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At-A-Glance

*Please watch your email
for more details*

Saturday, September 11, 2021
10:30 arrival
Hellriegel's Inn

Brunch-Abbreviated Induction
Ceremony and 2021-2022 Kick Off
End 68 Hours of Hunger collection

Tuesday, October 12, 2021
5:45 Pre-meeting Prof. Chat
6:15 Program

Environmental Learning Lab
7250 Alexander Rd, P'ville
Speaker-Lake Metroparks Staff
Topic: Programs offered
by Lake Metroparks
for classrooms and families
End 68 Hours of Hunger collection

Tuesday, November 9, 2021
5:45 Pre-meeting Prof. Chat
6:15 Program

Garfield Center Building
(formerly Phillips School)
Room A1 or A2 (tba)
391 W. Washington St., P'ville
Program: Gamma Theta Book Club
Presentation and Speaker
-Caleb Kynard, Children's Book
Author and Illustrator
Service collection: *Forbes House*

Tuesday, December 14, 2021
5:45 Pre-meeting Prof. Chat
6:15 Program

Auburn Career Center
Technology Learning Center
Mary Wheelock-Family and
Consumer Science Teacher
Holiday Woolen Craft Projects
Service Collection: *Forbes House*

Message From Your Presidents



Dear Sisters of Gamma Theta,

Let the sun shine in!

It's time to let the sunshine in! Let the sunshine into the hearts of Gamma Theta and in turn, shine the light, warmth and talents of our Gamma Theta Sisters not only with each other, but also with the greater community!

Gamma Theta shines brightly through the recognition of membership in times of celebration and of sorrow.

Gamma Theta shines brightly when recognizing key women educators through fellowship, programming and recruitment.

Gamma Theta shines brightly when we recognize and award scholarships for members and aspiring female educators.

Gamma Theta shines brightly when we provide goods and services to the greater community.

Sisters of Gamma Theta, let's continue to grow the glow! We are asking each member to grow our Chapter, not only in numbers, but also in awareness of our Chapter in our schools and greater communities. We want to shine a light on our programming, service, professional development and collegiality.

This pandemic has pushed us to think outside of the box as far as communication and connectivity. Our social media presence has increased awareness and recognition of our noteworthy programming and service. Our private Facebook page has provided ways to connect with our fellow sisters during times of isolation and social distancing.

Now we need to make our physical presence known. Female educators in Eastern Lake County need to be aware of us and experience our Chapter, not only professionally, but also personally. As a chapter, we need to continue to spread our brand of sunshine in all the corners of our community.

Please know our ears and hearts are open to all members. Continue to share your ideas!

Thank you for a FANTASTIC past year!! Looking forward to another GREAT ONE! Let's shine, Gamma Theta!

Teresa Gerboth and Teresa Sternberg



Mix and Mingle at Laurentia Winery

Treasurer's Report

as of 6/30/21

Gamma Theta Grant-in-Aid:

\$972.74

Gamma Theta Scholarship:

\$661.50

Total Checkbook:

\$ 9,203.50

(note: dues to be paid in July)

Total Membership:

71 members

64-Active 7-Reserve

Committee Reports



Service Committee

Grant-in-Aid

There were many changes for the committee. The major one was putting the application online as a google form. By doing it this way, all the committee members could forward the application to anyone meeting the qualifications. Also, the application was put on our Facebook page and was sent to seven colleges and universities. When the application and referrals came, a file was set up with all the information and then sent to the committee members.

This year we had many excellent applicants. It was a hard decision to make, but **McKayla Lange who attends Bowling Green State University was this year's recipient.** McKayla Lange is a 2020 graduate of Riverside High School. She will be a sophomore at Bowling Green in Fall of 2021. Here is a bit of her biography. At Bowling Green State University, she is majoring in Art Education. Her educational aspirations include earning a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts, as well as earning a K-12 license. With this license she will receive specific training and real classroom experience with students at elementary, middle school and high school levels.

