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## President's message

This looks to be a great year for Gamma Sigma. Lots of service projects (both old and new), some new venues for our meetings, and four new members.

The officers attended the Alpha Delta State Officer Training in June. I joined the incoming new members at the Perry County Library where Mona Kiener led an orientation. In July your executive board met to plan for the upcoming biennium. Committee assignments were filled, venues, hostesses, and programs were scheduled, service projects and Grants were chosen.

It will be a fun filled year.

Please remember to check out our website:

<http://gammasingmapc.weebly.com>

See you in September!

Linda Geyer

2016-2018 Gamma Sigma President

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#### Mission Statement:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



President Linda Geyer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Melody Blake, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Louann Henderson, Secretary Debbie Adam and Treasurer Jenny Mohler were installed as the 2016-2018 officers during our May meeting. Be sure to congratulate and thank them for serving!

## Don't forget your reservation

Debbie Adam, Reservation Chair



When we join Gamma Sigma, we pledge to attend and participate in meetings. Reservations are critical to the success of each of our dinner meetings. Your reservation does more than ensure you have a meal. It is used by the hostess committee in planning for favors and set-up. The president often wants to know how many are attending to plan for any materials she may be distributing. Often, speakers want this same information. Consequently, it is important you respond to your reservation email.

Approximately two to three weeks prior to the meeting, the hostess chair contacts a caterer. The caterer gives her a date that he/she must know the number planning to attend the meeting. When the hostess chair has the menu and this deadline, she then sends an email to the reservation chair, Debbie Adam. Debbie sends emails to all other reservation committee members with the meeting details, as well as the menu and a deadline for responding to her with those who plan to attend. (This year's reservation committee includes Linda Shaeffer, Tiffany Shaeffer, Kim Mautz, ,Kathy Young, Linda Geyer, and Shirley Clark. Watch your email for a contact from one of these ladies!) The chair then compiles the list of those planning and unable to attend, and forwards it to the hostess chair for use at the meeting.

Sometimes members forget to respond to the emails or an emergency occurs and a cancellation needs to be made. If either of these occur after the date for response in the email you receive, please contact the hostess chair for that meeting. After the deadline, she is the most direct contact for adding to meal numbers or cancelling a reservation. Do not contact the reservation chair. She does not deal with the caterer and cannot tell you if you may attend the meeting or if you are able to cancel the reservation. Please remember: if you are unable to cancel a reservation you have made or have to miss the meeting, YOU are responsible to pay for the meal. The group cannot assume these costs. Also remember that although you may have missed the deadline for a meal reservation, you may still come for the meeting itself. You are always welcome.

## Rustic Rummage Rewind

Last year our first Rustic Rummage was a success. It provided the money we needed to fulfill our annual Grant-in-Aid to a Perry County high school senior.

This year our Rustic Rummage sale will again take place during the Thornville Country Fair the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October at the home of member Margaret Wilkins. We are again asking for high quality treasures from your attic, basement or garage. No clothes or shoes please! They can be seasonal decor, baskets, purses, or an old bench or something that could be refinished.

Anything we make as profit will be used for our service projects and our grant.

*Please bring your items to the September 26th meeting* and we will store them until the sale.

Any volunteers to help us the day of the sale would be greatly appreciated. Unsold items will be donated to Goodwill unless otherwise specified.



## Service, Service, Service

Delta Kappa Gamma, Gamma Sigma is a non-profit service organization that supports children, learning and personal growth. We are taking on more service than ever this year. Some of the projects are ongoing while others are being brought back.

1. We will be recognizing all new teachers in Perry County with a small gift.
2. We will be making blankets again for foster children under Perry County Children's Services.
3. A literature project
4. Annual World Fellowship project
5. Grant-in-Aid (Scholarship) for a Perry County high school senior
6. We will reconnect with the 1st year teachers at the end of the year with a small token.
7. Please share your time and talents by volunteering in our schools and libraries.

