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Patti Weinstein, Interim Editor

At-A-Glance*

Please watch your email!

February 15

7:30 PM

*Executive Board Meeting with
Ohio State Organization of DKG
via Zoom*

Tuesday, March 8

6:00 PM

*State of the Chapter Meeting
Melridge Elementary School
6689 Melridge Drive
Painesville, OH 44077*

Tuesday, April 12

6:00 PM

**Dinner at Ridgewood Kitchen
9853 Johnnycake Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060*

***More information coming!**

Treasurer's Report

as of 12/31/21

Grant-in-Aid Balance \$942.74
Gamma Theta Scholarship \$731.50
Total General Fund Balance:
\$5,894.12
64 Active Members
6 Reserve Members
Total of 70 Members

Message From Your Presidents



Dear Sisters of Gamma Theta,

Happy February 2022!

Wow! It does not seem possible that our biennium is coming to a close. As a Chapter during these turbulent times, we have brought the "sunshine" in. We have learned to change plans, pivot and for many of us overcome our fear technology by participating in virtual meetings.

Our Chapter has collected items for three excellent organizations—End 68 Hours of Hunger, Forbes House and Rainbows and Babies Hospital. We had a wonderful face to face meeting and brunch in September and a trip to a winery in July. Thank you for helping us "bring the sunshine" during these strange times.

As a Chapter, we need to continue to bring the sunshine. However, many on our current Executive Board are needing to step down from their leadership roles. We are in need of a new slate of leaders for our Chapter as well as a "restructuring" of the Chapter to fulfill the needs and wants of our members. Restructuring will help all members become more active and allow our Chapter to focus on creating an environment that where we can all be a part of the work of Gamma Theta. We have many vacancies for officers and committee chairwomen positions available. Please reach out to your current leadership if you want to step up and take a leadership role. The Teresas will be on the new board in advisory roles.

We will be having dinner in April at Ridgewood Kitchen & Spirits in the Concord Plaza April 12 at 6:00 pm. This will be a meeting to focus on relationships and reconnecting as a Chapter. We are consulting with the state as an Executive Board via Zoom in February. We will let you know what we learn.

We hope to see everyone in April at Ridgewood Kitchen & Spirits.

*Yours in Sisterhood,
Teresa x 2*

Let the sunshine in!



Committee Reports

Grant In Aid



Do you know a female education student? Our Chapter offers a Grant in Aid Scholarship to a rising female sophomore or junior majoring in an accredited education program at a College or University. This fund was established in November 1971 in honor of all deceased Gamma Theta members.

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.

Applications will be sent out to our current contacts by February 1, 2022. A link for the application will be attached to your email. The application link will also be on Facebook and our website. If you have any questions, please contact Annie Z. at annette.zahradnik@pcls.net or any member of the committee.

The committee will make their decision the week of March 21. The committee announce it at our April meeting. We are hoping the recipient will be able to attend.



Executive Board Openings

Want to help lead Gamma Theta? Want to step up and take a position on the Executive Board? We have several openings (5-6 openings) for the Biennium Year 2022-2024. The longevity of our Chapter depends on members taking on these leadership roles. We are in need of a President/Co-presidents and a Treasurer to stay an active Chapter with International and State. Please contact either of the Teresas to let them know of interest.



"We have two hands, one to help ourselves, and one to help others!"

Service



Despite the Chapter deciding to go remote, we have had four collections for two great organizations.

In September and October, we collected 963 items for End 68 Hours of Hunger to help feed Lake County's children.

In November and December, we collected 196 items from the requested list as well as 80 diapers and a 25.00 gift card from Barnes and Noble for Forbes House. Forbes House is a domestic violence shelter in Lake County.

Our next collections will be for Rainbows Family Hospital. We will be collecting at the March and April in-person meetings. Their needs are: hair care (shampoo/conditioner, denture care, (toothpaste, toothbrushes/floss), eye care, (contact solution/cases), body care, (deodorant/body wash).

**Marcia Searson & Elaine Wargo,
Service Community Committee Co-chairwomen**





Celebrating Gamma Theta

September Kick Off Brunch

Wow! After a year of virtual meetings, we held our first face to face meeting on September 11, 2021 at Hellreigels in Painesville. Members were served made to order omelettes and many other brunch items.

Our theme, "Bring on the Sunshine" was introduced. Gamma Theta brings the sunshine in our commitment to our service projects and our programs. Members were given child-created bookmarks with sunny artwork as well as a list of all programs.

Our Membership Committee and Mary Sleeman created a fantastic program to welcome our new members. We had an abbreviated induction ceremony so our 4 new members could be introduced to our chapter and officially sign the membership book.



New members and their sponsors above. From left to right: Kathy Quick, Teresa Sternberg, Sponsor and Co-President, Teresa Gerboth, Co-President, and Becky Suran with Cheryl Miller, Sponsor.



Past President Paulette Howell presenting President's Pins

The "Mary's" did a beautiful job making sure our traditions continued! Thank you!



