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Kathleen Janesh, editor

**At-A-Glance**

February 9, 2021-6:15 via Zoom

*\*\*Professional topic chat*

5:45-6:15\*\*

Civil War and Painesville History-

Katherine Delavan

Lake County Historical Society

Wear red for Valentine's Day

March 9, 2021-6:15 via Zoom

*\*\*Professional topic chat*

5:45-6:15\*\*

Mollie in the White House

Mary Lintern

Garfield Historic Site

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

5:00 Arrival

New Member Induction

in person (we hope) at

Lake County Historical Society

Speaker and Tour

with Mama Robertos' Catering

or if necessary, via Zoom

***Please watch your email  
for more details***

DKG International Events:

New Orleans, LA (Sheraton)

**July 12-16, 2022**

National Harbor, MD (Gaylord

National, D.C. Area) **2024**

Aurora, CO (Gaylord Rockies)

**2026**

DKG OSO Events:

OSO Convention

**April 9-11, 2021**

Embassy Suites-Dublin, OH

## Message From Your Presidents

*Happy New Year!*

Dear Sisters of Gamma Theta,

Thank you, fellow Sisters of DKG, for all of your efforts to make the beginning of our 2020-2021 year a success! We want to thank all of our committee chairs and members for the time dedicated to our Chapter. Each member's talents and energy are what make Gamma Theta an organization, we are proud to be a part of!

Despite the constraints of COVID, we have, with the help of many, had a great first semester of programming. We have been able to balance service and professional development with a bit of fun! The educational chats before the meeting have helped us to learn more about each other's Districts and build professional contacts and friendships.

Thank you to those who have shared "The Good News" in your Districts at our monthly meetings and to our Educational Excellence Committee for sharing uplifting words to keep us going during these tough times! A special shout out to our Sunshine committee and our personalized card maker! We appreciate the warmth and light you continue to shine on our membership during times of sadness and happiness.

Gamma Theta's focus on service has been outstanding throughout these difficult times. The generosity of our members and friends of Gamma Theta is awesome! Thank you to our committee chairs and volunteers for collecting, counting and delivering items to Forbes House and End 68 Hours of Hunger. Also, please remember to continue to donate to our University Hospitals Rainbows project, as this is an ongoing service project.

The Finance Committee works together to continue our tradition of fiscal responsibility and this year online banking has become an added feature for our treasurer to manage chapter funds and transactions. Also, Gamma Theta continues to provide opportunities and development to those in our field and this reflects our dedication to furthering the education of our membership and future educators. A special thank you to the Gamma Theta Scholarship and the Memorial Grant-In-Aid Committees.

Our communication has grown across platforms! Media and Redbook Committees continue to work around the clock! We have professional newsletters, website, flyers, and social media presence. Gamma Theta is making our presence known outside of Eastern Lake County!

Throughout the years, our Executive Board works to keep our chapter strong! We thank those from the past executive boards who continue to work with our current board. Together we have been able to continue the tradition and keep our momentum strong even in a time of social distance!

Please continue to spread the word about Gamma Theta! Our members have so much to offer to each other and the community! Thank you to our Membership committee for their work on creative recruitment ideas and for their flexibility as we move our initiation to the spring. If you know a candidate, please encourage her to attend and join in order to keep Gamma Theta an active, thriving group. As we move into this new year, let us move forward with hope. Looking forward to meeting with everyone "virtually." If you have any ideas for new and exciting programming or any suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the board. Our virtual doors are always open.

Yours in sisterhood,  
Teresa Gerboth and Teresa Sternberg



# Committee Reports



## Grant-in-Aid

The Grant-in-Aid committee has been hard at work revamping the application to allow for electronic submissions. Our goal is to have the application to colleges by mid-January and on our website.

The Gamma Theta Chapter offers a female College/University rising sophomore or junior majoring in an accredited education program a Grant-in-Aid in the amount of \$750.00.

To be considered for this grant, the candidate must have a home residence in the following school attendance districts: Fairport, Madison, Painesville City, Perry, Riverside.

The application is due by March 15. The committee will make a selection and announce at our April meeting. We are hoping the recipient will be able to attend.

Do you know a female education student? Please suggest our Memorial Grant in Aid memorial fund.

This fund was established in November 1971 in honor of all deceased Gamma Theta members.

