules.....Robert J. Morgan.....Spiritual.....Willa Mullins

If the Dance Floor is Empty, Change the Song...Joe Clark...Education...Pat Farrenkopf

Cloud Cuckoo Land.....Anthony Doerr.....Fantasy.....Doreen Henschen

The Girl They Left Behind.....Roxanne Veletzos.....Biography.....Janet Halter

Gamma Meeting

February 5, 2022

Via Zoom

The February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order at 10 AM. Seventeen members were present. There was no guest speaker and no hostess.

The Thought for the Day, by Judy Valentine was titled Reach Beyond.

The program dealt with how to proceed with the "My Very Own Blanket" project scheduled for the day. Materials can be available at the April meeting if asked for when your reservation is made. They will be cut and ready to tie. Or purchasing 1 1/2 yards of fleece can be done individually cutting strips of 1" wide and 4" deep and bring finished blankets to the April meeting. If further directions are needed, check their website.

The January minutes were approved and filed for report.

Michele Koenig, Treasurer, said that the check to E. J. Thomas still needed to be sent. She gave the treasurer's report that interest was added to our account. The report will be filed for audit.

Janet Halter dealing with Communications said she will be sending an e-mail to ask if members have any information to share for the newsletter. Deadline for information will be ten days after date of e-mail.

Dealing with Friendship, Dorothea Fuhrman called and got Mary Ellen's address. She is in assisted living in Sunbury, Ohio. Address was added to the agenda announcements. Janet posted on e-mail that Mary Ellen's cell phone number is the same.

Judy Valentine said seven Grant-in-Aid checks will be sent. A note will be added to invite them to attend the April meeting.

Reba Barney, Membership Chair, gave a report about information she got from dkgohio.org website about the importance and value of DKG. She will do a write up for the newsletter giving several suggestions to encourage new teachers to join Gamma. She suggested that our members bombard our members that do not attend meetings with Valentine cards. She said that for the Gold Key we need to send in who our new members are by May 1<sup>st</sup>. She also gave suggestions for a program for members to share experiences about why we belong to DKG. She concluded that she found a new song – DKG Purpose. She and Linda Wright will share it at the April meeting.

President Linda asked if anyone had a suggestion for guests. She also said to invite them to come along. She also thought the DKG video was a good idea. Dorothea Fuhrman does call members to check on them when they do not have email. Some older members might need help on how to zoom using their phone, Michele suggested.

Dealing with unfinished business, President Linda asked if there were any questions or corrections for the Standing Rules. Michele said once the chapter approved them we should send them in to headquarters. Judy Valentine moved to accept the Standing Rules. Reba Barney seconded it. The motion was passed.

The Finance Committee has a new member. Emeri Ferguson has agreed to be a part of this committee.

President Linda brought up the topic of ORTA which came out strongly against STRS in handling the retired teachers' COLAs. After discussion, we agreed it was of state wide interest and should be brought to the attention of the Ohio State Organization. Michelle, being treasurer, will be meeting with the other executive officers prior to the OSO zoom meeting on Feb. 22nd and will introduce the idea at that time. It can then be discussed at the big executive board zoom meeting on the 22nd.

Anyone wanting to donate to the World Fellowship should send their donation to Michele.

She said to make checks out to Gamma Chapter and note that it is for World Fellowship.

Nomination Committee has a new slate for Chapter Officers: President Linda thanked Linda Wright and the committee for stepping in to fill the position on the Nominating committee.

Co-Presidents: Michele Koenig & Judy Valentine  
Vice-President: Sandra Trask-Tyler  
Co-Recording Secretaries: Mary Cardinal & Liz Biglin  
Treasurer : Dorene Henschen (Appointed)

The Ohio Imagination Library will be our focus project for the year. A flyer from the OSO is available for copying which we can distribute to agencies and people who would have children from ages 6 months to 5 years who would benefit from this program. Donation forms are available to support this outreach. Willa moved that we support the Imagination Library by distributing flyers and giving a monetary donation with one- half coming from the Kathy Thomas funds. Linda Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried. Willa Mullins volunteered to seek additional information on progressing with these plans.

President Linda reviewed highlights from the Voice. She thanked Ellen Clark for submitting our chapter picture of our Initiation in October.

Next month's Zoom meeting will be on March 12. Guest speaker is Michele Mangione with a topic of "Foot Reflexes and Exercises".

President Linda Ruehrmund adjourned the meeting at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Biglin, Ph.D., co-secretary