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# Gamma Theta Chapter

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### 2023-24 Programs & Events

**Sept. 12~Kick-Off, “Let’s Reconnect” at Mama Roberto’s in Mentor 5:45**

**Oct. 10~HOLA Center, Painesville**  
Learn about this nonprofit charitable organization assisting and empowering Latino families and children 5:45

**Nov. 14~LEC, “Friends Giving” Bring refreshments to share and Subzero Mission Presenter. 5:45**

**Feb. 13~LEC, Presenter, Jan Balala**  
will share adventures about her exciting trip to Antarctica. 5:45

**March 12~Social Meeting- “Lucky You” Place TBA 5:45**

**April 16~New Member Initiation, Place TBA 5:45**

**May 18~Hosting Tri-Chapter Meeting, Speaker: Mark Johnson, LEC Parlor 10:00 AM**

### 2022-2024

**Gamma Theta Executive Board**  
Hannah Fairbanks, President  
Pat Hall-Miller, First Vice-President  
Dianna Misich, Corresponding Secretary  
Pam Richmann, Recording Secretary  
Annie Zahradnik, Treasurer

### *President’s Message*

Dear Sisters of Gamma Theta,

This summer, the Executive Board has gathered twice to put together a wonderful 2023-24 year of many opportunities that follow the DKG Mission Statement and DKG 7 Purposes for existence. The DKG Mission Statement and the DKG 7 Purposes can be found in our Red Book as well as on the State Web page. As a result of our last several years with COVID, we are finding that it is important to come together and celebrate our very existence. We will have several fun social nights as well as some educationally themed programs. We hope you will find a way to attend some of the sessions. In this newsletter you will find a link to all the activities that have been planned.

Our Chapter will have a chance to raise money for our own Grant-In-Aid program. This program provides monetary assistance to Education Majors from Eastern Lake County that are attending an accredited educational program. Please participate by purchasing something from Pampered Chef. Send the link to your friends and family. At the present time we have enough money to fund one Grant-In-Aid award during the 2023-24 year.

<https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/fairbanksfundrais08>

We are the host for the Tri-Chapter brunch and will be hosting this event at Lake Erie College. We are hoping for a state representative to be present as we will be installing officers for all chapters. Keep watching for more information. It is never too early to think of new members. Please remember that perspective members are welcome to come to all meetings. Our Initiation of new members will be in April as a Tuesday evening event. While the place is still being selected, we have planned a very interesting program.

Our new Facebook sisters will be Annie Zahradnik and Barb Dolan. THANK YOU so much for stepping up to continue this service. They will begin this service August 1, 2023. We believe that we can get back on the Web as Teresa Gerboth has said she is willing to update the information if we can get the information to her early. The new editor for our newsletter will be Dianna Misich. I would like to take this opportunity to THANK Patti Weinstein for her many years of service in this area. While we understand the need to step back from this position, your talents will be missed. Linda Wood is going to provide all members with a special name card along with your membership number. This will provide you the ease to easily connect with the many opportunities that are available to DKG members.

As you can see, your executive committee is working very hard to regenerate our organization-post Covid. Please take some time to check out all the opportunities. We look forward to our kick-off dinner and brief meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> at Mama Roberto’s in Mentor. Check out all the various opportunities both through meetings, through service, or through DKG opportunities.

Please see the important information and opportunities from DKG State and National Level inside this issue..

Sincerely,

Hannah Fairbanks

Gamma Theta President



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



# News from the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Ohio State Organization and Gamma Theta Chapter

## *More From Hannah---*

News from the State DKG includes the fact that we have a new President- Melodie McGee. The new Vice President is Michele Matiskas. Both these ladies are full of energy and excited for their term to begin. Pat Hall-Miller will be sending an updated page for our Red Book providing all the new officers.

Another very interesting site from the International DKG is that of discounts. Please take time to look at the opportunities. Especially if you travel, there is an offer for rental cars. If you want to go back to school, there is an opportunity with Capella University. Capella is an accredited on-line university. Capella gives you the most direct, flexible, and affordable path to a doctorate, master's, bachelor's degree, or certificate program. They offer a 10% tuition discount for DKG members and immediate family members, and the application fee is waived.

<https://www.dkg.org/DKGSI/Discounts.aspx>

In addition to those opportunities above, you will find a variety of interesting benefits of being a member of DKG at the Local, State and National levels. I also was visiting the following International Grant and Scholarship link. I encourage members to apply for funding while pursuing Doctoral or Master's degrees. There is also information about Educational Projects found at the link below.