Her long-term dream career is to someday teach in an elementary school, where she can create an educational, creative, safe space for both the students and herself. Art and children have both always been passions of hers. Growing up, art class was always her favorite, and today, the art room continues to be her favorite space to learn. In the future, she hopes to be a teacher who "has an optimistic impact on both my students and district". Her volunteer, work, academic, and personal experiences have collaboratively led her to this career goal.

She has volunteered to be camp counselor at a Christian Camp for special needs students along with providing a craft to go with the daily devotional. She has run the preschool bible school class at Perry First Baptist Church. She has also received many art accolades for her personal artistic creations. McKayla also experienced life as a teacher in 2020 by teaching art classes to second grade classes via Zoom on her break from BGU. **In the committee's eyes, she is a mover and a shaker in the art education world.**

-Grant In Aid Committee -Annie Zahradnik



left-McKayla Lange, 2021 Grant-In-Aid Recipient

Below- Gamma Theta Rose for new members-see right



Our chapter has collected a total of 10,757 items for our charities. Though the pandemic created its challenges, our members stepped-up to deliver items for those in need. Thank you to all those who donated and a special thank you to those who dropped-off, collected, and delivered items. Our committee success reflects the dedication of its members. Thank you for your willingness to help.

We collected 6,648 diapers and 95 board books for Forbes House. For End 68 Hours of Hunger, 2,388 food items were gathered to help school age children in Lake County. We accumulated 1,628 various toiletries for Rainbows Babies and Children Hospital.

Reminder: As the summer approaches and you are traveling, it's a great time to collect free toiletries from hotels.

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



Membership Committee

Surprisingly, the challenges of the pandemic worked favorably for the Membership Committee. We moved our member induction to the spring which gave prospective members a chance to preview our chapter for the year before deciding to join Gamma Theta.

Voting from home was made easier for our members with the click of a button! We held our orientation for new members via Zoom. Each inductee received rose cookies (porch drop off by presidents) on the evening of orientation to add to the sweetness of learning about Gamma Theta.

With the help of Zoom, our induction of new members, Lynette Nowicki, Cassandre Smolen, Becky Suran and Kathy Quick was able to proceed as usual. We had as an honored guest: Dianna Kirkpatrick, Ohio Delta Kappa President.

In the fall, we plan to keep the tradition of new initiates lighting the candle, signing the book and receiving a personal warm welcome from all of us. In September, we will demonstrate our new plans for recruiting new members as well as making Gamma Theta known in Eastern Lake County.

-Mary Battung & Mary Sleeman, Co-Chairwomen





Meetings and Events



on twitter

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

Find Gamma Theta on Social Media

on facebook-private

[DKG Gamma Theta Ohio](#)

on facebook

[DKG Gamma Theta Lake County Ohio](#)



2021-2022 Programming

All regular meetings start at 6:15pm Pre-Meeting Chat 5:45pm

Saturday, September 11, 2021 Arrival 10:30 Heilriegel's Inn

Brunch Program: Abbreviated induction and 2021-2022 Kick off (*Service: End 68 Hours of Hunger collection*)

Tuesday, October 12 Environmental Learning Lab 7250 Alexander Rd, Painesville, OH 44077 5:45 Pre-Meeting

Professional Chat 6:15 Speaker: Staff for Lake Metropark : Programs offered by Lake Metroparks for classrooms and families. (*Service: End 68 Hours of Hunger collection*)

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391 W. Washington St., Painesville, 5:45 Pre-Meeting Professional Chat 6:15 Program: Book Club presentation and Speaker-Caleb Kynard, Children's Book Author and Illustrator (*Service: Forbes House Collection*)

Tuesday, December 14 Auburn Career Center 5:45 Pre-Meeting Professional Chat 6:15 Mary Wheelock-Family and Consumer Science Teacher. She will teach members woolen craft projects for holidays. (*Service: Forbes House Collection*)

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:00 La Mesa 9853 Johnnycake Ridge Rd #16, Mentor Executive Board Meeting 7:00 Drinks and appetizers. All Membership invited. (*Service Collection: Rainbow Babies and Childrens*)

