

FALL 2023



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GAMMA NEWS

Fall is almost upon us. For myself, monarch butterfly season is coming to a close as the new Gamma year begins. Our chapter has very dedicated members, but I am looking forward to inducting new members to support our worthy causes. To support finding new members, we will be holding in-person and Zoom get-togethers to share DKG information with potential members. We will be looking for current members to show support for our chapter by accepting leadership positions for the next biennium. Please let me or Judy Valentine know how you are willing to support Gamma.



Michele Koenig

Gamma Co-President

MISSION STATEMENT

The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation supports and encourages intercultural understanding and educational excellence.

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Above are the members who were able to attend the OSO State Convention held April 14 - 16, 2023. *Left to Right: Dorene Henschen, Mary Cardinal, Katherine Wheeler, Judy Valentine, Sherry Grimes, and taking the photo was Michele Koenig.* Read more about this event on the next page.

OSO STATE CONVENTION *con't*

All attendees from our chapter received a \$40.00 scholarship reimbursement for the convention registration. Michele Koenig was a presenter in three different convention workshops: Finance Records Review; Whose Job Is It?; Shirt Stamping.

Bev Fatig's passing was recognized at the Remembrance service on Sunday. Below is the candle that was lit in her remembrance. *Photo taken by Michele Koenig and used with permission.*



AGORA

Gamma raised \$177.00 at the OSO State Convention. A special thanks to future Gamma member Tia Tyler for her support in cutting out the Cricut iron-on logos that we sold at the Agora table. We have extra iron-on logos, pictured on right, for sale at \$3.00 each. Let Michele Koenig know if you wish to purchase one. The Grant-in-Aid fund will receive all monies from these sales.

FOUNDERS' DAY

Gamma hosted the Founders' Day banquet along with Gamma Mu on Wednesday, May 10th, at TAT Ristorante Di Famiglia. A power outage at the restaurant was fixed in time for all to enjoy a delightful dinner of lasagna or chicken parmigiana. Musicians Debbie Wright and Friends presented the evening's entertainment of songs and musical selections. Gamma provided goody bags accompanied by a DKG wooden ornament for each one in attendance.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP

Gamma was able to send a check for \$648.00 to DKG Society International. Funds were raised through member donations and this amount was doubled with a match from the Scrivener funds. DKG Society International uses World Fellowship funds to support international recipients who are studying abroad.



FINANCE

The Finance Committee met by Zoom on August 18, 2023. Chair, Katherine Wheeler, opened the meeting. She asked if the Grant-in-Aid monies had been sent out in July or August as announced at the June Meeting. Treasurer Dorene Henschen verified that was done. Emeri Ferguson is the Finance member who does the Grant-in-Aid work. She will be starting again in the new school year to find applicants. The Scholarship Finance member is Sherry Grimes. Katherine noted that the only funds used from Scholarship was for those who attended the OSO Convention in April, 2023. No applications for other educational workshops have been received.

The 2023-2024 budget was presented by the Treasurer using the previous year's estimates and actual amounts. Some changes were needed, which Dorene Henschen worked on to present to the Executive Board for approval. The new budget will be presented to the Executive Board for approval on Sat. September 9, 2023.

Katherine Wheeler, Chair

Note from Michele Koenig about the Budget:

Due to some new changes about the budget, it is still being finalized and will be presented to the chapter in the near future.

GRANT-IN-AID

Two Grant-in-aid applicants were sent their second check. Both did a presentation last year on how they used their first Grant-in-Aid money. See that article in the Spring, 2023, edition of the newsletter.

Emeri Ferguson, Chair

MEMBERSHIP

What a wonderful time we had enjoying each other's company at our June meeting and I look forward to our September meeting. It will be nice to catch up with each other with our busy lives and share all the things we have done over the summer. See you soon!

Reba Kanning, Chair



This celebratory cake was enjoyed at the chapter's annual birthday lunch meeting in June. Photo by Ellen Clark and used with permissions.

Leadership for 2022—2024

Co-Presidents:	Michele Koenig Judy Valentine
Vice President:	Sandra Trask-Tyler
Co-Secretaries:	Mary Cardinal Elizabeth Biglin
Treasurer:	Dorene Henschen
Parliamentarian:	Katherine Wheeler
Editor:	Janet Halter

FRIENDSHIP

The Friendship Committee has updates on the well-being of a few members.