## Service Committee

The committee has made three successful pick-ups!!! Thanks to all that contributed. We have collected a total 5,697 items. These items were distributed to Forbes' House (2,853 items), Rainbow's (409 items), and 68 Hours of Hunger (2,435 items). Our December collection is for Rainbow's hospital. We are collecting these items:

Shampoo/Conditioner, Denture Care: cream/cleaning, Tooth Care: toothpaste/toothbrush/floss, Eye Care: Contact solution/cases, Body Care: Deodorant /body wash

Please remember to send the new/unopened specific items listed. Charities have specific needs and will only receive those items. If you have items not listed, save them. You can always donate them to a charity in need of those extra items. We will be collecting for Forbes House--diapers and books in February and April. In March, we will collect for Rainbows and Babies.

Thank you for your generosity.

The Service Committee



**Left:** Dr. Tedesco from Lake Erie College & students helped with 68 Hours drive **Right:** Volunteers Patti, Mary and Cheryl collect donations



## Membership Committee

Happy New year from your Membership Committee!

We are hoping the new year brings new members to our chapter! We know it has been challenging to showcase our chapter's wonderful community service projects, meetings, and speakers this year. However, we are confident that there are educators, nurses, administrators and therapists, both active and retired, who would love to be a part of our group.

**The membership application is attached to this newsletter.** Please have your prospective member fill it out and return it to Mary Sleeman or Mary Battung by **February 20th**. You can attach it to an email or mail it to us. As an alternative, a google form will be sent via email, if members wish to use that to nominate an educator.

We will have ballots ready for the March meeting vote. The initiation ceremony is tentatively scheduled for the April meeting.

## Treasurer's Report

as of 12/31/20

General Fund:

\$ 3754.08

Grant-in-Aid & Scholarship:

\$2484.24

Total Checkbook:

\$6238.32

Total Membership:

70 members

64-Active 6-Reserve

Our Gamma Theta bank account has been updated and moved to a new institution, Huntington Bank.

## Find Gamma Theta on Social Media



on twitter

[@KappaOhio](https://twitter.com/KappaOhio)

on facebook-private

[DKG Gamma Theta Ohio](https://www.facebook.com/DKGGammaThetaOhio)

on facebook

[DKG Gamma Theta Lake County Ohio](https://www.facebook.com/DKGGammaThetaLakeCountyOhio)





# Meetings and Events

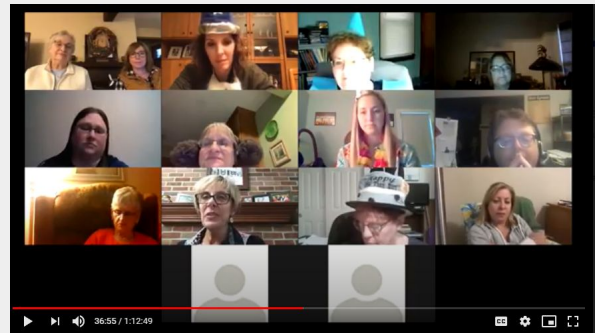
## What's New in Lake -Eastern Lake County School Districts?

Our actively teaching members have learned to change their teaching practices to go along with the new normals for teaching during a pandemic. Teachers in all districts have connected with parents using virtual meeting platforms for “Meet the Teacher Nights” as well as conferences. Districts have creatively provided students with many normal activities including the traditional Halloween and Christmas parties, and on-campus field trips along with virtual field trips.

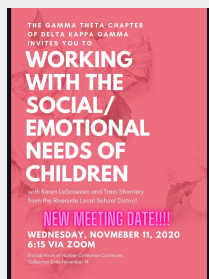
The Madison Local District was able to present the socially distant school musical, *Chicago*. School districts have overcome many obstacles to help provide for students with service projects for their communities by collecting socks, food items and also birthday cards for a student who became ill during the summer months. Students have learned to be flexible, wear a mask all day, and learn the curriculum taught by their incredibly dedicated teachers. Bravo students, teachers, administrators and staff, along with supportive parents/guardians.

## Wow, we have had some awesome presentations via Zoom!

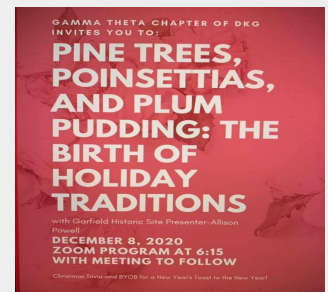
In **September**, (below, left) we kicked off our year with a focus on self care. Our presenter Colleen Weidenkopf taught members the power of a growth mindset over a fixed mindset. Our group practiced techniques to help lower stress and encourage time spent on self care. These techniques are needed now more than ever as we continue to experience a new “normal” everyday!