[https://www.dkg.org/DKGSI/DKGIEF/Funds/EducationalProjects/DKGIEF\\_Educational\\_Projects.aspx](https://www.dkg.org/DKGSI/DKGIEF/Funds/EducationalProjects/DKGIEF_Educational_Projects.aspx) Grants and Projects. Take advantage of these opportunities!

Did you know we also have 7 representatives at the United Nations? This is an exciting opportunity for our organization to make a difference at a worldwide level!



Ohio State Organization

## *Congratulations to Fellow Theta*

### *Members---*

**\*Pam Martin**, who was Director of Field Services as well as an instructor at Lake Erie College, has retired. This is her second time trying to retire! Pam was with LEC for 10 years servicing the students and the community in this area of education. Pam will be missed by the countless number of students whose lives she touched. Pam spent 35 years in the area of special education for Perry School District. She retired to take on a third career which involves helping with her husband's business of building homes. So, I contacted her on her first day on the new job and she was going out to seed and water the lawns for the houses they had just built.

Pam and her husband are also avid flyers as they own their own plane. They visit Maine often as well as many other places in the United States. Their visit to Ireland in May was on the straight thru flight from Cleveland to Ireland. Pam will also remain very active in all her community service organizations! She will stay very, very active I am sure!

-Written by Hannah Fairbanks

**\*Dianna Misich** recently retired after 35 years in education, the past 25 years teaching for the Madison Local Schools. She and her husband Gary, who also retired this summer, plan to travel to Alaska for a land/sea cruise to celebrate their retirements and 40 year wedding anniversary. Retirement will be an adjustment, but much of their free time will involve helping with their three grandsons Noah, Joshua and Micah, who was born this June. They help with their two grand pups when needed, and are forever working on their 200 year old farmhouse. Life will be busier than ever!

**\*Barb Dolan's** son, Stephen Dolan is marrying Cora Paolino this fall on October 21, 2023. Best Wishes to all!

**\*Cassie Salmi** and her husband welcomed their new son into the world July 12, 2023. Elio Ray Thacker was 9lbs. 4oz. and 21 inches long. Blessings to the growing family!





# Committee Reports



**The Community Service Committee** will be collecting money, items, or personal time to help sponsor these charities.

***Marcia Searson and Elaine Wargo, Chairpersons***

1. **End 68 Hours of Hunger:** This charity collects food for students in need in Lake County. Each week, volunteers sort, package, and deliver approximately 500 food bags to 35 local schools. These bags are to provide food for students during the weekend to prevent hunger during those 68 hours.
2. **Little Annie's Hope Train:** To provide basic essentials for the homeless in Northeast Ohio.
3. **Sub Zero Mission:** The Sub Zero Mission believes that nobody should freeze to death in America so we are helping the homeless stay warm during winter months.
4. **Senior Readers:** To provide kindergarten and first graders an opportunity to listen to an adult read a story and for them to read to an adult. Please complete the attached **Volunteer sheet** to be notified of the available dates to volunteer. The time is from 12:50-2:45 on Monday, Wednesday, and or Thursday. If you can not commit but would like to participate, please sign-up for the backup list to help if a volunteer needs to cancel. Aimee is in need of six seniors per day. Location is **Perry Elementary School**, Perry.
5. **Gamma Theta Scholarships:** Provide Memorial Grant-In-Aid to college students enrolled in education and scholarships for our actively teaching members' classroom needs.

September	October	November	February	March	April	May
<u>End 68 Hours of Hunger:</u> collecting monetary donations  <u>Senior Readers:</u> personal time one day month from 12:50-2:45	<u>Little Annie's Hope Train:</u> collecting -adult crew or tall socks (NO ankle). -Adult gloves -Hand warmers  <u>Senior Readers:</u> personal time one day month from 12:50-2:45	<u>Sub Zero Mission:</u> collecting monetary donations  <u>Senior Readers:</u> personal time one day month from 12:50-2:45	<u>68 Hours of Hunger:</u> collecting monetary donations  <u>Senior Readers:</u> personal time one day month from 12:50-2:45	<u>Little Annie's Hope Train:</u> collecting -adult crew or tall socks (NO ankle). -Adult gloves -Hand warmers  <u>Senior Readers:</u> personal time one day month from 12:50-2:45	<u>Grant-in-Aid:</u> Donate filled baskets for the May Tri-Chapter  <u>Senior Readers:</u> personal time one day month from 12:50-2:45	<u>Grant-in-Aid:</u> Purchase Lucky Draw basket tickets at the May Tri-Chapter  <u>Senior Readers:</u> personal time one day month from 12:50-2:45

## Finance Committee

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***Linda Wood***

The Finance Committee met three times this summer reviewing the books from 2022-2023 and working on a proposed budget for 2023-2024. We also helped contact members who had not paid their dues for 2023-2024 in a timely fashion.