- ⇒ **Rosemary Conroy** has had knee surgery and will remain in Michigan until fully recovered.
- ⇒ **Marlynn Schwenk** has very recently had knee surgery.
- ⇒ **Sally Tossey** is experiencing some difficulty with aging and memory issues.
- ⇒ **Mary Ellen Angeletti** is in a new and more extensive care facility. Her new address is below.

Mary Ellen Angeletti Paramount Senior Living at Polaris Assisted Living Facility

702 Polaris Pkwy Room 223 Westerville, OH 43082 ** She is able to have guests

** Mary Ellen's son, Chris, has agreed to receive chapter cards and mailings sent to his address to alleviate delivery issues that might occur if sent to the facility. His address is: 6088 Nichols Ln. Johnstown OH 43031

Dorotha Fuhrman Co-Chair



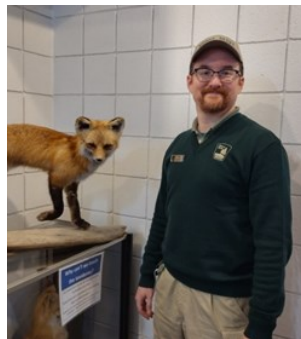
ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT !!

Gamma will host an informational meeting on Friday, September 22, at the Westerville Public Library for potential members. The time will be from 2:30 - 5:30 to accommodate the various end times for the different levels of schools. Since high schools get out before middle schools, we would first talk with high school teachers for a short while, then talk with middle school teachers, and lastly elementary teachers once they are able to arrive. Previous Grant-in-Aid applicants from Westerville will be invited as well. A Zoom meeting will also be scheduled for those who cannot make the in-person meeting. Details on the Zoom meeting will be announced at a later date. Gamma will provide cookies and lemonade for our guests as we share information about DKG and our chapter with prospective members. All Gamma members are welcome to come, as well as bring any friend(s) they feel would benefit from or be interested membership in Gamma.

- ◆ Pat Ferrenkopf 9/19
- ◆ Linda Wright 9/30
- ◆ Mary Cardinal 10/3
- ◆ Marlynn Schwenk 10/3
- ◆ Elizabeth Biglin 10/8
- ◆ Willa Mullins 10/13
- ◆ Linda Ruehrmund 11/4
- ◆ Emeri Ferguson 11/24
- ◆ Sally Tossey 12/4
- ◆ Cathy Jones 12/21
- ◆ Carolyn Bordelon 12/28
- ◆ 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

Meeting Highlights

The **March** meeting was held at Blendon Woods metropark. Our speaker was **Craig Biegler**. The Columbus MetroParks is the largest park system in Ohio, and there are plans for more expansion. A PowerPoint presentation covered how the parks are operated, the resources needed, and the opportunities the parks provide for visitors. Among the slated improvements, the Nature Centers at Blacklick and Blendon Woods will be renovated. Blendon Woods park is known as the park for birding. Michele Koenig is a volunteer at the park, especially working with the butterflies at the Nature Center. Feminine hygiene items were brought to the meeting to give to a Grant-in-Aid applicant for her students in need.



Craig Biegler and the Nature Center Photos used with permission



At the **June** meeting the chapter had a business meeting along with the annual birthday celebration, including a potluck and the opportunity to enjoy the friendships of our sisterhood.

BOOK CORNER

West With Giraffes...by Lynda Rutledge...based on a true story....Dorene Henschen

The Constant Princess.....by Philippa Gregory.....historical fiction.....Mary Cardinal

The Girl Who Wrote in Silk.....by Kelli Estes.....historical.....Linda Wright

Faith – A Journey for All.....by Jimmy Carter.....faith based.....Willa Mullins

GAMMA CHAPTER PROGRAM**2023- 2024**

Renew Recapture Respond

Sunday, September 17, 2023 2:00 p.m.**National Veteran's Memorial and Museum**

300 W. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215

Saturday, October 14, 2023 10:00 a.m.**Gerrymandering Simulation:** Dorene Henschen

Karl Road Library

5590 Karl Road Columbus, OH 43229

Hostess: Michele Koenig

Thought: TBA

Red Book 2023 - 2024 will be distributed**Wednesday, November 15, 2023 7:00 p.m. Zoom****Estate Experiences:** Michele Koenig, Judy Valentine,

Thought: Michele Koenig Linda Wright

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 7:00 p.m. Zoom**Book Sharing and Member Sharing**

Thought: Janet Halter

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 7:00 p.m. Zoom**Columbus Cultural Orchestra:** Stephen Spottsworth

