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Mission Statement:

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

Snow, Ice, Cold and.....WIND?

What a surprise to have our Christmas Event postponed on a beautiful sunny day due to WIND and an extensive power outage. Nancy Glavic did a truly impressive job trying to contact everyone to let them know of the postponement, but we discovered that we needed additional information to effectively reach everyone. To that end, if you have not yet filled out the online form with the BEST contact emergency number for you should something like this happen again, please take a moment to follow this link and give the organization that magic number: <http://goo.gl/forms/xVJy5WqJxL>. Thank you to the 26 members who have already filled out the form. Hopefully, we will NOT need to try to contact everyone quickly again, but if we do....we will be ready!



It was wonderful to welcome Sandy, Eileen and Diane from the Beta Delta chapter to our Christmas Scholarship event. Five of our members were able to go to THEIR Christmas event a few weeks later and had a FABULOUS time listening to a foreign exchange student and laughing and conniving to “steal” the best Christmas ornament during a spirited ornament exchange (Linda Shaeffer managed to get the “premier” ornament of the evening!) See the “more” link of our website for pictures of Gamma Sigma members at the Beta Delta event.

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We raised \$580.00 at our scholarship event and a fun time was had by all. If you were not able to attend and are planning to contribute to the scholarship fund, please send your donation to treasurer Jane Kunkler soon. We usually give a \$750.00 scholarship to a Perry County graduate, so any more donations will be appreciated.

I hope you find the plethora of information in this newsletter useful. I look forward to seeing you all at the Buckeye Lake Museum on February 23rd with coworkers and friends in tow (see page 2!)

Diane Christensen, 2014-2016 Gamma Sigma President

Gamma Sigma
Treasurer Jane Kunkler
presents the 2014
Scholarship to Morgan
Faber who hopes to save
the money for study
abroad in Southeast
Asia.



**A Special Evening
Promoting Gamma Sigma AND
Literacy**

After a spirited discussion about membership and our visibility in the educational community during the October meeting, Literacy Chairperson Luann Cooperrider suggested we have a special event in February (Literacy month for us) that would be a departure from our usual meeting/supper format. The suggestion was met with much approval! This allows us to invite educators and interested women from our communities to a casual, fun evening combining local history, literacy and a chance to introduce our organization to not only community members but also potential new members.

We will have wine, cheese and light refreshments along with time to socialize, do a scavenger hunt and then have an author talk. No formal meeting this night!

Make sure you speak to every woman educator with whom you have any kind of contact, and invite her to this event. It will only be successful if we are proactive and really promote the event. Please keep a tally of who you believe will be attending, so the Literacy and Hostess committees can plan accordingly.

See the advertisement on this page (feel free to make copies to hand out), as well as directions to the Museum.

You are encouraged to carpool so everyone feels comfortable attending, even if they don't want to drive that far...

Let's make this a huge success!

A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM



***A SPECIAL EVENING FOR
D.K.G. and Guests***

February 23, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Social Time with members & guests

6:30 p.m.

Program Scavenger Hunt

7:15 p.m.

Guest speaker-Author Donna Fisher Braig

**BUCKEYE LAKE MUSEUM
4729 Walnut Road – Hebron, Ohio 43025
740-929-1998
www.buckeyelakehistory.org**

**This event will be held even if school is cancelled
Suggested donation: \$5.00**

Directions to the Buckeye Lake Museum, 4729 Walnut Road,
Buckeye Lake

From I-70

Take 79 (Hebron Road) South

Follow 79 approximately 1.5 miles

The museum is on the corner of 79 and Cottage Street (you will actually turn onto Cottage Street to enter the parking lot.)

If you get to the Post office, you have gone too far.

Gamma Sigma Scholarship – An interview with 2013 Recipient Kristie Hammond

What are you studying and where? Integrated Social Studies Adolescent Young Adult (High School History Education) and considering a History double major and Political Science minor. I'm at Mount Vernon Nazarene University

What is campus life like for you? In general I enjoy going to campus theater events and supporting many friends in those programs. We have several opportunities to hear different speakers and panel discussions and I typically attend these and similar events. Chapel is a nice time to recharge throughout the week as well.

Are you involved in campus activities? I am a member of History club and will be filling in for secretary in the spring as our current one does her student teaching. I am also working on a History Club event for the spring. I am also a member of the Student Education Association (SEA) and participate and volunteer for many of their events including the Children's Carnival homecoming weekend.

Have you already had some in class practicum experience... Yes, both a freshman and sophomore field experience. **how did it go,** great, in just 2 years I've had some experience with almost every grade (except 8th) I would be certified to teach. **where was it,** Freshman year at Mt. Gilead High (MGHS) and Sophomore year at Mt. Vernon Middle (MVMS) **what age kids,** grades 9-12 in a psychology class in MGHS and 7th grade social studies this year at MVMS. **any neat stories, etc...** For one of the lessons I taught, I assigned homework to draw what the students would want their house to look like (a floor plan) if they lived in Ancient Rome. I was disappointed in how much homework had been turned in previously so was hopeful that this would have better results. Actually, the students loved it and a few brought in poster board size blueprints. It was super exciting to see them that enthusiastic to learn. I also chose a day to dress up like someone we would be talking about that day and was thrilled when some of the students could tell who I was supposed to be before we got started. I am excited to return to MVMS in the spring to see and possibly judge the History Day projects the students started working on while I was observing. Last year I was able to attend a play several students from class were in and also go to their graduation.