## 2016-2017 Dues

### Treasurer, Jenny Mohler

As I start this time serving as your treasurer, I do so with excitement and trepidation. It is a big responsibility and I am preparing to get a great start to this new year.



The dues are \$59 for current members, \$69 for new inductees (includes a one time \$10 fee), and \$29 for reserve members.

***The deadline for paying dues is October 15.***

You can choose to mail your dues to:

Jenny Mohler  
PO Box 100  
Thornville, Oh 43076

OR

Pay at the September meeting.

***Anyone who pays their dues prior or at the September meeting name will be entered in a drawing.*** The winner gets their dinner paid! If you win and are not able to be at the September meeting, you can use it at another meeting!

Again, I am looking forward to serving as your treasurer.

### Gamma Sigma Yearbooks In Progress....

Yearbooks must be revised each biennium. Once completed they will be sent to you online. Please review the updates. If you do not have email you will be mailed a copy. We will be voting on the revisions at the September meeting.

### Committees and Hostess Duties

Every member of Gamma Sigma is essential to the running of the club. Each member is on a hostess committee each year and serves on a standing committee during a two year period. You will receive all hostess and committee assignments at the September meeting. They will also be included in the yearbook and as always on our website.

<http://gammasingmapc.weekly.com>

## 2016 Gamma Sigma Scholarship (Grant-in-aid) Recipient Ready to Start College!

Our Perry County Scholarship winner, Audra Chaffin, is looking forward to starting her college career this fall and sent us a little update:



*"I will be attending Otterbein University this fall, pursuing a degree in English and dance. My long-term goal is to become an English teacher at the high school level and during the summers choreograph shows for high school show choirs."*

We also asked her to let us know what types of activities she participated in during her HS years...a busy young lady:

*"High School Activities- Show Choir (9th-12th: I was the Girl's Dance Captain for my 10th, 11th, and 12th grade years), Cheerleading (9th-12th), Cooking Club (12th), Drama Club (12th: played the role of Beauty in Beauty and the Beast), Student Council (9th-11th), National Honor Society (11th-12th) Awards- Gold Renaissance/ Honor Roll (9th-12th), October Student of the Month (12th), Co-Valedictorian, Graduated with an Honors Diploma"*

We wish Audra the best of luck as she heads to college!

### September 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Our September meeting will be at 6:00 at the Grace Lutheran Church in Thornville. It will be an evening to reconnect as a group for a new year, initiate new members, and recommit to serve Gamma Sigma.

Come early, pay your dues, and fellowship with your sisters in Gamma Sigma.

**Gamma Sigma Meetings 2016-2017**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Hostess Chair</b>	<b>Hostess Members</b>
9/26/16	Grace Lutheran Church Thornville	Ceremonies/ Necrology Committee	Nancy Glavic	Linda Shaeffer Tiffany Shaeffer Karen Glade Debbie Brink Marilyn Fehrman
10/24/16	Trinity Lutheran Church New Lexington	Personal Growth Committee	Carla Sherlock	Mona Kiener Betsy Martin Alanda Christian Billie Hoag Taundra Householder
11/21/16	Sheridan High School	Special Projects Committee	Diane Christensen	Louann Henderson Margaret Wilkins Jane Kunkler Sue Ellen Simmons Virginia Mick Robin Powell Tammy Westenbarger
2/27/17	Crooksville K-8 School Library	World Fellowship	Melody Blake	Melissa Marolt Pat Neader Heather Desguin Mary Ann Headley Shirley Clark
3/27/17	New Lexington High School	Literacy Committee	Nancy Caniff	Karen Newlon Deb Adam Kathy Young Shelley Wollenberg
4/24/17	Sheridan High School	Perry County Bicentennial Committee (guest meeting)	Linda Davis	Sharon Cains Sharon Cannon Kate Simmons Lindsay Sheridan Julie Ward Paula Starner Nina Stoltz, Whitney Williamson
5/22/17	First Hope United Methodist Church Crooksville	Founders' Day, Membership and Necrology	Barb Behrendt	Kaye Noce Linda Geyer Jody Cannon Phyllis Riser