

GAMMA NEWS

FALL 2024

MISSION

STATEMENT

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

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President’s Message

This year I learned how to raise caterpillars from the Giant Silk Moths family. Two new types I raised were the Luna and Polyphemus moth caterpillars. Unlike monarch butterflies, who usually go from egg to butterfly in about 30 days, Giant Silk Moth caterpillars may stay as caterpillars for weeks. They, then, spin a cocoon and may spend the winter in the cocoon until the spring. They have to get all of their nutrition as caterpillars because when they eclose from their cocoons as adults they have no mouth parts. Their sole purpose to fulfill is to mate and lay eggs for the next generation of moths. They survive 5 to 7 days as adults then die. This caused me to ponder when are the times in our life when nature expects us to take advantage of available resources to prepare for times ahead. I will be serving as Coordinating Council secretary and Convention Registrar for the Ohio State Convention in the spring, so I will be using the lessons from the caterpillars to be ready for the tasks that are ahead of me. I hope all of my Gamma sisters are able to find and use their resources to live a full life now so they are ready for whatever life sends their way.

I am also excited that Gamma has added new members. It is my hope to identify additional women who will find membership in Gamma a worthy experience. I cherish the friendships that I have made in Gamma and look forward to an exciting year ahead. Peace and health to all of you. *Michele Koenig, President*



Tia Tyer (above on right) and Debbie Lynch (right) have become new members to the chapter.



Welcome! We're glad you're here!



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Leadership Installation for 2024–2026

June 2024 Meeting

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FINANCE

The Finance Committee met in August to put together the budget which will soon be presented to the chapter. Dorene Henschen shared that the Records Review was completed and the books are in order. An update of the Schrivener CDs, Scholarship CD, and the Any Purpose CD were confirmed with the Credit Union statement. The Annual Report of the Chapter Treasurer was completed and copies were sent to the State Treasurer, Chapter Finance Chair, Chapter President to file, and the Treasurer filed her copy. A 60 month CD that came due in August was recommended to be renewed for 60 months to get a long term rate since interest rates look like they could be lowered soon. Grant-in-Aid awards were discussed and Emeri Ferguson has agreed to create a Google Form for our chapter Grant-in-Aid application. This lets applicants access the form via a link, then complete the form online and send it back where the committee can evaluate who will receive a Grant-in-Aid check. The Scholarship amount for chapter members attending the April OSO convention at Deer Creek will be determined once the registration amount is shared by OSO.

Katherine Wheeler, Chair

WORLD FELLOWSHIP

The chapter's donation to World Fellowship this year totaled \$380.00.

GRANT-IN-AID

Six applicants each received a Grant-in-Aid check of \$100.00. Three presented how they used their funds for their classroom/students and will receive a second check of \$100.00 for this coming school year.

Emeri Furguson, Chair



Left to Right

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Dorene Henschen –Treasurer (appointed)

Michele Koenig – President

Sandra Trask-Tyler – Vice President

Mary Cardinal – Co-Secretary

Judy Valentine – Co-Secretary

Katherine Wheeler – Parliamentarian (appointed)



Webmaster– Ellen Clark

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Newsletter Editor– Janet Halter

MEMBERSHIP

Please keep members who are dealing with serious health issues in your thoughts and prayers. Updates will be sent out via email as they become available. Cathy Jones and Dorothea Fuhrman do a thorough job as Friendship Committee Co-Chairs at keeping in touch with members who are ill or shut in. They make phone calls, send cards/minutes/newsletters as appropriate, and keep the chapter up to date on these dear members. Most of these ill members would appreciate more members reaching out to them, too.

Reba Barney, Chair



We remember Linda Ruehrmund who passed away suddenly this fall.

She had served Gamma chapter in many capacities since joining in 1982 including 1 term as Co-President, and 2 terms as President. She was also very involved in her community and led a traveling group named The Happy Wanderers. She was a leader and encourager for others, and lived her life with dignity, humility, and joy.

RED BOOK

Due to the sudden passing of Luann Dunham, who served as the Redbook editor for the Franklin County Redbook, the Redbook will have a new format. It will be full page portrait format, instead of folded landscape format. The Redbooks will be available at the October meeting. The "Refrigerator Paper" listing this year's meetings will be sent out via email and mailed to members who do not use email.

September—March Birthdays

- ◆ Pat Ferrenkopf 9/19
- ◆ Linda Wright 9/30
- ◆ Mary Cardinal 10/3
- ◆ Marlynn Schwenk 10/3
- ◆ Elizabeth Biglin 10/8
- ◆ Willa Mullins 10/13
- ◆ Debbie Lynch 10/18
- ◆ Emeri Ferguson 11/24
- ◆ Tia Tyler 12/3
- ◆ 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



Tie blankets were worked on during the **April** meeting to be donated to *My Very Own Blanket*, and other donation sites. Those who were present for this meeting are pictured here. It was a productive good morning !