I know you worked at Dawes this summer, what types of things did you do? Planned the camps for the summer, organized supplies, lead hikes, crafts, games, led simple science experiments for one camp and created a scavenger hunt for another, lead creek exploration, fishing and orienteering activities. Also orchestrated guests for demonstrations and miscellaneous other camp activities. I also got my First Aid/CPR certification. Over the course of the summer we had children ages 6-14. **How was that**

experience? I loved it, a couple camps did History hikes so I got to explain some of the history connected with the Dawes family and the grounds. I learned so much about something that I grew up around and was able to apply a lot of my own garden knowledge. What could be better than working outside and with a bunch of campers all summer?



Do you have a job during the school year as well and what? Yes, actually, two. One I found last January at an after school "Extended Care" program at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic school about 10 minutes from campus. There I've helped with homework, snacks, planning games, and playground duty. It has been a fun experience. Also I started tutoring a class this year through a Supplemental Instruction program. I took and did well in a history survey class last year and now help this year's students prepare and study. We usually meet 2-3 times a week and discuss the notes, work on study guides and address any other questions.

Any other interesting facts, stories, tidbits....? One of my education professors collects ties, so he has a little contest with each of his classes to see if anyone notices the day he repeats wearing a tie from earlier in the semester. One of my classmates and I both noticed at the same time so our prize was a tie for him and a female version for me. It has become like a lucky accessory as when I wore it to field the next day, I got a very good observation evaluation. But it's more than that, it's a reminder of a very special class, professor and lesson on the importance of paying close attention.

Two assignments I am most proud of finishing this semester are a Unit Plan and a Historiography. The unit plan was a group project with two other people in different content areas and the final product was almost 200 pages of an Interdisciplinary 5-day Unit plan on ancient civilizations. I would feel pretty good about teaching from that plan someday. The historiography was 10 pages about how the perception of the cowboy has changed from the reality to the present legend. My freshman year I created a website that could be used in a future class that is acting as my database for engaging activities.

Please tell us a little about your family. My sister Angela is a senior at Sheridan this year and my parents Janice and Tracy have been married 22 years.

Looking for a few good women *Gamma Sigma growth*

It is time to start looking for new members.

According to our bylaws, we vote to invite new members during the April meeting. Each woman who is invited will then go through an orientation process with our membership committee after which she will decide whether she wishes to accept our invitation and become a Gamma Sigma member. We have not done all these steps formally for the past few years, and as an organization (during that great discussion in the October meeting), we decided to be more intentional and specific with this process so the new members will truly understand what it means to have the honor and responsibility to become a Delta Kappa Gamma sister.

To that end, invite those potential in service teachers to the February meeting and start recruiting the exemplary teachers in our schools to join our ranks.

On page 5 of this newsletter, you will find the "Recommendation for Membership" form or you can contact Membership Committee chairperson Mona Kiener to get a copy of the form or go to: <https://www.dkg.org/content/recommendation-membership-form-11> to fill out and print the form. Please feel free to contact any officer, as well, for help in completing this process. Nomination forms must be turned in to the Membership Committee before the April meeting for member consideration and voting. Our bylaws state that the membership forms must be turned in to the Committee by the March meeting...

We all agree that it is challenging to convince inservice teachers to add one more commitment to their already full plate, but we all also agree that the society we have is a supportive and inspirational group of individuals. A seven-meeting commitment a year is a small "time" to pay for this quality of organization. Its time to add a "few good women" to our ranks!

Convention and Summer Seminar *Opportunities for ALL MEMBERS!*

The Alpha Delta State Convention will be held at the Hilton Polaris April 10-12 and registration is now open for all who would like to attend with President Diane. Follow this link for registration information and the schedule:

<http://alphadeltastate.weebly.com/2015-convention-registration.html>



The 14th Biennial Summer Seminar will be held in Dayton June 16-18. This looks to be a fascinating experience with tours of several historically significant locations in Dayton. Follow this link for the itinerary and registration. (Only a limited number of participants will be accepted, so sign up now if you want to attend.)

<http://alphadeltastate.weebly.com/biennial-seminar-coordinators.html>

2015 Winter Meeting Programs

February 23rd...Buckeye Lake Museum

A Night at the Museum

Introducing women educators to DKG
Scavenger hunt and Author Braig
Literacy Committee chair: Luann Cooperrider
Hostess chair: Taundra Householder

March 23rd...Maple Ave. Christian Church,
Crooksville

Legislative update

Legislative Committee chair: Melody Blake
Hostess chair: Carla Sherlock

April 27th ... Ludowici Tile, New Lexington

Personal Growth

Personal Growth chair: Jenny Mohler
Hostess chair: Janine Holecamp



Recommendation for Membership

Instructions:

Please complete and return this form. For information about qualifications for membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International refer to sections on membership in the *Constitution* and the *International Standing Rules*.

Type of Membership: Active Reserve Honorary

Name of person recommended: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ Email: _____

Current position title: _____

Employer: _____ Total years as professional educator: _____

Highest educational degree granted: _____ Year: _____ Field: _____

Professional accomplishments: Include items such as professional development presentations, campus or departmental leadership roles, published materials, offices in other organizations, honors and/or awards. (A brief resume may be attached to this application)

Community Activities:

Signature of candidate

Date

Endorsed by one or more members of Gamma Sigma chapter, Alpha Delta State:

Required: _____

Optional: _____

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