Celebrating Gamma Theta



Ceremony of Remembrance

We held a virtual Ceremony of Remembrance for Genny Sivula-Phillips October 19. Dianne Ingalls wrote a beautiful ceremony that could be converted to a virtual remembrance. Patti Weinstein put together a video all about Genny and her service to Gamma Theta. Her daughter Katie Sivula was in attendance. Our Co-Presidents dropped off a gold rose bracelet to Katie's home to honor Genny after the ceremony. Genny was a dedicated member of Gamma Theta and will be greatly missed.

Gold Key Award

Once again Gamma Theta has earned the Gold Key Award once again. In November 2021 our Chapter was recognized at the State Executive Board meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Thank you to Annie Zahradnik for attending and receiving this award on behalf of the Chapter. This is our 11th year receiving this award.



A big THANK YOU to all who helped contribute to earn this award. We appreciate your hard work for this coveted recognition!



Scholarship

We had one recipient receive a scholarship. That person was Heather Tromba, who teaches 2nd Grade at Perry Elementary School. She is using the money to purchase fiction and non-fiction books for her "Animal of the Month" program that she is implementing in her classroom this year. Her class is really enjoying them!

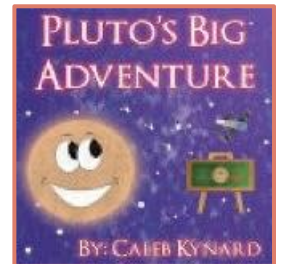
Congratulations Heather!

Our spring deadline is **Thursday March 11, 2022**. The application is on our website. The committee chairwomen is Cindy Ferritto. Her email is: ferrjmc@roadrunner.com

Gamma Theta Book Club

We were able to transition our November meeting and program to Zoom. Our book club presented the books being read by this interesting group of women. Patti Weinstein presented the books read and the upcoming books to our meeting attendees.

Hannah Fairbanks introduced us to Lake Erie College senior Caleb Kynard. Caleb is majoring in entrepreneurship and is from Toledo. In 2021, he published his first book, ***Pluto's Big Adventure***.



His book is a story about overcoming hardships and recognizing that there's no one else you need to be but yourself. His inspiration for his book was his younger Sister. The book is dedicated to her. He not only presented his book to the group but also spoke about social media and it's presence in today's world.

Hannah purchased several of his autographed books to raffle off. Raffle winners were Teresa Sternberg, Michelle Miller and Mary Johnson. A business meeting was held after the presentation.

Gamma Theta Book Club is currently on pause until June, 2022. We will pick up where we left off reading **The Day the World Came to Town** by Jim Defede and **The Santa Suit** by Mary Kay Andrews. We will continue to share new and interesting titles and chat through email until June.

We would love it if you would join us! No obligation! Please contact:

patti.weinstein@gmail.com



Celebrating Gamma Theta



Congratulations on Retirement Annie Z!

A little bit about her career.....

After graduation, she worked at Summit County and Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities. She moved back to Lake County and worked for Lake County Society for Rehabilitation (Activity School). In 1989, she was hired by Painesville Local Schools to teach their first developmentally handicapped class. She had kindergartners and first graders. School districts were starting to become more inclusive and students who typically would go to Broadmoor were staying in their home school. Annie had the honor of setting up the program for the school district. After 3 years, she was rified. However, over the summer, the early childhood program for children with disabilities was to be started and she was re-hired. She stayed in the preschool program for her remaining years at PCLS.



Although, she enjoyed being in the classroom, one of the initiatives of the early childhood program from the state was providing itinerant services. Basically, for a 3 and 4 year old, coming to school may not be what the parent wanted to do or the parent needed full time daycare or needed a program like Head Start that provided 2 meals, but based on the needs of the child, he or she also needed support of an intervention specialist. In essence, Annie became a traveling teacher. Starting in 2007, she worked in homes, Head Start classrooms, daycares, and in the preschool classrooms. She held this position in the school district until retirement. Annie was in an elite group, because in the Lake and Geauga counties there are only 8 itinerant teachers.

When asked what's next? She says " I do not have an answer. My typical response is whatever I want to do. Being in education, structure and plans are the daily necessities to get through the day. I do not need to do this anymore. Basically, all the fun things I have been squeezing into my life around my work now can be done on a full time basis. Currently, these fun things include walking dogs, helping with events and fostering kitties for the Lake Humane Society and riding my horse. I am spending quality time at the barn. But here is the best thing about retirement, I can do as much or as little as I want."

Congratulations Annie, we wish you all the best!!

Happy Birthday Gamma Theta Sisters!

January

- 1 Noralee Starr
- 12 Cheryl Bisler
- 27 Bonnie Novotny
- 28 Pat Hall-Miller
- 29 Carol Vargo

February

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

March

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

April

- 19 Marietta Lipps
- 24 Cindy Ferrito

May

- 1 Natalie Newhous
- 1 Mary Sleeman
- 6 Liz Titler
- 12 Katie Sivula
- 13 Becky Suran
- 17 Gloria McKinney
- 19 Dianne Cross
- 28 Dee Stark



June

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

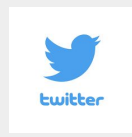
July

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



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

Remind app:

<https://www.remind.com/join/9cdd4kd>

Or text to: 81010 message: @9cdd4kd



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Gamma Theta Chapter

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Please note that these are live links if you are receiving this electronically.

Bits & Pieces

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**



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