In **October** (above, right), our own TV star, Dianne Cross, debunked the myth of the “haunted” Madison Seminary. Dianne took us on a journey through time as we learned about the history of the seminary. Don't forget you can check out Dianne on an episode of A&E's *Ghosthunters*. Always a “spirited” group, we had a Halloween costume contest! Annie Zahradnik was the winner with her Princess Leia costume. The force was with her!



**November's** meeting (left) helped us explore the emotional and social needs of children as presented by Karen LeScoeze and Traci Shantery of the Riverside Local School District. Helpful ideas were given to work with children who need some assistance with sensitive struggles and high needs. Everyone learned something to put into practice in the classroom or with grandchildren.



Our **December** meeting (above, right) put us all in the holiday spirit! Ranger Allison Powell from Garfield Historic Site spoke about the traditions of the holiday season through the years. From food to decorations, Ranger Powell explained how our holidays have changed, but in some ways have stayed the same. We also held a Christmas themed movie contest about the movie, *Elf*. Dressed in flashing holiday attire, Gamma Theta likes to bring on the fun! Thank you, Paulette Howell and committee, for planning festive trivia and providing the gift card prize, as we brought 2020 to a close for our chapter with a toast! Cheers to a new year!!!

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

<https://www.dkg.org/>

Ohio State Organization

<https://www.dkgohio.org>

Gamma Theta Chapter

<https://www.gammathetaoh.org>

*Use these links to stay connected!*

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

# Celebrating Gamma Theta



## Gold Key Recognition Congratulations!

Our chapter has earned the Gold Key Award. On August 29, 2020 our chapter was recognized at the virtual State Executive Board meeting. This is our 10th year receiving this award. A big thank you to the last executive board. This is a lot of attention to detail! We appreciate your hard work for this coveted recognition!

## Member Birthdays

### January

1-Noralee Starr  
12-Cheryl Bissler  
14-Jeanette Crislip  
27-Bonnie Novotny  
28-Pat Hall-Miller  
29-Carol Vargo

### February

4-Teresa Gerboth  
5-Patricia Weinstein  
6-Linda Wise  
12-Ellen Timms  
15-Pam Martin  
17-Judy Grant  
18-Debbie Lavalley  
27-Debbie Green

### March

2-Kathy Bell  
2-Karen Capretta  
22-Carol Guth  
24-Cheryl Behnke  
25-Mary Battung  
29-Paulette Howell  
29-Diane Ingels  
29-Kathy Watson

### April

19-Marietta Lipps  
24-Cindy Ferritto

### May

1-Natalie Newhous  
1-Mary Sleeman  
6-Liz Titler  
12-Katie Sivula  
17-Gloria McKinney  
19-Dianne Cross

21-Genny  
Sivula-Phillips  
28-Dee Stark

### June

2-Pam Richmann  
26-Laura Augustine  
27-Carol Darr  
29-Linda Wood

### July

9-Marilyn Harley  
22-Cheryl Blizzard  
22-Anna Marie Fisher  
29-Karen Edmundson



## Gamma Theta Scholarship



## Congratulations to our Fall Semester Recipients!

**Cassie Salmi:** She is an Intervention Specialist at Melridge Elementary School which is part of the Riverside Local School district. Cassie plans to use her money to purchase another classroom tablet for her students with learning disabilities to use. They will use the tablet for repeated practice of letters, sounds, sight word recognition, reading fluency, reading comprehension, behavioral strategies, math websites, and math fact fluency through different apps.

**Katie Sivula:** Katie is an Intervention Specialist-ED unit at Madison Middle School which is part of the Madison Local School District. Katie plans to use the money to purchase social-emotional learning materials and activities for her ED classroom. This will be done through the use of educational materials, interactive journals and relevant books and games.

**Terri Martin:** Terri is a Kindergarten teacher at Melridge Elementary which is part of the Riverside Local Schools. With the COVID situation, when organizing, storing and distributing classroom materials teachers need to be creative in order to provide a safe and healthy classroom environment. Terri plans to purchase Individual Kits for the students to use. She plans to purchase vinyl pouches w/zipper for math Tool Kits, mesh, drawstring bags to hold build and design manipulatives, and bins to hold items students need for purposeful play, indoor recess and mask breaks.

Gamma Theta Scholarship applications for the spring semester will be due by **February 19, 2021** and rewarded at our March chapter meeting. Applications can be found on the chapter website and forwarded to Cindy Ferritto Gamma Theta Scholarship Committee Chairperson.

## Calling all members to our “Pre-Game” Strategy sessions

These start about 30 minutes before our programs. This has been a great way for members to socialize and discuss how things are going in classrooms and with COVID to check in with members. Please plan on joining us before the next meeting, actively teaching or not! All are welcome! Game on!