Tuesday, February 8 Morley Library 5:45 Pre Meeting Chat 6:15 Program-Children's Programs at library for schools and families (*Service Collection: Rainbow Babies and Childrens*)

Tuesday, March 8 Auburn Career Center 5:45 pm Pre-Meeting Chat 6:00pm Program-Ride the Rainbow - Information regarding the Impact of our Donation to Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital (*Service Collection: Rainbow Babies and Childrens*) Nursing Home Crafts collected and tagged

Tuesday, April 12 New Member Induction 6:00 Arrival 6:15 Dinner Ridgewood 9853 Johnnycake Ridge Rd. Suite 8 Concord OH 44060. RSVP and dinner payment required prior to the Induction

Stay connected with these links:

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Gamma Theta Chapter

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

Remind app: <https://www.gammathetaoh.org>

Ohio State Organization

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

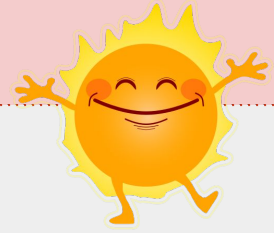
<https://www.dkgohio.org>

Or text to: 81010 message: @9cdd4kd

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



Celebrating Gamma Theta



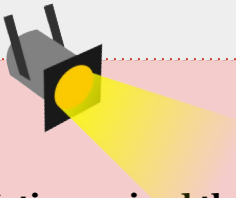
Gamma Theta Scholarship

Gamma Theta Scholarship had two recipients this spring, Cassie Salmi and Katie Sivula.

Cassie Salmi is an **Intervention Specialist at Melridge Elementary**, part of the Riverside Local School District. She is using her funds to expand her classroom library with books for students' specific reading levels. **Katie Sivula** is an **Intervention Specialist at Madison Middle School**, part of the Madison Local School District. She is using her funds to purchase additional social-emotional learning supplements that assist her students with being able to recognize and self-regulate their emotions in order to be successful in both the school and outside world environment.

It is always exciting hearing what our teaching sisters are doing in their classrooms and being able to provide support and funds to make their school year be a successful one.

-Cindy Ferritto, Gamma Theta Scholarship Committee Chairperson



Spotlight on Member: Katie Sivula



Katie received the Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Educator Award for Madison Local School District. This award is presented by the State Support Team (Region 4) to recognize educators throughout schools in Lake and Geauga counties "who have made extraordinary contributions to the education of students with disabilities."

Katie is a graduate of Riverside High School. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Mount Union with a major in Political Science and a minor in Adolescent Education and History. She went on to Western Governors University, earning her Masters Degree in Special Education and has continued her education through Ashland University with 30+ graduate hours focusing on social/emotional learning.

Currently, Katie is an ED teacher. She feels one of the biggest challenges she has in her role is establishing trust with students. To overcome this challenge she feels one needs to show up for them, build a positive rapport, hold students accountable and exhibit mutual respect.

Katie's greatest joy is being part of students' progressing their skills and abilities. "It is absolutely amazing to witness individual students exhibiting personal, academic, and social-emotional growth. This growth varies from small incidental gains (ex: having a positive behavior day) to major positive advancements (ex: regularly applying coping skills in order to manage their emotions)." She hopes her students are able to learn from their time together and apply their knowledge and skills to their own lives in order to make positive personal growth. Ultimately she hopes they become respectful, responsible, caring and productive citizens of our community.

As far as advice for new to the field Intervention Specialists, "Never stop trying to make a positive impact. As educators, we aren't always able to observe the importance of our influence, but it is always there. Students are always watching and they do care what you say and what you do, even when they say they don't care. So if it seems like you are running into a brick wall and not making progress with a student, keep trying. When you feel knocked down, keep getting up and trying again for the students. You may be the most positive thing they have in their life at any given moment and the tougher the student is to get through to, the more they probably need you. There is truth in the phrase: The days are long, but the years go fast. Some days are really tough (as are some students), but I have never regretted giving everything I can each day to each one. Again, you often don't truly know the positive impact you have, but it is there and what you do matters."

