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Mission Statement:

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

Local Scholarship Fund Gets a Boost



Rustic Rummage team: Luann Henderson, Linda Shaeffer, Jane Kunkler, Debbie Brink, Tiffany Shaeffer, Karen Glade, Paula Starner (Diane Christensen is the shadow) take a pause to smile and pose!

The Rustic Rummage (brainchild of Treasurer Jane Kunkler) was a success thanks to the members who donated items, new member Margaret Wilkins who provided her front yard, and the team members (see picture above) who braved the chilly but beautifully sunny day to organize, and man the sale during the Thornville Country Fair. Original plans to have the sale during the Somerset Octoberfest did not materialize (as Octoberfest did not materialize) but the team went into overdrive coming up with alternative ideas and this one was a hit! Bargains were surveyed, deals were made and treasures went home with new owners. All told, \$233.00 went into the Scholarship fund which erased the deficit from last year’s scholarship auction.

This year’s Scholarship event during November went VERY well – we even ran out of tickets. The \$794.00 from that night will comfortably cover this year’s \$750.00 scholarship which will be awarded this spring. This is certainly a very important focus of our chapter as we support the educators of the future.



Dear Gamma Sigma sisters,

It will soon be spring and time to fill officer vacancies for our group. I have had the privilege of serving with an awesome group of officers the past four years. Their terms are ending and as president, I will be the only remaining member, although Diane has agreed to stay on in a new position as Web master.

That being said, we are in need of a vice-president, 2nd vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Please seriously consider throwing your hat in the ring for one of these positions. This will save a lot of arm twisting from outgoing officers, nominations committee members and ME.

One of the most helpful aspects of the current leadership is that we represented multiple school districts in Perry County. This has helped with scheduling, school contacts and new members, not to mention the new friendships we have made the past four years working closely with others outside our home district. Working with Diane, Paula, Jane, and Karen has been a pleasure.

If you are considering an office, please let me, one of the current officers, or a member of the nominations committee know ASAP.

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Nominating Committee: Alanda Christian & Nina Stoltz

Please help us keep Gamma Sigma strong.

Sincerely,

Linda Geyer, Gamma Sigma Vice-president

Job descriptions for 2nd Vice President and Treasurer appeared in the Fall Newsletter – see the chapter website under “more” to find the August 2015 newsletter to read those descriptions.

The Office of 1st Vice President

As vice president of Gamma Sigma you will sit on the executive board.

As a member of the board you will help plan meetings and projects annually. The officers meet in the summer to complete this task.

You will support and assist the president and take over her duties in her absence. The office is a two year term which then leads to the office of president.

Secretary

The job of secretary requires you to keep a record of the event or meeting and keep that record in a folder for further reference. There are times when letters or correspondence maybe part of the job.



Service Project Benefits Foster Children of Perry County

The busy fingers of our Gamma Sigma sisters assembled 19 fleece blankets at the October meeting. Jane Kunkler delivered the blankets to a grateful Perry County Children and Family Services staff the next day. The blankets are distributed to children and teens who are in the Perry County foster system as a warm reminder that someone cares for them and their situation. A special thanks to all the members who worked on this service project.



Snow day smiles!

Inclement weather and DKG

Remember that if Northern, New Lex OR Crooksville schools cancel on a DKG Monday due to inclement weather, our meeting is CANCELLED.

You can always check the website for updates (assuming Diane has power) or call Diane at (740) 215-2396 to confirm if the meeting is on or not.

Remember February meeting is not catered – brown bag it!

Adding Strength to our Organization *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.

On page 4 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. 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!

February Brown Bag Meeting Particulars

Location change....

1st United Methodist Church in New Lexington
(125 S. High Street)

Parking is available in the lot next to the church and also in the bank lot across the street after business hours.

Handicapped parking is available in the back of the church accessible from Brown Street, across from the post office.

The Hostess Committee will provide coffee, tea, water and paper plates, napkins, etc. Everyone should bring a sack lunch and money for dessert.

Initiation of Whitney Williamson

Program: Shirley Clark will share her experiences with Foreign Exchange students she has hosted, plus share her travels to visit her students' families abroad.

The World Fellowship Committee will be providing dessert for our February 29th Brown Bag meeting. For \$2 you can support our World Fellowship project for 2016 and enjoy an ice cream sundae bar with all the trimmings. Hope to see you there.

*Thank you,
Your World Fellowship Committee...Linda, Phyllis,
Jody and Mary Ann*

2016 Winter Meeting Programs

February 29th...First United Methodist,
New Lexington (126 S. High Street)

Foreign Exchange Students – Friendship and Travel

"Brown Bag" Dinner – BYO Meal!
World Fellowship Night – Make your own
Sundae Bar (\$2.00)
Hostess chair: Toni Harper

March 21st...Sheridan High School
Sheridan HS Northern Stars Showchoir

Hostess chair: Jeanie DeRolph

April 19th...Dawes Arboreteum

**TUESDAY – Joint meeting with
Beta Delta Chapter**

Hostess chair: Susan Wills

State DKG News...

<http://tinyurl.com/dkgthevoice>

The newest issue of "The Voice" (Ohio's State DKG newsletter) has been published. Of particular interest is information about the State Convention. Click the link above to read "The Voice"



Our chapter website has been updated and has many new pictures. Click on over and enjoy!

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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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