In **September**, we had a tour of Innis Woods Metro Park in Westerville, Ohio. We enjoyed a morning stroll through the well-manicured, and beautiful foliage of flowers and trees. Our guide informed us about the different gardens and plants we were seeing, as well as the background of the park and buildings and how it came to be what we enjoy today.



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Meetings Upcoming

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2024 - 2025

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

1:00 pm

Karl Road Library

5590 Karl Road

Columbus, OH 43229

Fearless Falling Mike Grisby

Hostess: Mary Cardinal

Thought for the Day: Michele Koenig

Saturday, November 16, 2024

10:00 am

Damsel In Defense Linda Luft-Jones

Reformation Lutheran Church

1355 S. Hamilton Rd.

Columbus, OH 43227

Hostess: Judy Valentine

Thought for the Day: Reba Barney

Meal: TAT Ristorante

1210 S. James Rd

Columbus, OH 43227

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

7:00pm

ZOOM

Member Sharing/Travel/etc.

Thought for the Day: Judy Valentine

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

7:00 pm

ZOOM

Choices Laura Thompson

Grant in Aid presentations

Thought for the Day: Dorene Henschen

Saturday, March 8, 2025

10:00 am

Judy Valentines' Party House

5255 Ironwood Ct.

Columbus, OH 43213

Member Recognition

Collection and Packages for Choices, Potluck

Hostess: Judy Valentine, Sherry Grimes

Thought for the Day: Reba Barney

Saturday, April 4, 2025

OSO State Convention

Deer Creek State Park

20635 State Park Rd 20

Mt. Sterling, OH 43143

Columbus, OH 43240

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Founders' Day

5:30 Registration 6:00 Dinner

TAT Ristorante Di Famiglia

1210 S. James Rd.

Columbus, Ohio 43227

Hostesses: Gamma Mu and Delta Theta

Thursday, June 12, 2025

10:00 am

Tour Franklin Park Conservatory

1777 E. Broad St

Columbus, OH 43203

Meal at Garden Café at the Conservatory

September 2025

Location TBA

FESTA

(Feed, Educate, Serve, Train, Advocate)

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



Carolyn Bordelon was honored in 2024 by Marquis Who's Who in American Education being recognized as a Distinguished Leader for her over 45 years of success as an educator specializing in reading and writing intervention for struggling elementary students, being an author, an adjunct professor at Ashland Univ., and current affiliation with the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development among other educational association affiliations. From over a million listees, only a small percentage become recognized and honored with this distinguished Marquis award. The Wall Street Journal, edition July 24, 2024, recognized those who received this status from Marquis Who's Who. The photo of Carolyn here was her submission to Who's Who and used here with her permission. She became a member of DKG in 2008.



Most recent fluid painting by Liz Biglin.

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Luna moth in reference to the President's message on page 1.

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BOOK CORNER

Under the Golden Sunby Jenny Ashcraft.....historical fiction.....Dorene Henschen

The Boys from Boloxi.....by John Grisham.....historical fiction.....Mary Cardinal

The Henna Artist.....by Alka Joshi.....historical.....Linda Wright

Tea Shop Mysteries series.....by Laura Childs.....mystery.....Cathy Jones

My Mother's Secret.....by J. L. Witterick.....historical.....Janet Halter



MINUTES OF GAMMA CHAPTER MEETING
June 13, 2024

Delta Kappa Gama Chapter meeting was called to order at 10:05A.M. at Huber Ridge Park on June 13, 2024 by President Michele Koenig with 12 members present, a guest, and Tia Tyler, our new initiate.

Thought for the Day, given by Dorotha Fuhrman, spoke of endings and new beginnings.

The minutes of the April 13, 2024 meeting were approved.

Tia Tyler was initiated into membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

Installation of officers followed: President, Michele Koenig; Vice-President, Sandie Trask-Tyler; Co-Secretary, Mary Cardinal and Judy Valentine. Michele Koenig appointed Dorene Henschen, treasurer and Katherine Wheeler, Parliamentarian. She also thanked the outgoing officers for their service.

Treasurer Dorene Henschen reported for both April and May. Beginning April balance in checking was \$6175.36 with the May ending balance of \$6865.32. Report filed for audit.

MOTION was made by Liz Biglin, and seconded by Sherry Grimes, to donate \$300 to CHOICES, a group for sheltered women, using the Kathy Thomas funds. Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Katherine Wheeler, Finance Chair, to pay the 2nd Grant-in-Aid award of \$100 to those recipients who made presentations to the chapter. Motion carried.

President Michele Koenig asked that ideas or suggestions for future speakers or programs be e-mailed to her or Sandie Trask-Tyler. A date and time will be set to plan for next year's program.

Vice-President Sandie Trask-Tyler reminded members that the September 14, 2024 meeting will be a tour of Inniswood Gardens.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 with the DKG song. Lunch followed at First Watch.

Mary Cardinal, Co-Secretary