Katie ultimately hopes that she makes a difference in the lives of her students, and Katie, you most certainly are! Your students are blessed to have you as their educator and advocate! Congratulations on your achievement!!!

New and Noteworthy



GAMMA THETA BOOK CLUB 2021

We were small, but mighty at our first Gamma Theta Book Club meeting in July. Thank you again to Cheryl Blizzard for hosting the meeting, which was fun as well as delicious! Also, thank you for those that attended: Cheryl, Mary Johnson, Hannah Fairbanks, Linda Wood for discussion and invaluable insights into how we can make this club fun, social, interesting and most of all inviting to anyone who wishes to participate!

We decided that we would read **The Rosie Project, by Graeme Simsion**. When you get a chance, you might enjoy looking the book up on Goodreads or another site to get a brief synopsis. If you have already read it, there are two sequels *The Rosie Effect*, and *The Rosie Result* which are also a fun read. The book was published a while ago, so there should be no waiting list and is available on Kindle and Audible. It's also supposed to come out as a movie soon starring Ryan Reynolds!

It was also decided that you are not obligated to host a meeting, and anyone can come at any time-attendance is not dependent on reading the book. The *next book* we will be reading is: **The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell, by Robert Dugoni**. (Yes, we have a theme going here!)

More about Book Club -Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13. We hope that you will be able to come, Mary Johnson has offered to host it at her home. A survey of the book club members showed that between 4 and 6 PM was the best time to meet. Please note that you do not have to be there at 4! We want as many members to come as possible, so therefore, timing is flexible and we will be happy to see you when you come!

Finally, we want this book club to be an opportunity for all members of Gamma Theta to have time to socialize, and enjoy chatting together over a common read. Our goal is to learn more about each other, laugh and learn, and grow stronger as a Chapter. We hope that we have found a way to meet new friends, enjoy old friends, and share a good piece of literature. "Book clubs are totally dope - like English class if you were allowed to read only books that you actually like and snack and sip while discussing them."

More information will be on social media and at the meetings and minutes, but if you would like to join the mailing list, please contact: patti.weinstein@gmail.com.

Gamma Theta Member Birthdays

August

Katharine Delavan 11
Sue Lefler 15
Kathleen Janesh 16
Suzanne Jackson 23
Annie Zahradnik 25
Michelle Miller 29
Teresa Sternberg 30

November

Dianna Misich 10
Jean Fitzgerald 12
Barb Hogan 16
Sheryl Miller 25
Cheryl Kleps 26

September

Marijane Watson 2
Sally Vaidean-Lauer 15
Elaine Wargo 24
Lynette Nowicki 26
Tami Roberts 28
Hannah Fairbanks 30



October

Marcia Searson 1
Aimee Darnell 1
Sally Jo Rogus 2
Mary Johnson 6
Roberta Kalb 8
Laurie Dorko 10
Mary Ann Bittner 14
Janet Guerra 17
Carla Gray 22
Maureen Tedesco 22

December

Heather Tromba 2
Cassie Salmi 4
Kathy Cooper 9
Carol Ford 14
Carol Fleck 15
Terri Martin 18



Saturday, September 11

**GAMMA THETA
LET THE SUNSHINE IN!
2021-2022 KICKOFF
MEETING & BRUNCH!**

**HELLRIEGEL'S INN
1840 MENTOR AVE, PAINESVILLE, OH 44077**

**10:30 ARRIVAL & CHECK IN
11:00 BRUNCH WITH MEETING TO FOLLOW**

Buffet Menu Includes Choice of : Omelettes Made to Order, Sausage, Bacon, Hash Browns, Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, and Fruit. Juice and coffee included.

**Please RSVP via Google Form and
send your check for \$20 to Noralee Starr by Wednesday, September 1st, 2021**

Please write: Opening Meeting in the Memo Line

**800 Newell St.
Painesville, OH 44077**

We look forward to seeing YOU!!!