

SPRING 2023

CHAPTER DUES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JUNE 21, SENT TO MICHELE KOENIG. FURTHER DETAILS ON PAGE 2

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GAMMA NEWS

Once again the Ohio weather reminds me that if you do not like the weather, wait five minutes and it will change. My husband has a saying he likes to use, "Siempre Gumby". It means always flexible. As teachers we are familiar with being flexible. No matter how long we spend on plans, we have to be adaptable.

The Ohio State Organization will be hosting a state convention this year. I hope members will be able to attend at least the Saturday programs. I will be offering a shirt stamping workshop at the convention. We will also be selling iron-on DKG rose and letters at the Agora tables. Any help from members attending will be appreciated!

As our chapter is co-hosting the Founders' Day banquet, I will let you know when we will get together to assemble the DKG wooden ornaments and prepare the gift bags for the banquet attendees. I look forward to the fun fellowship as we meet fellow DKG sisters beyond our chapter.

Michele Koenig Co-President



Gamma Chapter earned the Gold Key award for 2021—2022. It was awarded prior to the last newsletter, but we didn't have the certificate in hand until later.

Gamma Dues for 2023—2024

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It is time to think about paying Gamma dues for next year. You can pay your dues in person at the June 10th chapter meeting. Dues can be mailed anytime.

Please make the check out to Gamma chapter for \$69. If you wish, you can include an additional donation for Grant-in-Aid or Scholarship. **Mailed checks should be sent to:**

Michele Koenig
8190 Havens Road
Blacklick, OH 43004

Please have it postmarked by June 21st so Dorene can get the treasurer books closed by June 30th.

Founders' Day Celebration

Gamma is co-hosting the Founders' Day celebration this year with Gamma Mu. It will be held on May 10, 2023, at the TAT Ristorante Di Famiglia located at the corner of Livingston and James Roads. Members attending can gather at 5:30 with dinner being served at 6:00. The cost will be \$27 with the meal choices the same as last year. Registration forms will be sent out after the March Coordinating Council meeting. **Reservations & check will need to be sent to Michele Koenig post-marked by April 25th.**

Just a Note about Checks

We are asking members to use Michele Koenig as the person to whom to mail checks.

Michele lives closer to the Credit Union and can deposit the checks easier than Dorene having to make a trip across town to do this.



As favors for the Founders' Banquet, each attendee will receive a wooden two-sided ornament as pictured here. They are crafted by Michele Koenig.

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World Fellowship

Gamma is collecting for our World Fellowship donation to DKG International. We will be taking a collection at the March 22nd chapter meeting held at Blendon Woods Nature Center. You can also mail a check made out to Gamma chapter and write World Fellowship on the memo line. Checks should be mailed to Michele Koenig 8190 Havens Road, Blacklick, OH 43004. Donations by mail need to be sent in by mid-May. The donations from members will be matched from the Scrivener funds.

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



April - August Birthdays

◆ Esther Panning	April 1
◆ Judy Valentine	April 17
◆ Katherine Wheeler	April 18
◆ Dorothea Fuhrman	May 7
◆ Ellen Clark	May 17
◆ 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



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MEMBERSHIP

As a member of Gamma Chapter I would like to thank every member for their participation in various capacities that have kept our chapter vital, engaging and interesting. I appreciate the wonderful way our committees have brought us inspiring meetings where we have been introduced to various speakers, new developments, and businesses that support educational endeavors. Our Grant-in-Aid scholarships have been a special outreach to new teachers as well as our funding contributions to World Fellowship. We have GREAT communication via the internet: emails, ZOOM meetings, monthly minutes, Red Book, Gamma web page, sharing of interests and articles about current educational developments and professional affairs, telephone calls, etc. Our Executive Board keeps everything organized and financially on target and all of us contribute as we gather together for the special times we meet. Everyone has the opportunity to give life and attention to our Gamma Chapter and it is a special gift to each of us as we engage with each other. We keep looking forward to seeing everyone again and again! Thank you for your personal contributions and the many opportunities this society offers at the local, state and international levels.

Reba Barney Membership Chair

FINANCE

President Michele Koenig (former Treasurer), current Treasurer Dorene Henschen, and Finance Chair Katherine Wheeler had a three-way phone conversation to discuss the renewal of the Any Purpose CD. From this conversation it was concluded that the chapter has enough money in the Kathy Thomas funds to use for special projects for three years. At that time the Any Purpose CD will be used for special projects. The Any Purpose CD was renewed for three years for the higher interest rate.