Thought: Judy Valentine

Saturday, March 9, 2024 10:00 a.m.**Cultural Awareness:** Dorene Henschen

Place: TBA

Hostess: Ellen Clark

Thought: Dorotha Fuhrman

Saturday, April 13, 2024 10:00 a.m.**My Very Own Blanket****Program Suggestions for 2024 - 2025**

Joann Fabrics and Crafts

1265 Polaris PKWY Columbus, OH 43240

Hostesses: Cathy Jones & Janet Halter

Thought: Janet Halter

Lunch: Mimi's Café

1428 Polaris PKWY Columbus, OH 43240

Wednesday, May 8, 2024**Founders' Day**

5:30 p.m. Registration 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Place: TAT Restorante Di Famiglia

1210 S. James Rd. Columbus, OH 43227

Hostesses: Gamma Nu and Delta Theta

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 10:00 a.m.**Induction of New Members/****Installation of New Officers/Programming**

Place: TBA

Hostess: TBA

Thought: Dorotha Fuhrman

Meal: First Watch

2 Huber Village Blvd Westerville, OH 43081

DKG International Convention**July 9 - 13, 2024**See dkg.org website for details**Saturday, September 14, 2024 10:00 a.m..****Tour of Innis Woods Gardens**

940 S. Hempstead Rd. Westerville, OH 43081

Thought: Ellen Clark

Lunch: Bob Evans Rest. 23 Huber Village Blvd.

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 sketch the design onto the tee shirt that has stabilizing fabric on the underside of the tee shirt. I then use fabric paints or fabric markers to color in the details of the picture. It is very similar to the shirt DKG stamping we did at a meeting several years ago. It is just that I drew the shapes for some of these while using stamps for some of the butterfly and flowers details. Adding a glitter coat over the dried art creates a nice effect. Michele Koenig

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Gamma June Meeting Minutes June 10, 2023

The June meeting was called to order by the President, Michele Koenig, at 10:07 with 14 members present.

Thought for the Day was given by Linda Ruehrmund who used two poems, “Flag of Our Country” and “The Flag Goes By” since it was close to Flag Day.

The minutes for the March meeting to be approved next meeting.

The Treasurer’s Report showed \$5747.41 in checking, \$3573.14 in Scholarship, and \$294.30 in Grant-in-Aid as of May 31, 2023. Dues and World Fellowship are being collected. Agora at the convention

netted \$173.00. The new Budget will be worked out. Report will be filed for audit.

The \$300.00 per year from Kathy Thomas funds are budgeted for projects. Sandie Trask-Tyler proposed using \$100.00 for a private guide at the National Veterans' Memorial in September. Linda Ruehrmund moved that we pay \$100.00 for a guide; seconded by Sherry Grimes. Motion passed. Admission is \$13.00 and \$5.00 per car. The remaining \$200.00 could be used in Grant-in-Aid or for honorariums.

In Grant-in Aid, second award checks are ready to be sent to those who presented to the chapter. Linda Wright moved that the checks be sent in July or August and Linda Ruehrmund seconded. Motion passed.

Feminine products will be given to Jelisa James, a Grant in Aid recipient, for her students in need. She is an ASL (sign language) teacher at Northland High School and potential new member.

In Professional Affairs, Janet Halter has been forwarding information to members from Pat Farrenkopf.

No Friendship Committee update.

A break was taken for our potluck and the meeting resumed at 11:40.

In New Business, Sandie Trask Tyler asked for future meeting place suggestions. Gahanna Library and MCL in Whitehall were proposed. Linda Ruehrmund invited the chapter to hear a presentation, "Chalk Talk," on August 13-15 as part of her Happy Wanderers group. No admission, but donations accepted.

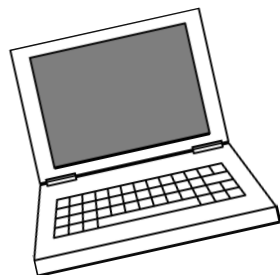
After the meeting resumed, ideas for future meetings were discussed. Topics include: Health Movements, Downsizing, Gerrymandering, Estate Planning, "Chalk Talk", Cultural Roles of other groups, and Columbus Cultural Orchestra for Kids.

Michele Koenig raffled off baskets belonging to her mom, a deceased member of Gamma. Ellen Clark, Esther Panning, and Judy Valentine were winners.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 with singing of the DKG song.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cardinal, Co- Secretary



Check the chapter's website for documents, meeting info, pictures, links, etc.

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