The books for 2022-2023 have been closed, and the balances for all three funds; General Fund, Memorial Grant-in-Aid and Gamma Theta Scholarship are accurate.

Annie Zahradnik, treasurer has done an outstanding job meeting the deadlines for turning in forms set by the state and completing accurately all duties required of her position. Thank you Annie for a job well done.



# Committee Reports



## Treasurer's Report

**Annie Zahradnik**

Dear Sisters:



I have completed a full fiscal year as treasurer. I would like to thank my finance committee (Linda Wood and Mary Ann Bittner) for helping me with the tasks of keeping our chapter fiscally solvent. Their work involves setting up the yearly budget, providing vouchers for payments to be made, reviewing the books to be sure everything is in order and most importantly, they are a text, email and phone call away when I need help!!

A huge thank you to everyone who sent in their dues. We are very close to 100% responses. The reason this is important is I need to pay the dues to OSO (Ohio State Organization and DKG International) and I only have until October 31 to get it done. My goal is to have it all done by August 31!

Another HUGE THANK YOU to all the members who made monetary donations to our Scholarship fund, Grant-in-aid, and End 68 Hours of Hunger in Lake County. With your donations, we were able to give a check to End 68 Hours for \$300.00, give a \$750.00 Grant-in-Aid to a deserving Junior from KSU and provide 8 teachers with \$100.00 to help with their classroom projects. One of the many joys of being with this group is your very generous hearts! ❤️❤️❤️

In order for Gamma Theta to continue being the great chapter it is, we need to keep growing. Please think of women in your teaching circle, who you would like to invite to join. We have interesting topics planned for our meetings. Feel free to invite someone along to attend. We average 3 new members a year. I would like to see that doubled to 6!!

We have a busy year ahead. We will be hosting the Tri-Chapter luncheon this year. The committee is working hard and as the year progresses, be on the lookout for ways you will be able to help.

Finally, as a reminder, checks are always written out to Gamma Theta and what it is for is put in the memo line. Here is my address where you would mail checks and my email if I can help you with anything. [Azahradnik@aol.com](mailto:Azahradnik@aol.com)

**Annie Zahradnik**  
30005 Elgin Rd.  
Wickliffe OH 44092

## Gamma Theta Scholarship *Cindy Ferrito*

As summer comes to an end and our active teaching sisters return to the classroom Gamma Theta would like to help get the new school year off to a good start. Changes were made last fall to how the scholarship is distributed. Each start of a new school year up to 5 \$100 scholarships will be awarded. Complete and return the Gamma Theta Scholarship application to Cindy Ferritto @ [ferrjmc@roadrunner.com](mailto:ferrjmc@roadrunner.com) no later than October 13. The five scholarships chosen will be awarded at our November chapter meeting.

In order to be able to continue assisting our teaching sisters it is important to have the funds to be able to do so. Donations are the key to enabling this to happen. Donations to Gamma Theta Scholarship can be given at any of our chapter meetings or sent to Annie Zahradnik. (See the address above.)

Here's wishing our sisters a wonderful and successful school year!

## Grant-In-Aid *Sally Vaidean Lauer*

**DKG Theta President Hannah Fairbanks and Sally Vaidean Lauer, Chair presenting 2023 Grant in Aid Recipient, Bryanna Wright with her scholarship.**





# Committee Reports



Mary Sleeman, officiating the initiation.



Pat Hall-Miller, Vice President, Hannah Fairbanks, President, and Pam Richmann, Secretary during the ceremony



New initiates: Karie Matejka, Jacinta Moyer, and Linda Lanese

## Membership Committee

*Mary Battung and Mary Sleeman*

**Congratulations to three new members who were initiated into our chapter, April 29, 2023 at Bistro 70 in Painesville, Ohio.**

**\*Linda Lanese**-Campus Supervisor at Lake Erie College, Sponsor: Annie Zahradnik

**\*Karie Matejka**-Fifth Grade Teacher at Parkside Elementary in the Riverside District, Sponsor: Kathy Watson

**\*Jacinta Moyer**-Second Grade Teacher at South Elementary in the Madison Local School District, Sponsor: Dianna Misich

## Sunshine Committee

*Dianne Cross*



This year Dianne Cross will be the Chairperson. Our favorite card maker and designer will remain Liz Titler.

So, if you have knowledge of a sister that needs to receive correspondence regarding a life event, please contact Dianne. Dianne will then make sure that Pat Hall-Miller has the proper information to send out to the Chapter.

Thank you, Dianne, for all your help with this area. Many, many thanks to Liz for the beautiful and uplifting cards. We all love receiving these special words of encouragement.

Submitted by  
Hannah Fairbanks