The Finance Chair signs Gamma Chapter Expense/Reimbursement Forms during the year. The latest expenses were for the 7 Grant-in-Aid recipients. All expenses for the 2022-2023 financial year have been budgeted. If additional expenses arise, the Scrivener CDs can be used since they mature at various times. These CDs were named after Dorothy Scrivener who donated the money through her Will. The funds from her estate were received in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005. Kathy Thomas was President at that time for the second time. Katherine Kramer, now Wheeler, was the Treasurer.

Katherine Wheeler Finance Chair

GRANT IN AID

This year, we had 13 applicants for our Grant-in-Aid awards. We distributed \$100 each to 7 local teachers. Two recipients presented to our group at our February 7th Zoom meeting on how they have used their funds and will be receiving another \$100 this fall. Their photos and purchase summaries are to the right.

Emeri Ferguson

COLLECTION FOR STUDENTS

There will be a collection of feminine hygiene supplies at the March 22nd chapter meeting. These supplies will be given to a second year teacher at Northland High School. This teacher requested Grant-in-Aid funds but is a second-year teacher and did not meet the first-year teacher requirement. However the committee felt that Gamma members could still help out by providing needed supplies.

Michele Koenig

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Samantha Hurdzan teaches 2nd grade, and this is her first year in Columbus City Schools. She purchased student book bins for books and materials so that these materials are organized and more easily transported in her classroom.



Paige Biglin has taught Speech Pathology for many years but this is her first year in a school setting. She used her money to buy materials to encourage student enthusiasm and enhance verbal participation in her class, primarily with wind-up toys and visuals which show action. She also purchased incentive materials. She is pictured here with her son.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS *pages 6—7*

Our speaker at the September meeting was master gardener, **Susie Maynard**. She brought several house plants with her to demonstrate proper care and gave recommendations. She gave away many clippings and plastic watering pots. Her business is [Susie's Tropical Interiors](#), and can be found on the web under that name.

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In October, speakers **Nakeia Hudson** and **Beth Cumming** from Nationwide Children's Hospital spoke about [PAX](#). PAX is a set of strategies teaching students self-regulation and self-management in the context of supporting social and emotional development. To learn more about this program refer to the web address on the accompanying photo to the left.

Want to Know More About PAX?

In order to become a **PAX trained teacher** or learn more about PAX:

- Visit www.paxis.org or reach out to info@paxis.org

In order to learn more about **Nationwide Children's Hospital** work with PAX:

- Email paxgoodbehaviorgame@nationwidechildrens.org

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NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S
When your child needs a hospital, everything changes.

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Tai Chi was our program for the November meeting, led by Tai Chi instructors **Sue Phillips** and **Martie Hatch**. They guided us through the first few positions of this Chinese martial art. Tai Chi is beneficial as a defense training, for good health, and meditation. Those wishing to pursue further classes in Tai Chi can contact Sue Phillips at 614-260-7062, or Martie Hatch at 614-282-4920.



Nancy Willis from [ROX](#) (Ruling Our Experiences) was our guest speaker at the January meeting. DKG has partnered with ROX for many years, and will cover the cost of facilitator training. Facilitators don't need to be a member of DKG, but ROX encourages them to be so. The ROX mission is "to create generations of confident girls who are in control of their own relations, experiences, decisions and futures." ROX is an evidence-based 20 week small-group program for 5th – 12th grade girls, and implemented in schools strictly by ROX -trained facilitators. Overarching skills taught through the program are assertiveness, leadership opportunities, and how to respond to hard challenges. ROX exists in 24 U.S. states, and continues to expand. Their website is www.rulingourexperiences.com.



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At the February meeting **Ann Bischoff**, the CEO of [Star House](#), was our speaker. Star House is a 24 hour drop-in center in Columbus, Ohio, and provides free services for homeless youth ages 14- 24. The photo shows one of the rooms, which includes lockers provided for the youth. At Star House youth facing major traumas in their lives experience a supportive, safe, and loving environment, and receive guidance and intervention. Last year, 1,160 youth were served at Star House and 62 were housed in their affordable Carol Steward village.

www.starhouse.us



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

4:30 p.m.

Blendon Woods Nature Center

Columbus, Ohio 43230

Presentation About Metro Parks

Stephanie West, Senior Naturalist

Hostess: Michele Koenig

Thought for the Day: Michele Koenig

April 14 - 16, 2023

OSO State Convention

Dublin Embassy Suites

5100 Upper Metro Place

Dublin, Ohio 43017

Note: There is a direct link to the OSO website on the chapter's website. Click on 'State Organization' on the homepage. Also, the chapter will provide reimbursement for the \$40.00 registration fee.

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Founders' Day Banquet

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

TAT Ristorante Di Famiglia

1210 S. James Rd.

Columbus, Ohio 43227

Saturday, June 10, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Community Center at Judy Valentine's condo

5255 Ironwood Ct.

Columbus, Ohio 43213

Member Sharing

New Member Induction

Educational Exc. Program Planning

Hostess: Linda Ruehrmund

Thought for the Day: TBD

Sunday, September 17, 2023

2:00 p.m.

National Veteran's Memorial and Museum Tour

300 W. Broad St.

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Meal: Spaghetti Warehouse

397 W. Broad St.

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Note: Tour is \$13.00 per person, and Parking is \$5.00.

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



Elizabeth Biglin has been experimenting with the Dirty Artist style of art called flow or pour art. She says it creates a mess while doing it, but isn't the outcome beautiful!



Linda Wright has a new email address. Please make this correction in your Red Book. It is: lindagwrightmail@gmail.com

A special thank you to my Gamma sisters for the cards, calls, emails, thoughts and prayers following my surgery. Happy to say that I had a good report from the surgeon and will be having therapy once a week for four weeks.

Judy Valentine

Thank you for all the expressions of support and caring as I recovered from a broken bone in the foot. I am done with therapy, but there is still some work to do to regain full strength and mobility.

Janet Halter

BOOK CORNER

His Gift, My Story.....by Kim Collingsworth.....personal memoir.....Linda Ruehrmund
(Reposted due to an error in the last newsletter)

The Rose Code.....Kate Quinn.....historical fiction/thriller.....Dorene Henschen

Deuteronomy.....Moses.....Bible.....Willa Mullins

Constant Fear.....Daniel Palmer.....Fiction.....Alida Pletcher

The Book Woman's Daughter...Michele Richardson...historical fiction...Linda Wright

The Sisters of Summit Avenue.....Lynn Cullin.....historical fiction.....Mary Cardinal

Gentle and Lowly.....Dane Ortlund.....Spiritual.....Janet Halter

ADSOEF ANNUAL MEETING

You are cordially invited to attend the

Sixth Annual Meeting of

Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation

Friday, April 14, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

in conjunction with the OSO State Convention

at the **Embassy Suites** in Dublin, OH

All OSO/ADSOEF members are welcome!



A fun learning experience offered by OSO/ADSOEF:

History in the Hills - 2023 Biennial Seminar

Gallia and Jackson Counties

Thursday, June 8 through Saturday, June 10

Watch for more information in The Voice or go to dkgohio.org

Gamma Meeting

February 7, 2023

Via Zoom

The February Gamma meeting was called to order at 6:35 by president, Michele Koenig. There were 17 members present and 3 guests- 2 Grant-in-Aid recipients and the program presenter.

Thought for the Day, given by Ellen Clark, reminded us about the beginnings of Black History Month, emphasizing that Black history is American history.

Our speaker, Ann Bischoff CEO of Star House, spoke about the 24 hour drop-in center for young people ages 14-24 and the work that Star House does in the community.

Two of the Grant-in-Aid recipients spoke about how they used their funds. Paige Biglin purchased visuals, cards, and incentive materials in her work as a speech therapist. Samantha Hurdzan purchased book bins and carts for use in her 2nd grade classroom.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved after a date correction. The date for the February meeting should have read Feb. 7th instead of Feb. 6th.

In the **Treasurer's Report**, Dorene Henschen reported that \$700 was taken from the Grant-in-Aid fund and put in checking so that the \$100 awards could be sent to the recipients. One check to Elizabeth Jassy hasn't been received so a new check will be issued. The January ending balance in checking is \$3914.40.

In **Unfinished Business**, members were reminded to register on-line for the OSO convention in April at the Embassy Suites in Dublin. The chapter will reimburse members the registration fee. Other costs need to be paid by the members.

Feminine hygiene products can be brought to the next meeting and will be given to a Grant-in-Aid applicant.

World Fellowship contributions can be made at the March meeting or mailed in.

Proceeds from the Agora at OSO will go to the Grant-in-Aid Fund.

For Founders' Day, Michele Koenig is working on ornaments with roses and the DKG emblem as table favors. Need to check how much money was spent last year for entertainment and decorations. Each chapter sends in \$60 to cover these costs. Items will be brought to the March meeting for assembling.

In **New Business**, members were reminded that the next meeting will be Wednesday, March 22nd at 4:30 at Blendon Woods Nature Center. It is a closed-in Nature Center.

Sandie Trask-Tyler reminded members that the June 10th meeting is a Saturday, not a Wednesday.

Katherine Wheeler pointed out that the recent DKG Bulletin is filled with articles full of information about the future of Gamma.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45. A video of a chapter singing the DKG song closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cardinal, co-secretary

